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City Offices, Facilities to Open June 1st

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BELLE FOURCHE---After weeks of studying protocols, regulations and requirements, Belle Fourche Mayor Gloria Landphere would like to announce that City Hall and other City facilities will open to the public on June 1. This effort involved the entire city staff.

“We started this at least a month and a half ago. We started with the Rec Center because it had multiple tasks that needed to be completed. We utilized the rules the President put out and the Governor’s executive orders, the Department of Health and the CDC,” said Landphere. Facilities opening will be the City Services center, the Visitor’s Center and Tri-State Museum, the Library, the Liquor Store, the Police Department, Engineering and the Finance Office. The Community Center will open May 26. (See related story).

The last order received from Governor Noem was that local governments should use their

CITY RE-OPENS A5

50,000 Meals and Continuing On!



Meal Milestone - On Friday, May 22nd, the BF School Lunch program gave the 50,000th free meal to a child at the Belle Fourche school lunchroom. The winning lunch bag included extra goodies and a lot of celebration. **Addilyn Vansickle** with her sisters **Madisyn** and **Kamryn** and food service secretary **Brenda Whetham** beam with celebratory smiles. The new summer distribution schedule will begin Wednesday, May 27th and meals will be distributed through June 30th. Distribution times will be from 9:00am-11:00am to try to beat the Summer heat. - *Courtesy Photo*

BFSD Names Teacher and Employee of the Year

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Belle Fourche School District honored its teacher of the year and employee of the year last Thursday afternoon in the district’s administration office. Normally the presentation is made on stage at an all-school assembly at the Rec Center but due to Wuhan virus concerns the presentations were held with close friends and family.

Sixth-grade social studies teacher Jordan Esmay was selected by the Community Council Selection Committee as the recipient of the district’s Teacher of the Year award. Employee of the Year honors for the district went to 7th-grade Special Education Instructor Andie Garza-Hunsley.

“To receive this award is pretty exciting, especially when I see the others who were in the running,” Esmay told the Beacon. “Those are really great teachers that I’ve known and interacted with and seen teach, and I’ve shared students with. To be in that group and to receive this award is amazing to me, since we have so many good teachers here.”

Esmay has taught in Belle Fourche for 9 years. He grew up in Murdo, SD, where, as fate would have it, Dr. Steve Willard was his little league baseball coach. Willard taught in Murdo for 19 years before coming to Belle Fourche in July of 2000 where he is now superintendent of schools. Esmay’s mother was also a teacher in Murdo (Jones County School District) where she is now superintendent of schools.

“My mom was a big reason



Teacher of the Year honors were given to 6th grade Social Studies teacher Jordan Esmay. Shown above are Lena Esmay (6), Julie Esmay, Jordan, Mia Esmay (3) and School Board President Tammy Clem. - *Beacon Photo*

why I moved toward a career in teaching,” Esmay said. “But the reason I stayed with it is the kids. I love being able to reach them where they’re at, to work with different interest levels and abilities.”

Esmay says he tries to be a problem solver, a skill which proves especially valuable to teachers these days. “It’s sometimes a challenge to reach every student, and I enjoy coming up with creative solutions to reach all of them if I can.”

Current Esmay is going back to his alma mater, USD, taking online classes for a graduate degree in school administration. One day he might like follow in his mother’s footsteps. “She’s still a big factor in pushing me to not be stagnant, and not get into a routine,” Esmay said. “She’s a role model that pushes me to do better.”

Jordan and his wife Julie have two daughters, Lena, 6 and Mia, 3.

Garza-Hunsley has been with the school district for 5 years. She spent the last year as a 7th grade special education teacher.

“I was surprised my family held this as a secret as long as they did,” Garza-Hunsley said as the award was presented to her as a surprise when she walked into the room. “This is just amazing. I’m very shocked. I have just enjoyed working for the district.”

Garza-Hunsley said she was inspired to go into special education while working with her daughter who has dyslexia. “Just being able to help her and seeing her progress kind of told me maybe I should be out there helping others too,”

Her father Pete Miller was

TEACHERS A5

County Approves Spending \$660,000 to Repair Bridges

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BELLE FOURCHE – The county commission in their meeting on Tuesday, May 19, approved a \$660,000 expenditure for engineering on different bridges including a bridge on Whitewood Valley Road over the Belle Fourche River, the bridges east of Newell on Highway 212 13.5 miles and 20.2 miles east, and two bridges on Old Highway 85, one 15.5 N and 2.5 E and another 32.8 N & 4.2 E. This engineering satisfies the contractual requirements for several BIG grant work orders.

The Whitewood Valley Road bridge requires resurfacing

and minor small repairs, the first bridge on Old 212 would require a triple barrel 12x8 box culvert, the second a 2 barrel 10x10 box culvert, and the bridges on Old 85 would take a triple barrel, 12 x 7 box culvert and a three-span, 132-foot-long continuous concrete bridge.

“It would be 81.95 percent federal funded,” said Jason Hanson, representing the county’s engineering firm, Brosz Engineering. “The local match would be 18.05 percent. The cost could be higher, but the percentage won’t change. It’s different than BIG, but is based on a 70-point scale, where BIG grants are based on 100-point

COMMISSION A5

Parade of Students Closes out School Year



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BELLE FOURCHE - It was anything but a typical parade. But then again, it’s been anything but a typical school year.

Teachers and staff lined the schoolyards with colorful signs and Bronc-themed decorations as they watched their students parade by in vehicles to wave good bye and receive a goodie bag as a gift. Teachers also collected the final distance-learning homework packets as the parents drove them past South Park and North Park elementary schools.

“This is our end of the year, summer kick-off parade as best we can do it, given the situation we are in,” said Elementary Principal Julie Hatling referring to the COVID closure. “This was to be the week of the year that our teachers and students would have been out having field trips and end of the year beach parties here at school.”

The parade took place under warm blue skies last Thursday afternoon. In a normal school year the students would be piling out of the classrooms ready to launch into their summer vacations about now. But most haven’t set foot on campus or seen their teachers in two months.

“I could see how much our teachers were missing seeing their students. So I asked them if they wanted to do something to celebrate the end of the school year and they came up with this idea on their own.

“They’re gathering up student materials and passing out some goodies... and doing a lot of waving,” Hatling said as the Belle Fourche Bronc mascot waved at passing students with beach music playing and horns honking in the background.

In the goodie bags were fresh fruits and vegetables, vegetable seeds, tootsie rolls and a letter from the principal.

Also included in each bag was a single gift certificate donated by one of several local businesses. In all, Hatling says, a total of 560 gift certificates were donated by Hardees, Subway, Taco-Johns, Mason’s 5th Ave., Common Cents and Dairy Queen.



Employee of the Year honors were given to 7th-grade Special Education Instructor Angie Garza-Hunsley (center). Shown from left are Pete Miller (father), in-laws Mark and Betty Hunsley, husband Aaron Hunsley, Angie, daughter Kaylin, niece Jozelin, sister Tera, niece Ellie, and Angie’s mother Juanita Miller. Not pictured are sons Devin and Brextin Garza. - *Beacon Photo*

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Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Jean Helmer, Joy Fisher Ministries.

Lessons from Babylonian Exile

Life for the Hebrews changed drastically when their temple--the heart of their culture and faith--was destroyed. Three years later, Babylon took them captive and forced them into exile. Their exile lasted for generations. The despair—a combination of fear, anger, and hopelessness—is expressed in Psalm 137. "By the rivers of Babylon, we sat down and wept when we remembered thee, Zion." Told by their captors to sing the songs of their God, the people replied, "How can we sing the Lord's song in this foreign land?"

We echo that question today. How can we sing songs of praise to God when the entire world is in exile due to Covid 19? Will life ever return to normal? Our initial reaction to the outbreak of Covid was a blizzard response. We are people of the High Plains. When a blizzard hits, we hunker down and ride it out. For the Hebrews, the destruction of the Temple was a blizzard event. They rode it out. However, that event merely marked the beginning of a long winter. Even in their seventy year exile, they found ways to sing the Lord's praises. I believe that two things made it possible to sing anew: the leadership of their prophets and faith practices.

A prophet is a teacher who proclaims of the will of God and serves as a guide in showing people God's will. The other conquered nations also had prophets, but not all prophets are true. Scripture cautions us not to be taken in by false prophets. We distinguish between faithful and false prophets by measuring their recommended actions against God's actions.

God's actions are consistent and repetitive. Old Testament stories show us that humans have freedom of choice and that choices have consequences. Whether the person is King David or Jesus, God does not remove the consequences of people's choices and God never deserts his people. God went into the wilderness with Adam and Eve, into exile with the Israelites and into the tomb with Jesus.

While other nations focused on competition, Israel focused on cooperation as outlined in the covenant Abraham made with God. [See Genesis 12, 15 and 17.] This covenant was one of relationship and of choice. "If you will be my people, if you will keep my ways, I will take care of you." Like the Hebrews, we get to decide whether to live within the terms of that covenant. It was summarized by Jesus in Matthew 22: 37-39: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind . . . and love your neighbor as



yourself."

Like all human beings, the Hebrews were flawed folks. If they listened to their prophets and honored the covenant by taking care of their tribe and of aliens, they found hope. Hope removes the sense of isolation and defeats despair. God honors the covenant. God is with us always, even during this wintry season of Covid 19.

Living in covenant with God means caring for our neighbors. The Good Samaritan story asks, "Who is the good neighbor?" Mr. Rogers repeated the question: "Who are the people in your neighborhood?" If there is any gift from the Covid pandemic, it is the realization that the answer is—all who live on this planet are neighbors. We are seeing how the choices that one person makes affects hundreds of others. I believe God requires us to stop pointing fingers of blame [which spreads fear, hatred, and panic] and to take measures to increase everyone's odds of survival. This is a fundamental requirement of the commandment to love the Lord and our neighbor. We honor the covenant by wearing masks to protect others from us, by giving to food pantries, and by checking on people.

The second factor in the Hebrew's survival was continuing the practice of their faith. Then as now, they held festivals during which they relate the times God has rescued them. At the Seder feast, the youngest child asks, "On this night, why do we eat like this?" That question begins a narrative using traditional foods as mnemonic devices for times when God rescued them. Being reminded of God's ongoing presence is an antidote to depression. Those stories show that God is with us always, often in ways that we can only be recognized after the event.

