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## County Extends Shutdown; Starts Voting Trailer

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In a short special meeting via Zoom the Butte County commission decided to extend the shutdown of county administration offices to the end of May. Involved in the discussion were all commissioners except Karrol Herman who was in the field working.

"We need signs with information and a number allowed in the lobby," said Sheriff Fred Lamphere. "We need to look at what our protocol has been; we need to wait until at least May 15."

"My thinking on the thing is maybe we should just go to the end of May until we open up," said Chairman Stan Harms. He then asked Belle Fourche Mayor Gloria Landphere what plan of action the city was working on.

It seemed that the city was further along than the county as Landphere shared that she had been working on protocols for every department.

"We started with the rec center and are using that as a checklist for other departments," said Landphere. "We've been telling departments to get started on this, getting signage, shields, sanitizer, limiting people in a department, social distancing, and opening by areas. As much

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## 101st Black Hills Roundup Proceeds with Planning

It is still full-steam ahead for the 101st Black Hills Roundup. Committee Chairman Keith Anderson says they will proceed with planning with an eye to public safety and taking in PRCA guidelines.

"We are moving ahead with our plans after meeting with the committee last week, but there will be a few things different this year," Anderson told the Beacon.

Among the modifications are plans for disinfection of the bleachers between each performance, encouraging fans to sit in family groups and maintain physical distancing and having hand sanitation stations placed throughout the grounds. He adds that these guidelines are subject to change depending on conditions as the July 4th weekend approaches.

"We're looking at guidelines from the PRCA and will also take in what the city and state want us to look at," Anderson said.

Anderson said that Belle Fourche Mayor Gloria Landphere and committee and city representatives plan to talk with Governor Kristi Noem this week about the plans to move forward and any guidance the state would have.

A silver lining in all this is the fact that so many rodeos have already canceled or postponed that the contestant list for this year's Roundup is expected to be long and star-studded. By some estimates more than 30% of the rodeo schedule has been wiped out.

"I think we'll have upwards of 1,000 contestants," Anderson said. "And with Greeley postponed and Dickinson out, a lot of the top cowboys may be able to make all the events during the July 4th weekend. It will be a trailer race."

On the all-important sponsorship front, Anderson has found very encouraging levels of support. "I think we've got about 90% of where we were last year. Some of these sponsors have been with us for up to 40 years and we're glad to see them back," he said. "With the closures we certainly understand that some businesses just aren't able to be with us this year and that's okay."

## Salad From Arpan Aquaponic Grown Lettuce



**Garro's.** Lettuce plants are started under grow lights on the right and are moved by hand to the left as they grow and take up more space. It is a bit labor intensive at that point but Chris says the older the system gets, the more stable it is and the less it has to be monitored. They are working toward a back-up generator to run the heating system should power go out, as well as a monitoring system of the entire greenhouse that they can check from their phones. *Brunner Photo*

## Garro's Get to Control the Weather

COLLEEN BRUNNER

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NISLAND – "I got addicted to it a little bit," said Chris Garro of his large greenhouse. "It still amazes me that I can be out here in the winter time in South Dakota and it's warm and green. It's pretty neat. And, we get to control the weather."

Chris and Alexa Garro, local Nisland (Arpan) farmers do things just a little bit different. "We wanted to move back to the area," said Chris, who had been raised here and graduated from Newell high school in 1991. "We couldn't afford the larger places and started looking at smaller properties. But you

can't make a living very easy on smaller places. I had always been interested in gardening and plants."

He said he started doing research and had built a smaller greenhouse where the couple grew quite a bit of their own produce. "I wanted to get the highest yield I could get with what we have right now," Chris shared. "We can produce a lot of plants for the size of the building."

If you drive by the Garro Farm on Arpan road during the night-time hours, you will see a pink glow coming from the greenhouse. That is the one string of grow lights that "help the babies (lettuce plants) get started," according to Alexa.

So far, the couple has been producing and selling microgreens, small shoots from peas, radishes, and sunflowers. In late April their clamshell containers of lettuce started showing up in local grocery stores in Belle Fourche, Spearfish and Sturgis and include Bee's Knees, Lynns and Lueders in Belle.

Some of the containers they use are made from 100 percent recycled green soda bottles. Those are the microgreens which Alexa said are great on sandwiches and burgers and make a nice addition to the salad made from their aquaponic-grown lettuce.

Many are familiar with hydroponic growing, where plants are grown in a water based, nutrient rich solution. It doesn't use soil, instead, plants are started in mediums such as clay pellets,

peat moss or vermiculite.

The Garro Farm uses aquaponics, which combines the use of aquatic animals such as snails, fish, crayfish or prawns in tanks, combined with hydroponics in a symbiotic environment. The water is continuously recirculated back to the aquaculture system.

"Part of the reason we're doing aquaponics, is because you don't need to add all the nutrients, like you do with hydroponics," said Alexa. "The water is the most important part. We use minnows, local bait fish." The fish are put into a tank where the water that they swim in is used to grow the sprouts and lettuce. "Aqua is harder to get going and manage, but once you do it works well," Alexa shared. "We don't want the chemicals that go with hydroponics."

She tests the water in the beds daily to monitor pH levels. She got a printout from Butte-Meade Sanitary District that showed the hardness of the water at 600 ppm. "So, we need to test nitrates, nitrites, ammonia, water temperature, and track it," she said. "Lettuce loves Butte-Meade water!"

The ammonia converts to nitrite, is broken down into nitrates. It's not high-tech at all." Garro also tests the iron levels and, if necessary, they add a special powdered iron to the water. "There's lots of daily testing."

Chris said it only takes about 800 gallons of water to raise

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**Chris and Alexa Garro** stand in their aquaponic greenhouse where they grow lettuce, sprouts and microgreens for local grocers. The freshest you can buy. Each holds a leaf lettuce head with intact root system. *Brunner Photo*

Stock contracts are in place with Powder River Rodeos and Anderson does not anticipate any issues there.

The parade route will be longer this year by half a mile and he says that will allow the potential for more physical distancing.

As for the fireworks, Fritz Carlson who directs the Roundup pyrotechnic display, ordered the shells for the Roundup shows after the first of the year and those will proceed as in the past.

The carnival will see some changes. North Star Amusements will leave a couple of their larger rides at home to make room on the carnival grounds for physical distancing. "What you're going to see is the lines for the rides may take a bit longer as they will disinfect the rides between loading," Anderson said.



**Amanda Payne**, performing at the 2019 **Black Hills Roundup**. The event that began in 1918 and has run continuous, except 2 years during WWII ever since. There has been concern that the Roundup could miss the first year of its second century of its existence. *Courtesy photo*



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## Obituaries

### Edward "Bub" Stewart

Edward "Bub" Stewart passed away peacefully at Monument Health Hospital in Rapid City, SD on April 30, 2020.

Ed or Bub (as he was sometimes referred to) was born at the home of Susan Kerr in Ekalaka, MT, to Walter and Alta Stuart. He graduated from Carter County High School and joined the Navy. After his time in the service Bub married Virginia Melum on May 23, 1954. To this union five children were born Jim, Rusty, Darla, Mary and Bill. Bub worked various jobs in his lifetime from ranch hand, mechanic, coal pellet maker, tire recapping, and truck driving. He owned and operated Ed's Trailer Repair for many years. Many people would call on him to fix a car, tractor, do some farming, or pull them out of a ditch. He was always willing to help his family, friends, and neighbors.

He is survived by his children, Darla Hamel, Camp Crook, Bill Stuart, Belle Fourche; and Mary (Jason) McKinley, Ft Shaw MT; daughters-in-



law, Mickie Stuart, Miles City, MT, and Loretta Groves, Wright, WY; sisters, Elsie Turbiville and Mary June Stuart; a truckload of grandkids and great grandkids; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; sons, Jim and Rusty; granddaughter, Misty; his parents, Walter and Alta; brothers, Harold (Sonny) and Bill; and sister, Regina Bruha.

Services will be held at 11 am, Thursday, May 7, 2020 at Little Missouri Lutheran Church in Capitol, MT with Reverend George McGuire officiating. Burial will take place at Capitol Cemetery immediately following the service. A luncheon will be held at Over the Edge Cafe in Camp Crook following the burial.

Friends and family may sign his online guestbook and leave written condolences for the family at [blackhillsfuneralhome.com](http://blackhillsfuneralhome.com).

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### Pastor's Perspective

*This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Andy Anderson of Emmanuel Baptist Church.*

### Having Proper Priorities.

Everyone has priorities. Family, career, friends, the list for each person varies. As we read through the pages of Holy Scripture God gives us guidance in setting up proper priorities in our lives.

A once asked Jesus "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:35 - 40.

Jesus stated that a person's first priority should be to love God with his/her whole being. Loving God and putting Him first comes down to a personal choice to do so. When we think of all the relationships we have in our lives, these relationships began when we each opened their lives to each other. Jesus stands at the door and knocks, only you can open the door and let Him into your life. The Word of God tells us that God has a plan and purpose our lives. The only way for that plan to become a reality is for us to put God first. How does one put God first? The Word of God states that the only way to get right with God the Father is His way and that is through God the Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus said "I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life, no man comes



to the Father except through Me." The Word of God tells us that Jesus, left the glories of heaven, became flesh in order to go to the cross and die for our sin so that we can have peace with God and eternal life. We must come to the realization that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. That our sin separates us from a Holy God. The wages of our sin is death, (physical but worse than that spiritual). God does not want to give us what we deserve but offers us hope and forgiveness. Once my relationship with God is right, God will give me the power to fulfill the commandment to love thy neighbor as thyself. God's priority is that He be first, then your spouse, children, and others. If I put God first and am following His Word and loving others as myself, then I'm going to be the best husband that I can be. I won't be cheating on my wife; I'll be the best father I can be to my children. I will be the best employer, treating all my employees with dignity and respect. As an employee I should be doing my best for my employer, knowing it is for the Lord whom I work.

The Word of God states that whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. Have you been saved? For more information visit our website [ebcbf.org](http://ebcbf.org); You can know your saved.

Thank you, Pastor Andy,

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM  
Bob Davis, Pastor

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Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER**  
2020 Vista St. - 892-4767  
Paul Howard, Pastor  
Sunday Schedule:  
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
1105 Todd St.  
Brad Buchholz, Bishop  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting  
Sunday School:  
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.  
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society,  
Young Men and Young Women:  
11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC)**  
902 Lawrence St. - 723-6899  
Andy Anderson, Pastor  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service

**CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)**  
613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche  
(605)-210-2150  
Pastor Stephen Carson  
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
807 8th Ave. 892-4178  
Pastor Tim Smith  
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am  
Morning Worship - 10:30am  
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth -  
Kindergarten -12th grade  
5:00pm Soup & Sandwich  
5:30pm - Salt and Light

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Sunday:  
9:35 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Worship: 9 a.m.  
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901 Laurel St. Whitewood  
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### Chamber Report

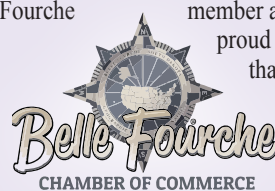
Hello from The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce!

Businesses continue to adapt to our ever changing lives from the Corona virus.

The Chamber will continue to support you in any way we can during this time. Please reach out to us, with specials, promotions or info that we can add to our Facebook page.

As we move forward with protective measures and start to transition back to normal, the Chamber and Board Members are here to help you in any way we are able to support your business.

Personally as a Chamber



member and business owner I am proud to live in a community that continues to support their businesses and the people in our community that need extra help or support during this time.

It is important to remember that during this time, the more we can support our local businesses, the more they will be there to support our local programs when we are back to normal.

The Chamber currently has two open positions (vacancies) on the Board.

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer to be on the Board

### Traci Nowowiejski Co-Vice President

now is the time to step forward.

In trying times people come together and in unity accomplish what needs to be done.

If ever our world has had trying times it is now.

If ever we need to put unity to work the time is now.

If ever there was a need for new and fresh ideas moving forward the time is now.

If ever there was a time to come forward and help the Chamber provide the leadership to unite, foster and continue supporting and growing the businesses and business people that make up our town the time is now.

Please reach out to the Hazel at the Chamber. 892-2676

## Jered Kindsfater Hersruds Finance Manager



Kindsfater at work at his desk at Hersruds. *Courtesy Photo*

The spotlight at Hersruds shines this week on lifelong Butte County resident Jered Kindsfater. Jered started as Finance Manager with the Hersruds Team last fall and

brings a decade of management and credit card experience to the dealership.

"It is extremely important to me that Hersruds customers receive

the best rates available and know they will be taken care of by a team that has their best interest at heart", Kindsfater commented.

"We have a great working relationship with several lenders which allows us not only to the the best rate possible, but also work out a term that is best suited to each individual because no two deals are exactly the same. We work really hard to make sure our customers are taken care of", Kindsfater added.

That personal touch and dedicated commitment to the customers and the community is why the "spotlight" is on Jered Kindsfater. F & I Manager for Hersruds of Belle Fourche.

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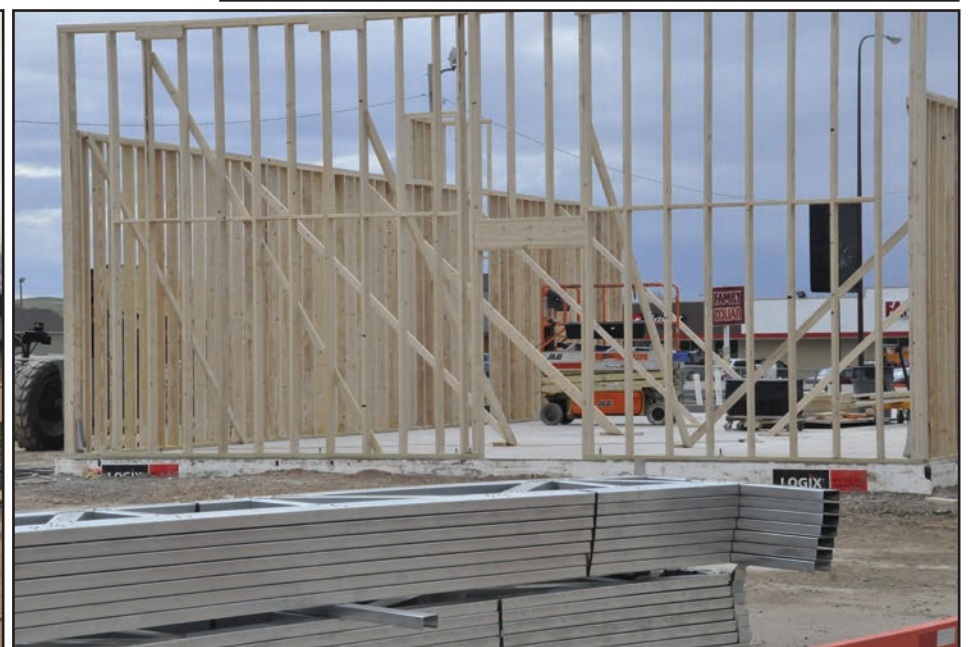
### A Sign of Change A Change of Sign

By the time you get this paper the Belle Inn will probably be a pile of rubble being hauled away to make room for a Big D parking lot.

There was a day when this former "Bronc" Drive-Inn site was the "gateway" to Belle.

As it is coming down the walls are going up on the new Subway building. Kokinos Construction started on the walls as the metal roof trusses lie in wait.

Workers took advantage of a moderate windless Saturday to take down the well worn sign pointing out the downtown Belle Fourche Business District and install in lieu a new Cowboy Back Bar sign on the south side of the establishments outdoor seating area. *Beacon Photos*





## Upcoming Online Auctions

**ONLINE AUCTION: MAY 8th**  
**SPEARFISH COINS & ANTIQUES**  
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**ONLINE AUCTION: MAY 15th**  
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## United Way of the Black Hills Awards \$36,500 to Six Grant Recipients

United Way of the Black Hills (UWBH) announced grant awards to nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$36,500; for a total of \$115,944 awarded to 14 organizations. To date, the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Relief Fund has raised a total of \$418,506.52 and has received 28 applications for funding. Black Hills Special Services Cooperative was among the recipients and was awarded \$12,000 to fund the need for computers and technology for households to continue online education.

Funds will assist the need: To purchase computers for households to continue online education for children and adult learning. In addition, BHSSC provides economic assistance to students via the recently created Student Support Fund. Funds are used for emergencies only; such needs as rent assistance, utilities, fuel, bus passes, employment uniform/attire,

employment tools, education/training materials and supplies (including technology and devices, which was recently added due to new needs in response to Coronavirus).

Other Black Hills area recipients were: Volunteers of America \$10,000; WAVI (Working Against Violence Inc.) \$5,000; Spearfish Nutrition Site \$4,000; Abbott House \$3,000; and New Dawn Enterprises \$2,500.

UWBH is in close contact with community representatives to stay abreast of local issues and needs.

"One of the top take-aways from these meetings is these needs will not decrease in one week, or even a month or two. However, local non-profit organizations are feeling the impact in their operations, which may become a critical need in the coming months. Therefore, we must be prepared to continue to distribute funds as needs evolve and grow," says Jamie

Toennies, Executive Director of United Way of the Black Hills.

UWBH will continue accepting applications until all funds from the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Relief Fund have been distributed.

Nonprofit organizations that have experienced an increased demand for services or resources due to the pandemic are encouraged to apply for the grant (<https://www.unitedway-blackhills.org/coronavirus-information>)

100% of donations to the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Relief fund will benefit nonprofit organizations that apply for a grant. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, you may do so by visiting our website: <https://www.unitedwayblackhills.org/donate>.

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## Monument Health Updates COVID-19 Testing Criteria

RAPID CITY, S.D. Following updated recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Monument Health has expanded its list of questions to patients who call the nurse triage line to obtain a COVID-19 test.

The general testing recommendation is to perform a diagnostic test if the patient presents the following signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- Cough or
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of these symptoms:
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache

- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have reported a wide variety of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Monument Health began processing its own COVID-19 test samples at its Rapid City laboratory on April 10 and will continue to do this with the updated testing recommendations.

For suspected COVID-19 cases involving patients who are not hospitalized, samples will continue to be sent to Mayo Clinic for processing. The turnaround time for Mayo Clinic results is generally 36 hours. If you believe you have COVID-19 but are not hospital-

ized, call Monument Health's Nurse Triage Line at 605-755-1350 to determine if testing is necessary.

Headquartered in Rapid City, S.D., Monument Health (formerly Regional Health) is a community-based health care system with a mission to make a difference, every day. The system offers care in 33 medical specialties and serves 20 communities across western South Dakota and in eastern Wyoming. With over 4,500 physicians and caregivers, Monument Health is comprised of 5 hospitals, 8 specialty and surgical centers and more than 40 medical clinics and health care service centers. Monument Health is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network.

## Keeping Food Supply Chain Running During COVID-19 Pandemic is Critical By U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.)

Maintaining a steady, stable supply of food at the grocery stores is an important part of our nation's supply chain that can be easy to take for granted. Because agriculture is South Dakota's number one industry, we are more closely aware of some of the struggles in the food supply chain – particularly for our farmers and ranchers – that can occur. The past several years of low commodity prices, trade disputes and market disparity are prime examples. Despite this, most of us do not question there will be a steady supply of meat, produce and other food stocked on our grocery shelves at all times. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, creating new and unprecedented challenges for all sectors of our economy, including our food supply chain.

Because of COVID-19 outbreaks, many meat processing facilities have closed down. The Smithfield pork processing plant in Sioux Falls received national attention after a severe COVID-19 outbreak infected hundreds of employees and caused the plant to shut down. And there are examples just like this across the country. As of May 1, approximately 25 percent of our nation's beef packing capacity and 40 percent of our nation's pork packing

capacity is idle, with a risk of getting worse. The supply of market-ready cattle, hogs and poultry on farms and ranches has been rapidly building to a breaking point. Producers are doing everything they can to manage the animals in their care during this emergency. They are changing feed rations to slow growth, they are moving animals to other lots and barns and they are slowing the breeding of new livestock, but the clock has run out. As livestock continues to grow, producers are facing a difficult decision of what to do with them if processing facilities are not operating, and unfortunately some of these animals will have to be euthanized.

Fortunately, some action has been taken to help keep the meat supply chain moving. Following a letter I sent to President Trump, the president invoked the Defense Production Act (DPA) to declare meat processing plants as critical infrastructure. Under the Executive Order, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is directed to make certain America's meat and poultry processors continue operations uninterrupted to the maximum extent possible. This means that the industry will be able to reengage employees, working closely with the guidance of

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to make sure these processing plants can be opened safely and efficiently. This should help our farmers and ranchers by eliminating a chokepoint in the food supply system.

We've been working with administration officials to address the on-farm and on-ranch crisis for producers who are unable to process all of their livestock. On April 26, I wrote to Vice President Mike Pence, who is leading the administration's COVID-19 response, urging him to implement an incident command structure to allow for safe and efficient euthanization of excess livestock.

Our agriculture sector is feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic just like the rest of our economy. They need help, and we've got to continue to work closely with the entire food processing chain to make certain we can continue to put food on the table for American families. I'll continue to work with the administration and stakeholders to protect the health of our food processing workers, and get idle plants up and running as quickly as possible. I'll continue working to develop a plan to help livestock producers address the crisis on their farms and ranches.

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From A1 **County Voting**

as staff monitoring can handle.” She said since they have to limit staff, the number of people will also have to be limited. Sheriff Lamphere said the court system was closed through the month of May, and that the sheriff’s department had no complaints through the whole process. “We are kind of in agreement with first of June,” said Landphere. “We need to go through education with council/staff. Once we get this done, museum, library, PD, protocols at liquor store, engineering, finance, we’ll end up with one big manual. Once we get this stuff into place, then we’ll do public relations, newspaper, radio, website, Facebook, using those as trigger points so people know when we finally do this.” LeEllen McCartney, Deputy State’s Attorney stated, “I think



Auditor **Elaine Jensen** made note that the voting trailer is up and running and will be manned at all times starting Monday, May 4 for those who want to vote on site. *Brunner photo*

the mayor’s points are extremely well-taken. We need a good solid plan in place for re-opening, whether in phases or all at once, depending on the office. We have learned how to be flexible and how to have

patience.” Harms asked for a motion on when to plan for re-opening after the commission had identified their plan of action to be a committee made up of Auditor Elaine Jensen, Lamphere, and



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department heads to submit all their recommendations. “Continuing through May doesn’t seem to be a hardship for people,” said Harms once the motion to remain in shutdown through May was approved. Jensen touched briefly on the election and how she was pushing absentee ballots. “We have

just short of 900 (absentees) turned in so far,” said Jensen, “And I’d like to see that continue.” She did mention that the voting trailer would be manned starting Monday, May 4, and that in the letter that was sent out to voters gave that information. She wanted voters to know that in the trailer the express voter machine was available.

From A1 **Aquaponics**

all the lettuce in the beds. He said they add around 150 to 200 gallons per week to keep water levels consistent. The Garro Farms greenhouse is the only commercial aquaponics business in South Dakota. They are technically not organic as they do not have the certification. “I don’t think we could grow (plants) anymore organically than we are,” said Chris. Alexa said that in her marketing research she found that organic produce falls second after local supply. “From a sales perspective it’s better to go local,” said Alexa. “We don’t use chemicals, and the nutrients come from the fish.” The fish come from a local pond and minnows are supplied from the Wheel-In Bait Shop on Fisherman’s Road by the Belle Fourche Reservoir. “We buy the minnows from them, use them ‘till the get too big and then sell them back,” said Chris. “Basically we are raising the fish for them.” The couple started building the current greenhouse, putting pipes in the ground in October and now have hit their first run of lettuce. The heating is done with used oil, recycling what they get from local people. “It’s clean burning,” said Alexa. “The pink glow at night is the grow lights. No we aren’t growing anything but lettuce,” she laughed. They researched pricing to compete with the produce coming from California, which Chris says is “already on its way down” in quality when it gets to the stores. By picking and shipping locally twice a week, the Garro Farm lettuce is the freshest you can buy locally, that is grown in the aquaponic system.



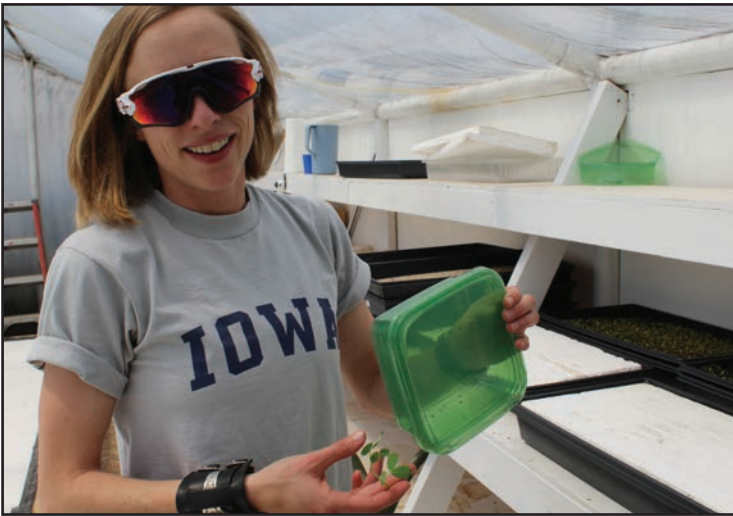
**Alexa Garro** lifts one section of the aquaponic styrofoam to show the root system. The plants are grown entirely in water. In the water there are thousands of minnows which provide the nutrients for the aquaponic system Garro Farms

The couple laughed as they discussed the pros and cons of “leaving the root on” the lettuce heads. Chris said he feels it needs to come off so it looks “clean” but Alexa said the longer life leaving the root on would appeal to some people. The heads of leaf lettuce in the local stores compares in price to that being shipped from other parts of the country, primarily

California, and it will last much longer due to the fact that it is picked fresh and transported to the stores within hours. The couple has plans to put a special polycarbonate “roof” on the greenhouse to protect from the hail that is prevalent in the area. They also plan to expand, adding more greenhouse space to grow tomatoes, cucumbers and other plants. Alexa is ex-



A tray of sunflower sprouts just getting going. The sprouts have to have a weight placed on them as they are sprouting so they grow upwards.



**Alexa Garro** holds a pea shoot in one hand and the recycled soda bottle container it is packaged in for local grocers in the other. *-Brunner photos*

perimenting with cilantro, basil and culinary sage. “I don’t think we’re going to be able to keep up with local (demand) even with being full,” said Chris. “We will sell to locals as well as wholesale to grocers.” His son has been coming from Sturgis to help with building the greenhouse and other tasks. They often move around 1600 heads of lettuce by hand.

It doesn’t sound like the couple is afraid of hard work, however. “Whatever yard you see out there,” said Alexa, waving her hand toward the house and surrounding land, “Will eventually be greenhouse. It’s not just fresh, it’s also fun.” You can find more information and contact the Garro’s at [www.garrofarms.com](http://www.garrofarms.com) website or their Facebook page at [facebook.com/GarroFarms](https://facebook.com/GarroFarms).



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## Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

Many locations around the country are starting to "open back up." You may not be fully aware, but many businesses in Belle Fourche did not ever close.

They self policed and followed recommended CDC Covid-19 guidelines.

Provided hand sanitizers; initiated social distancing guidelines; provided shielding at cash registers; as well as repeated cleaning after individual customer use.

A couple of customers remarked to a business this past Saturday, "We didn't know you were open". To which the retailer replied, "We never closed." Does pay to advertise.

We took informal measurements of a couple store buildings in Belle and based on the recommended square feet per person they can at any given time have 17 people on premise and never have any one within six feet.

If it gets busier than that we noticed outside seating (benches) that could accommodate another four people as well as eight parking spaces adjacent and additional parking of up to a dozen more if you walked across the street.

Well, now you know Belle businesses have the room to accommodate your shopping desires and ample social distancing space to allow you to do so. Our "unofficial and non CDC measurements suggest that 16-18 people could be in most retail stores at once with another 4 on the bench waiting and probably same number in their cars across the street that can shop next.

Just think instead of spending time shopping out of town or on-line, if each customer shopped for one hour locally and spent \$20; with sixteen shoppers an hour for eight shopping hours a day and shop in seventy-five available local businesses, Belle can handle 6,400 different shoppers a day that could result in thousands of dollars of local economic business activity while complete-



ly maintaining social distancing and state and CDC recommendations.

We support businesses that are chamber members, as is the Beacon; we support businesses that are CONBA members; we support businesses that are members of both; and we support businesses that are members of neither.

As our businesses work their way forward from this Covid-19 situation we need communication and coordination among all businesses more than ever before.

I think it is worth noting that neither Amazon, Walmart, or the mall in Rapid belong to any organization that works for business in our local community.

We took part in a project inspired by a couple area legislative candidates. We, in cooperation with District 29 Representatives Tom Brunner and Kirk Chaffee put together a special edition "Meade County Herald."

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Our churches have had a struggle to keep things as close to normal as possible. Delivery may have adapted but the message is the same. Here is an old reminder about helping out:

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a

vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

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**Bred Cows - Sold By The Head**

Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY..... 8..... Bldd Hfr..... 1056..... \$1,525.00  
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY..... 10..... Bld Broken..... 1381..... \$1,350.00  
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY..... 13..... Bld 4-5..... 1291..... \$1,600.00

**Pairs - Sold By The Pair**

Geis, Jack, Greybull WY..... 39..... Bld Heifer..... 1190..... \$2,000.00  
Geis, Jack, Greybull WY..... 10..... Bld Heifer..... 1123..... \$1,825.00  
Geis, Jack, Greybull WY..... 20..... Bldd Solid..... 1371..... \$1,350.00  
Bailek Land & Livestock, Clearmont WY..... 14..... Bld Mixed Age..... 1355..... \$1,375.00  
Oliver Family, Newell SD..... 6..... Bldd Heifer..... 1189..... \$1,775.00  
Oliver Family, Newell SD..... 2..... Bld 3 Years..... 1210..... \$1,875.00  
Wulf, Justin, Owanka SD..... 12..... Bldd Broken..... 1494..... \$1,375.00  
Wulf, Justin, Owanka SD..... 5..... Bld 4-5..... 1480..... \$1,600.00

**Feeder Cattle**

Centennial Ranch, Culbertson MT..... 80..... Bldd Str..... 628..... \$137.50  
Centennial Ranch, Culbertson MT..... 79..... Bldd Str..... 723..... \$131.75  
Centennial Ranch, Culbertson MT..... 77..... Mix Hfr..... 706..... \$116.50  
Centennial Ranch, Culbertson MT..... 41..... Mix Hfr..... 625..... \$120.00  
Clays, Richard, Olive MT..... 19..... Bld Str..... 533..... \$160.00  
Clays, Richard, Olive MT..... 42..... Bld Hfr..... 579..... \$143.00  
Floyd, Ron, Ludlow SD..... 16..... B/R Hfr..... 462..... \$137.50  
Ivn Ranch, Newcastle WY..... 55..... Bldd Str..... 545..... \$160.00  
Kieffer, Mark, Rapid City SD..... 20..... Bldd Hfr..... 698..... \$133.00  
Kieffer, Mark, Rapid City SD..... 17..... Bldd Str..... 582..... \$137.00  
Policky Ranch, Upton WY..... 10..... Bldd Str..... 452..... \$158.00  
Policky Ranch, Upton WY..... 5..... B/R Str..... 547..... \$163.00  
Ross, Roderic A, Wyarno WY..... 3..... Bld Hfr..... 936..... \$99.00

**Weigh Up Cows**

969 Ranch, Broadus MT..... 12..... Bld Hfr..... 930..... \$101.00  
Ayer, John D Or Margaret J, Beulah WY..... 2..... Bld Cow..... 1375..... \$61.00  
Barry Ranch Inc, New Underwood SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1250..... \$58.50  
Barry Ranch Inc, New Underwood SD..... 2..... Bld Cow..... 1067..... \$80.50  
Barry Ranch Inc, New Underwood SD..... 2..... B/R Cow..... 1437..... \$58.50  
Brown, Kyle Or Shannon, Sturgis SD..... 9..... Bldd Cow..... 1366..... \$60.00  
Brown, Kyle Or Shannon, Sturgis SD..... 8..... Bld Cow..... 1479..... \$60.50  
Bulkley, Randy K & Gail K, Gillette WY..... 3..... Bld Cow..... 1328..... \$59.50  
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1275..... \$58.00  
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT..... 2..... Bld Cow..... 987..... \$79.50  
Clays, Richard, Olive MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1195..... \$74.50  
Collins Ranch LLC, Biddle MT..... 3..... Bld Hfr..... 970..... \$93.00  
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Deveraux, Craig Or Jolene, Newcastle WY..... 2..... Bld Hfr..... 892..... \$98.00  
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY..... 11..... Bld Hfr..... 1013..... \$87.50  
Ennen, Darrell L, Rapid City SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1565..... \$58.50  
Floyd, Ron, Ludlow SD..... 3..... Bldd Cow..... 1298..... \$58.00  
Floyd, Ron, Ludlow SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1500..... \$61.50  
Gaskill Jr, Andrew, Volborg MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1010..... \$73.00  
Gaskill Jr, Andrew, Volborg MT..... 5..... Bld Hfr..... 869..... \$103.50  
Gaskill, Garrett, Volborg MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1210..... \$60.00  
Grosch Or Dean Mahaffy, Rich, Whitewood SD..... 1..... Hols Cow..... 1405..... \$44.00  
Iokes, Stark, Big Horn MT..... 6..... Bld Hfr..... 1189..... \$101.00  
Ingalls, Dan, Piedmont SD..... 3..... Bld Cowette..... 1086..... \$71.00  
J & J Smeenk Ranch LLC, Newell SD..... 3..... Bld Hfr..... 815..... \$89.00  
Koan, Kara, Buffalo SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1540..... \$59.00  
Kretschman, Kelby, Arvada WY..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1365..... \$60.00  
Kretschman, Kelby, Arvada WY..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1115..... \$62.00  
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cowette..... 1010..... \$80.50  
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1185..... \$62.00  
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD..... 1..... Bld Cowette..... 1155..... \$69.00  
McFarland, Chris, Rapid City SD..... 3..... Bldd Cow..... 1358..... \$61.50  
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1285..... \$58.00  
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD..... 3..... Bld Cow..... 1163..... \$64.00  
Moe Farm & Ranch, Spearfish SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1235..... \$59.00  
Moore, Michael T, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Cowette..... 1145..... \$76.50  
Moore, Michael T, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Hfr..... 1050..... \$79.00  
Moore, Michael T, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Cowette..... 950..... \$96.00  
Moore, Timothy M, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Hfr..... 950..... \$96.00  
Oliver Family, Newell SD..... 2..... Bld Cow..... 1365..... \$62.00  
Patten, Ward, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1290..... \$58.00  
Patten, Ward, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1145..... \$60.00  
Patten, Ward, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1095..... \$60.00  
Peegee Ranch, Arvada WY..... 4..... Bld Cow..... 1290..... \$60.50  
Rittberger Beef Inc, Hermosa SD..... 4..... Bld Cow..... 1290..... \$60.50  
Rittberger Beef Inc, Hermosa SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1275..... \$60.00  
Rittberger Beef Inc, Hermosa SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1020..... \$70.00  
Routier, Riley, Buffalo SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1145..... \$58.00

Routier, Riley, Buffalo SD..... 11..... Bld Hfr..... 997..... \$96.00  
Routier, Riley, Buffalo SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1440..... \$60.50  
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1315..... \$59.00  
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT..... 4..... Bldd Cow..... 990..... \$72.00  
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 870..... \$83.00  
Sheridan, Katy Rose, Faith SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1090..... \$68.00  
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD..... 3..... Bld Cow..... 1241..... \$56.50  
Sprague, Lyle, Nisland SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1300..... \$56.00  
Tope, Milton, Nisland SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1330..... \$64.00  
Worman, Pat, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1005..... \$73.00

**Weigh Up Bulls**

Alexander, Darren, Newell SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 2005..... \$87.50  
Askins, Kirk, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 2025..... \$88.50  
Bauer, Bradley, Union Center SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1740..... \$100.00  
Bauer, Bradley, Union Center SD..... 1..... Herf Bull..... 2170..... \$88.00  
Foss, Bryce, Nisland SD..... 2..... Bld Bull..... 970..... \$86.00  
Grant, Michael R, Whitewood SD..... 1..... Herf Bull..... 2305..... \$96.00  
Jones Ranch Partnership, Rapid City SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1905..... \$84.00  
Jones Ranch Partnership, Rapid City SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1650..... \$82.50  
Kissack, Joe & Armit, Rozet WY..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1760..... \$85.50  
Nicholas, Charles Or Salli, Spearfish SD..... 1..... Herf Bull..... 1210..... \$80.00  
Riter, Elizabeth, Broadus MT..... 1..... Char Bull..... 2155..... \$90.00  
Slattery Trust, Michael J, Rozet WY..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1990..... \$103.00  
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1845..... \$100.50  
Tarver Heart X Ranch, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1685..... \$96.50  
Vandervoort, Reed, Piedmont SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1700..... \$86.00

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## There Are Community Winners and Losers

We have all known or been associated with businesses that have failed. The owners had big dreams, small budgets and great work ethic. They had hoped word of mouth would spur business growth. They hoped great customer service would set them apart. They hoped they could overcome the poor, yet affordable business location. They have a passion for what they do, and they hoped hard work and a stick to it attitude would overcome all the normal obstacles they would encounter. But when the dust settled, they learned through the school of hard knocks that "hope" makes for a very poor business strategy and it takes more than hard work and perseverance to succeed.

That begs the question; Is it a community's job to assure that new businesses succeed? Historically and even more so today in the Covid-19 era, it is in the community's best interest to provide a winning business climate along with a support network that increases the odds of success for new or expanding business owners. Forward-thinking communities understand this very well. What are some of those best practices communities can employ to fur-

**John Newby**

ther create an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset throughout your community and Main Street?

First and foremost, foster a 'hyper-local' and 'shop-local' state of mind throughout the community. They would never consider a purchase outside of the boundaries of their community before exploring ALL hyper-local options. Every tax dollar kept local benefits the city many times over as those tax dollars spent locally are then re-spent again and again. Lead by example.

Secondly, they create networks that can aid and support local business development. Communities can have the same results one new local business at a time as trying to attract the big employer or manufacturer. Ten new businesses that open each year with 3-5 employees is no different than one 150-250 employee company moving to town every five years. Not to mention, local business will ask for fewer tax breaks, fewer amenities and will be more active in the community. Another potential benefit is that new and vibrant businesses and communities are what actually draw those few relocating companies to consider your community.

Thirdly, forward-thinking communities work with local entrepreneurs to expand and meet some of the demands not currently filled by local businesses. While it is true some businesses may not make sense for every community; what kinds of businesses do you need that can be expanded to meet local demands? Often times, communities go looking for big national chains because of their track record of success, when they have local entrepreneurs that are more than capable and able with a little push and assistance to meet those same demands.

Lastly, develop the tourist mentality. Most communities have the ability to create or attract successful tourist type events and destinations. While varying across the country, look at each tourist to your community as a thousand new dollars walking into your community. Look at each hundred visitors as \$100,000 walking into your community. Communities often overlook this most basic and logical way to foster growth and development. A community need not be New York, Chicago, Branson or host spring training for Major league baseball to draw tourism. Tourism seeks out unique attractions, unique events, unique downtowns, unique retail experiences and in short - something different or outside of the norm. This will be even more true in the age of Covid-19 as many look to travel more regionally in lieu of internationally. Find your community's potential

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niche, build upon it and then let the world know. You will be amazed!

These certainly aren't the only things a community can do to battle the economic woes that so many small and mid-sized communities experience. But these are the basic things every community can start with. Communities doing all the above and also those local things unique to them and their area

will find a way. They will find a way because doing all the above items show that they are willing to do what it takes to win. Make no mistake, this is a high stakes competition, there are winners and there are losers - which side will your community line up on?