In your personal history, where has God been present with your family? Are there stories from the Great Depression, from WWII or Viet Nam? These stories remind us that we are an Easter people. No matter how bad things are, there is a resurrection coming. Did the exile wipe out Israel? No. Did the cross silence Jesus' teaching? No. Does the confinement of a chrysalis end the life of a butterfly? No. God's creation continues in amazing ways.

Yes, this pandemic has changed the world. Yes, God is with us providing what we need—including the need to help another person, the need to live as neighbors. As people of the covenant, may we have eyes to recognize the presence of the Holy Mystery. May we again lift our voices in song. Amen.

Psalm 91:1-2, "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Whom I trust.'"



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The Executive Director serves as the primary media spokesperson for the Chamber. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, spearheading membership recruitment and retention, promoting & managing chamber events, public relations, planning, policy creation/management, financial oversight/management and coordinating/overseeing activities of other employees and/or volunteers.

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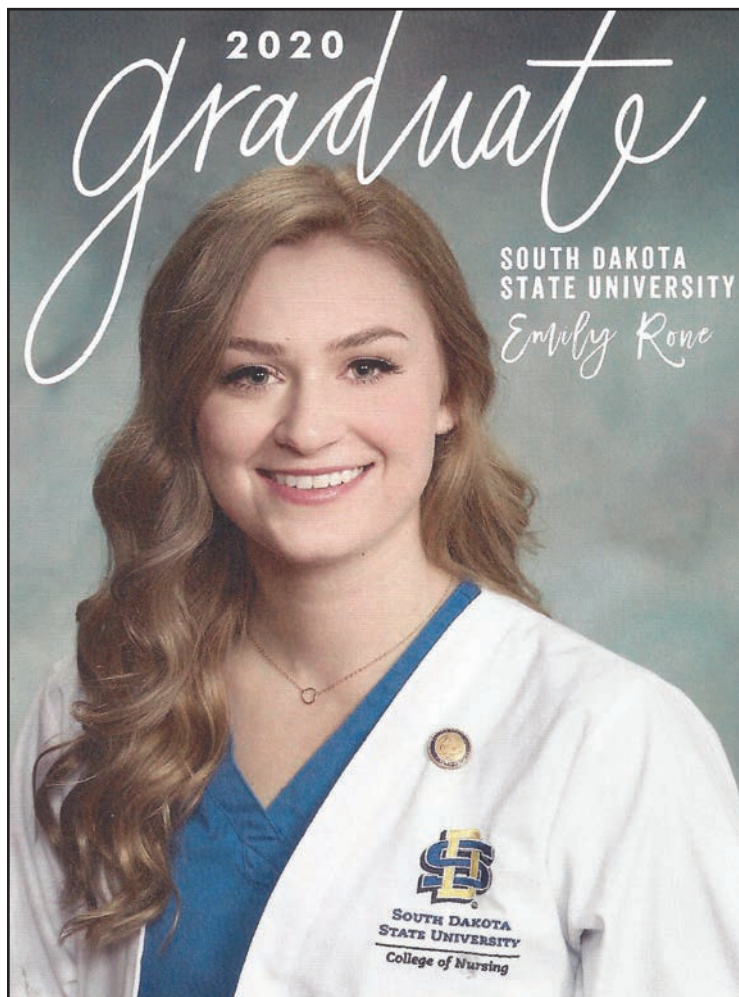
A Note from President Matt Moore:

The Executive Board has appointed a hiring committee to screen applicants and make recommendations to the full Chamber Board. Our hiring committee is made up of Board members with great knowledge and experience in this area. The position will be open until filled.

Chamber Hiring Committee members are Daphne Johnson, Mark Reese, and Deb Elliot.

We are glad to have Hazel Maher back and working in the Chamber office at 509 Grant Street. The office has been open since May 4th. Just a reminder hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Monday thru Friday.

The advent of warmer spring weather and businesses have been seeing some increases since May 1st. Many things on the Agriculture industry have continued on as usual with animals still needing feed and fields still needing to be planted.



Emily Rone is a 2020 spring graduate of South Dakota State University School of Nursing. Emily has accepted a position as an RN on the Medical-Surgical floor at Spearfish Monument Hospital.

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Life Lessons & Legacy

The most treasured heirlooms in life are the lessons that are passed down from generation to generation. The lessons and strong character in one Belle Fourche family have been passed down from a generation that is no longer with us. Juanita (Nita) Justice, was raised in Spearfish and was the youngest of 4 children. Nita's dad was tragically killed in a fire when he was just 29 years old. Nita's young mom, Virginia Portwood, made a promise to her 4 children that they would grow up with integrity, learn to make good decisions through making mistakes, taking ownership, and accepting the consequences. Nita's mom was a strong, hardworking, loving woman who gave her all to raising her children all alone.

After graduating from high school, Nita and her mom moved to Belle Fourche, where Nita began working at Western Drug. Nita also waitressed, while her mom and grandma cooked on Thursday and Saturday nights at the Vet's Club. For anyone that spent their evenings at The Vet's Club, you'll likely remember the band that played there called, Lorin Smith + Country. The



Nita Justice is Jackson Dental's fourth longest serving employee and is also a Belle Fourche Boy's Baseball Mothers Hall of Fame member. *Courtesy Photo.*

lead guitarist in the band was Jim Justice. This larger than life personality was "badgered" by his bandmates to ask out the cute waitress (Nita) that ran around there. Jim finally asked Nita out all those years ago, and just last Wednesday the couple celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary.

ry! Nita and Jim have 2 grown children. Brandi VanSickle (who you probably know as "Nurse Brandi" from the schools in Belle Fourche, and Keenan Justice, who is a math teacher and coach in Sturgis. Nita's most important role today is to 3 little girls that call her "Grandma". Addilyn (11),

Madisyn (8) and Kamryn (6) keep Grandma Nita busy. Nita added that she better not leave out her two grand-dogs, Zeke and Lucy.

After learning finance through the world of banking, Nita began working at Jackson Dental. Nita will have been at Jackson Dental for 27 years in August. Nita described being "4th in line" at Jackson Dental, as Dr. John Jackson, Patty Jackson and hygienist, Rita Bollwitt are the only three people that have been at the practice longer than she has. Nita said she's been with the practice through several employees and 4 remodels, so far! When asked why she has stayed at Jackson Dental for 27 years, Nita said with emotion, "I have a special place in my heart for the Jackson family. They have been wonderful to work for."

Today, you can find Nita in the business office at Jackson Dental. She wears many hats, but her main role is filing insurances and putting together financial arrangements for patients to ensure they can get the full care they need that fits within their budget. Nita said, "My job is about helping people get the quality care they deserve. I jump through all the hoops

that the insurance companies require to get claims processed, and at the end of the day, I just enjoy working with people. The doctors at Jackson Dental provide patient centered care and provide exceptional dentistry. I truly enjoy being a part of helping patients find their financial way to the healthy smile they've always dreamed of." When asked about her most memorable day at work, Nita said "Veteran's Day in 2019 is a day I will always remember. The entire team donated their time and services to any veteran that needed care. The amount of services and procedures performed was upwards of \$54,000 – in just one day! If that doesn't make you proud to work somewhere, I don't know what would."

Like Nita's family, passing down life lessons and legacy, the legacy at Jackson Dental continues today. Dr. Christopher Jackson and Dr. Jonathan Krum have the same values and care for people that Dr. John Jackson built the practice on in 1986, to which Nita has been a part of since 1993. Integrity is the tie that binds Nita and Jackson Dental so strongly together – and they are both better for it.






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BF Community Center Open with Partial Access

The Belle Fourche Area Community Center opened its doors on a limited basis beginning May 26, and Executive Director Nate Velander is excited about letting the public back in.

"We're excited to be opening to start with the cardio and weight rooms, as well as the walking track, and then of course, locker rooms and bathrooms. But we won't have the pool, gym or auditorium available but we'll start with that," said Velander.

He stated his senior staff and Mayor Lanphere spent close to

a month perfecting these plans about starting and shifting things about a month into the pandemic.

"Since we close we focused on re-opening and we just wanted to make sure we took the time to make the right decision and be sure we had the right things in place," he said.

He added that having the public and his staff feeling comfortable with the opening was paramount.

Staff will be offered and asked to wear masks, as well as gloves for cleaning and there will be

extra cleaning supplies on hand. Staff will then focus on certain areas, such as having a weight room supervisor that will focus on cleanliness.

Hours will be 5a.m. to 7-p.m. Monday through Friday. That will be at the beginning.

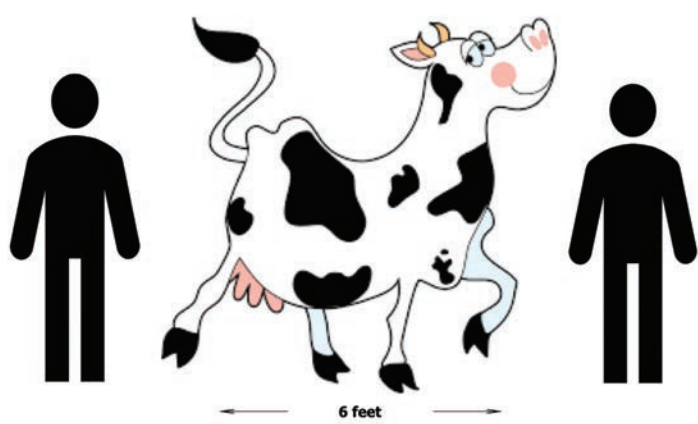
"We'll take this a week or two at a time, and that will be the times we're open," he said.

Velander is pleased with how many smaller tasks the staff was able to accomplish while the Community Center was closed, projects that didn't take a whole lot of money, so the bigger projects are on the horizon will be assessed to see if it's viable in the future.

Verlander said he and his staff is just as anxious to be open as the public is, but safety is a top priority, but he's still grateful for the public's patience.

While there will be caps on the number of people in certain areas, the primary focus will be to get the public back to having fun.

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Community Center Staff member **Patty Penrose** created this humorous depiction of the Social distancing "cow".

Museum Opening June 1st



Tri-State Museum and Center of the Nation Visitor Center opens June 1st! They will be sporting a fresh and new – come take a look. The inside is to be a surprise!

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will re-open Monday, June 1st at 9 a.m. and will be ready to receive visitors.

Much of the complex is freshly painted, with newly printed and mounted photos, new storyboards and an arrangement of artifacts that sets them off to best advantage. There are also additional

interactive items.

Protocols for your safety will be in place, including social distancing, hand sanitizing and periodic sanitizing of things in the complex.

Our summer hours are: Monday-Saturday 9 to 5 and Sunday 1-4. Need more info? Call us at 723-1200.

Belle FFA Team Places 2nd At State

BROOKINGS, S.D. – One of the hallmarks of agricultural education and the FFA is the opportunity to showcase skills learned in classrooms and spotlighted through competitive events.

Belle Fourche FFA Team were awarded 2nd place in the Environment and Natural Resources Awards sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition.

Belle team members and overall placings were: Tate Larson-4th; Guy Davis-11th; Jett Blakeman-17th; and Destanie Lugmao-23rd. Austin Bishop is the FFA team advisor.

This competition is a source of pride and students look forward to the state-level events each year to determine who will represent South Dakota at the national level in the fall. This year, South Dakota agricultural teachers explored options to safely conduct these events – and determined it was best to proceed with a virtual event versus conducting them in a more traditional manner. Those events happened May 6 & 7 and were announced May 14th during our virtual State Convention.

We understand this is not ideal for students, teachers or industry, however, the covid-19 pandemic only reinforced the importance of a safe, abundant food supply to feed people in our communities and globally. Agriculture has not shut down during this pandemic and student learning is not ending either. Students are still

preparing for careers, and it is our hope that they'll take a second look at careers in the agriculture industry when they understand the role agriculture plays in times like this. FFA's Career Development Events are built around ag industry careers, expose members to many of the

opportunities and needs in the agriculture sector, and enable them to develop and refine their abilities to critically evaluate, effectively communicate and ultimately, succeed in future careers. Congrats to our state Career Development Event winners.



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From A1 CITY RE-OPENS

best judgment, so that’s what Belle Fourche city staff did. “We had a draft we could follow, so we were just working it, working with it and fine tuning it and then used that as an example and got it to all the other departments and they put together their procedures and protocols for what fit in their buildings,” she said. Mayor Landphere had nothing but praise for the department heads, as they all worked together as a cohesive unit.

“We started with the Rec Center and we did walk-throughs, tried to see what we missed. Maintenance has done a wonderful job, they put up the guards in the front, they are the ones getting all the sanitation supplies ready for each department,” she said.

Public Works Director Dirk Hoffman makes sure everybody has gloves, masks, sanitizer and signs that direct the public. Landphere also has good things to say about the public and their handling of the Covid-19 crisis as well.

“I want to thank the public for their patience. They have been great about things and they had to do things differently



Belle Fourche Mayor Gloria Landphere readies to welcome the public to City Hall. Locked now, the building will open for business June 1. - *Bennett Photo*

like their water bills being left in the drop box. They called for instruction and we talked a lot with the community through messaging emails and telephone calls to get things done, and we have done it.. So I can’t thank them all enough for working with us through all of this,” she said.

She added it was like residents were just waiting for the city to have everything in place, which it now is.

Mayor Landphere would like the public to know that require-

ments are social distancing, masks, hand sanitizer, and if one doesn’t feel well, to avoid coming to city hall.

The hours will be as they were, with some departments open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rest of them will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Landphere said that while the time passes after opening, she and city staff will be assessing how the protocols and regulations are working out in relation to the public and its use of the facilities.

School District Recognizes Retiring Teachers

BEACON STAFF

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BELLE FOURCHE - As part of the end-of-the-school-year activities the Belle Fourche School District honored a pair of retiring teachers, each of whom has spent 33 years in the district.

Third-grade teacher Wendy Carr and 2nd-grade teacher Karen Christy were each presented with 33-year crystal plaques during a ceremony last Thursday at the school district’s administrative offices.

Carr, a Belle Fourche native, started out as a substitute teacher with the Belle Fourche School District in 1981. In January of 1987, she was hired as a first grade aide in the classroom and continued to be an aide until 1997. In 1997, Carr began with her own classroom as a 3rd grade teacher and has continued until this year.

“Teaching is just one of those professions where it is different every year. There are new children, different personalities; you get to bond with the students and the variety doesn’t end,” Carr told the Beacon. “This district has been wonderful to work for. And they care about each of their staff members and I’ve been very proud to say I teach in this district.”

For Carr the most fulfilling part of her career is building relationships with her students and having a front row seat in watching them develop. “Taking a child from where they began and seeing them blossom whether it’s academically, socially or emotionally has brought me a lot of fulfillment. I’ve enjoyed it.”

Carr says she and her husband plan to travel and visit their children and grandchildren in



Retiring third-grade teacher Wendy Carr (right) was honored for 33-years of teaching. She is presented a crystal plaque by school board president Tammy Clem. - *Beacon Photos*



Retiring second-grade teacher Karen Christy (left) was honored for 33-years of teaching. She is presented a crystal plaque by school board president Tammy Clem.

California and Colorado. “I’m going to read more books, I love to read. I’ll have a little more time for exercising and then I hope to do some volunteering.”

Christy started out as a special education teacher with the Belle Fourche School District in 1987 and continued until 1990 in that capacity. From 1990 until this year Karen has been a 2nd grade teacher at South Park Elementary.

“It’s sad but exciting at the same time,” Christy told the Beacon, referencing her retire-

ment. “But I know that when I had everything put away in my classroom, I just kind of stood there and it was the strangest feeling to know I wouldn’t be back in there teaching again.”

After 33 years Christy says the most enduring memory is how every day was different. And the rewards come when the minds of her students have understood something brand new.

“I just love to see the excitement on their faces when they learn something,” she said. “They also teach each other and can learn from each other. They

From A1 TEACHERS

the first employee for Knecht’s Home Center in the Northern Hills. “My dad always told me I need to open up my heart more and more to other people, so I did.

The most rewarding part of the job?

“No doubt it’s when the kids accomplish something that they never thought they could

accomplish,” she said, adding emotionally, “...and they just glow.”

Like all district teachers, Garza-Hunsley and Esmay have had to adapt to this year’s difficult COVID situation. They each miss the face-to-face interaction with their students.

“I guess if there was a silver lining,” Esmay said, “it would be that I have been able to get to know the parents of my students a lot better.”

From A1 COMMISSION

scale.” The \$660,000 represents the engineering fees.

“Just your four are over \$2 million out of the \$25 million allotted,” said Hansen. “If you prepare for all four, and submit them, you have a good chance of getting all four.”

The bridges would not be repaired until 2024-2025 construction season, with design work done between the current date and date of construction.

Hanson said the commission should treat each bridge as a separate project, and then would have the option at that time to decline signing. He said the bridges fit into the previously identified 10-year plan.

“That would give us time to save some money in preparation,” said Commissioner Kim Richards.

The commission also discussed the pandemic re-opening plan and heard information from Sheriff Fred Lamphere.

“Who decided we were in phase three?” asked Chairperson Stan Harms, after Lamphere said we were currently in that phase of re-opening. Harms asked if the commission could go back to previous shutdown procedures if cases rose.

FEMA Intern Lucas Kubik shared the plan of action with roles and responsibilities under the county commission. “It’s up to the commission to decide the phase, with Office of Emergency Management to supervise,” he said. He said the commission has actually been working on a response plan that was put

together back when the SARS virus was around.

“You need to first accept the response plan and then decide what phase we’re in,” said Kubik. “This is a guide for how to respond to these events. If we have a guide to navigate and use based on protocol it’ll be easier.”

Auditor Elaine Jensen said that it would need to be a plan that is subject to change if need be. “In this phase we would bring everybody back, one concern is how to do the cleaning.”

After a period of discussion, it was determined that the county would hire several people to be at the door of each building to admit people and clean after each person leaves. Lamphere said he would make sure each building would have needed PPE’s, and that they should get the word out to the public on what they can expect when going to a county building, including the administration building, the courthouse, and the extension building. The county approved the plan of action as well as the proposed opening procedures. Richards motioned to make a plan to open June 1, while making any changes needed during the opening.

Lamphere reported on the schedule for dispatch and after a long discussion said, “I think if we have the support to continue our own 911 center, during the budgeting process we should get something going.” He wants to reach out to the city and set up a meeting right after the election.

make it fun.”

Christy says she going to spend some time helping her daughter with her brand new dog grooming business. And as a master gardener she plans to

spend a bit more time working the soil and raising vegetables. She also plans to travel and visit her son in Ft. Collins and family in Bowman, ND.



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It is like everything, all that we know on earth got picked up and tossed into the air; and we don't know when it is coming down or where. Go to the ballot box and elect those who will be charged with establishing what is now being referred to as "the new normal".

Brings to mind an old cliché, "I don't expect normal, I'd just like it to be kind of the way it was before. Never did expect normal."

The 101st Black Hills Roundup has released its 2020 Roundup poster. It depicts and honors the late Brian Curtis, a former PRCA Bull rider whose signature green chaps and style would color up the arena.

A fitting tribute. Brian, we miss having you around.

If your itching to get out and do something after all your stay at home time take note of this: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the 101st! The magic of the Black Hills Roundup is it is produced 100% by volunteers. This year we are reaching out for additional help to implement safety procedures for our fans and contestants. In addition to sanitization we also need volunteers for the parade, parking, ticketing, and hospitality. Please join us at our meeting May 28th at the Roundup Grounds or reach out to BHR Chairman

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If you are one who enjoys punching keys on a computer you might enjoy browsing in www.blackhillsroundup.com, and on their Facebook page, with more detailed information on this year's 101st Roundup.

Fifty thousand people have purchased tickets to a Major League baseball games, but the games have been taken off the calendar because of a flair up in Covid-19. A refund is now payable to fans.

The League was about to send out checks when Congress stopped them and suggested that they wait and tie their refunds to the next stimulus legislation.

With that proposal the teams send out refund amounts based on Congress's interpretation of fairness. After all, if the refunds were made based on the price each person paid for the tickets, most of the money would go to the richest people.

Their plan says:
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- People in the \$15 seats will get back \$15, because that's only fair.

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- People in the \$50 luxury seats will have to pay another \$50, because they already have way too much money to spend.

- People driving by the stadium who couldn't afford to watch the game will get \$10 each, even though they didn't pay anything in, just because they need the

By: Doug Cole

most help.
Whoever was quoted as saying "keep politics out of baseball must have known what they were talking about."