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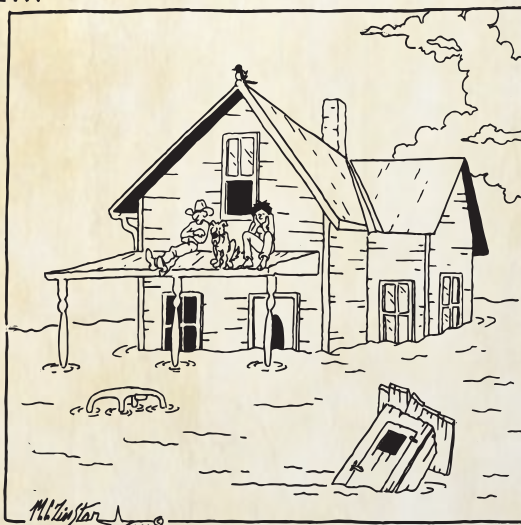


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## The Good Stuff

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.*

With the advent of DNA testing and many folks interested in their heritage I recalled my friend Larry digging into family trees. That led us to this poem which speaks of the frustrations of trying to trace your ancestors:

### MY ELUSIVE KINSMAN Author Unknown

Alas, my elusive kinsman  
You've led me quite a chase  
I thought I'd found your courthouse  
But the Yankees burned the place.

You always kept your bags packed  
Although you had no fame,  
And just for the fun of it  
Twice you changed your name.

You never owed any man,  
Or at least I found no bills

In spite of eleven offspring  
You never left a will.

They say our name's from Europe  
Came state-side on a ship.  
Either they lost the passenger list  
Or granddad gave them the slip.

I'm the only one looking  
Another searcher I can't find  
I pray (maybe that's his father's name)  
As I go out of my mind.

They said you had a headstone  
In a shady plot  
I've been there twenty times,  
And can't even find the lot.

You never wrote a letter  
Your Bible we can't find  
It's probably in some attic  
Out of sight and out of mind.

You first married a Jackson  
And just to set the tone

The other four were Sarahs  
And everyone a Jones.

You cost me two fortunes  
One of which I did not have  
My wife, my house and Fido ~  
Gosh, how I miss that yellow lab.

But somewhere you slipped up,  
Ole Boy, somewhere you left a track  
And if I don't find you this year  
Well ~ next year I'll be back!




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# Newell Graduation and Grading Plans Made

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Plans for 2020 graduation were finalized by the Newell School Board during a special School Board meeting held in the Multi-Purpose Room Monday, April 27. Superintendent Robin Dutt had sent out a questionnaire to graduating seniors and parents to obtain a consensus. Several ideas were presented including a “mock graduation” on May 16, have graduation as done in the past, or to postpone graduation to later in the summer.

Several other ideas were also discussed with the school board deciding on having graduation on the scheduled day of May 16 at 2 p.m., with a limit to four parents or guardians with spouses, invitations will be issued to allow access. The ceremony will be broadcast on the web via Pixellot. A few modifi-

cations will need to be made for lighting and sound. Speeches by the Valedictorian and Salutatorian will possibly be done on the school website.

A lengthy discussion concerning grading procedures brought out numerous ideas by board members and staff. Earlier, during a staff meeting held with Dutt, the elementary staff recommended using Pass/Fail measures for students. Middle School and High School teachers wanted students to be accountable for the last quarter and had various views of how to accomplish that by giving the fourth quarter a percentage of third quarter grades. Middle School students will receive an equal percentage of the first, second, and third quarters. High School students will have fourth quarter as 20 percent and third quarter as 80 percent of the semester grade.



The Newell School Board met during a Special Meeting to discuss business in the Multi-Purpose Room. Social distancing was put in place and participants were limited. Zoom was available for those who desired to not attend the meeting. *Photo by Betty Bruner*

There will be no semester tests this spring. A Pandemic Plan has been put into place. It includes prevention routines that include personal hygiene measures, cleaning of the buildings, and stay-at-home measures for those who are ill. Measures of social distancing, possibility of school closures

either by the state or the local school board, and the method for continuing education if buildings are closed due to illness is also included in the plan. The plan sets the school board has responsible for making decisions for continuing payroll. During the regular board meeting, the board had moved to allow staff to use leave time

in lieu of working in building when asked. The motion had died due to lack of a second. Upon further investigation, the board members moved to rescind that motion. Custodial, office staff, and kitchen staff will return to full time work May 4. The next School Board meeting will be May 11 at 6 p.m.

# Like Something Out of a Movie

**COLLEEN BRUNNER**  
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NEWELL – Everyone knows that graduating seniors, whether high school or college, have had their lives and the end of their final year disrupted and that there is a great deal of sadness that comes along with that disruption. Even though the students are doing distance learning, there are still many things that, especially high school seniors, don’t get to experience.

“I was upset,” said Newell high school senior Caleb Mutchler. “I don’t participate in many sports except for golf and I was really looking forward to my last season, really make it a good one. I didn’t really get to say goodbye.”

Mutchler said if he had known the final day of school they attended back in March was the last one, that he would have spent it differently, connecting with friends and taking the time to say those final good-

byes. As it is now, there will be no gathering for graduation and all those “fun” last pictures with friends, no tossing of funny mortarboard hats into the air, no spraying of silly string and sounding of air horns, combined with the shouts of “Good job, Caleb” resounding in the air.

And there has been no hanging out, celebrating those final days as they count down to the last one, the practice for graduation and the final awards. Mutchler also experienced the disappointment of the cancellation of his FFA senior trip, which he is still hoping to do with four of his classmates later this summer by going to Albuquerque, N.M.

“It’s frustrating (the distance learning) and I’m taking my last semester very seriously,” he said. “I feel weird going off to college next fall without having experienced by last semester in high school. It would have given me time to work out the kinks. It helped that I took dual (college) credits. It feels weird

to be getting ready for college right now, when I really haven’t finished high school. I wouldn’t like to start college online.”

But, along with those missed opportunities come other special things that only this group of young people will be able to call their own. That includes the history they will have by being able to say, “We were the only class to have this happen.”

Although Mutchler has been busy on his family’s ranch, helping with calving, he has also kept busy with classwork and his final ‘senior project’ that is required to graduate from NHS. He started in January taking college classes and one of those was a college film class.

“Since January is film appreciation month, I thought it would be good to do something to remember this time,” said Mutchler. “We had the Be the Light night at the school and that got me to thinking.” That special event was to honor the graduates and they had the chance to hang their banner



**Caleb Mutchler** has created a YouTube video documentary highlighting his final semester of his senior year at Newell High School. He will attend Presentation College in Aberdeen next fall. - *Kahnke photo*

photos on the football field fence, which many from the community drove by honking horns, flashing lights and waving to the seniors.

Mutchler filmed that and then took it one step further for his

**MUTCHLER** B4

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Community Calendar

**Sunday, May 10:**  
Nisland Independent Community Church will honor mothers. Regular services 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 livestream broadcast. Newell Evangelical church will continue their regular 10:30 a.m. service as well as a livestream, Vale Community Country Church will once more have services at their regular time.

**May 7:**  
HS Athletic Banquet is currently TBD. Elementary play day canceled.

**MORE CALENDAR** B4

Wisdom from Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis  
Self employed:  
rancher, saddle maker,  
poet, and picker  
rdennis@gwtc.net

For those who don’t know... when a large packing plant butchers a beef or a pig, they use everything! Except the squeal or the moo... they have something that is called the Golden Package, or some such.. meaning they can use the offal.. you know, all those cuts and parts of a butchered animal most don’t think about.. the intestines, tongue, brains, cheek and jowl meat. I think that is worth another \$150 per animal, on average... most local butcher shops can not use that stuff, so it gets thrown out and they may even have to pay a fee to get rid of it..

\* \* \*

Right now, local butchers can not even get paid enough for

a cows hide to make it worth their time to save it.. so it gets thrown out or hauled to the dump. The larger packing plants can use so much of that and it is called tankage, if I remember the term right. They can most of that for dog and cat food and fertilizer, but of course it has to meet government requirements. Local ranchers can sell you a beef and when the critter has it’s hide removed and guts taken out and feet and head removed, you lose about half of the original weight. Then if you bone out all the meat, say to make burger or boneless cuts, you lose about half again.. and there is “shrink”.. meaning water loss from the meat, as it hangs.. and ages.

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For easy math, lets say I deliver a 1000 pound live beef to the butcher shop. You want all hamburger. So you will get approximately 250 to 300 pounds of burger, depending on what age and shape the bovine was in.. a fatter, more meaty type animal will have more meat, a thinner one will yield less. Also, on the really fat ones, they will only add so much of that fat to the burger.. if you want 90/10 burger, meaning, 90% lean 10% fat in the burger, most of the fat will be thrown out...a big packing plant will take the extra fat off one like that and add it to thinner cows or bulls meat... and thus, one of the reasons packing plants like imported meat.. we in the US do not raise enough thinner, less fat cattle, too provide for all the burger that you, the consumer, wants... so they take our fattened steers and heifers and butcher them, charging more for the steaks and roast or “higher end” cuts and add that extra fat to the thinner beef that comes from over seas, most of which are of the Brahma type of cattle that handles hot weather better, so are raised in the southern

countries, such as Brazil and Argentina, etc...

\* \* \*

US meat companies, sell much of the higher end cuts, such as the steaks, over seas to wealthy countries, or at least the people in them who are wealthy enough to pay \$30 for a steak, before it is cooked. I was told by a person visiting the Black Hills that in New York City, for a steak like he had enjoyed in the Black Hills that cost him \$25 , it would have cost him \$100 for that same steak and wouldn’t have been as good to eat.

\* \* \*

But I digress...anyway, so when you talk to a local farmer or rancher, and wonder why his beef prices seem higher than what you can buy at the grocery store, please remember, that we locals and local butchers can not sell our meat for less than what the grocery store is selling for. We can not get the Golden Package and have to pay extra to get rid of it. I think they figure that most Americans pay 15% of their annual paycheck for food. And in most foreign countries, those people pay 25% to 45 % of their

annual paycheck for their food. Also, most of those countries also subsidize their ag much more than we in America do. During World War II they found out they needed their local ag to feed them. So they keep them in business thru’ taxation to the population and pass on some of it to their ag people, to keep them raising the raw produce it takes to feed their country.

\* \* \*

I am not writing this to whine or complain, just trying to explain the facts of the beef business in this country. And as to why, most local farmers and ranchers can not afford to sell you burger , for very long anyway, for \$3 a pound. Good, fresh local raised burger, 85% lean, should be around \$4 to \$5 pound, at what the live cattle prices are today. If we locals go broke and the big conglomerate companies take over all of the food production, they will set their prices at what they want, and if you can’t afford it, too bad. They will make a profit or do something else.. that is what corporations do. Make a profit for their investors. If they can’t, they quit or do something else.

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PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is reminding anglers that fish cleaning stations at state parks, recreational areas, and fishing access areas are closed until further notice.

While angling is an excellent way to practice social distancing, fish cleaning areas can get crowded. Other shared spaces may also be closed to help slow the spread of COVID-19, including modern restrooms and park visitor centers.

“We know this isn’t an ideal situation,” said Chris Hull, “but anglers are some of the most respectful and adaptive users out there. We appreciate the help now so these facilities will be ready to open as soon as it’s safe to do so.”

Anglers are encouraged to take their fish home to clean, or to bring fillet knives, zip lock bags for fillets and trash bags to dispose of fish waste properly.

**GFP Teleconference**

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission will hold their monthly meeting via teleconference May 7-8. Due to concerns regarding COVID-19, this meeting will

be held via livestream with the Commission and staff participating via teleconference. To listen to the entire meeting at 1:00 p.m. CT on May 7 and beginning 8 a.m. on May 8, livestream can be found at sd.net

The public hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. CDT. The conference call number available for the public to call in starting at 2:00 p.m. CT to provide comments is 1-866-410-8397; Conference Code 5451787643#. The public is encouraged to call in from their home. There will not be additional remote public input sites.

We are asking that you provide your testimony and then hang up to allow other members of the public to access the line. When you call, the teleconference line may be busy. If you do not get through right away, please keep trying.

Written comments can still be submitted at [gfp.sd.gov/forms/](https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/) positions. To be included in the public record comments must include full name and city of residence and meet the submission deadline of seventy-two hours before the public hearing (not including the day of the public hearing).



## CALENDAR B3

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

**May 11:**  
Newell city commission, 6 p.m. at city admin offices. Newell school board at MPR at 6:30 p.m.

**May 12:**  
NAVFR meeting 7 p.m.

**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 16:**  
Graduation-TBD. The school is working on a plan that involves graduates and their families ONLY. Details to come.

**May 19:**  
County Commission meeting 1:30 p.m. TBD

**June 6:**  
Second Annual Youth FREE fishing derby at the Frank & Jo Musemick farm ½ m. north of Newell on Highway 79, ½ m. east on county road 184. Ages 3-16, 7:30 a.m. check-in, fish 8-11:30. Early registration via 430-7419. Fun, prizes and free lunch provided. SD GFP approved.

**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.

## From B3 Mutchler

documentary submission to his college-level class. He added interviews from two nurses, a high school classmate and the superintendent at Newell.

“Adessa (Mutchler) is my cousin and works at Sanford ICU on the Covid team. Kim Ford is a family friend and works at Monument Health Sturgis Urgent Care. Both have been at their jobs for years and shared their perspective about the Covid 19 virus situation, how it affected their jobs, and what they have learned in the process.

His close friend Austin Alexander, was able to share Mutchler’s perspective on the final semester of her senior year at NHS. They have been good friends for years and Mutchler said, “She feels pretty much like I do.”

Mutchler also included Superintendent Robin Dutt, who had submitted her resignation before the virus raised its head.

“I wish now that I had not

resigned,” said Dutt in the film. “This is not how I wanted to go out (retire).” Dutt was included in the video to share information on how the students were doing distance learning, how meals were being provided.

“I needed this from someone who is in charge,” said Mutchler, referring to documenting how his final semester of classes has gone.

Mutchler had the assignment of filming a documentary or writing a fictional story for the college class.

“I felt like this was a good way to tell the Corona story that I could keep forever,” said Mutchler. “It’s crazy and it all seemed like something you would see in a movie. I wanted people to share their opinion and how it was affecting their work and home life.”

Mutchler said the school is working toward a graduation ceremony of some kind on the normal day, May 16, bringing in their parents, but that details are not complete at this time. He will attend Presentation College in Aberdeen in the fall to study

nursing.

“Some positive things have come out of this,” said Mutchler. “It’s good to see everyone sticking together. Now’s not a time to lose trust. We have to stick together and get through this. It made sense to cancel school for a week, and then I thought, ok, two weeks is enough.”

He said that he felt people can’t just sit back and fear the virus. They need to be careful and have it all make sense. But he also said his family had to go to the feed store, grocery store and sale barn, and that he was not particularly fearful.

“I just try to stay in Newell and not go out as much,” he said.

In the meantime, he has documentation that he can share in the future with those who might not understand what it was like to spend his final senior semester in a totally new world. And right now, he is sharing his film with anyone who wants to watch via YouTube video at <https://bit.ly/youtubemutchler>

# Then and Now *in Newell*

**May 12, 1910**

Those taking out final naturalization papers in Butte County were: Lewis Kailian, Snoma; Herman Nollan, Horse Creek; Antone Machovec, Belle Fourche; Martinus Jensen, Horse Creek and Abner Stonelake, Snoma.

There will be a big dance given in the Reclamation State Bank building Saturday evening May 22. Everything will be free. Music will be given by the Vale Band. Everyone come and enjoy the first dance in Newell.

All jury cases were disposed of for May Term of Butte County Circuit Court held at Belle Fourche last week. No criminal cases were tried. A plea of guilty was entered by Chris Carlson charged with selling beef without exhibiting the hide, he was fined \$25; Annie Carr charged with selling liquor without a license was fined \$50 on a confession of guilty; Louis A. East charged with stealing a pocket book belonging to J. Hantz was allowed to enter a plea of guilty of petit larceny, fined \$50 by Judge Rice.; J. B. Moore charged with keeping a house of ill fame failed to appear and his bond of \$400 was forfeited and the cases against Joe Volin and Emil Odon, charged with stealing cattle were dismissed. The cases were tried 3 years ago and the jury could not agree. Since then the state’s main witness has disappeared.

**May 6, 1920**

H. E. Rich and daughter were down from Belle Fourche Tuesday. Miss Florence had intended to go out near Hoover, where she has accepted the school teaching position, but weather and road conditions prohibited travel into that section and they returned to the county Seat.

Enough has been said about allowing livestock to

from the Newell Museum

## “Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

run loose in the Townsite so the Commission expects to take whatever steps are necessary to absolutely put a stop to it from now on. Any suggestions that you may have to offer or kick which you may wish to register will be met with the most satisfactory attention if placed with any member of the Committee and the Mayor.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported in the city and vicinity his past week and following this come reports of negligence regarding the quarantine restrictions placed on the various places. We are informed that none of the cases are very severe, but this fact does not lighten the penalties following the breaking of the quarantine restrictions.

**May 8, 1930**

A deal which has been in the making for some time was consummated on May 1 when L R. Chiesman bought the corner property known as the Livestock Exchange Bank building, together with the vacant lots adjoining the building to the north. On the same date, C.M. Simons purchased the rear end of both lots, including the building in which Mr. Simons is now operating a café. The deal was completed by Paul Loomis of Rapid City, examiner-in-charge of closed banks, acting for the state banking department.

The Price & Son Drug Store was besieged with requests last Thursday for Kodaks; following nation-wide announced by the Eastman Kodak Co. that a Kodak would be given free to boys and girls whose 12th birthday occurred during the year 1930. Twenty-four Kodaks were given away by Price & Son and according to the requests from the youngsters, many more could have been disposed of.

**May 9, 1940**

Coach Orville Ronning entertained the members of

at the local theater Tuesday evening; afterwards a late lunch was served to the group at the home of Supt. & Mrs. G. W. Austin. The Movie “They Shall Have Music” starring Joel McCrea and Andrea Leeds is a glorious musical treat, with the matchless Jascha Heifetz making his first screen appearance.

The population of Newell as shown by a preliminary count of the returns of the 16th census, taken as of April 1, 1940 is 683, as compared with 547 in April 1, 1930. The 1940 figures are preliminary and subject to correction, according to T.B. Werner, Rapid City District Census Supervisor.

Scotty Gladstone of Laramie, Wyo and Judge & Mrs. Frank Gladstone of Dupree, arrived in Newell Wednesday morning and visited overnight at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lyn Gladstone. The men attended court in Buffalo Wednesday.

**May 11, 1950**

Any resident of South Dakota not carrying both license plates on his motor vehicle is violating state law, the State Motor Patrol warned this week. A number of vehicles have been reported with only 1 license plate attached. Motor patrolmen have been ordered to check for both plates on a vehicle, non-compliance with the law will mean arrest according to Supt. W.J. Goetz.

Also, state law provides that all motor vehicles require 2 plates, bearing such numbers conspicuously displayed horizontally in an upright position, one in front and one in rear at all times, be kept clear (if possible) of mud, ice and snow; so it is clearly visible.

George Maass, has been active in the Newell Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years, was honored for such service at the regular meeting of the Department at the City Hall, Tuesday evening. Maass was presented with a certificate of 30-year service and a gold membership badge in recognition of this service. The certificate bore the signatures of Mayor F.J. Boettger, Fire Chief Fred Gardner and Secretary Loren Poole. Frank Hoffmeyer made the presentation on behalf of the City and all Departments.

**May 12, 1960**

The end of an era occurred at Nisland High School Friday evening. The final Jr.-Sr. Prom & banquet was held in the high school gym. Following the theme, “There’s A Song In My Heart”, the room was lavishly decorated in pink and white. A fine menu was prepared and program followed. The boys’ quartet of Doug Keil, Art Becket, Art Heitz and Keith Smith sang several selections and Donald Gifford played accordion selections. Several students gave talks and Supt. Smith spoke on behalf of the faculty.

The decision to defer strict administration of the 1959 sheep brand law until corrective legislation can be passed was announced in Pierre Monday when the Western South Dakota Sheep Growers met with Governor Ralph Herseth and Attorney General Parnell Donohue. Sheepmen reported that the law is virtually impossible, claiming sheep brands in part are easily distorted and that 90% of same are painted. They also declared the law scheduled does go into effect July 1 of this year created too great a hardship on producers, added expense and that it would have little value in stopping thefts.