I didn't buy a baseball ticket, but we did receive a stimulus check. Still not entirely sure about the ins and outs of the program, but I get the same feeling about the government as when I see someone applying for another credit card. *Nice to have a new higher limit to spend, but will you be able to afford to pay it off?*

It has been suggested if you are not in dire straights and need to spend your stimulus money on necessities to eat and live you should invest it.

A friend from Perkins County suggested I invest in a horse. He knew of an upcoming sale.

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In elections I have always voted for the person I felt best qualified and capable of getting the job done. I'll step to the side and

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avoid getting in the fray. I did see this story (about a 90's Prez) and thought clever. I've inserted Chester A. Arthur in lieu of the named President to avoid offending anyone current or former. It has been stated Arthur was the worst President in History. Insert the name of the target of your affection as you may wish.

A man walks up to the Marine guard at the White House front gate and asked to see President Arthur. The guard says "Sorry sir but Arthur is no longer president."

The man comes back the next day and again approaches the same guard and asks to see President Arthur. Again the guard says "Sir, Chester Arthur is no longer president." The man leaves but comes back the third day and again asked to see President Arthur.

The guard says "Sir...you

have been here three days in a row asking to see President Arthur...and I have told you each time that Chester A. Arthur is no longer president...what gives?"
The man says "I know he's not ... I just like hearing it."

Two opposing county chairman in Minnesota were sharing a rare moment together. The Democratic chairman said, "I never pass up a chance to promote the party. For example, whenever I take a cab, I give the driver a sizable tip and say, 'Vote Democratic.'"

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Yearlings Sold \$1 to \$4 Higher
Weigh Up Cows & Bulls Sold Fully Steady
Lots of Bull Buyers In The seatsNext Sale - May 29th - Bred Cow & Pair Special
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Nisley, Dave, Broadus MT	27	Blk Str	698	\$146.50
Nisley, Dave, Broadus MT	12	Blk Str	628	\$166.50
PeeGee Ranch, Arvada WY	11	Blk Hfr	827	\$127.00
PeeGee Ranch, Arvada WY	10	Blk Hfr	756	\$137.00
PeeGee Ranch, Arvada WY	70	Blk Hfr	752	\$140.00
Kennedy, John & Cairns, Heather, Sundance WY	17	Bld Hfr	774	\$135.00
Kennedy, John & Cairns, Heather, Sundance WY	7	Bld Hfr	602	\$143.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	25	Blk Hfr	594	\$143.50
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	5	Blk Hfr	512	\$145.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	5	Red Hfr	557	\$144.00
Crews, Michael, Miles City MT	17	Blk Str	510	\$143.00
Doolittle Wagner Ranch LLC, Belle Fourche SD	20	Bld Hfr	461	\$150.00
Fix, Tim, Ekalaka MT	39	B/R Str	759	\$140.50
Fix, Tim, Ekalaka MT	6	Red Str	675	\$161.00
Fix, Tim, Ekalaka MT	9	Red Hfr	662	\$133.00
Hubbard, Matthew, Recluse WY	5	B/R Str	543	\$174.00
Hubbard, Matthew, Recluse WY	69	Bld Hfr	455	\$157.50
Minow Ranch Inc, Olive MT	15	Blk Str	726	\$150.50
Minow Ranch Inc, Olive MT	33	Blk Hfr	731	\$140.00
Minow Ranch Inc, Olive MT	6	Blk Hfr	657	\$136.50
Opstedahl, Adam, Broadus MT	29	Blk Hfr	660	\$134.50
Opstedahl, Adam, Broadus MT	9	Blk Hfr	556	\$141.00
Redland, Kendrick Or Sharon, Worland WY	24	Blk Str	890	\$117.00
Redland, Kendrick Or Sharon, Worland WY	18	Blk Hfr	649	\$138.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	13	B/R Hfr	489	\$143.50
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	22	Bld Bull	530	\$153.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	10	Bld Bull	380	\$180.00
Ross, Roderic A, Wiyamo WY	48	Bld Hfr	592	\$146.00
Vervolf, Phil, Broadus MT	14	Bld Hfr	665	\$136.50
Vervolf, Phil, Broadus MT	8	Red Hfr	735	\$125.00

Weigh Up Cows

969 Ranch, Broadus MT	3	Blk Cow	1435	\$63.00
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	4	Blk Cow	1371	\$65.50
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk Cow	1245	\$61.50
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	4	Blk Cow	1203	\$63.00
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk Cow	1140	\$69.00
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	2	Blk Cow	1052	\$81.00
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk Cwette	900	\$87.50
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Red Cow	1165	\$61.00
Ayer, David, Beulah WY	1	Blk Cow	1505	\$61.00
Ayer, David, Beulah WY	1	Blk Cow	1240	\$62.50
Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Cow	1115	\$82.50
Brence, Paul, Ekalaka MT	1	Red Cow	1540	\$63.00
Bull Ranch, Ashland MT	1	Blk Cow	1460	\$59.00
Bull Ranch, Ashland MT	1	Blk Cow	1260	\$58.50
Bull Ranch, Ashland MT	1	Blk Cow	1190	\$58.50
Bull Ranch, Ashland MT	1	Blk Cow	970	\$86.00
Carlisle, Alice, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1415	\$64.00
Collins, Kelly Or Melissa, Newell SD	1	Blk Cow	1600	\$56.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY	1	Blk Cow	1235	\$64.50
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY	1	Blk Cow	1070	\$67.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY	2	Blk Cow	1057	\$67.00
Deer Creek Livestock LLC, Moorcroft WY	4	Blk Hfr	837	\$104.50
Dewey, Todd Or Susan, Box Elder SD	1	Blk Cow	1520	\$58.00
Dobrenz, Larry J Or Jackie N, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cow	1425	\$61.50
Dobrenz, Larry J Or Jackie N, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cow	1225	\$65.00
Dobrenz, Larry J Or Jackie N, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cow	1095	\$57.00
Double E Cattle, Ekalaka MT	4	Blk Cwette	1026	\$72.50
Elgin, Theodore & Catherine, Biddle MT	1	Blk Cow	1185	\$60.00
Elgin, Theodore & Catherine, Biddle MT	1	Blk Cow	1165	\$59.50
Elgin, Theodore & Catherine, Biddle MT	4	Blk Cow	1141	\$64.00
Elgin, Theodore & Catherine, Biddle MT	1	Blk Cow	1020	\$86.00
Elgin, Theodore & Catherine, Biddle MT	10	Blk Hfr	997	\$92.00
Fix, Tim, Ekalaka MT	2	Red Cow	1550	\$65.00
Fix, Tim, Ekalaka MT	1	Red Cow	1365	\$65.00
Fix, Tim, Ekalaka MT	1	Red Cow	1340	\$60.00
Fix, Tim, Ekalaka MT	1	Red Cow	1310	\$59.50
Floyd, Ron, Ludlow SD	6	Blk Cow	1277	\$60.00
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD	1	Blk Cow	1535	\$65.50
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD	2	Herf Cow	1552	\$57.50
Gm Farm, Ekalaka MT	1	Red Cow	1325	\$66.00
Hagen, Clair D Or Darlene, Piedmont SD	2	Cow	1450	\$58.00
Hagen, Clair D Or Darlene, Piedmont SD	2	Bld Cow	1385	\$64.50
Hagen, Clair D Or Darlene, Piedmont SD	1	Herf Cow	1660	\$81.50
Hartshorn, Lyle, Rapid City SD	3	Blk Cow	1305	\$60.50
Holsti, Rebecca, Buffalo SD	2	Bld Cow	1337	\$61.00
J & J Smeenk Ranch LLC, Newell SD	1	Blk Cow	1155	\$66.00
J & J Smeenk Ranch LLC, Newell SD	1	Blk Cow	1095	\$64.00
J & J Smeenk Ranch LLC, Newell SD	1	Blk Cwette	990	\$88.00
J & J Smeenk Ranch LLC, Newell SD	2	Blk Hfr	927	\$100.00
J & J Smeenk Ranch LLC, Newell SD	1	Bld Cow	1350	\$64.50
Karrels, Henry, Sturgis SD	1	Bld Cow	1390	\$65.50
Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk Cow	1090	\$78.00
Kerstiens, Jack, Piedmont SD	1	Blk Cow	1550	\$64.50
Kerstiens, Jack, Piedmont SD	1	Blk Cow	1445	\$65.00
Kerstiens, Jack, Piedmont SD	1	Blk Cow	1275	\$65.00
Kinghorn, Ray, St Onge SD	1	Rbld Cow	1385	\$63.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD	2	Bld Cow	1152	\$69.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD	1	Blk Cow	1300	\$56.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD	3	Blk Cow	1251	\$57.50
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD	3	Blk Cwette	953	\$97.00
Lindsey, Denna, Newell SD	1	Blk Cow	1085	\$57.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Blk Cow	1040	\$63.00
Mankin, Bill & Cindy, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cow	1495	\$66.50
Mankin, Bill & Cindy, Gillette WY	4	Blk Cow	1323	\$65.50
Marinkovich Trust, Dan, Missoula MT	1	Blk Cow	1400	\$64.00
McInemey, Gerald Or Jacquie, Sundance WY	2	Bld Cow	1750	\$61.50
McInemey, Gerald Or Jacquie, Sundance WY	1	Bld Cow	1440	\$65.50
McInemey, Tim, Alzada MT	5	Blk Cow	1392	\$66.50
McInemey, Todd, Sundance WY	1	Blk Cow	1545	\$64.00
McInemey, Todd, Sundance WY	1	Blk Cow	995	\$46.00
McInemey, Todd, Sundance WY	1	Othe Cow	1240	\$65.00
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD	1	Blk Cow	1270	\$66.00
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD	1	Blk Hfr	825	\$104.00
Minor, Leon, Nisland SD	1	Blk Cow	1410	\$64.50
Minor, Leon, Nisland SD	2	Blk Cow	1372	\$59.50
Minor, Leon, Nisland SD	1	Blk Cow	1220	\$58.00
Oedekoven, Darrell Or Penny, Vale SD	1	Blk Cow	1320	\$61.50
Oedekoven, Darrell Or Penny, Vale SD	1	Red Cow	1490	\$66.50
Olson, Doug Or Fern, Newell SD	3	Blk Cow	1216	\$74.00
Peters, Henry (Toby) Or Connie, Sturgis SD	1	Red Cow	1450	\$66.00

Peters, Henry (Toby) Or Connie, Sturgis SD	1	Red Cow	1410	\$56.50
Peterson, Jonathon, Upton WY	1	Red Cow	1290	\$54.00
Linch, Travis, Belle Fourche SD	1	Red Cow	1330	\$60.00
Redland, Kendrick Or Sharon, Worland WY	7	Blk Cow	1532	\$66.75
Reinecke Ox Yoke Ranch, Beulah WY	2	Bld Cow	1382	\$66.00
Reinecke Ox Yoke Ranch, Beulah WY	3	Bld Cow	1275	\$69.50
Reinecke Ox Yoke Ranch, Beulah WY	3	Blk Cow	1278	\$66.50
Riley, John & Mike, Volborg MT	1	Blk Cow	1785	\$60.50
Riley, John & Mike, Volborg MT	2	Blk Cow	1477	\$66.50
Riley, John & Mike, Volborg MT	1	Blk Cow	1435	\$60.50
Roush, Darrel, Recluse WY	1	Blk Cow	1630	\$62.75
Roush, Darrel, Recluse WY	1	Blk Cow	1515	\$60.00
Roush, Darrel, Recluse WY	1	Blk Cow	1275	\$71.00
Roush, Darrel, Recluse WY	6	Blk Cow	1267	\$66.00
Roush, Darrel, Recluse WY	1	Blk Cow	1025	\$67.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	2	Bld Cow	1477	\$64.50
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cow	1290	\$66.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cow	1135	\$66.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	2	Red Cow	1352	\$65.50
Sedgwick, Seth, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1070	\$83.00
Stinson, David, Volborg MT	1	Blk Cow	1505	\$54.50
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	5	Bld Cow	1141	\$64.50
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk Cow	1435	\$62.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	3	Blk Cow	1195	\$61.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	2	Blk Cow	1182	\$72.50
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	3	Blk Cow	940	\$75.00
Tetrault, Jim & Tawny, Camp Crook SD	2	Blk Cow	1395	\$59.00
Tetrault, Jim & Tawny, Camp Crook SD	1	Lh Cow	1270	\$47.00
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT	1	Blk Cow	1110	\$74.00
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT	1	Red Cow	1485	\$63.50
Wood, James R & Teresa G, Moorcroft WY	6	Blk Hfr	816	\$105.00
Wulf, Justin, Owanka SD	4	Bld Cow	1322	\$67.50
Wulf, Justin, Owanka SD	3	Bld Cow	1248	\$66.50

Weigh Up Bulls

Ayer, David, Beulah WY	1	Blk Bull	2090	\$95.00
Barbero Ranch Inc, Boyes MT	1	Blk Bull	1910	\$93.00
Capra Ranch LLC, Boyes MT	1	Blk Bull	2005	\$100.00
Dahl Ranch Inc, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk Bull	2310	\$85.00
Gardner, Doug & Kerry, Hammond MT	2	Blk Bull	2125	\$88.00
Gardner, Myles, Hammond MT	1	Blk Bull	1785	\$90.00
Hayden, Randy L, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	1995	\$88.00
Hayden, Randy L, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	1885	\$81.00
Hayden, Randy L, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	1710	\$84.00
Hovland, Vern, Edgemont SD	1	Blk Bull	1655	\$94.00
Hovland, Vern, Edgemont SD	1	Blk Bull	1455	\$91.00
Howie, Nathan, White Owl SD	1	Blk Bull	1630	\$85.00
Howie, Ronald D, White Owl SD	2	Blk Bull	1820	\$88.00
Howie, Ronald D, White Owl SD	1	Blk Bull	1665	\$87.00
Kindsfater, Alan, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Bull	1780	\$83.00
Minow Ranch Inc, Olive MT	1	Bull	2210	\$101.00
Minow Ranch Inc, Olive MT	1	Blk Bull	1970	\$96.50
Mitzel, Wade, Sundance WY	1	Red Bull	1125	\$89.00
Mutchler, Jr, Newell SD	1	Herf Bull	2285	\$82.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	1	Blk Bull	1810	\$84.50
Riley, John & Mike, Volborg MT	1	Blk Bull	2145	\$82.50
Riley, John & Mike, Volborg MT	2	Blk Bull	2120	\$84.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	1965	\$84.50
Shuck, Neil, Vale SD	1	Blk Bull	1830	\$87.00
Smith, David & Paula, Buffalo SD	1	Blk Bull	2035	\$94.00
Smith, Travis J Or Rebecca M, Buffalo SD	1	Blk Bull	1675	\$87.50
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk Bull	2115	\$85.00
Triple T Enterprises, Newcastle WY	1	Blk Bull	1945	\$80.00
Triple T Enterprises, Newcastle WY	1	Blk Bull	1850	\$84.00
Williamson, Todd Or Melanie, Newell SD	3	Blk Bull	1693	\$85.00
Yates, Gregg & Mindy, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Bull	1985	\$94.00

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Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$3,750.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$3,500.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$3,500.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$3,400.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$3,250.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$2,750.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$2,750.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$2,750.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$2,750.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$2,500.00
Opitz, Tom, Hartford SD	1	Blk Bull	0	\$2,500.00
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R Math Farms

R Math Farms	1	Blk Bull		\$1,850.00
R Math Farms	1	Blk Bull		\$1,800.00
R Math Farms	2	Blk Bull		\$1,800.00
R Math Farms	1	Blk Bull		\$1,800.00
R Math Farms	1	Blk Bull		\$1,700.00
R Math Farms	1	Blk Bull		\$1,600.00
R Math Farms	1	Blk Bull		\$1,600.00
R Math Farms	1	Blk Bull		\$1,600.00
R Math Farms	2	Blk Bull		\$1,550.00
R Math Farms	2	Blk Bull		\$1,400.00

Medicine Rocks Ranch

Medicine Rocks Ranch	1	Blk Bull		\$1,700.00
Medicine Rocks Ranch	1	Blk Bull		\$1,600.00
Medicine Rocks Ranch	1	Blk Bull		\$1,600.00

Baker Lemar Angus

Baker Lemar Angus	1	Blk Bull		\$2,200.00
Baker Lemar Angus	1	Blk Bull		\$1,800.00

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The Picture on the Wall

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It's the week of Memorial Day. I'd like to honor those who have given their lives for our country with this offering from Slim McNaught, the Cowboy Poet Lariat for the Good Stuff.

the memory has never grown dim,

When duty called he could not stay,

said that his country needed him.

Her gaze brushes over the ranch outside

the land where he reached his stride.

A ranchers son, the range was his life

and he handled the job with pride.

Like so many sons who have served before

remembered with reverence today

Their sacrifice made over the years

is a gift we cannot repay.

How many mothers, daughters, and wives,

are suffering those feelings today?

The picture hangs in its place on the wall

just above his mothers chair.

A tall young man in a uniform

a soldier, with short blond hair.

It's been many years, he'd look older now,

but she remembers him as before

When she held him with pride and tears in her

eyes as he kissed her and went off to war.

So now she reflects on the passing years,

the heartache that never quite heals.

Her eyes hold a mist that she can't stop

brought on by the pain she feels.

It's a bittersweet feeling that holds her now,

How many sons look back on their life

and think of their father that way?

Remembering the soldier, their dearest kin,

last glimpses, the touch of his arm,

Who gave his all to keep us safe

from those who'd do us harm.

So today we honor our fallen with pride,

for freedom won is not free

It came with a price, the ultimate cost,

they paid it for you and me.

Then let us revere those women and men,

who prized freedom enough to give all,

For this Memorial Day is a tribute to those

Who's pictures hang on the wall.

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Rodeo is Back!

Cave Creek Arizona event marks return of live competition after Wuhan flu outbreak.

CAVE CREEK, Ariz. – Bare-back rider Caleb Bennett came to Cave Creek Rodeo Days with a simple mindset – win.

That's exactly what he did.

Bennett had an 84.5-point ride on The Cervi Brothers' Little Buckner, Friday, and it held for the victory when the rodeo concluded Sunday night.

Cave Creek Rodeo Days was the first PRCAsanctioned rodeo since the COVID-19 pandemic halted rodeos in the middle of March.

"For this being the first rodeo back it is awesome to win," Bennett said. "I like to win everything I go to, big, little or in between. I love to win. (Little Buckner) had one of his better days. He stayed hooked and stayed under himself and felt good. Winning Cave Creek is the start to a roll I want to continue."

"I thought I would be nervous (Friday), and I have never felt more at home than what I did tonight," said Bennett, who's qualified for the last eight Wrangler National Finals Rodeos. "I would hope committees across the world, fans across the world, people and sponsors see this and enjoy it and love it, keep the ball rolling. Come July, it would be awesome if we could have a good Cowboy Christmas and finish out the year strong."

Bennett, who finished seventh in the PRCAs | RAM World Standings in 2019, had been battling a right (riding hand) wrist injury before the coronavirus halted rodeos.

Bennett last competed March 8 at The American in Arlington, Texas, but struggled because of the injury. He had surgery on the wrist after the NFR in mid-December and was expected to be out up to six months.

He took home \$1,601 for the win in Cave Creek.

Other winners at the \$84,929 rodeo were steer wrestler Matt Reeves (3.7 seconds); team ropers Pedro Egurrola/Trevor Knowlin (4.3 seconds); saddle bronc rider Colt Gordon (86 points on The Cervi Brothers' Mortician); tie-down roper Shad Mayfield (8.5 seconds); steer roper Dalton Walker (63.0 seconds on three head); barrel racer Amanda Butler (15.45 seconds); and bull rider Garrett Smith (89 points on 4L & Diamond S Rodeo's Rustler's Roost).

An Impossible Fifty Years

Lorie Johnston retires from Newell school district after half century teaching career.



Lorie Johnston

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NEWELL - It seems impossible to Lorie Johnston, or Mrs. J as most people of this area know her that she has taught at Newell High School for 50 years. She had no intention of teaching that long, but she has made an impact on students for generations. She began by teaching general science and algebra, and then settled into teaching high school math.

When Johnston began teaching, after attending South Dakota State University, the procedure was basically the same as it had been while she was a student in high school. As she explained, the teacher stood in front of the class and presented the material in lecture format. Eventually, education shifted from a teacher led classroom to a student directed classroom. The organization changed again to put more emphasis on learning by discovery, flipped classrooms, and student involvement with the teacher as the facilitator of learning.