Reclamation State Bank in Newell.

the basketball team at a show



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South Dakota Stockgrowers History

The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association is a grassroots organization whose individual producer members determine issues of importance to the state’s livestock industry. With input into the policy development, each member has the opportunity to influence SDSGA’s policy and priorities. Individual members of the Association pull together to make powerful decisions - dedicated to promoting the livestock industry and enhancing the opportunity for profitability.

**Historical Chronology of the South Dakota Stockgrower’s Association**

October 25, 1880 Founding of Stockgrower’s Association for Territories of Dakota, Wyoming & Nebraska. There were 44 Stockmen in attendance.

November 13, 1880 First cattle brands published in Black Hills Weekly Journal.

November 25, 1880 Thanks-

giving Day, a permanent organization of the Black Hills Stockgrower’s Association at Sweeney’s Hall. This was the forerunner of the South Dakota Stockgrower’s Association.

April 4, 1881 40,000 cattle represented in Black Hills Stockgrower’s Association.

May 10, 1881 First Black Hills Stockgrower’s Association roundup on Dakota, Montana, Wyoming & Nebraska ranges.

June 4, 1881 Tom Sweeney, Rapid City businessman, has account of roundup in Black Hills Weekly Journal.

August 15, 1881 Co-level organizations of Stockgrower’s Associations forming in western Dakota.

1890 Northern Dakota Territories Stockmen’s Association organized in Spearfish.

1891 Fall River County Stockmen’s Association organized.

By 1892 there were 11 Branch Lodges forming Western South Dakota Stockgrower’s Association.

February 20, 1892 First Western South Dakota Stockgrower’s Association meeting at Harney Hotel. Thirteen men attended. First Brand Association Secretaries Frank Stewart, James “Scotty” Philip & Ed Lemmon. First Presidents James M. Wood, Fred Holcomb, S.K. Howard & Ed Stenger.

April 21, 1892 First organization of Western South Dakota Stockgrower’s Association. Frank Stewart, Secretary – 1892-1927 & James “Scotty” Philip, representing the Missouri River Stockgrower’s Association, wanted a state organization.

January 13, 1893 Western South Dakota Stockgrowers Association becomes an official entity and receives documents of incorporation with the South Dakota Office of Secretary of State.

1937 Name changed to South Dakota Stockgrower’s Association.

Noted Area Ranchers Served as South Dakota Stockgrower’s Past Presidents

Noted area Cattleman that as former Association Presidents that helped shape the Stockgrowers over the years have been:

**Walter Crago:** Belle Fourche (Pres.-1959-1962)

The association decided to create a film about the state’s cattle industry to improve the public’s perception of the livestock industry. A group insurance policy for members was also proposed and set up through the Atlas Life Insurance Co. The Stockman of the Year competition was instated, and the association’s support of the Ekberg tax case was announced.

**Rodney Larson:** Belle Fourche (1964-1966)

Rodney Larson’s family emigrated from Denmark to South Dakota in 1876, drawn by gold strikes. After serving in WWII, Rodney returned home and served as the Stockgrowers’

Pierre lobbyist. Later he was elected the first Stockgrowers president at the seventy second annual Stockgrowers Convention in Deadwood, South Dakota. Under Rodney’s leadership, the Stockgrowers Association drew attention to the over lenient sentencing of cattle rustlers and encouraged members to study past rulings before voting for court judges.

**Tom Costello:** Piedmont (1966-1968)

Costello was the youngest president in the association’s history at 35 years old when he was elected. A large cattle rustling case ring was apprehended shortly after he took office, and 19 convictions in several states were issued. A program promoting feeder cattle was also introduced and a series of three bills were passed through the Legislature to update brand laws. Trespassing laws were

passed through congress allowing landowners to post private property signs at the gates instead of every quarter mile.

**Vincent Crago:** Spearfish (1974-1976)

Crago was an instrumental in starting the South Dakota public Lands Council. During Crago’s term, the association faced consumer resistance against beef prices, and ranchers and sale bards were asked to deduct from their costs in order to lower prices and boost consumer interest. The State Brand Board terminated a seven year contract with the association for budgeting reasons. The legislature passed bills lowering cattle and sheep taxes in addition to gas refunds for agriculture.

*The historical information provided is courtesy of the South Dakota Stockgrowers website: [www.southdakotastockgrowers.org](http://www.southdakotastockgrowers.org)*

Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum.

Today’s article is created by using A History of Butte County, South Dakota published by Belle Fourche Public Library, compiled by Pat Engebretson, Kay Heck and Helen Herrett, page 36; newspaper Belle Fourche Bee, first edition 27 May, 1891 and 31 May 1951. Thanks to the library staff for locating the 1951 article.

**Our New Town**

The latest aspirant for commercial honors in the Black Hills is the new town of Belle Fourche, in Butte county. Our town is situated that its very aspect cannot help but lead one to think that , without any doubt whatsoever, it is destined to cut no small figure in the history of the Hills and the state...An application has been made to the post-office department for the establishing of a post office here and we have learned that the application has been granted and the office will be established before the next issue.

Post Office established as Belle Fourche on 27 June 1891 with the first postmaster as Harvey A. Giles. H. A. Giles, the station agent, was the first manager of the brand new in 1891 hotel. This building was later a barber shop and sport goods store until it burned in the 1990’s. The Belle Fourche Hotel was located on 5th Avenue and what is now State Street.

From the article from the Bee in 1951 First Postmaster Took Office in ’92 Belle Fourche was hardly laid out in lots before there was talk of a post office. But it was not until August 11, 1892, that David L. Hawkins was appointed postmaster. His bond was executed on August 19 and he took the oath of office on August 26th. His commission was signed by Postmaster General Wanamaker.

The post office was located at first near the present site of the Fifth Avenue Market (currently parking lot at 5th and Grant), then where Simmons grocery store now stands, and for a time at the present location of the Gamble store. Later it was in the Scotney building in room now occupied by the Circle Lounge. (This is the south end of the Robb Building at 6th Avenue and Railroad St in 2020.) Dora Holmes and Callie Fry will be remembered as pioneer postoffice clerks.

According to the 1903 and 1915 Sanborn maps the post

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✓ Empire	Walter Craig	15 May 1882	1 June '91
✓ Minnehaha	Edmund Williams	1 Jan 1882	11 Nov '87
✓ Vale	Andrew Alexander	18 Mar '82	
✓ Union	James E. Hays	31 Jan '88	
✓ Belle Fourche	Harvey A. Giles	27 June '91	David L. Hawkins 11 Aug '92

From this U.S., Appointments of U. S. Postmasters, 1832-1971 , it appears that there was an earlier postmaster or mistress Eva Woolston on May, 1882.



by Mary Buchholz

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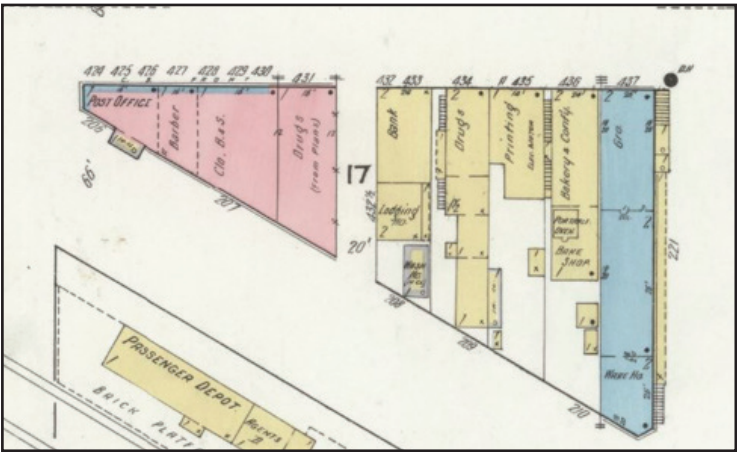
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Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

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It was so warm this week that it felt more like summer. We had a couple little showers on Monday and Tuesday that only added up to .14 hundredths. We need moisture!

Casey wanted me to thank Dorian Valloff and Dorian's grandson for helping him when he had a flat tire on the fertilizer spreader right at Valloff's place when he was bringing it home last week to fertilize the fields. Casey said that they worked just like a pit crew, they took the tire off the spreader so he could take it to Bowman to get a new tire and then they helped him put the new tire on when he got back. Years ago, Reub had a flat tire on the truck when he was hauling a load of wheat to town and Dorian was right there to help him fix it. Thank you Valloffs!

Clint Doll, Casey and Taz went coyote hunting on Monday and thankfully whipped out five of those nasty predators. Monday was also our great grandson Trace's fourth birthday and Reub got some farming done at our east place, so it was a really good day!

Sage and all four of his kids came down on Tuesday to help with the lambing and all the little people sure had fun in the sheep shed. Tony Holt called me that afternoon to let us know that Mark Mollman, age 58, had passed away in Ralph that day. Due to the coronavirus restrictions, they will have a private family service at St. Isodore's Catholic Church in Ralph, but they aren't sure when it will be. He will be buried at the Vessey Catholic Cemetery at Vessey next to his parents.

Clint Doll and Casey hunted coyotes Wednesday and shot another one. Reub was farming at our east place that day, so I took him lunch. Trig came home from Spearfish that evening after working on college stuff.

I received a nice letter this

week from Richard Lynch from Saint Louis, Missouri. Richard grew up 13 miles north of Lemmon in North Dakota and has lived in Missouri for the last 70 years, but still considers Lemmon his home town. He gets the Dakota Herald newspaper and enjoys reading my column. He shares my political views and thanked me for the humor at the end of my column. He appreciates finding something funny in these troubled times. Thanks Richard!

Taz and Trig went to Hettinger on Thursday to help Sage build a deck on a house. Amanda helped Reub and me finish getting the new raised bed garden ready to plant. It was nice to work outside, but with the 84 degree temperature that day, we about melted in the lambing shed!

Reub and I went to Bowman on Saturday for his chiropractor appointment and these guys got the first batch of calves branded while we were gone. Taz and Trig moved the sheep to another pasture that afternoon so they can move the branded calves into that pasture in a couple day.

Rick and Cindy Engle stopped to see Missy and Casey Sunday afternoon on their way home from Hettinger where they were fixing some things in Rick's Mom's house. Taz and Trig went to a jackpot at Lloyd Gilbert's that afternoon and helped Casey bring in more calves to brand on Monday.

We had a nice crowd in church this Sunday. Several folks that came to visit are sick of being locked out of their home churches and they are also sick of the way this China virus is being treated. Several state governors are opening up businesses again, although leftist governors in states like California, Michigan, Virginia and Illinois should be kicked out of office for the way they are trying to control their citizens. I haven't trusted China ever since I heard that my great grandmother Wilkinson's sister, her husband and baby boy were

murdered by the Chinese during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 because they were Christian missionaries. If I had my way, China could not be allowed to own anything in America like the Smithfield packing plant in Sioux Falls where more of their employees have gotten the China virus than anywhere else in South Dakota. China should be held accountable for the 70 thousand deaths in our country.

Dave Kurth sent me this about how the control by some governors has nothing to do with our health:

When the State tells you it's safe to go to Home Depot to buy a sponge, but it's too dangerous to go to a florist and buy flowers—it's not about your health.

When the State shuts down millions of private businesses, but doesn't lay off a single government employee—it's not about your health.

When the State bans dentists because it's unsafe, but deems abortions safe—it's not about your health.

When the State prevents you from buying garden seeds because it's too dangerous, but allows in-person lottery ticket sales—it's not about your health.

When the State tells you it's too dangerous to play golf alone, fish alone or be in a motorboat alone, but the Michigan governor can get her stage make up done and her hair done for TV appearances—it's not about your health.

When the State puts you IN a jail cell for walking in a park because it's too dangerous, but lets criminals OUT of jail cells for their health—it's not about YOUR health!

When the State tells you it's too dangerous to get treated by a doctor of chiropractic or physical therapist yet deems liquor stores essential—it's not about your health!

When the State lets you go to the grocery store, but is demanding mail-in voting, IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR HEALTH!

There's more, but I'll stop now.

Capitol News

day, Alvin went to the Whitey Jardee funeral in Ekalaka. Then on Saturday, he and Marlee had supper at the Over The Edge in Camp Crook. There were some vehicles in town.

Dorothy Padden had secret callers on Friday. It was May Day, and someone left a May basket at her door. She was glad for the old custom, and to know it was not forgotten. She went to Dawn and Bryce's to help Dawn butcher two pigs. Since a pork plant shut down, Kelly Padden had gotten a load of hogs to share with people, and these two hogs kept Dawn and Dorothy quite busy for a couple of days. Once they had been in the refrigerators overnight, it was much easier work. On Sunday, Nita and Eric Loken came to get Roger Stevens, so they could go fishing. They ended up getting a good sized catch, so there will be fish in the freezer, too.

Shirley Melum keeps busy. They branded heifers on Saturday, so she had dinner for the branders. She had some quilt tops ready for the quilter, but discovered that her regular quilter had retired, so she will send them somewhere else.

At Ronda Cordell's the calving continues to dwindle, but there is still feeding and a few chores to tend to each day. Clint Zolnoski has begun to do some field work, trying to knock down those terrible mole hills that are nearly everywhere. On Tuesday morning, Ronda went to the Bergstrom place to meet 'The Plumber' from Belle Fourche, who came to repair the shower fixtures in the mobile home that had frozen during the February freeze-up. Later

that day, she went to Buffalo to find a notary and do banking. On Wednesday, Jeff Honold of The Hat Ranch delivered a bull. Ronda went to Cheryl Burghdoff's on Thursday. Curt Zolnoski called that afternoon, to let her know he would come to Clint's that evening to help with yearling heifer brisket tagging, on Friday. Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski came to keep watch on dinner, and have it on when Ronda, Diane Wear, Curt and Clint finished with the tagging. Dague Trucking came to help haul the heifers west, to pasture over the hill. Curt helped Clint on Saturday, before heading home to Rapid City.

On Saturday, Ronda made a phone call to her friend Kathy Ahart Noteboom, who had been her high school friend in Belle Fourche. Kathy's father was the minister of the little Lutheran church that is located north of Gustave, SD on the Norwegian Cut Off. Ronda's parents would go to church there, on occasion, and Ronda would ride back to Belle Fourche for school with the Aharts. Kathy and Ronda were chums during her time in Belle, until her father was assigned a church in Phillip. They had not been in touch since their children were small. Chad Zolnoski and her son, Jeffery Noteboom, were born a day apart. Through the years, they had both tried to track each other down, but not until Clint purchased a bale hiker from Kathy's nephew last fall, did Ronda get her phone number. May 2nd was Kathy's birthday, and it was a good day to get reacquainted. On Sunday, a lightening strike caused a small fire on Padden's ranch. Several

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fire units and a light shower helped extinguish it, and more rain came later that evening.

Charlie Odell inspected some cattle for Wade Pearson on Monday. He has been doing some paperwork to get his driver's license renewed. Karen has been writing on her novel. She gets a little done each day, so she may get it done in time for Rowan's birthday in August. Each day she has put an art activity on the Evans Odell Publishing Facebook page. With the states beginning to open up, and school year nearing the end, she may begin to publish art every other day instead. She has now done 45 art activities on her website that people can try in their leisure time. Hope it gave parents some art for their school kids. She is still doing carpentry on her room, and now painting scenes for along the ceiling. She texts with her sister-in-law Patsy and brother Ron, and talks to her brother Jim and Judy, and Sally. So far, everyone is ok. Cody and the kids went fishing on Sunday. Mollie, Micki, Jesse, Kylie and Amanda work at home and it is quite interesting for Micki and Jesse to teach from home. Cody is still

an essential worker, so goes to his regular job. Everyone keeps in contact by texting. Charlie went to Ft Meade on Friday. Of course there were no regular doctor's visits, so he had to go to the emergency room for help and to get compression stockings. Charlie and Karen went to church online at Incarnation Lutheran in Shoreview, MN and at Gomer Congregational in Gomer, OH. The churches have learned more ways to improved their virtual services each week, and are adapting quite well. Many choirs are doing virtual presentations, and it is really good to hear them. Hope they continue to do it. Charlie went to the Over The Edge to get carry-out for Sunday dinner.

Monday will be the day to sing for all those affected by the virus in any way. We will sing at 1:00 o'clock while other time zones are also singing at the same time, but a different hour. The idea started in Wales where they will be singing the Welsh National Anthem from their porches at 8 o'clock Western European time. That will be the exact same time that we will sing. Go outside and maybe you will hear the music.

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BHSU Spanish Flu Articles Mirror Present-day Recommendations for COVID-19

SPEARFISH, S.D. – Articles from the Black Hills State University archives about the Spanish Flu are providing some unity between alumni from 100 years ago and students affected by the Coronavirus pandemic today. Elizabeth Foss, history major from Broken Bow, Neb., will graduate from BHSU May 9. She says when people look back at the student experience at BHSU during this pandemic, “they will see students trying their best to manage a complete shake-up of the norm.” Spearfish Normal School, the school that would become BHSU, closed temporarily on October 15, 1918 as a means to prevent the spread of the Spanish Flu which lasted from 1918-1920.

In an article published October 11, 1918 in the Normal School newspaper, the Anemone, Jas L. Miller, M.D., Public Health Officer, warned against the epidemic. Similar to the advice of the present day, Miller asked that students “avoid public gatherings...take good and wholesome exercises each day...and Avoid dancing. Positively.”

Miller advised that every student “contracting a cold report at once to the proper authority.” He also asked that no student leave Spearfish until further notice, and if they did leave, that they must not return to Spearfish until given permission by former BHSU President Fayette Cook.

Paul Higbee, writer and BHSU alum from the class of 1976, notes that 1918-19 was the last academic year in Cook’s 33-year presidency at Spearfish Normal.

“It was a sad, tough year for Cook to say his farewells as

President,” says Higbee. “When the Spanish Flu hit this part of the country, it was right when World War I was ending. It should’ve been a time of great celebration. Instead, everyone was hunkered down and scared.”

Higbee says the death of 29-year-old Edna Hare caught the attention of the Spearfish community. Edna was the wife of Lyle Hare, local physician and former coach at Spearfish Normal. The football stadium on campus is named after Lyle Hare to this day. Edna was “someone everyone knew,” says Higbee. She died fairly early in the epidemic and the couple had a two-year-old daughter at the time of her death.

Travel by train was still common in 1918 and is considered a major contributor to the spread of the Spanish Flu. Higbee says Edna Hare had just returned from a visit to eastern S.D. when she fell ill.

Dr. Thomas Weyant, assistant professor of history at BHSU, says the realities of industrial society changing how people lived, worked, and interacted with one another also impacted the spread of the Spanish Flu. “In the U.S. in 1918, people were living in cramped, unsanitary conditions. Toilets were not inside; there were community outhouses. Diseases spread very rapidly,” says Weyant.

The first reported case of the Spanish Flu was in March 1918 at a military installation in Kansas. Weyant says the Spanish Flu got its name because Spain was a neutral power in World War I. While the flu was rampant in the U.S., Great Britain, France, and Austria, those countries were not reporting their numbers of cases.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1 First principles
  - 5 Small goby
  - 9 Bird
  - 12 Vegetable
  - 13 Hence
  - 14 Yellow Sea arm
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  - 16 Bosh
  - 18 Grandfather of Saul
  - 20 Weight allowance
  - 21 Hog's guts
  - 23 Biddy
  - 24 Begin
  - 25 Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
  - 26 Double (abbr.)
  - 29 Ibsen character
  - 30 Science class
  - 31 3 (Rom. numeral)
  - 32 Sp. article
  - 33 Fishing line cork
  - 34 Desolate
- 36 Bird
- 37 Headstrong
- 38 Scientific name (suf.)
- 40 Card
- 41 Dire
- 43 Freshwater worm
- 46 Grab
- 47 Gray wolf
- 48 Eight (pref.)
- 49 Father: Arabic
- 50 Elbe tributary
- 51 Interpret
- DOWN
- 1 Able-bodied seaman (abbr.)
  - 2 Stinging insect
  - 3 Horned viper
  - 4 Firm
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  - 6 Absent without leave (abbr.)
  - 7 Son of Hermes
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- 19 Comparative ending
- 21 Cure
- 22 Handle
- 23 Habakkuk (abbr.)
- 25 Drop
- 26 Shame
- 27 Chew
- 28 Song (Ger.)
- 30 Afr. eye-worm
- 33 Church officer
- 34 Cooking vessel
- 35 Trojan hero
- 36 Cyclades island
- 37 Sorrow
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- 40 Rood screen
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“They didn’t want their enemies to know the population was suffering,” says Weyant. Higbee says Americans were very cautious for a long time after the epidemic subsided. In journals from the 1920s, people still took any cold or flu very seriously. “A term common back then was ‘our family was laid low’ by the flu or cold. In journals, you can read how people kept themselves somewhat isolated for a number of years. The strain did dissipate, but they wondered if it would come back. Gradually over time, individuals began to forget the severity of the epidemic,” says Higbee. As a BHSU student, Foss says she was surprised to find similarities in how BHSU is responding to the current pandemic when reading through the historical articles on the Spanish Flu.

“It’s easy to imagine parallels between modern students such as myself dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic and these past students dealing with the Spanish Influenza. Schedules have been changed suddenly, movement restricted, meeting in groups discouraged, and the fear of what mass sickness would mean for the community and its members,” says Foss. “With the advent of online learning, thankfully many students today at BHSU can finish out the semester on time.”

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**Dan Bird-MT**

30 blk hfr pairs w/blk clvs at

side clvs are unworked

**Vetter Ranch-SD**

45 blk hfr pairs w/blk clvs at side hfrs

are from Mangen & Neiman ranches

**STOCK COW PAIRS**

**Bruce & Jean Hanson-SD**

25 blk ST pairs w/ blk clvs at side

**Kent & Casey Kreutz-SD**

4 ST pairs w/clvs at side

clvs are unworked

#### Kuhbacher Ranch-WY

13 blk ST pairs w/ blk clvs at side

**Kuhbacher Ranch-WY**

22 blk ST pairs w/ char clvs

at side clvs are unworked

**Lazy River Ranch-SD**

8 ST herf pairs w/ f1 clvs at side

**Lazy River Ranch-SD**

40 blk mxd age pairs

w/ blk clvs at side

**Mike & Judy Green-WY**

45 blk mxd age pairs

w/ blk clvs at side

**Mike Opitz-SD**

10 blk 5-6 yr old pairs

w/ blk clvs at side

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May 14, 2020.....FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL  
Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

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HORSE SALE  
Start Times: | Weighups- 10:00 AM | Pairs & Bred Stock w/ Loose  
& Open Consign. Horse Sale to Follow- 12:00 PM

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Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

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Thursday, May 14th.....Cactus Cattle Co. Angus

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Articles from the Black Hills  
State University Archives  
describe actions taken by the  
school to control the Spanish  
Flu in 1918-1919.

#### The Ban Still On

Having passed the danger mark of  
the second epidemic of influenza we  
are apt to feel that we have nothing  
more to fear and thus become care-  
less. Yet it was reported recently  
that everything in Sturgis, our neigh-  
bor thirty miles away, was shut down  
and one third of the school children  
taken out of school because of sick-  
ness. Since this is the third wave for  
Sturgis and we are so near we need  
still to exercise every precaution to  
keep it out of Spearfish. One will do  
well to try to avoid badly ventilated  
rooms and frequenting places of large  
gatherings, for the good of oneself as  
well as the safety of the school.  
Other towns of the Hills are reported  
as passing through a second or third  
siege of the dreaded plague. Because  
of this situation the ban prohibiting  
members of the school going to other  
towns will not be removed for at least  
one or two weeks.

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Health Officer Warns Against Epi-  
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Gen. George C. Meade

# Meade County Herald

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Introductory Issue

## Will 80th Annual Sturgis Rally Happen?

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STURGIS--The fluid situation around the Covid-19 pandemic has raised a lot of questions, particularly when it comes to social distancing and careful venturing to the outside, not the least of which is whether the 2020 Sturgis Rally will take place or not.

The city of Sturgis has been virtually closed down, with residents sheltering in place, concerned about contracting the virus. So the question obviously was if the rules and recommendations from the State of South Dakota and the Centers for Disease Control would allow for the Rally to happen. But for city officials, there's more to it than that.

"We need time to tell us how this could turn out, to give us a clearer picture," said Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen. Carstensen has spoken with a number of residents and encourages public input. "I'd really like to get some input, and there will be comments both for and against the rally, but there are other things to consider. For instance, the word coming from around the country is that it really doesn't

## 2020 Sturgis Rally--To Be or Not to Be?



The Rally committee is meeting virtually to make decisions about proceeding with this Years 80th. The final decision will be made on June 15, which is a normally scheduled city council meeting. *Photo Courtesy Rally Facebook*

matter if the city hosts the rally or not, some will come anyway," he said.

"What are you going to do? Put up a wall around Sturgis or the State of South Dakota?"

He added that he is fully aware of the need to keep the

Covid-19 virus at bay, but that the sheer volume of business is another factor.

City Manager Daniel Ainslie also understands the need to hear both sides when it comes

**Rally**  
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## Challenges of the Times for School District

BRANDON BENNETT

Like other school districts in the state, the Meade 46-1 School District is dealing with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, with school closures and students learning via the Internet. Add to that the fact that there are 12 school board candidates for three open positions on the board, and the District leadership is handling a lot. The closing of the schools mean all the students are learning from home, and are working with the teachers to keep up with the schedule.

"This is all going as well as can be expected. While some things are up in the air, it seems ev-

eryone has adjusted well," said Superintendent Jeff Simmons. For the district staff, keeping track of all the kids is important.

"We have had some kids who went MIA after the schools closed, but we put effort into contacting them, do follow up work and have the school resource officer try to contact them. We do what we can," he said.

As for graduation, the district is exploring options that would include a later date for the ceremony. "We want to respect the Seniors of South Dakota and recognize them for their accomplishments," said Simmons.

To that end, Sturgis Brown High School Principal Pete Wilson is working on different options for a graduation ceremony.

"We've been brainstorming different scenarios, but right now we're at a standstill. We really wanted to use Woodle Field, but even that is not large enough for social distancing. But I will have a meeting to try to hammer something out, and hopefully will have a solution by the end of the first week of May" said Wilson.

In the meantime, the district will continue to work with students so they don't fall behind in anticipation of returning to class.

## Twelve Vie for Three School Board Seats

The Sturgis School District has a stronger than normal field of candidates for this years school board election.

Twelve individuals are vying for three available seats on the 9 member board.

The terms of Dennis Chowen, Courtney Mack, and Joseph Urbaniak expire this year.

Urbaniak is running for

re-election along with eleven others seeking voter favor to fill those three positions: Darrell Vig, Robert Burns, RJ Ludwick, Brian D. Voights, Holly Good, Terry Koontz, Jon D. Swan, Curtis Johnson, Sheila Trask, Sara Nelson, and Cody King.

The *Herald* has put together short profiles of the candidates and asked "why are you running

and why should people vote for you."

**Joe Urbaniak** is from central Meade County and ranches with his wife Missy and two sons Everett and Bailey. He is 40 years old and grew up in Sturgis and graduated from Sturgis Brown High School in 1998.

"I still think there are things  
**School Board** Contd. Pg.7

## District 29 State Representative Tom Brunner Seeks Re-election

Well, it is late April, things are greening up, calves and lambs are being born and it is campaign season again. This year we have a Republican primary in District 29 and I am asking for your vote. People always ask why I continue to want to go to Pierre and represent Dist.29. It disrupts our lives, the pay isn't that great, and you face constant criticism. My honest answer is that I care and I still have the love for people and our way of life. A way of life I think is worth fighting for.

I still care deeply about protecting life and making sure our children are safe as they come into this world and grow and appreciate our wonderful way of life in western South Dakota.

I care that families have the freedom to raise their children as they see fit with minimal government intrusion if that is their desire. I also hold parents primarily responsible for their children, not the government.

I care that every child and family have an opportunity for a quality education whether they choose public school, private

school or home school. As long as public education is structured the way it is, that we fund it



Tom Brunner

properly and we allow local schools to operate as efficiently as they can without unnecessary burdens from the state.

I care that private schools and families that home school operate without interference and have the opportunity to join with public schools to give our kids every option to equip them

for a productive life.

I still care that our 2nd amendment rights are respected and cherished. I have worked hard to shape our gun laws so folks that choose to own and use firearms can do so freely and without worry of being bothered by interference from any government entity. I happily worked with the motorcycle group ABATE to clean up our statutes concerning concealed carry while on a bike, ATV or snowmobile. I will continue to perfect our enhanced carry law so that we gain even more states for reciprocity and people can travel with personal protection if they choose to do so.

I care about our tax burden. We all need some measure of government services but I also know that every dollar not sent to the government is ours to spend on main street or wherever we wish. I think all levels of government should be forced to operate as efficiently as possible. Often this means doing away with unfunded

**Brunner**  
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## "Good Deeds" in Sturgis

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The city of Sturgis has taken steps to ensure that those who are susceptible to the Covid-19 virus, the elderly and immune compromised, get what they need, thanks to the Sturgis Good Deeds program. Volunteers and city staff have been doing the shopping for those who contact the program. Necessary items like groceries, light bulbs, toiletries and the like will be picked up and delivered to the resident's door. The amount of the order is up to \$50 and participants can pay when the items arrive. "This has been a great program that benefits the elderly and those who need it, so they can stay out of harm's way," said City Manager Daniel Ainslie.

He added that while there were several volunteers at first, the Keffeler family has stepped up and is taking the lead in the deliveries. Kamette Keffeler is glad to help out.

"I really have not done much but I would like to say I think it is great that the city of Sturgis is actively looking for ways to help people in our community. I personally believe we are to love God and love people. I am thankful that Sturgis is looking for ways to help people," said Kamette.

Interested ones can call the Sturgis Public Library at 347-2624. Call hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is closed Sundays.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tammy Even at 347-4422 ext. 207.

## Sturgis Has Hand Sanitizer

The initial phase of the Covid-19 pandemic caused a run on bathroom tissue and hand sanitizer, so a local business took charge and made arrangements to at least provide the sanitizer for customers.

Grocery Mart on Junction Avenue made a deal with Full Throttle Distilling in Trimble, TN as the firm switched some of its operation from liquor to the hand sanitizer.

"We've done business with

them in the past, so Ryan Meyer approached them again about some sanitizer. We got a 55-gallon drum, and it was gone in an hour. So we ordered two large containers and emptied one quickly," said business partner Marcia Johnston.

The second container is half gone now and the staff fills one gallon jugs and sells them for \$34.50. Customers have come

**Hand Sanitizer**  
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## Incumbent Kirk Chaffee Seeks Re-election to House

State Representative Kirk Chaffee (R) of Sturgis will again be asking for your support to serve District 29 as he seeks re-election for the South Dakota House of Representatives.

District 29 is comprised of the majority of Meade County and a portions of Butte and Pennington Counties. The vast area of District 29 includes the cities of Sturgis, Faith, Newell, Nisland, Piedmont and a portion of Box Elder.

For Kirk, it has been a great honor to serve his community and District as a committee member of House Taxation, Local Government and the Ag Land Assessment Task Force. Kirk was able to call upon his extensive background during his first term and looks forward to continue working for the people of District 29.

"In the next two years we will navigate unprecedented health and economic challenges facing our State. We will be working to identify policy solutions that will help our state overcome the current crisis, prepare for the recovery, and build a foundation to ensure strength and sustain-

ability through future challenges." Chaffee said.



Kirk Chaffee

For the past 10 years Kirk has been serving on the Legislative Ag-land Assessment Task Force. The 2019 Summer Study interim focused on Municipal Electric Annexation, a committee that Kirk sat on addressing the issue of how Municipalities were attempting to annex territory away from Rural Electric Co-ops.

**Chaffee**  
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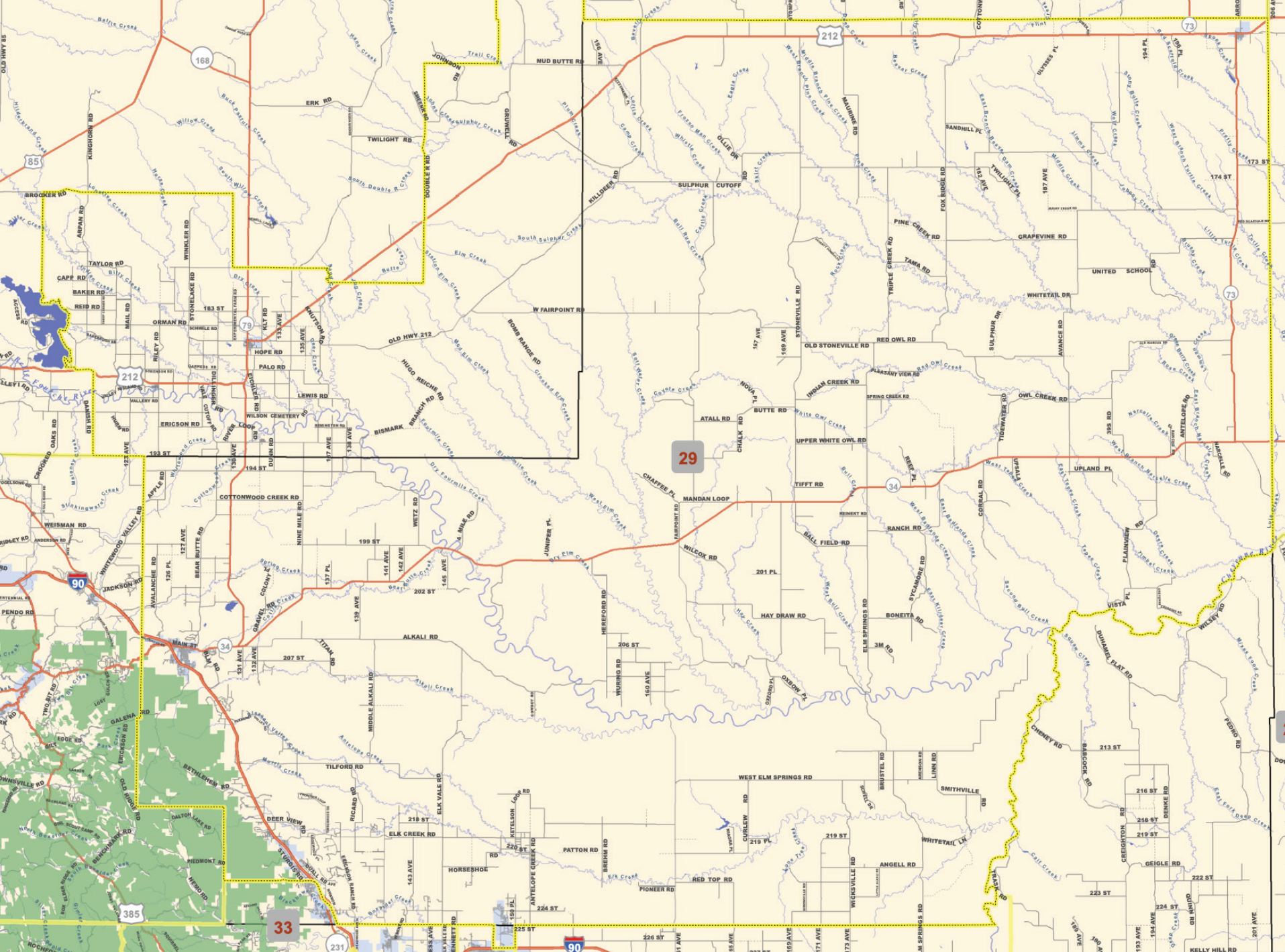
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This introductory “Special Edition of the Meade County Herald is being brought to you in large part by District 29 Legislative State House Candidates Tom Brunner and Kirk Chaffee. Their efforts in conjunction with the Belle Fourche Beacon has brought this paper to you. A belief that a local newspaper is still a very vital tool for the best interest of the Community,

School District, County, and Legislative District. A newspaper has a responsibility to present the facts fairly and accurately and to provide a trustworthy and dependable source of information to the local citizenry. Honest local news and information by locals and for locals. The masthead in the corner refers to an interim editor. Part

of the reason for doing this and subsequent issues is to solicit input and connection from local people who may want to be a part of the effort to return to and keep a local paper in Sturgis. Any one interested or seeking more information about the future possibilities of being involved is encourage to write, call, or email.

Meade Country Comprises Most of Legislative District 29



The yellow line on the map above shows the boundaries of Legislative District 29. It is all of Meade County less a small Southwestern corner that is in District 33 plus a section of the southeast corner of Butte County. You may have received this “Special Edition” of the Meade County Herald because you are a resident of District 29. Absentee ballots have been mailed District Wide and the Primary Election will be held June 2. Map Courtesy of SD Legislative Research Council

District 29 Should Be Called The “Many Creeks” of the Belle Fourche River Watershed

Box Elder Creek in the southwest corner; Spook Creek on the far northeast; Indian Creek to the northwest; and Elk Creek running along its southern end South Dakota Legislative District 29 should have been called the “Many Creeks” District. The Belle Fourche River runs through the heart and the vast drainage through the area provides a myriad of named creeks existing throughout the District. District 29 includes all of Meade County except a small section of Meade County on the southwest corner is carved out and is part of District 33; and a portion of Butte County added in on its northwest corner. Meade County is 140 miles from its northeast corner to the southwest corner, it is sparsely populated. It has five organized municipalities. Sturgis and Box Elder are both classified as first class cities, based on population. The other three communities are Faith, Piedmont, and Summerset. Add to that the residents of Butte County towns of Newell, Nisland, and Vale and you have the lions share of the district voters. Historically there has always been a strong voting presence in the rest of Meade County too.

The communities of Cedar Canyon; Dalzell; Elm Springs; Enning; Fox Ridge; Howes; Maurine; Mud Butte; Opal; Red Owl; Tilford; Union Center; Viewfield; and White Owl collectively sum up to enough of the electorate to affect the outcome of any district election. As of the 2010 United States Census, the population of Meade County, South Dakota was 25,434, and 28,332 in 2019. It encompasses 3,483 square miles, was founded in 1889. Those plus the voters in another approximately 1,800 households in Butte County make up District 29. Are you aware of such places as Bend, Boneita Springs, Cedar Canyon, Dalzell, Elm Springs, Enning, Fairpoint, Haydraw Hereford, Howes, Marcus, Maurine, Mud Butte, Opal Plainview, Ston- eville, Tilford , Union Center, Viewfield, Red Owl and White Owl? You wouldn’t be referring to Meade County without paying heed to those names. Union Center was founded in 1927 by the Farmers’ Union as one of their first enterprises in South Dakota. A post office called Bend was established in 1886, and remained in operation until 1941.