Where did her love of math start? It started with the inspiration of her Sturgis Brown High School geometry and Algebra 2 teacher, Gilbert Bruns. Her junior year, he took a group of 16 students to the SDSM&T math contest. More than 50% of the students won awards. She said he made learning fun.

The demographics have changed in the Newell area and have made an impact on the student characteristics. Students have changed in some ways, she pointed out. Easy access to technology allows instant communication and today's students have their own cars and are more mobile now. But when a personal relationship is built with each student, the concerns and goals have stayed similar over the years.

Although Johnston could not pick a particular class as most memorable, she said there seems to be some outstanding

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Newell Library Plans Re-opening

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NEWELL – The Newell Public Library (MPL) has been closed since Governor Kristi Noem announced her recommendation of the schools across the state to close on March 13. The Library board had met on March 11 for their regular quarterly meeting, with Library Commissioner Connie Humble also present and made aware that there was information coming through about possible closures. At that time the board discussed the situation and made the decision to close the library if the schools were closed or there was any recommendation from the Governor to do so.

Ultimately the decision was made to close the library which was the recommendation of the governor and the state Library, as most other libraries in the state were closing.

“I cleaned and disinfected all the surfaces, and once that was done, I took time to finish bar-coding the Library’s inventory,” said Director Lisa Wonderly. “That task, which has been years in the making, is now done, with all of the items the library has in circulation now in the computer system.”

Wonderly said she started a Curbside Pick-up Service for patrons to be able to get reading materials while the door remained closed to the public on Monday, May 4.

The decision was made by the Library board based on the fact that the Library Commissioner had received requests from citizens for the library to open. Many other libraries in the area were doing curbside pickup.

“During the many weeks our door was closed,” said Wonderly, “I also attended many Zoom meetings and conference calls with the State Library and those with our surrounding public libraries to discuss recommendations, plan the best we could, share information, as well as brain storm about things like

the Children’s Summer Reading Programming, as none of us had every dealt with a time like we were and still are in.”

The library board and director remained in contact with Humble and Mayor Ken Wetz. The director attended the town meetings during this time. At the last town meeting on May 11, the commissioners made the decision to re-open the library on May 25. It was not made lightly by the library board. Mayor Wetz made it clear through the weeks that the library board was best equipped with the knowledge and ability to make the decisions as to when and how the library would open.

The library board came up with safety protocols and want the public to know that the top concern is keeping people safe. A library’s reading materials are very unique items, they are not able to be washed or easily sanitized. Each book must sit for 72 hours before they are pulled out, with outside covers wiped down, air dried and then checked back into circulation and re-shelved.

The library has now been able to obtain enough disposable gloves and hand sanitizer to re-open in a limited capacity. These things will be required to enter: No more than five people at a time allowed into the library, no children under the age of 14 will be allowed, and a face covering or mask covering the nose and mouth will be required.

A hand free sanitizing dispenser is located just inside the entrance, as well as a stand with disposable gloves. All persons will be required to use either the sanitizer or gloves before going past the entrance to use computers or look for any items in the library. If for any reason a person can’t or won’t comply with these safety protocols for any reason, the Library Director will assist them with their library service needs & they will be able to utilize the Curbside Pick-up service that is available.



The Newell Public Library located at 208 Girard Avenue in Newell. - Brunner photo

There will be two computer stations open for use as well as the printer/copier/fax machine station. There will be a 30-minute time limit for computer use.

One last bit of good news is that the Summer Reading program will go forward this year, with a few different parameters in place. It will be via virtual story time and distance home activities/crafts, reading logs, and a grand prize of a Kid’s Edition Fire Tablet will be given at the end of the summer. Families will need to contact the library director to sign up for each child wanting to participate this year for the months of June & July. More information will be provided during the signup process.

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

PH 0034(202)10, Butte, Lawrence County, PCN 06UM SD34 - From Whitewood to Belle Fourche Corridor and Intersection Improvements

The SDDOT plans on constructing passing lanes at four locations on SD34 between Whitewood and Belle Fourche. The project will also include the construction of left turn lanes at the intersection of SD34 & Tetrault/Weisman Road. An in-person public meeting will not be held at this time. Interested parties are invited to view the public meeting documents online at the link below and provide comments. Any individuals with disabilities who require a reasonable accommodation to access the information on the department’s website may submit an accommodation request to the department’s A.D.A. coordinator by calling 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunications Relay Services for the Deaf).

Questions or Comments should be submitted by June 17, 2020 by Email to: adamkrogman@ferberengineering.com or by U.S. Mail at: Adam Krogman 729 E. Watertown St. Rapid City, SD 57107 605-343-3311

Public Meeting Information @ <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/projects/public-meetings>

Newell School Principal Shares a Message of Faith



Doug South, principal of the Newell school district, shared his message on Having Faith to get through the virus, at Newell Evangelical Church on May 14. - Brunner Photo

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NEWELL – Doug South, who has only lived in the Newell area with his wife Josie, for a little over a year, has been the principal at the Newell School District. He has also been a part-time preacher and pulpit supply person.

“I’ve spoken in Buffalo a couple of times,” he said on Thursday, May 14 at the Newell Evangelical Church. “I just had to share this tonight,” he said.

What South decided to share was titled, “How Faith will beat this Virus.” He based his

message on Daniel 3 and 6. In the first passage the Babylonian king threw Three Hebrew Boys into the fiery furnace for refusing to bow down to a golden statue of the king.

“They’re faith was strong,” said South. South questioned whether he was that strong in his own faith in the Lord. “God didn’t ask me to go into a fire. He is asking us to go through this virus.”

South also shared how Daniel would not stop worshipping the one true God, he was thrown in a lions den by the king.

“But God is not asking me to

show my faith by jumping into a lion’s den,” said South. “But he does say to stand steadfast in our faith. Are we so questionable in our faith that we don’t believe God will bring us through?”

To wrap up South said, “Be aware, but have faith.” He shared a passage from Daniel 4:3 which he said was the same for us today as it was for Daniel. “How great are His miracles, and how mighty His wonders. His kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.

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In 2018 Rep. Brunner was honored by Phillis Schlafly and the Eagles, the award is presented (above) by Kitty Werthman.



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I strongly endorse Rep. Tom Brunner for re-election to the House of Representatives, District 29. I had the honor to serve two terms with Tom in the South Dakota State Legislature. Tom is a “True” Republican Conservative. His service to District 29 and the citizens of South Dakota represent an unwavering desire to lookout for our cherished values and freedoms guaranteed to us by our Founding Fathers. Tom has chaired the House Agriculture Committee and shown leadership in protecting South Dakota’s number one industry. His knowledge and experience in agricultural issues make him indispensable. Tom’s worked every year and co-sponsored resolutions, supporting MCOOL for our cow/calf producers.

Tom’s a hawk, when it comes to fiscal issues. His common sense approach to the budget process, ensure transparency. Tom understands the importance of limited government, protecting taxpayers from over taxation.

Tom, is my friend, but he’s a premier legislator that South Dakota’s lucky to have. I hope you will join me in supporting Tom Brunner on June 2nd and send Tom back to Pierre.

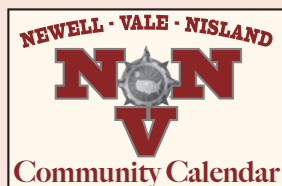
Sincerely,
Liz Marty May (Former Legislator District 27)

The Vale Community Reunion, scheduled for June 10 at the Vale Community Hall has been canceled for this year.

Through the KBHB Facebook page there is a link to Nominate a business or individual making a #Monumental-Difference for a chance to win a gift certificate to a Black Hills business! Monument Health and KBHB want to say THANK YOU to our community heroes.

Attention all Class of 2020 Girls AA, A, & B and Boys B golfers whose senior season of high school golf was canceled. We invite you to the South Dakota High School Senior Showcase on June 1 at Hillsvie GC in Pierre. Email seniorshowcase@sdga.org for more information! Abbie Nelson, Huttson Weeldryer

Newell Public Library opened on Monday May 25th, Memorial Day in a limited capacity and with new safety protocols to be followed by the Librarian and all patrons entering the building. It will now be open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday as well as providing Curbside pickup will still be available for those want to



continue limited contact outside their homes. See this week’s BF Beacon for details.

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, volunteers will be handing out pre-boxed grocery items for your safety and the volunteers at the food bank. If you are elderly, sick, or shut in and would like to have boxes delivered to you please call the Newell City Office at 456-2737 to make arrangements for pick up and/or delivery. Nisland residents call Rhonda Vallery at 257-2365.

Thursday, June 4 – County Commission meeting in the courthouse at 9:30 a.m.

Monday and Tuesday, June 15 & 16, the Nisland Independent Community Church will be holding Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday June 6th - Second Annual FREE Youth fishing derby at the Frank & Jo Musumeci 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. For early registration call 430-7419. Fun, prizes and free lunch provided. SD GFP approved.

Tuesday June 23rd - The city of Newell will hold city commission elections from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Newell city hall. There are six candidates running for two open positions. Candidates include incumbents Connie Humble and Chad Erk. Challengers include: Tara Tennis, Tanya Tennis, Candy Swenby and Robert Vansickle. The election was postponed from April due to House Bill 1298 which prohibited elections from being held during April and May. Social distancing will be practiced during the election process at city hall.

Most churches in the local NVN area are now open with regular services. Sunday, May 24: Nisland Independent Community Church will hold regular 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 and Newell Lutheran will once more have services at their regular time.

Then and Now in Newell

June 2, 1910

Work in earnest to secure an ample supply of water for Newell was started this week by Newell Business Men’s Association. Ample supply of water for domestic use can probably be secured at the Anderson spring a mile south of town. Test holes are being put down this week in an effort to locate water for stock purposes on the Townsite.

Today the track gang on the Northwestern extension laid rails across the Horse Creek divide south of town. Soon the construction train will be in the Newell yards. Ballast is being put down and it is expected that regular trains will be running by July 1, into Newell.

Buffalo Bill today became a pensioner of the US, drawing \$12 a month for his services as a private soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Enlisting in Company H in the 7th Kansas Cavalry, February 19, 1864, he served until September 29, 1865, being then 19 years old. After the war, Cody became an Indian Scout.

May 27, 1920

On Monday Judge McNenny of the Circuit Court granted an appeal from his indeterminate sentence in the case of the State vs Dr. O. H. Clark. Sixty days is the time given in which to perfect the appeal.