Bend was named for its location where the Elk Creek meanders. Boneita Springs was laid out in 1908, and named from the Spanish diminutive meaning “beautiful” springs. A post office called Boneita Springs was in operation from 1908 until 1944. Cedar Canyon was laid out in 1909, and named for a local valley where cedar trees are abundant. A post office called Cedar Canyon was established in 1914, and remained in operation until 1949. A post office called Dalzell was established in 1893, and remained in operation until 1953. Elm Springs was settled in 1893. The community took its name from a nearby spring where elm trees grew. Enning sits at an elevation of 3,035 feet and was named in honor of Anna Enning’s land grant for a school. The first settlement at Enning was made in 1910. A post office called Fairpoint was established in 1909, and remained in operation until 1966. The name Fairpoint was selected because it was supposed to be an uncommon name. A post office called Haydraw was established in 1910, and

remained in operation until 1954.Haydraw was named for its location within a hay-grow- ing district. A post office called Hereford was established in 1894, and remained in operation until 1985.The community was so named for the Hereford cattle breed. A post office called Mar- cus was established in 1909. Marcus Connelly, an early postmaster, gave the communi- ty his name. A post office called Maurine was established in 1926, and remained in operation until 1960.The community has the name of Maurine Price, the daughter of a pioneer mer- chant. Opal was laid out in 1907. A post office was established at Opal in 1909. Plainview was laid out in 1907, and named for the “plain view” obtained from the ele- vated town site. A post office called Plainview was estab- lished in 1908, and remained in operation until 1972. A post office called Ston- eville was established in 1903, and remained in operation until 1965. Some say the communi- ty was so named on account of

stone construction typical of the houses, while others believe the community has the name of L. N. Stone, a first settler. Tilford was platted in 1888. It was named for Colonel Joseph G. Tilford, commander of Fort Meade. A post office was estab- lished at Tilford in 1888, and remained in operation until it was discontinued in 1958. Viewfield is an unincorporated community in Meade County, South Dakota, United States. Panoramic views over the sur- rounding fields can be had from the town site, hence the name. White Owl (also Whiteowl) is an unincorporated rural village in east central Meade County, South Dakota, United States, with a population of 61 as of the 2010 census. It lies along Highway 34, 55 miles (89 km) east of the city of Sturgis, the county seat Its elevation is 2,792 feet . The village has a fashion boutique, a Baptist church, a Community Center, a graveyard, and a post office, with the ZIP code of 57792. White Owl took its name from nearby White Owl Creek; A post office called Red Owl was established in 1908. It takes its name from nearby Red Owl Creek.

How Meade Became a County

Meade County was named after a Union Civil War General at Gettysburg. Fort Meade, which lies adjacent to the City of Sturgis corporate boundaries, was home to the Fourth and Seventh Cavalries. “Voters in eastern Lawrence County voted 690 to 29 in favor of segregating from Lawrence County to become Meade County. The vote in Sturgis was 359 to 3,” according to the Sturgis Weekly Record of Sept. 1887. The landmass organized in 1877 as Lawrence County thus was divided in 1889. The eastern and largest part of the separation was named Meade in honor of the nearby cavalry post which had been established in 1877. Fort Meade was named by Army authorities for Gen. George C. Meade, a union commander at the civil war battle of

Gettysburg. Today, Meade County covers more than two million acres, but when it was created in 1889 it included only the southern area of the county. Ten years later, two counties on the north, Scobery and Delano, were incor- porated into Meade. This is the first official entry written in longhand in “Book A” on March 25, 1889. In compliance with Section 3 of an act entitled, “To create and establish the County of Meade, and for other purposes passed by the Eighteenth Legislative Assembly, the Territory of Da- kota, the commission appointed in Section 2 of said act, namely Max Hoehn, Daniel P. Flood and W.C. Burton, met at the city of Sturgis, Meade County at 2 o’clock p.m.” The temporary commissioners

were directed by the territorial government to meet before the first Monday of April to issue a notice of election. Thus, that was the first official act of Meade Commissioners. May 7, 1889, was to be time to elect 12 county officers and select the location of the county seat. Residents were to elect three commissioners, a sheriff, treas- urer, register of deeds, county attorney, judge of probate, assessor, superintendent of schools, coroner, and surveyor. Newspaper reports indicate selecting the county seat was drawing far more interest than choosing the county’s first elected officials. John Hall apparently was held in high esteem, even though he was not successful in getting Milford named the county seat. He was elected state represen- tative from Meade County in 1902, 1906, and 1908.

The amount of bonds to be posted and wages were problems for the new county officers. Bonds were set at \$500 for the register of deeds; \$1,000 each for the judge of probate and the coroner; the sheriff’s bond, \$800; the assessor’s, \$2,500; and the treasurer’s bond was by far the highest at \$30,000.

The treasurer and register of deeds salaries were set at \$2,000 per year; the county at- torney, \$600; superintendent of schools would earn \$200 a year. The commissioners elected were Sam Martin, Bland Her- ring, and Elliot Nichols. Meade County was now organized,

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from all over the area and bring all sizes of containers to be filled. Johnston added they have had to do no advertising, using the Facebook page to get the

response they did. The store will continue to sell and acquire the sanitizer until it is no longer needed . “Some of our customers have mixed aloe vera gel with the sanitizer, which makes it a little easier on the hands,” said Johnston.



**Annie Meyer** of **Grocery Mart** fills a jug with hand sanitizer from Full Throttle Distilling. Photo courtesy of Grocery Mart.

Born and raised on a ranch near Union Center, Kirk grew up ranching in Meade County. Although he has worked in many areas as a real estate appraiser, property manager, family run business in Western Land Brokers Appraisals and Sales, McFarland Auction Service, Oasis, Gunner's and Fireside bars, there was always the family cattle ranch. Many people know Kirk as the Director of Equalization and Planning for Meade County South Dakota for thirty two (32) years until his retirement in January 2019. Throughout the years Kirk has had a leadership role in Meade County encompassing areas such as agriculture, business development, growth and taxation issues, subdivision of property, road and water districts, and has participated in multiple city, county, state and federal inter-agency taskforces. He also has served as board member and property committee member of the Sturgis Area Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), secretary for the Black Hills Association of County Commissioners and Elected Officials. Kirk has and will continue to advocate for local government issues before the South Dakota Legislature. He has done so over the last 28 years as both a registered lobbyist and invited speaker on matters not only important to people in Meade County, but also Western South Dakota.

"Tom and I as strong supporters of having a local newspaper in Sturgis and Meade County have joined together to bring you this "Special Edition" of the Meade County Herald."

mandates from the next level of government. Our local counties are stressed beyond the breaking point because of drug abuse, mental illness and the state pushing responsibilities down to the county level. It is taking a toll on the counties ability to maintain roads and provide other needed local services. Simply put we need to look for other revenue streams for the counties that do not further burden law abiding citizens.

Sometimes we almost live on an island in western South Dakota, we cherish our liberties and look down on those who would try to take them away from us. In an age when many seem willing to give up liberties in exchange for security we know that they will soon have neither liberty or security. When I see the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on our personal rights, our food chain, our access to basic healthcare such as dental and vision care, it tells me that maybe we take too much for granted. We see how quickly things can change and government goes from being our friend to an overbearing shadow.

Folks, more government is not the answer, it never has been. We need to do everything we can to encourage and sustain small businesses and our farmers and ranchers. We need to continue to fight to get government out of our daily lives.

That's what I'm passionate about and that's why I'm running for re-election. These aren't new thoughts, this is what I've always believed. I think that is why you have allowed me to serve as your representative in Pierre for 7 terms now. Campaigning has taken a dif-

Well I would guess if you've read this far into this paper you might be wondering what is the Herald and why did I receive one.

The bit of history that many of you already know is that in November of 2017 Lee Enterprises, that own the RC Journal made a decision to close the Meade County Times and leave Sturgis and the county without a local newspaper.

The same shut-off had happened in Belle Fourche and in June of 2018 the “Beacon” was started there. From the onset it has been a suggested to help start a local paper in Sturgis.

In a discussion with State Representatives Tom Brunner and Kirk Chaffee about getting

information out to the voters of District 29 the idea to combine forces and create the Herald was hatched.

Herald by definition can mean “a messenger bringing news” or “a sign that something is going to happen”.

With this issue both definitions apply.

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That is why you have received your copy. We only asked a few advertisers to participate in this issue, but if you

are of the opinion you'd like to see the Herald continue on a regular weekly basis let the advertisers and the Beacon know. Contact info on page 2

The other thing you can do is show your support of candidates Tom Brunner and Kirk Chaffee for voting for them in the June 2nd primary. Absentee now, or at the polls on election day.

In these history making and tumultuous days we are living in it is important that we send proven experienced people to represent us in our legislature.

Covid-19 has created unprecedented problems and will require experienced steady hands to lead us out of these times and back into a safe, secure future.

Their scores with the Family Heritage Alliance Action have remained strong over the years:

2015  
Brunner: 94%

The Family Heritage Alliance Action did not make an endorsement in this primary race. We as candidates have permission to publicize our scores with the organization.

to the Rally, but there is also the emergency situations that could arise.

"We are truly looking at everything, the capacity of the city, emergencies, the beds available at the hospitals so they aren't stretched thin," he said.

The city also has to look at the big picture, since the visitors who come arrive from a nine-state area right around South Dakota.

“We have to keep an eye on what those states are doing when it comes to social distancing and the like. Are they peaking right now, or how are things going?” he added.

He wants to get input, because some of the concerns of residents are justifiable.

“There’s business and jobs at stake, and the council will have to weigh those considerations when making the decision. This isn’t going to be easy since

there could be a potential cost to the city that goes beyond economics,” said Ainslie. Ainslie commented that around 45 percent of the community gets some sort of benefit from the rally, and so he is listening. There are some who say they are coming no matter what. The final decision about the rally rests with the Sturgis City Council. Councilor Jason Anderson is taking a wait-and-see approach; “Right now, I’m holding off on leaning one way or the other. I’m trying to see what the State of South Dakota and the CDC have to say. So far, things are going pretty good out here. So I’m not jumping to any conclusions,” he said. Anderson understands how the Rally benefits some in the community, since local businesses and even single moms make a little money.



# Re-Elect Kirk Chaffee

## District 29

### State Representative

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# Vote 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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Ward 1 Councilor Terry Keszler is taking this decision very seriously.

“This is probably going to be the most difficult decision we’ll have to make. The timeline is very good, and I’ve already received some calls about this.

There are a number of those who don't think we should have a rally," he said. He went on to say that some have mentioned that the city can postpone the rally for 2020, but that won't stop the 100,000 to 200,000 people from coming. "The city has no control over travel or tourism. So this is going to be a tough one. But I am still interested in public safety for the citizens of Sturgis," he said.

The final decision will be made on June 15, which is a normally scheduled city council meeting.



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Feeder Cattle	
Zach & Kim Davis, Buffalo, WY. 95.. Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	576..... 170.00
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada, MT.....81.. Black-Str Pc.....	523..... 177.25
.....18.. Black-Str Pc.....	424..... 188.00
Rod & Corrine Schaffer,	
Broadus, MT.....43.. Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	559..... 163.00
.....10.. Black-Str Pc.....	483..... 168.50
969 Ranch, Broadus, MT.....89.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	674..... 134.50
.....26.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	559..... 140.00
Schelldorf Ranch Inc,	
Sundance, WY.....40.. Herf-Hfr Bv.....	606..... 154.00
.....14.. Herf-Hfr Bv.....	593..... 131.50
Leroy Curren, Aladdin, WY.....32.. Red-Hfr Bv.....	539..... 140.00
.....13.. Red-Hfr Bv.....	469..... 147.50
Brian Budmayr, Belle Fourche, SD. 67.. Black-Str Df.....	783..... 136.00
.....11.. Black-Str Df.....	618..... 151.00
Robert Budmayr, Belle Fourche, SD 78.. Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	768..... 138.00
.....14.. Black-Str Pc.....	706..... 137.50
.....18.. Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	895..... 119.25
.....55.. Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bv.....	702..... 126.50
Shane Finn, Nisland, SD.....73.. Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....	761..... 131.75
Bill Rotenberger, Ludlow, SD.....74.. Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....	672..... 128.75
.....28.. Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....	564..... 139.50
.....22.. Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	703..... 139.00
Loehding Inc, Ekalaka, MT.....83.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	626..... 138.75
.....8.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	535..... 141.50
Minnesela Cattle Co LLC,	
Belle Fourche, SD.....72.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	653..... 135.00
.....24.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	525..... 142.50
Lyman Ranch, Ten Sleep, WY.....31.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	654..... 133.50
.....11.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	764..... 120.00
Minnesela Cattle Co LLC,	
Belle Fourche, SD.....6.... Black-Str Pc.....	707..... 146.00
Alan Lloyd, Otter, MT.....70.. Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bv.....	538..... 150.50
.....12.. Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bv.....	470..... 154.50
Donald or Lisa Peterson,	
Buffalo, WY.....24.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	600..... 138.00
.....1.... Char-Str Pc.....	665..... 137.50
.....14.. Black-Str Pc.....	618..... 150.00
Steve or Therese S. Wuthier,	
Buffalo, WY.....35.. Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....	652..... 148.00
.....22.. Rd/Blk-Hfr Bv.....	590..... 138.25
Matt & Stacy Hagedorn,	
Volborg, MT.....14.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	706..... 132.50
Pat Burke, Newell, SD.....15.. Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	644..... 149.00
James O. or Rhoda Mcdonald,	
Hulett, WY.....13.. Rwf/Bwf-Str Pc.....	780..... 126.50
Consignment From, MT.....11.. Black-Hfr.....	679..... 128.00
Clabaugh Cattle Co, Gillette, WY. 14.. Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....	821..... 121.00
.....9.... Rd/Blk-Hfr Bv.....	702..... 122.50
Homer & Ginger Harrington,	
Ekalaka, MT.....9.... Black-Str.....	458..... 168.00
.....14.. Black-Hfr Bv.....	561..... 144.50
<b>WEIGH UPS</b>	
T C Outfit LP, Vale, SD.....11.. Black-Cow.....	1360..... 67.00
.....8.... Black-Cow.....	1484..... 62.50
Winterholler Ranch LLC,	
Sheridan, WY.....3.... Black-Cowette.....	1098..... 72.00
.....3.... Black-Hfrt.....	1000..... 95.00
.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1325..... 59.50
.....1.... Rwf-Cow.....	1520..... 60.00
Harmon Creek Cattle Co,	
Ekalaka, MT.....4.... Blk/Bwf-Cowette.....	1136..... 80.50
.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1010..... 65.00
Ron & Faye Hoffman,	
Thermopolis, WY.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1340..... 62.00
Rafter Diamond LLP, Buffalo, SD 1.... Black-Cow.....	1390..... 61.00
.....7.... Black-Cowette.....	1129..... 72.00
Andrew Cathey, Hammond, MT 8.... Black-Cow.....	1406..... 60.50
.....3.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1222..... 56.00

Aht Cattle Co, Clearmont, WY...2.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1370..... 59.50
Cave Hills Cattle Co, Buffalo, SD. 5.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1345..... 60.50
Mark Vroman, Buffalo, SD.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1310..... 57.50
Consignment From, SD.....2.... Black-Cow.....	1545..... 60.00
SD Consignment.....6.... Black-Hfrt.....	1004..... 94.00
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin, WY 3.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1268..... 59.00
Alan Lloyd, Otter, MT.....4.... Blk/Bwf-Hfrt.....	1001..... 90.00
Pilster Ranch Inc, Alzada, MT...1.... Black-Cow.....	1325..... 57.00
Eddie Grubl, Sturgis, SD.....1.... Red-Cow.....	1225..... 59.50
Livingston Ranch Inc,	
Sundance, WY.....1.... Black-Cowette.....	1150..... 70.00
.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1230..... 65.50
.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1435..... 61.00
.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1283..... 59.50
.....1.... Black-Hfrt.....	995..... 93.00
.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1530..... 53.00
Cobb Cattle Co, Red Owl, SD...2.... Black-Cowette.....	1103..... 83.00
Diamond Hook Ranch Inc,	
Ashland, MT.....3.... Black-Cowette.....	1132..... 75.00
Mcdonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin, WY 2.... Black-Cow.....	1465..... 60.50
Wayne or Susan Nelson,	
Buffalo, SD.....3.... Black-Cow.....	1352..... 62.00
.....2.... Black-Cow.....	1128..... 60.00
.....2.... Black-Cow.....	1200..... 54.50
Santa Maria Ranch,	
Belle Fourche, SD.....3.... Black-Cow.....	1460..... 60.50
.....2.... Bwf-Cow.....	1300..... 59.50
Robert Arpan, Alzada, MT.....4.... Bwf-Cow.....	1510..... 60.50
.....1.... Bwf-Cow.....	1230..... 53.00
.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1080..... 52.00
Clayton Sander, Custer, SD.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1115..... 65.50
.....2.... Black-Hfrt.....	938..... 96.00
Terry & Nicky Groenwold,	
Newcastle, WY.....1.... Black-Hfr.....	730..... 82.50
Lee & Linda Elliott, Newcastle, WY 1.... Black-Hfrt.....	915..... 88.00
.....3.... Rd/Blk-Cow.....	1363..... 54.00
Jack E & Linda J Terhune,	
Alzada, MT.....2.... Black-Hfrt.....	863..... 104.00
.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1315..... 56.00
.....1.... Black-Hfrt.....	945..... 91.00
Cave Hills Cattle Co, Buffalo, SD. 4.... Rd/Blk-Cow.....	1135..... 52.00
.....1.... Black-Cowette.....	930..... 78.00
Aht Cattle Co, Clearmont, WY...2.... Black-Hfrt.....	1068..... 88.00
.....4.... Black-Cow.....	1186..... 59.50
Producers Livestock,	
Sundance, WY.....1.... Red-Cow.....	1260..... 52.50
Alvin L Cordell, Camp Crook, SD. 6.... Black-Cow.....	1338..... 60.50
Gerry & Marie Miller, Buffalo, WY. 1.... Black-Hfrt.....	960..... 102.00
Robert Budmayr,	
Belle Fourche, SD.....1.... Black-Cowette.....	1020..... 85.00
Ballek Land & Livestock I,	
Clearmont, WY.....3.... Black-Cowette.....	1088..... 71.00
.....1.... Bwf-Cow.....	1205..... 55.50
Julie Hurst, Buffalo, SD.....1.... Black-Cow.....	1150..... 55.00
.....5.... Black-Cow.....	1182..... 60.00
Mills Cattle LLC, Volborg, MT.....1.... Red-Hfrt.....	895..... 100.00
.....1.... Char-Cow.....	1140..... 55.00
.....1.... Red-Cow.....	1335..... 53.50
<b>BULLS</b>	
Alan Lloyd, Otter, MT.....1.... Black-Bull.....	1815..... 82.00
Eddie Grubl, Sturgis, SD.....1.... Red-Bull.....	2035..... 91.00
Kenny Mcfarland,	
Belle Fourche, SD.....1.... Black-Bull.....	1720..... 82.00
Brian Creek Cattle Co LLC,	
Dayton, WY.....2.... Black-Bull.....	1870..... 92.50
.....3.... Black-Bull.....	1990..... 92.50
.....1.... Black-Bull.....	2200..... 91.50
Middle Prong Land & Lives,	
Arvada, WY.....3.... Black-Bull.....	1978..... 90.00
.....1.... Black-Bull.....	1465..... 83.00

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**Thursday May 7th, 2020**

**Weighups- 10:00 AM**

**Pairs w/ Hogs After Cattle Sale- 12:00 PM**

**HEIFER PAIRS**

**Cactus Cattle Co-MT**  
24 blk angus hfr pairs w/blk  
clvs at side clvs had alpha 7  
at birth, strs are banded  
**Cactus Cattle Co-MT**  
53 blk bldy hfr pairs w/blk  
clvs at side clvs had alpha 7  
at birth, strs are banded  
**Dan Bird-MT**  
30 blk hfr pairs w/blk clvs at  
side clvs are unworked  
**Vetter Ranch-SD**  
45 blk hfr pairs w/blk clvs at side hfrs  
are from Mangen & Neiman ranches

**STOCK COW PAIRS**  
**Bruce & Jean Hanson-SD**  
25 blk ST pairs w/ blk clvs at side  
**Kent & Casey Kreutz-SD**  
4 ST pairs w/clvs at side  
clvs are unworked

**Kuhbacher Ranch-WY**

13 blk ST pairs w/ blk clvs at side

**Kuhbacher Ranch-WY**

22 blk ST pairs w/ char clvs  
at side clvs are unworked

**Lazy River Ranch-SD**

8 ST herf pairs w/ f1 clvs at side

**Lazy River Ranch-SD**

40 blk mxd age pairs  
w/ blk clvs at side

**Mike & Judy Green-WY**

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w/ blk clvs at side

**Mike Opitz-SD**

10 blk 5-6 yr old pairs  
w/ blk clvs at side

**HOGS**

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**UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE**

May 7, 2020.....	PAIR, BRED COW, WEIGH UP SPECIAL & HOG SALE Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM   Pairs w/ Hogs After Cattle Sale- 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 & HORSE SALE Start Times:   Weighups- 10:00 AM   Pairs & Bred Stock w/ Loose & Open Consign. Horse Sale to Follow- 12:00 PM
May 28, 2020.....	FEEDER & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM   Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

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Thursday, May 28th.....	Annual turn-out times all breeds bull sale

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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.*

With the advent of DNA testing and many folks interested in their heritage I recalled my friend Larry digging into family trees. That led us to this poem which speaks of the frustrations of trying to trace your ancestors:

**MY ELUSIVE KINSMAN**  
Author Unknown

Alas, my elusive kinsman  
You've led me quite a chase  
I thought I'd found your courthouse  
But the Yankees burned the place.

You always kept your bags packed  
Although you had no fame,  
And just for the fun of it  
Twice you changed your name.

You never owed any man,  
Or at least I found no bills

In spite of eleven offspring  
You never left a will.

They say our name's from Europe  
Came state-side on a ship.  
Either they lost the passenger list  
Or granddad gave them the slip.

I'm the only one looking  
Another searcher I can't find  
I pray (maybe that's his father's name)  
As I go out of my mind.

They said you had a headstone  
In a shady plot  
I've been there twenty times,  
And can't even find the lot.

You never wrote a letter  
Your Bible we can't find  
It's probably in some attic  
Out of sight and out of mind.

You first married a Jackson  
And just to set the tone

The other four were Sarahs  
And everyone a Jones.

You cost me two fortunes  
One of which I did not have  
My wife, my house and Fido ~  
Gosh, how I miss that yellow lab.

But somewhere you slipped up,  
Ole Boy, somewhere you left a track  
And if I don't find you this year  
Well ~ next year I'll be back!







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<p><b>To the voters of District 29:</b> I have had the honor of working with Tom Brunner for the past 20 years on issues important to voters all across South Dakota, particularly issues affecting rural South Dakota and the electric cooperatives serving our great state. Tom's leadership as both a director of a rural electric cooperative and a state legislator has been critical in advancing and protecting the interests of</p>	<p>those he represents and so many others. His straightforward approach and unwavering commitment to the people of District 29 are exactly what you need in Pierre. Again last summer and during the 2020 session Tom stepped forward and led the charge to represent rural electric cooperative members during a summer study and subsequent legislative battle. This time he was joined by another true</p>	<p>champion of voters in District 29, Kirk Chaffee. Kirk serves as another effective and articulate voice of reason in a process that can many times go long on politics and short on sense. As voters and citizens you will be well served by sending these two leaders back to Pierre. Ed Anderson, General Manager South Dakota Rural Electric Association</p>
<p><b>District 29 Voters:</b> During my time as Secretary of State, Representative Brunner authorized and passed the legislation to create an enhanced concealed-carry permit. Rep. Brunner's work began with Dale Hammock, former Meade County Commissioner, and Dick Tieszen, former S.D. Chief Deputy Attorney General, who helped craft the advanced permitting standards as part of the requirements for the enhanced concealed-carry permit.</p>	<p>Nearly 100,000 individuals have concealed carry permits in South Dakota, where a large surge of enthusiasm and growth in permit applications is due to this enhanced permit, specifically with those traveling across state lines. The real benefit of the enhanced permit is in the reciprocity with other states. South Dakota currently enjoys permit-less carry. However, this type of concealed carry is limited to our borders. The enhanced</p>	<p>permit provides reciprocity in 37 states, including Minnesota and Nebraska - two states in which South Dakotans formerly lacked the ability to carry across state lines. The enhanced carry permit is a pragmatic approach to increasing safety, reciprocity, and personal liberty in regards to South Dakotans individual choice to conceal-carry. -Former S.D. Secretary of State, Shantel Krebs</p>
<p><b>District 29 voters</b> : "I have served for four years on the House Education Committee with Rep. Tom Brunner. He makes education policy decisions based on experience and common sense. He spends time researching bills and works toward consensus when differences in views arise. Tom is thoughtful when making decisions on whether legislation is timely or</p>	<p>needs further changes to become what is best for his constituents. His children I have met are all very accomplished in their own right and evidence the solid parenting they have enjoyed in their family. A vote for Rep. Brunner is a solid vote for conservative values." Representative Marli Wiese, Madison, SD</p>	<p><b>District 29 voters</b> : Tom Brunner is a very qualified and an effective legislator for your district. Tom has held many leadership positions while serving his district and I would encourage you to vote for him this coming election. His conservative values are needed in Pierre! Thank you, Representative Sam Marty, Prairie City, SD</p>

**To the people of District 29!!!**

I hope this finds you all healthy and in good spirits. My name is Spencer Gosch. I am currently the Speaker Pro Tempore of the South Dakota House of Representatives and have served the people of District 23 for the past four years. I wanted to take some time to share with you the value that I see in the team that you currently have representing you in Pierre, in both Tom Brunner and Kirk Chaffee.

I have had the pleasure to work with Tom Brunner for the past four years, and that time in the legislature does not even begin to touch the experience that he brings to Pierre. His 14 years of experience in serving you makes Tom a very influential legislator. Every two

years, approximately a third of the legislature is new, and time and time again, you find new legislators looking to Tom for guidance and council, I myself being amongst them. Tom is a passionate man when it comes to representing his constituents, and when he speaks, people listen.

Kirk Chaffee mirrors a lot of the qualities of Tom, while bringing a new and unique perspective to the legislature. Kirk is a principled man, as well as being the most thorough legislator in the legislature. Although Kirk is not on the appropriations committee, he tentatively attends their meetings in order to learn the ins and outs of the state's budget. Kirks has taken his first two years very seriously and has also become a legislator that many go to for advice and

questions. His common sense and calculated approach ensures that things get done right the first time.

Tom Bruner and Kirk Chaffee are exemplary legislators. They do not let politics get in the way of doing what's right, and they will fight for you with the verocity and endurance that many simply do not have. We are going through some tough times right now, and the team that you have in District 29 has been at the forefront of our state's upcoming issues. Tom and Kirk will continue to fight the fight for all of you and will help to lead South Dakota out of this together!!!

Spencer Gosch, Speaker Pro Tem, SD House of Representatives, Glenham, SD

**Dear District 29 Voters:**

Tom Brunner has been my good friend for many years, even before our service in the Legislature. He has always shown himself to be a man of principles, conviction, and commitment. As a result of those qualities he is known as a respected and reliable member of the House of Representatives. Tom is persuasive and helps to carry the votes needed on important legislation.

When you vote for Tom Brunner you know that he will listen to and respect your opinions, study the issues, support good bills, vote against government overreach, and he will effectively represent your best interests. I appointed Tom Brunner to serve as the Chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee because

**Dear District 29 Voters:**

Kirk Chaffee has done an excellent job in representing District 29. When I first met Kirk a few years ago he struck me as a perfect fit for the Legislature. He has earned a reputation as an expert in regard to valuation of property and related issues, and we in the Legislature have come to rely upon that expertise. Kirk applies the experience he has acquired through many years of service and he demonstrates that he is a man of principles. He is well respected, persuasive and other members follow his lead. Kirk Chaffee has shown himself to be a student of the facts on all issues and applies his principles to effectively represent your best interests.

I appointed Kirk Chaffee to

**To the voters of District 29:**  
I would like to take this opportunity to support Representative Tom Brunner, who is a legislative leader and mentor.

After I was elected in 2018 to serve District 35, I was luckily assigned to Representative Brunner's committee which he chairs. Agriculture and Natural Resources and was my first participation in the legislative process.

Representative Brunner could not have been more helpful and encouraging. Representative Brunner gave me advice that was uplifting and informative.

I trust him, and he has done an excellent job. He also serves on the Education Committee and provides a valuable perspective on education. He and his family have demonstrated their commitment to high achievement and for that I am very thankful.

Tom invests the hundreds of hours needed to hear from and meet with his constituents, understand the issues, draft necessary legislation and carry it to completion.

I appreciate Tom's service and I fully endorse Tom Brunner. I encourage the District 29 voters to support Tom for State Representative.

Sincerely,  
Rep. Steve Haugaard  
Speaker of the House  
Sioux Falls, SD

serve on both the Local Government Committee and the Taxation Committee because I know he adds a wealth of knowledge and experience to those committees. Kirk has a great statewide reputation and is respected for his expertise. Kirk has done an excellent job for the voters of District 29 and all of the South Dakota citizens. He has demonstrated his willingness to do everything that is required to effectively represent his constituents. I appreciate Kirk's service and I fully endorse Kirk Chaffee. I encourage the District 29 voters to support Kirk for State Representative.

Sincerely,  
Rep. Steve Haugaard  
Speaker of the House  
Sioux Falls, SD

Tom Brunner recognizes an individual's potential then promotes each to fullest. In my first session serving on the Ag committee he asked me to chair while he introduced one of his bills. Even though I was inexperienced, he reassured me I could expand my abilities without fear.

Representative Brunner shows such great respect for all legislators, freshman or seasoned, and is an incredible leader.

He reminds me of Ronald Reagan in the way he doesn't

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# Sturgis Strong

## Locals Helping Locals

Support Sturgis businesses by shopping local

To enter a chance to win over **\$5,000** in gift cards, write your name and phone number (legibly) on your receipt (\$10 or more) from any local Sturgis business. Each Monday from May 4—June 8 winners will be drawn.

The receipts must be dated May 1<sup>st</sup> or later. Receipts can be placed in drop boxes at the Sturgis Community Center outside the front entrance and outside City Hall near the Library entrance. Winners will be called as well as posted on Facebook.

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### Letter to the Editor

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care who gets the credit, only that the citizens he represents are the benefactors of good legislation that reflects the lifestyle of the ranchers, cattle producers and farmers in his district as well as the citizens of the state of South Dakota.

I urge you to re-elect Tom Brunner for Dist. 29 State House. Allow his knowledge to be representative of the citizens of South Dakota and an inspiration and mentor to other legislators. I would be honored to serve with Representative Tom Brunner again. Respectfully, Tina Mulally, Rapid City

## Next Issue Will Be May 27

This weeks production of the Herald was put out as the first of an initial two part introduction providing again a local newspaper to the area residents. The second issue will be produced and in your mailbox May 27th.

It is our hope that there will be enough interest and support for continuing a local paper that the Herald will be built into an every week source of local news.

For that to happen there has to be an individual or individuals with a strong sense of community that live in Sturgis to be involved in the paper's operation and management.

We are willing to do all that we possibly can to make a local paper a success, but believe for it to work it has to be "local" people doing so.

We don't pretend for a minute

to come down here from 30+ years in another community and be equipped to run a local newspaper.

The reason the Meade County Times is gone is because of out of town management making the decisions.

For others to move in and say "We know what you need" is folly. To be a successful local paper it has to live and be a part of the community.

We can help with production of a paper; we can help get it printed; we can help lead you through the maze that is the U. S. Postal online computer system; we can train sales, marketing, story telling and story writing, but we will never have the one key to success that we believe is necessary: "To be from and part of the community in which local news is part of your lives.

## Enhanced Carry Legislation

Reprint of a Rapid City Journal article Friday, March 13, 2015 Written by Bob Mercer journal correspondent

PIERRE: South Dakotans soon might be able to legally carry concealed pistols in more states because of work by Rep. Tom Brunner and one of his friends Dale Hammock.

The Legislature approved a measure brought by Brunner, R-Nisland, creating an enhanced concealed carry permit.

He said the additional requirements should make it

acceptable for a South Dakotan to concealed-carry a pistol in Nebraska, Minnesota, Colorado, and possibly other states.

South Dakota's standard concealed-carry permit applies within South Dakota's borders but frequently doesn't meet standards in other states.

People seeking the enhanced permit would need to participate in an approved handgun course, provide fingerprints to the county sheriff for a background check and pay \$100.

The permit would be valid

## A Word From Kirk Chaffee

Representative Kirk Chaffee, wife Michelle, and Grandchildren: Mason 16, Dawson 8, Kaiden 13, Brooklyn 10, Irelynn 4, not pictured Oakly 1

## Co-op Leader Elected to State Legislature

This story reprinted from Cooperative Connections.

As legislators head back to Pierre Jan. 8 for the start of the 94th South Dakota Legislative Session (2019), among the body will be a long-time electric cooperative director.

Rep. Tom Brunner, a farmer from Nisland, S.D., returns to the South Dakota House of Representatives after being re-elected to serve District 29, which encompasses portions of Butte, Meade and Pennington counties in western South Dakota. Brunner is entering his

third term, having won elections in 2014 and 2016. The Republican had previously served in the House from 2005-2012, including a stint as a Majority Whip in 2007-08.

"I serve because I think it's my way of giving back to the community. I represent a lot of people who can't take the time or feel intimidated by speaking out in public. I hope I always bring an opinion that would make my constituents proud to have me represent them," said Brunner.

Brunner's service to com-

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If you wish to be a part of the Herald let this be your call to action in two ways: 1. If you have anyone or anything you would like included in the May 27th issue please let us know and send. 2. If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing involvement in continuing a Meade County/Sturgis local newspaper now is the time. It doesn't cost anything to ask about or discuss.

Last but by no means least: Happy Mothers Day! Because you know as sure as you were born that none of this would ever have been possible if it wasn't for your Mother. Thank her if you are able!

for five years and have a \$50 renewal fee.

Brunner said the idea came out of talks with Hammock, a former law enforcement officer and a past member of the Meade County Commission.

"We chose to be positive and build on what we've got. I think it's going to explode (in use) once people understand what we've got," Brunner said.

Now in his ninth year as a state representative Brunner was waiting for word Thursday whether Gov. Dennis Daugaard would sign it into law.

What made HB 1215's

Early on when I was running for my first term in the House, the very first question asked is, "Why are you running?"

Simple answer: I have the desire to make positive changes while serving the people. I also have the background and practical experience to do just that. It is easy to say you want to help and make things better but it's quite different to actually do it.

I have always been involved in community projects from: making sandboxes for area youth, raising money for Toys 4 Tots or food banks as a member of a civic origination, to various boards and committees for



Working together is nothing new for Brunner and Chaffee, shown with Governor Mike Rounds at signing ceremony in the Governor's office of a bill sponsored by Brunner on behalf of County Assessors to have District Zoning to protect Ellsworth Air Force Base. Courtesy photo 2006

journey different so far has been that, unlike many pieces of legislation dealing with guns, it hasn't attracted a "nay" vote during its travel through two committee hearings, the House of Representatives and the Senate.

South Dakota's organizations for county sheriffs and police chiefs supported the bill, as did the state Highway Patrol, state Attorney General Marty Jackley and the state Division of Criminal Investigation.

Dick Tieszen, a Pierre lawyer

Sturgis or Meade County, and serving as your Representative.

I have always done something. I believe in order to illicit real change, you need to stand up, speak up, and act up. By act up I mean by action, and I have consistently done just that for the past 35+ years and I am still doing it today.

In my tenure working for the Meade County Commissioners doing a wide range of leadership or spokesperson roles, I was often placed in difficult or impossible situations. In a very tongue in cheek approach, I described it by saying, "I do odd jobs for strange people", it was

who lobbies on behalf of the sheriffs and once served as South Dakota's chief deputy attorney general, assisted Brunner on technical points.

Every change was checked beforehand with the attorney general or his staff, according to Brunner.

The bill stands as the only expansion of fire arms rights approved during the 2015 legislative session.

"It was a lot of work getting everybody on board," Brunner said.

a humorous way to described that I worked for 5 elected commissioners carrying out their goals and objectives.

This experience may be great for developing thick skin in a no-win scenario but, ...lets just say, I sooo much enjoy working directly for the people and having the opportunity to create win-win scenarios by changing or improving some of the laws that seemed work against us all.

I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve and humbly ask for your vote and support to continue to serve as a State Representative from District 29. Thank you.



Representative Tom Brunner seated at his desk at the Capitol in Pierre. Courtesy Photo



**School Board** From Page1  
that need to be done, that aren’t finished and I would like to see them through. My past experience with the board for the last 6 years is good and it’s a rewarding position,” he said. He feels challenges facing the district include getting classroom size down to a manageable level and need to keep that under control.

**Bob Burns** lives at 12017 Sturgis Road in Black Hawk and is 70 years old. His family includes spouse Mary LaHood, sons Kevin LaHood-Burns, Ryan LaHood-Burns, Delainey LaHood-Burns and Murray LaHood-Burns. He attended grade school at Piedmont Elementary, graduated high school in 1967 from Cathedral High in Rapid City, after the Piedmont High School closed. He then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from Rutgers University. He is Owner of Earthorizons Inc - a construction company. I previously served on the school board for ten years. When I originally ran I felt that as a lifelong resident of Meade County and a father of four children having attended three different schools in Meade 46-1, it was time to give back to the area that has given so much to my family. My service on the board has given me the experience and knowledge to, not only understand the complexities of our school district and its budgetary needs, but to effectively move us forward to meet the many challenges ahead of us. My almost half century of experience in construction has been valuable during the construction of three new schools during my tenure on the board.

**Terry Koontz** lives at 1609 Junction Sturgis, SD 57785. Her family includes husband Hardy Koontz, sons Ryan, Christopher, Nicholas and daughter Janie (Koontz) Ewing. She received her BS in Business from Black Hills State and is the owner of Fabric Junction in Sturgis. “The people of the Meade school district should vote for me because of my past experiences of having served on the school board before. My knowledge gained from that time will be helpful in dealing with the current issues. I am running for the school board because I believe the Meade 46-1 is basically a good school district and I would like to help it become even better. I also believe in being a good steward of the taxpayer’s dollars.”

**Sara Nelson** resides in Pleasant Valley with her husband Jim. She has been the Human Resource Director/ Office Manager at Interim Healthcare since 2015 and prior to this position, was a first-grade teacher at Piedmont Valley Elementary from 2004-2015. She and her husband are graduates of Sturgis Brown High School, as well as their two adult children, Kelli and Blane. “It is my goal to use my experience and knowledge as a professional educator to serve on the school board as a voice for not only the district’s educators and paraprofessionals, but also for parents and community members. Some concerns I have include class sizes, providing adequate resources and valuable student programs, and attracting and retaining highly qualified educators. My hope is that we can all work together to ensure that our students have the best educational opportunities that

lead them to become productive members of society and ultimately contribute back to the community.”

**Curtis Johnson** lives in Piedmont and has been married to wife Pamela for 52 years . His children include Richard, Michael, Laurel Phinney, He went to school at Rapid City High School graduating in 1964 and has a degree in business administration from Black Hills State University. He owns an irrigation and landscape business. “I come from an agricultural background. I have experience as a school board member. I believe in a positive school and community relationship where the parents and the public have a spirit of partnership and ownership, a sense of community pride and participation, a sense of involvement. One of our greatest responsibilities is the budget for the district. We need to balance what we can afford with what we know are the real needs. Growth and costs are real issues and funding is a critical issue. We need to compensate the members of our staff to the extent possible with funding challenges we face. We cannot continue to reduce programs and activities without affecting students. These are tough choices we have to consider to make the best use of your tax dollars. I will attempt to represent your interests as well as I can.”

**Cody King** has lived in Sturgis for twenty years and is the superintendent for the Parks Department for the city of Sturgis. He is married to Julie and has two daughters, Faith and Elle. “I just finished working with the schools for 17 years including administration, so I’ve seen both sides of the issue, so to speak. We need to keep more teachers and work with the money we have. It’s tough when the state controls the money, so we need to use it wisely. We also need common sense spending and help as many kids as possible,” he said.

**Holly Good** lives at 4415 Peaceful Pines Road near Rapid City. She’s 51 and is married to Darrin and they have a daughter, Gracie a freshman at BHSU majoring in special education, and a son, Harrison, a freshman at Sturgis Brown High School. She went to Meade 46-1 schools from kindergarten to Brown High School. She attended Black Hills State University where she majored inn Spanish, and a dual major for elementary and special education and also a MA in curriculum and Instruction with reading endorsement. She is in her 26th year teaching special education at the Douglas School District. “My first love is children, teaching them has been my joy and passion for most of my life. I believe I have a good rapport with both students and parents and have the team mentality with my co-workers and I am an open-minded individual and like to hear both sides to a story. Teaching has given me patience and the ability to put myself in someone else’s shoes. I am an advocate for kids and teachers both. I have a firm knowledge base of how a school district operates . What I am interested in though, are the policies and work that help me do my job. I feel, if elected, I will bring the perspective of a seasoned educator to the board,”

**Brian Voight** lives in Sturgis. He is married to his wife Tami who is a teacher at Sturgis Williams Middle School.

They have three children. Daniel attends SWMS while Oliver and Norah attend Sturgis Elementary. He works full-time for the South Dakota National Guard in Sturgis. “I am passionate about making sure all children have a school board that is working for them. I care about the district’s financial path and ardently want to support its continued but fiscally responsible growth. It is important to me that all stakeholders (students, teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, community members) know why decisions are being made in the district, and I want to help be a part of the solution. I will do the research and have the conversations to understand all aspects of a topic and be willing to respectfully engage in any discussion.”