The Butte County Division Boosters meeting held in the Theatorium last evening was a decided success from every angle. Delegates from the various outlying precincts were present and gave hearty assurances of support of the proposition during the coming campaign. The boundary line defined on a map; Eastern county “Liberty” and Western county “Butte”

will be affixed to each petition.

Mr. Ralph Odell from the North Country has been in Newell a few days having some dental work done.

May 29, 1930

B.T. Sherbon will be busy in the near future building large machine sheds for Wm Schmele and Carl A. Anderson. The structures are to be 48x60 and will provide ample space for storing farm machinery used on each of these farms.

Mr. Pickarts reports that 158 acres of pickles have been signed up in the Vale community. The Spearfish station equipment and vats have been moved to Vale, so now the Vale station can handle an enormous amount of cucumbers.

May 30, 1940

The popular motion picture Gone With The Wind was shown at the Arcade Theater in Newell. All seats were reserved seats. Patrons from the entire district filled the theater to capacity. Clark Gable, Vivian Leigh, Leslie Howard and Olivia deHaviland starred to perfection. This production will not be shown anywhere except at advanced prices, at least until 1944. Exactly as shown in its famed Atlanta and Broadway Premieres. Tickets \$1.13 each, except 75 cents for the afternoon matinee.

Fruitdale will select its representative in the Black Hills Round-up bucking contest at its annual rodeo Sunday, June 2. Every year Black Hills residents get a preview of the Round-up when the toughest cowpokes in the country compete for top honors at the Fruitdale show. Last year’s winner was Woodrow Ewalt, Ekalaka, Montana. Many of the past winners have gone on to pro circles and become top buckaroos.

A.W. Simonds, local Newell rural mail carrier, returned Wednesday from a short business trip into southeast Montana. He reports Mormon crickets already on the highways and fields in large numbers in Wyoming the highway toward Alzada from Belle Fourche were covered.

June 1, 1950

First steps in organization of a western SDREA power generating corporation were taken in Rapid City Saturday by officers of 5 west river rural electric managers. The name selected for the new corporation was Rushmore G&T (Generating & Transmission) Electric Association, Inc. Funds will be secured for building of a 10,000 kilowatt generating unit to be leased and operated by the Black Hills Power & Light Co under terms of an agreement now being negotiated. The REAs joining will include: Butte Electric Coop, Newell; West River Electric Association, Wall; LaCreek Electric Coop, Martin; Custer REA, Custer and East Central Electric Coop, Presho. Attending from Newell were, BEC President Oliver Rose and Manager Doug Eickelman.

Gene Ericson, Nisland is among a group of farmers cited in a story on irrigating gardens in the June issue of Capper’s Farmer. With a pond above the garden, the family can have plenty of vegetables in the driest years. The table is well supplied throughout the summer and Mrs. Ericson cans 300 quarts or more for winter use. The Ericson’s never wait for rain, any time the ground begins to dry, it gets a soaking.

June 2, 1960

Jerry Golliher, son of Mr. & Mrs. Z.N. Golliher of Hoover and Darwin Brink, son of Mr. &

Mrs. Delmar Brink of Fairpoint will be among more than 60 contestants competing in the Annual State High School Rodeo at New Underwood Friday & Saturday of this week. At the Northwest Regional High School Rodeo held in Sturgis recently Golliher won top honors in boys cattle cutting while Brink won bareback bronc riding honors. Other winners were: Butch Schweigert, Buffalo was named all-around cow boy and steer wrestling; Dean Johnson Faith, boys saddle bronc riding; Larry Henderson, Hays, boys bull riding; Lauren Williams, Rapid City girls cattle cutting; Jan Quillian, St. Onge girls barrel race; Connie Stemson, Viewfield girls pole bending; Manly Moore, Belle Fourche boys calf roping and Lela Crowser, Sturgis girls break-away roping.

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students to remember in every class. She indicated that the ones that are usually remembered are not necessarily the best or the worst, but the ones that are appreciative of their opportunities to learn and have fun while learning.

Lorie has plans for her future that center around her family and her love of horses. She and her husband, Bob, have a son, Lonnie, and six “wonderful grandchildren” with whom she plans to spend more time. She is planning to spend a lot of time working with horses and going to a few barrel races. Johnston’s mother lives in assisted living in Spearfish and she desires to spend more time with her, too. “I had no intention of teaching that long,” Johnston said. But for students of Newell High School, it was a good thing she did. Generations have carried on her love of math.



The Belle Fourche Valley Railway Company began service between Newell and Belle Fourche. This photo, taken in early 1911, shows a section gang at work west of Newell. The crews used hand pump cars to transport themselves to areas of the line that needed repairs.



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When it comes to the question of what the government should do to help local

citizens and private business at any time, my first go to answer is, "get the heck out of their way!" South Dakota's have built a state government on the premises of avoiding bureaucratic red tape, needless requirements and heavy tax burdens. I see the State's role as clearing the field of as many obstacles as possible. Government's role is to only provide what we the people cannot accomplish as individuals.

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With all the issues that will be facing South Dakota as a result of Covid-19 I believe my experience in the legislature


will be an attribute going forward.

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It has been an honor to serve you, and I wish to humbly thank you for your support in the past and would sincerely appreciate your vote in the June 2nd Legislative Primary.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

Kirk Chaffee



This ad paid for by the candidate

Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The sources are *Pioneer Footprints*, published in 1964 and *Back Trailing in The Heart of the Short Grass Country* by John O. Bye, published in 1956.

Billy Moses, a brother of Sam H. Moses of lawman fame, was a member of the well known Texas family. Born in 1862 Billy came up the cattle trails as a teenager. He was a VVV rider in Dakota when he met Nellie Davidson. Nellie was the step-daughter of William Grimmett, early pioneer rancher who settled west of Belle Fourche. Nellie was born in 1866. Nellie's sister Sarah was married to Dan Roberts, so Dan and Billy were brothers-in-law.

Nellie and Billy were married in Deadwood on December 21, 1884. Their first home was at Minnesela where their first son Norton was born. Billy Moses was a range foreman for the VVV in those years. In 1882, the outfit became Western Ranches with John Clay as superintendent and Bill was the manager. Dorr Clark operated as General Manager. The Moses family wanted to meet Billy's new wife, so Billy and Nellie journeyed by covered wagon down to Texas. Billy was elected sheriff of Texas county and served out his term. Then Billy and his family returned to Dakota.

Old times recalled that Billy Moses was the best sheriff Butte County ever had. Billy served Butte county four terms. The law allowed only two terms in succession, so Billy by-passed a few years and in 1906 ran again to serve until 1911. In 1906 Nellie died so Billy

and his three children continued to live in the jail building; the children were Norton, born 1887, Leon born 1894 and Nelle Margaret born 1897 (later married Bernard Peyton and was the school nurse at the Roosevelt School)

Butte's new red sandstone building was designed for architectural attraction as well as for inmate security. The Moses family were the first occupants of the bastille's upstairs quarters. While the jail was under construction the neighborhood kids used its cells to add realism to cops-and-robbers games. The tall cottonwood trees that now tower above the two story structure were planted by Billy Moses, the sheriff with pride in his jail house. The jail, built in 1901, is located east of the courthouse on 6th Avenue and is listed on the National Historic Register. It is a small Romanesque Revival building designed by an unknown architect. The builder was not John Scotney according to his great-grandson Scotney Fenton's architecture thesis published in 1993. Fenton compares the structures known to have been done by Scotney. The stonework's mortar joints have a beaded profile, unlike Scotney's work, where the joints are flush or slightly concave. From Belle Fourche Bee, July 31, 1902 "The cost of the jail consumed just about the amount of the bond issue of

\$7,000, there being only a few dollars to spare either way."

Sheriff Billy Moses also had some sideline jobs. He was brand inspector, sheep inspector, hide and beef inspector, law enforcer, and custodian of the Blue Laws. In 1910 Sheriff Moses had to close the Pearson skating rink and the pool halls in Belle Fourche on Sundays.

Recovering stolen property and capturing thieves were the sheriff's main business. The weekly Bee printed notices of stock losses under "Strayed and Stolen" headings. The return of such stock carried rewards that added to a sheriff's earnings. Billy Moses had contact with regional sheriffs. They kept each other informed on the description of missing livestock and property. Much of it was recovered and sometimes the thieves were caught with the goods and convicted. Stealing horses was as common as stealing cars today. Saddle mounts and buggy teams would disappear from the hitchrack, barnyard, or pasture. Some stock on open range did stray away to be picked up, and if unclaimed, sold.


Billy was no office man. He did much undercover sleuthing.

Rustlers operated by night. Billy rode through the night, sometimes with the associates that he could trust, such as Pete Vallery, Dr. L. J. Townsend, and others. By 1909, the Wyoming Horseman's Protective Association paid Billy one thousand dollars reward for the arrest and conviction of notorious thieves, Tom Nelson and George Dotson. During the ditch construction to Orman Dam in 1910, one firm holding such a contract failed to pay its taxes to Butte County. Billy attached their horses and equipment and sent J. M. Armstrong, an attorney, to St. Louis to represent the county in a hearing. Butte County got what it had coming.

After his terms as sheriff expired Billy Moses opened a Range Detective and Investigation Service in Belle Fourche. This expanded his field of operation. His reputation reached over into Wyoming and Montana. He was cursed by the rustlers but went unrecognized. Range men of 1911 were all too stereotyped. They wore the same type of hat, boots, and mustaches; and when walking in boots, they all had the same rider swagger. Billy was later elected sheriff

of Rosebud County, Montana. This county had more than its share of renegades. He was too dangerous a man in the sheriff's office. The potters got Billy's deputy and former friend John N. Burgess mixed up in a saloon brawl, which caused a warrant to be issued. Billy had to serve it. In the meantime, the potters convinced Burgess that Billy was intending to kill him over their estranged friendship. Burgess had been spending time with Billy's new wife. Years after the death of Nellie, Billy married a second time, a Montana woman. They did not pull well in double harness and separated. This is the woman who Burgess was friends with, although it appears, he had a wife. When Billy went to serve the warrant, the agitated deputy was urged to defend himself the instant Billy appeared. Billy walked into this trap and met death. Billy Moses was gunned down November 19, 1914. His body was returned to Belle Fourche and buried beside his wife Nellie Moses in Riverside Cemetery.