**Darrel Vig** lives in rural Meade County where he ranches with his wife Tammy. They have two grown children. He serves on his church board and is a fire-fighter. “I’m running for the Meade 46-1 school board because I care about the relationship between student/ teacher and administration. I would like to be able to make a positive impact. People should vote for me because I’m passionate and dedicated to purpose.”

**R.J.Ludwick** lives at 20889 Pleasant Valley Drive. He is 40 years old and is married to Tanya. They have three children, Reese, Rylin and Jayden. He operates No Name City Luxury Cabins and RV. The school board is in need of a local person that is involved in the community and is willing to do what’s best for the students of this county. I feel the current school board is working on many different things to improve. Lately they have had new things there are dealing with and have been doing a very good job.”

**Jon Swan** is a Retired Career and Technology Education (CTE) teacher from Sturgis Brown High School. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Black Hills State University (Magna Cum Laude). Graduate work through Colorado State University and University of Sioux Falls. “I am running for Meade School Board because I have watched the district change directions over the last several years. I’m not sure that all of the decisions have been best for the students and staff.” “A quality education for the students within the district is paramount. To provide that quality education we need to provide the staff with the appropriate tools and funding to achieve our goal. I believe in providing students with as many options as possible.” “I also feel the district needs more transparency when it comes to funding.” “We must continue to provide the best we can for students with special needs, the arts, and the sports programs. A balanced approach needs to be taken when dealing with both rural and urban education needs and agricultural programs should always be part of the Meade 46-1 curriculum.” “I have a no-nonsense attitude when it comes to the education of our students and I’m very aware of how things work within the district.”

**Sheila Trask** ranches with her husband Tom south of Elm Springs near Wasta. She has three adult children, Mark, Mick and Tomlynn. “I’ve been a teacher, having an education degree. I volunteer and want to be involved in our student’s futures and want to be part of the decision-making process,” she said. She admits some tough decisions will have to be made, but having superior teachers and support staff helps . She also feels classroom size is too large and teachers and students both need assistance. She also feels technology will play a part in the future of education as well.

Twelve choices. All well intending candidates. Who is best for Meade School District 46-1 is up to the voters to decide.

Meade County	
From Page 2	to boundary lines.
officers elected, but there was no courthouse.	Tax levies and petitions to lower taxes were unbelievably numerous. In 1889, commissioners were still receiving requests for property tax reductions levied ten years earlier.
Early day pioneers had a much harder existence. Max Hoehn, who had been appointed a temporary commissioner to organize the county, did not want the position then. Instead he ran for the clerk of courts office. During the following decade he would serve as the county’s auditor and commissioner.	In the minutes of the Lawrence-Meade county joint session of July 1889, Meade County debt was listed at \$156,851.12, and the 1889 assessed property valuation as \$3,391,950.
D.P. Flood, another appointed temporary commissioner, sought the treasurer’s position on Nov. 4, 1890, and served one term.	Expenses were carefully listed. A cord of wood for heating sold for between \$2.87 and \$3. The wolf bounty was \$3 per scalp.
Sturgis officials cooperated fully in organizing county affairs. The first commission meeting was held at city hall. The county leased the upper floor of the city hall for \$1 per year. Later it rented another room in a building at Main and Second Streets.	Financial times also must have changed. On April 12, 1892, a resolution was passed discontinuing the wolf bounty. The reason: “Owing to the financial condition of the county, and it appearing to the board there was no money in the General Fund to pay the same, and that Legislature not providing any means by which a tax could be levied to pay the bounty on wolf scalps.”
Meade County’s birth certainly was not without pain. The commission had many problems. There were liquor licenses to investigate, equipment to be purchased. There was a rash of petitions from all over the county “praying” that this or that bridge or road be built or repaired. There were an almost equal number of petitions “praying” that certain roads be moved or closed.	Today’s commission still deals with liquor, road, and tax issues like its predecessors did 113 years ago, but wolves are gone. Instead, agendas cover international pipe lines, unfunded state and federal mandates, energy, and planning and zoning issues.
As the county became fenced, roads which had indiscriminately followed the topographic lines of least resistance became nuisances and land owners petitioned that roads be moved	Information for this article was gathered in part from the Sturgis Tribune, Aug. 3, 1966, Courthouse Open House Edition, and the Sturgis Tribune/ Black Hills Press Centennial Edition, Oct. 25, 1978.

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- Protecting our seniors by strengthening & securing Social Security and Medicare
- Fighting AGAINST socialism
- I’m not like most politicians.
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- Together with my family, and devoted employees I took over a small business and grew it into a profitable company. Kyle Grocery provides food for the community, first jobs, second chances, and a place to gather.
- We need to FINISH the wall. Period.
- I understand what will secure our future is comprehensive immigration reform.
- Violent crime, drug usage, and human trafficking are running rampant on the reservations, and across South Dakota. As President Trump states, much of this origin can be directly attributed to the Mexican Drug Cartels that spill in from open borders.
- Liz will proudly stand with President Trump against the radical left to ensure America’s sovereignty is protected.
- The status quo isn’t working. It’s time the people drain Washington, D.C. of the bureaucracy and career politicians who seem to be increasingly part of the problem, rather than the solution. It’s time we replace weak politicians with strong conservative leaders who truly represent every-day-working South Dakotans.

I’ve made my home on the family ranch on Pine Ridge Reservation. I see first hand how socialism, funded by the federal government, is destroying community, culture, and providing no future for the youth.

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Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY..... 8..... Bld Hfr..... 1056..... \$1,525.00  
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY..... 10..... Bld Broken..... 1381..... \$1,350.00  
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY..... 13..... Bld 4-5..... 1291..... \$1,600.00

### Pairs - Sold By The Pair

Geis, Jack, Greybull WY..... 39..... Bld Heifer..... 1190..... \$2,000.00  
Geis, Jack, Greybull WY..... 10..... Bld Heifer..... 1123..... \$1,825.00  
Geis, Jack, Greybull WY..... 20..... Bld Solid..... 1371..... \$1,350.00  
Bailek Land & Livestock, Clearmont WY..... 14..... Bld Mixed Age..... 1355..... \$1,375.00  
Oliver Family, Newell SD..... 6..... Bld Heifer..... 1189..... \$1,775.00  
Oliver Family, Newell SD..... 2..... Bld 3 Years..... 1210..... \$1,875.00  
Wulf, Justin, Owanka SD..... 12..... Bld Broken..... 1494..... \$1,375.00  
Wulf, Justin, Owanka SD..... 5..... Bld 4-5..... 1480..... \$1,600.00

### Feeder Cattle

Centennial Ranch, Culbertson MT..... 80..... Bld Str..... 628..... \$137.50  
Centennial Ranch, Culbertson MT..... 79..... Bld Str..... 723..... \$131.75  
Centennial Ranch, Culbertson MT..... 77..... Mix Hfr..... 706..... \$116.50  
Centennial Ranch, Culbertson MT..... 41..... Mix Hfr..... 625..... \$120.00  
Clarys, Richard, Olive MT..... 19..... Bld Str..... 533..... \$160.00  
Clarys, Richard, Olive MT..... 42..... Bld Hfr..... 579..... \$143.00  
Floyd, Ron, Ludlow SD..... 16..... B/R Hfr..... 462..... \$137.50  
Ivn Ranch, Newcastle WY..... 55..... Bld Str..... 545..... \$160.00  
Kieffer, Mark, Rapid City SD..... 20..... Bld Hfr..... 698..... \$133.00  
Kieffer, Mark, Rapid City SD..... 17..... Bld Hfr..... 582..... \$137.00  
Policky Ranch, Upton WY..... 10..... Bld Str..... 452..... \$158.00  
Policky Ranch, Upton WY..... 5..... B/R Str..... 547..... \$163.00  
Ross, Roderic A, Wyarno WY..... 3..... Bld Hfr..... 936..... \$99.00

### Weigh Up Cows

969 Ranch, Broadus MT..... 12..... Bld Hfr..... 930..... \$101.00  
Ayer, John D Or Margaret J, Beulah WY..... 2..... Bld Cow..... 1375..... \$61.00  
Barry Ranch Inc, New Underwood SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1250..... \$58.50  
Barry Ranch Inc, New Underwood SD..... 2..... Bld Cow..... 1067..... \$80.50  
Barry Ranch Inc, New Underwood SD..... 2..... B/R Cow..... 1437..... \$58.50  
Brown, Kyle Or Shannon, Sturgis SD..... 9..... Bld Cow..... 1366..... \$60.00  
Brown, Kyle Or Shannon, Sturgis SD..... 8..... Bld Cow..... 1479..... \$60.50  
Bulkiye, Randy K & Gail K, Gillette WY..... 3..... Bld Cow..... 1328..... \$59.50  
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1275..... \$58.00  
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT..... 2..... Bld Cow..... 987..... \$79.50  
Clarys, Richard, Olive MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1195..... \$74.50  
Collins Ranch LLC, Biddle MT..... 3..... Bld Hfr..... 970..... \$93.00  
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY..... 3..... Red Hfr..... 941..... \$84.00  
Deveraux, Craig Or Jolene, Newcastle WY..... 2..... Bld Hfr..... 892..... \$98.00  
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY..... 11..... Bld Hfr..... 1013..... \$87.50  
Ennen, Darrell L, Rapid City SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1565..... \$58.50  
Floyd, Ron, Ludlow SD..... 3..... Bld Cow..... 1298..... \$58.00  
Floyd, Ron, Ludlow SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1500..... \$61.50  
Gaskill Jr, Andrew, Volborg MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1010..... \$73.00  
Gaskill Jr, Andrew, Volborg MT..... 5..... Bld Hfr..... 869..... \$103.50  
Gaskill, Garrett, Volborg MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1210..... \$60.00  
Grosch Or Dean Mahaffy, Rich, Whitewood SD..... 1..... Hols Cow..... 1405..... \$44.00  
Ickes, Stark, Big Horn MT..... 6..... Bld Hfr..... 1189..... \$101.00  
Ingalls, Dan, Piedmont SD..... 3..... Bld Cowette..... 1086..... \$71.00  
J & J Smeenk Ranch LLC, Newell SD..... 3..... Bld Hfr..... 815..... \$89.00  
Koan, Kara, Buffalo SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1540..... \$59.00  
Kretschman, Kelby, Arvada WY..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1365..... \$60.00  
Kretschman, Kelby, Arvada WY..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1115..... \$62.00  
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cowette..... 1010..... \$80.50  
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1185..... \$62.00  
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD..... 1..... Bld Cowette..... 1155..... \$69.00  
McFarland, Chris, Rapid City SD..... 3..... Bld Cow..... 1358..... \$61.50  
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1285..... \$58.00  
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD..... 3..... Bld Cow..... 1163..... \$64.00  
Moe Farm & Ranch, Spearfish SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1235..... \$59.00  
Moore, Michael T, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Cowette..... 1145..... \$76.50  
Moore, Michael T, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Hfr..... 1050..... \$79.00  
Moore, Michael T, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Cowette..... 950..... \$96.00  
Moore, Timothy M, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Hfr..... 950..... \$86.00  
Oliver Family, Newell SD..... 2..... Bld Cow..... 1365..... \$62.00  
Patten, Ward, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1290..... \$58.00  
Patten, Ward, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1145..... \$60.00  
Patten, Ward, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1095..... \$60.00  
Peegee Ranch, Arvada WY..... 4..... Bld Cow..... 1290..... \$60.50  
Rittberger Beef Inc, Hermosa SD..... 4..... Bld Cow..... 1290..... \$60.50  
Rittberger Beef Inc, Hermosa SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1275..... \$60.00  
Rittberger Beef Inc, Hermosa SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1020..... \$70.00  
Routier, Riley, Buffalo SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1145..... \$58.00

Routier, Riley, Buffalo SD..... 11..... Bld Hfr..... 997..... \$96.00  
Routier, Riley, Buffalo SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1440..... \$60.50  
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1315..... \$59.00  
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT..... 4..... Bld Cow..... 990..... \$72.00  
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 870..... \$83.00  
Sheridan, Katy Rose, Faith SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1090..... \$68.00  
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD..... 3..... Bld Cow..... 1241..... \$56.50  
Sprague, Lyle, Nisland SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1300..... \$56.00  
Tope, Milton, Nisland SD..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1330..... \$64.00  
Worman, Pat, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Cow..... 1005..... \$73.00

### Weigh Up Bulls

Alexander, Darren, Newell SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 2005..... \$87.50  
Askins, Kirk, Broadus MT..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 2025..... \$88.50  
Bauer, Bradley, Union Center SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1740..... \$100.00  
Bauer, Bradley, Union Center SD..... 1..... Herf Bull..... 2170..... \$88.00  
Foos, Bryce, Nisland SD..... 2..... Bld Bull..... 970..... \$86.00  
Grant, Michael R, Whitewood SD..... 1..... Herf Bull..... 2305..... \$96.00  
Jones Ranch Partnership, Rapid City SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1905..... \$84.00  
Jones Ranch Partnership, Rapid City SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1650..... \$82.50  
Kissack, Joe & Amity, Rozet WY..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1760..... \$85.50  
Nicholas, Charles Or Salli, Spearfish SD..... 1..... Herf Bull..... 1210..... \$80.00  
Ritter, Elizabeth, Broadus MT..... 1..... Char Bull..... 2155..... \$90.00  
Slattery Trust, Michael J, Rozet WY..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1990..... \$103.00  
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1845..... \$100.50  
Tanver Heart X Ranch, Gillette WY..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1685..... \$96.50  
Vandervoort, Reed, Piedmont SD..... 1..... Bld Bull..... 1700..... \$86.00

## Friday - May 8, 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

### Calves

MT Consignment - 150 Bld Strs & Hfrs - 575-675# Bt Pc  
Semlek Ranch - 90 Bld Hfrs - 575-625# Bt Pc Bv  
Verwolf Ranch - 80 Bld Hfrs - 700-750# - Bt, Pc, Poured, Bv, Fancy  
Replacement Kind  
SD Consignment - 75 Bld Hfrs - 600-700# Bt Pc  
Pee Gee Ranch - 68 Bld & Red Strs - 750-900# Bt Pc Age & Source Nhtc  
John Smith - 50 Bld Mostly Strs - 600-700#  
Ed Lockwood - 50 Bld Hfrs - 750-800# - Bv, Home Raised,  
Replacement Kind

Plus More By Sale Time!

## 2020 CATTLE SALES

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

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

May 29th - Bred Cow & 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

Doug Dietterle - 605-788-2963

Cody Tupper - 605-569-3589

St Onge Livestock Office - 605-642-2200

## 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.

## 2020 SPRING BULL SALE LIST

May 22nd - Turn-Out Bull Sale

## NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

1-800-409-4149 • 605-456-2348

FAX: 605-456-2436

Barney Barnes Sheep Yards Mgr. - 605-641-2333  
Auctioneer: Tanner Hewitt 605-490-7952  
Fieldman: Gilbert Wood 605-456-2400 605-641-7100  
Fieldman: Dustin Vining 605-354-9966  
Auctioneer: Cody Tupper 605-569-3589

## Sheep Report - April 30, 2020

Mostly Slaughter Ewes In The Offering Today

Fat Ewes Sold \$8 Higher

Medium & Thin Ewes Sold Steady

Next Sale - May 7th - Bred Ewe Special

Thank You For Your Business!

### Slaughter Ewes

969 Ranch, Broadus MT..... 7..... Klr Ewe..... 172..... \$59.00  
969 Ranch, Broadus MT..... 2..... Klr Ewe..... 157..... \$47.00  
Sd Consignment..... 44..... Klr Ewe..... 195..... \$60.00  
Damm Brothers Inc, Broadus MT..... 5..... Klr Ewe..... 171..... \$55.00  
Damm Brothers Inc, Broadus MT..... 6..... Klr Ewe..... 135..... \$32.00  
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD..... 57..... Klr Ewe..... 175..... \$59.00  
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD..... 21..... Klr Ewe..... 156..... \$47.00  
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD..... 25..... Klr Ewe..... 136..... \$33.00  
Moeuen, Levi, Broadus MT..... 11..... Klr Ewe..... 160..... \$59.00  
Moeuen, Levi, Broadus MT..... 7..... Klr Ewe..... 142..... \$47.00  
Moeuen, Levi, Broadus MT..... 17..... Klr Ewe..... 127..... \$33.00

## NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

May 7, 2020

1:00 PM

### Bred Ewe Special

SD - 300 2 to 4 Yr Old Ewes -Lambs 5/20, Shorn

Plus More By Sale Time!

## Upcoming Sheep Sale 2020

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.

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.

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Video Auction Time is Coming up very, quickly -

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Contact Us For Your Video Marketing Needs

## Don't Let Sturgis Become a Costly Information Desert!

In a company training session that I had the opportunity to participate in recently, the following question was asked, what happens when a community loses their local newspaper? That was followed with a secondary question being asked, how would that community then get their news? As can be expected, the answers varied from things such as social media, word of mouth, friends, neighbors, to answers such as other regional outlets and so forth. All of which are correct in one way or another, but in any event, it was agreed that the community would suffer from accurate, timely and first-hand information.

Yes, they would somehow get the latest business closings, violent crimes committed along with mostly not so pleasant news and information from social media, radio, friends, neighbors etc. And yes, they would get a bit of regional coverage for any high profile crimes and business closings. They might even get lucky (unlucky) and have a major news outlet like the NY Times or Washington Post swoop into town to do a feature story on another dying rural American town.



John Newby

But who is consistently going to tell the community's feel good stories and convey all the great things happening locally to the outside world? Carrying this one step further, when potential new businesses looking to relocate to your community or that of a competing community, they will first Google's all the prospective communities or locations. What will they then find when they Google your town? They will see those business closings, crime stories, obituaries, etc. What they won't find is your local newspaper.

What impressions will they have of your community and what decisions do you think they will make? While I wish this was simply a "what if" situation, unfortunately, nearly two thousand communities across the country are experiencing this exact scenario today.

Looking at Sturgis, a newspaper can act as the eyes into the soul of your community. That local newspaper is Sturgis ambassador to the outside world. If the local newspaper can't convey the positive Sturgis message to the outside world, who then will be able to convey that message in a consistent and

accurate fashion? Newspapers use to be the community's proverbial communication town square. In today's world of media fragmentation of potential information sources, capturing that role once again is more critical than ever. Sturgis and the surrounding communities need every bit of help they can muster, having a local media presence is critical to the overall success and vitality of the community.

A recent Notre Dame study indicated that a community that loses their newspaper could expect the cost of local government to increase by 30% within five years. That doesn't mean that government is bad, it is necessary, but without oversight, they tend to spend more than they otherwise might. Regardless of the political leanings of the local newspaper, that simple act of oversight saves a community hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars.

Another recent poll showed that most local residents believe their local newspaper is doing fine financially. On the new world of Covid-19, that is no longer the case. In fact, it is safe to say that most are facing challenging and potentially crippling economic headwinds. It is no surprise that communities such as Sturgis face these same economic challenges. The media company and the community must work together to find the synergies that can be created to mold a foundation from which to build. For both to succeed, they need each other

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When a community such as Sturgis loses its newspaper, a part of that community dies. In addition to less civil engagement, it loses some of its identity. A quote by Portland State's Lee Shaker was recently shared with me. He said in a Nieman Lab report, "If a community loses its newspaper, it stops being its own place. It becomes a satellite of something else, rather than having

its own core identity." A community without a newspaper becomes a rudderless ship adrift in the treacherous economic currents of life.

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