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Capitol News

KAREN ODELL

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On Monday, at 10 o'clock, everyone is invited to go outside and sing the National Anthem. I did that about three weeks ago for Wales, because they had invited everyone out on their doorstep to sing the Welsh National Anthem, and since I knew it in English., and in Welsh, I went out and sang. It was lots of fun, and though I can't even see a neighbor, it is nice to know they will be singing, too, and we can celebrate Memorial Day together.

Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to town on Thursday to get their tailgate worked on. For some reason they could not open the back without having the keys with them outside. I personally would love to be able to buy a plain vehicle with crank windows, and no extra junk overruling me. If I happen to be in a flash flood, or need to get out of the car fast, I would prefer not to be imprisoned. Someone could make lots of money if they produced a simple car for a person to drive. Anyway, Dick and Erma went to Scott Peterson's, and then got some flowers, and headed home. It was their turn to have church on Facebook, while those whose names began with M to Z went physically to the Catholic church. It is such a creative idea, and Father Ed puts his phone on the tripod to video the service for Facebook. That way the music and those that read scripture are included for the other half, who stay home. Dick and Erma went to Saloon Number Three for lunch, and there were more people there again this week. In June, there will be a mass at the civic center for the whole congregation with room to stay separated in families groups, and so that they can have confirmation, and honor the seniors.



Alvin Cordell and Denin Cheguis spent much of this week at the Yates place reclaiming and reseeded the gas pipeline.

On Wednesday, Alvin, Marlee and Denin did mowing and weed-eating at the Camp Crook Cemetery. On Sunday, Alvin, Marlee and Cade Pearson went to Ekalaka to decorate graves there. They had supper with Rodney and Tracey

Walker and Jamie and Jessica Walker before coming home.

Lynn Gustafson and Linda had hair appointments in Bowman on Friday. Lynn went to Maddie Teigen's shower that was held in Buffalo on Saturday. They met with Pete Anderson and Dixie Garr for lunch at the Over The Edge on Sunday. There were only a few people that came in while they were there. They met four trucks of electric workers on their way home, and when they got home their electricity was finally on again. It had gone off around four in the morning.

Julia Davis went to work in Buffalo this week, as usual. Laurice Callahan came on Wednesday to help Julia in the kitchen, while the shearing crew came to shear. Mattie and Morgan Buck, Dan and Caleb Davis and Charlie came to help with shearing, too. They were happy to get the job done, especially because they had put it off once before, because of the cold weather.

Kay Beard from Billings, is visiting with Donna Lewis for a few days. They went to Baker to decorate graves, and on Saturday, Pam and Donna Rae decorated in Ekalaka, while Donna handed the flowers out to them from the car. On the way home, when Donna got to Conger Hill, there had been hail and a hard rain. On Sunday, Kay and Donna went back to Ekalaka to decorate for Kay's family. Donna had heard about tornadoes up



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BETTY OLSON

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Henry and Linda Mohagen invited Bev and Iver Heier and Reub and me to the parsonage last Sunday evening for a delicious meal of Alaskan salmon. Linda learned how to cook salmon so well while they were serving a church in Alaska and Henry worked on a fishing boat.

It was really warm most of the week, but there was way too much wind. Thankfully, we got a little shower on Saturday that left .16 hundredths in the rain gauge.

Casey took a load of cows to the sale barn in Faith on Monday and Taz and Trig went to help Sage with a carpenter job. While they were all gone, Reub went to Reeder to get the fertilizer spreader, but the wind was blowing so hard that they had to wait until it went down a little on Tuesday to get it spread before Reub could take it back to Reeder.

Taz and Trig went back to help Sage again on Tuesday and I finally got all four of my raised bed gardens planted that Taz tilled up last week. I also set the tomato and pepper plants out, so I hope it doesn't freeze again.

Casey, Taz and Trig started trailing the cows to our Horse Creek pasture on Wednesday. Missy, Amanda and the kids took lunch to them at noon. Reub and I went to Bowman for his chiropractic appointment that afternoon.

The guys got the cows trailed the rest of the way before noon on Thursday, so they were home by dinner time. Taz and Trig went to help Sage that afternoon. It was 83 degrees here, but it was so windy that all the laundry I hung on the clothesline kept blowing off the line and busting the clothespins! It also blew the chicken coop door open for the second time this week and the chickens all escaped. Thankfully the fox and coons didn't kill any



of them. Reub mowed the lawn for the second time that afternoon.

Friday morning there was a nasty semi wreck on Highway 79 north of the Ludlow Road. The driver survived, but the semi and trailer were tipped

over right on the highway completely blocking the road. The trailer was full of hazardous gas, so the Hazmat outfit had to come and clean it up before the wreck could be moved. The road wasn't opened up for travel until later on Saturday.

My sister Judy died a year ago on May 22 and our cousin Darlene Welch and I went over to the Glendo Cemetery on Friday to put flowers on her grave and on the graves of our other relatives before going to the Prairie City Cemetery to put flowers on the graves of Darlene's parents, Bob and Violet (Wilkinson) Krambeer. Reub mowed the Glendo Cemetery that morning and put the flags up for Memorial Day.

Bill Holt branded on Saturday and Casey and Taz went up to help. Doug and Clint Doll and Katie Schuelke came from the Hackamore, Rone and Jarett Jenson and Kelly and Spring Padden and their girls were the rest of the branding crew. Bryce and Braxton came home from Wyoming that afternoon to spend a few days with us on the ranch. Bryce has almost finished teaching her classes in Torrington and, since Wyoming has lifted the regulation that made everyone leaving Wyoming had to be quarantined for 14 days when they came back, Braxton will be able to return to his job right away when they go home.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were gone this Sunday so Pastor David Johnston from the Moreau River Sanctuary gave the sermon at Slim Buttes Lutheran. We are all looking forward to attending the community Hymn Sing next Sunday at the

by Miles City and Ft Peck, that overturned campers and flooded the underpasses.

Dale Moncur was out to the ranch for the weekend. Alex has the farming done, and the weeds sprayed. The fields along the river are inundated with bad seeds every time the river comes up. Then they have to fight the Canadian thistle and Leafy Spurge again. When there is flooding, steel posts are bent over to ground level, and the fences are carried away, too. Alex, Jodi Richter, and Darwin went to Cheryl Burghduff's to help move cows on Sunday, but decided to wait a day. Dale had gone to decorate graves at Deadwood, Sturgis, National Cemetery, Spearfish and Belle Fourche. Then he went to the Capitol Cemetery on Sunday. He stopped to borrow a spade from Junior and Shirley Melum and found that their electricity was off. The boys took a generator to Knute's place to run the water there, but the electricity had not gone off at Moncurs.

Dorothy Padden went with Dawn to Bowman for groceries on Wednesday. On Friday, BJ, Kamry, Kala, Kanyyn and Brylen helped Dorothy plant garden. It was a fun day. Dorothy went with Bryce to Belle Fourche and Spearfish for parts on Saturday. On Sunday, she went to the cemeteries to decorate. The electricity was off from four in the morning until around two-thirty that day.

Bryce and Brandon Padden went to Justin Kerr's on Monday for branding. They have gotten lots of field work and branding done, too, during the week.

On Monday morning, after the branding on Sunday, Ronda Cordell went out to listen for crying calves or cows. She was not surprised to hear resounding bawls and answers from across the fence. She had seen a few

heifers in the yard the night before, when she went to shut up the chickens. That night, she had found some boards that had come loose on the bottom of the stockade, but decided not to try fixing it in the dark, so she parked the CanAm against the boards. On Monday afternoon, Ronda and Diane Wear went to the North Belltower unit to put out salt/mineral, and to look for cows to bring home. Clint Zolnoski came with a trailer and ATV, and they managed to get a cow home to her calf. Clint checked fence on Tuesday, and Denise, Darby, and Abby helped him haul a load of pairs to the pasture north of Brewer's. Then Ronda helped him for the last trip. Dell and Tod Dague hauled pairs to the Desert Claim on the Buck Ranch. They are all busy with fencing, and regular ranch work, and Ronda did yard-work while the electricity was off on Sunday. When Ronda and Diane went past Donna Lewis's they saw seven bull elk with antlers in mid-growth traveling in the high fog and mist. Charlie Odell had a telecon-

Baptist church in Bison.

Monday is Memorial Day and it dates back to the end of the Civil War to honor those who died fighting for this country. My great uncle, Gustav Schmidt, a full blooded German, changed his name to Gus Smith and went to fight the Germans in WWI where he died in France. Leo Aukland from Bison, a guy I grew up with, was killed in Vietnam. These are the veterans who died in battle that Memorial Day was meant to honor. My father was a highly decorated WWII vet and when I discovered all the medals he was awarded during the war, I told him that he was a hero! Dad answered, "No, I'm not. The heroes never came home".

I don't remember who sent me this, but it is so true:

1. Don't wish me a Happy Memorial Day. There is nothing happy about brave men and women dying while in combat for their country.
2. It's not a holiday. It's a remembrance, not an excuse to have a mattress sale.
3. If you want to know the true meaning, visit Arlington or your local VA, not Disneyworld.
4. Don't tell me how great any one political power is. Tell me about Chesty Puller, George Patton, John Basilone, Dakota Meyer, Kyle Carpenter, Mitchell Paige, Ira Hayes, Chris Kyle, Audie Murphy and many other heroes too numerous to name. If you don't know who these people are...look them up. Attend a Bell Ceremony and shed some tears.
5. Say a prayer... and then another.
6. Remember the Fallen for all the good they did while they were here.
7. Reach out and let a Vet know you're there, we're losing too many in "peace".
8. Go to work and fight for the rights of Veterans who are not getting the simplest courtesies, like proper care from the V.A.

ference with his doctor at the VA on Tuesday. He has been working on repairing the fences at Capitol that were downed by the hail last fall. Karen has gotten some more art projects on her Evans Odell Publishing Facebook page for people to try. She now has nearly 60 projects for people to try. She is finally skipping some days, since school is out, and the kids may be outside. She has planted her flowers, and just a little of the garden is left to plant. Now she is putting beginning piano lessons on YouTube for Kenna's birthday for distance learning. Since school is out, she may need more to do. On Sunday, the electricity had gone off around 4 am. They could not watch church, but had their Bible reading. Charlie brought home lunch from the Over The Edge. After ten hours, the electricity finally came on again, so then they could watch church., and hear some music. Karen is still adding chapters to her novel for Rowan's birthday in August.

Hope everyone sings the National Anthem tomorrow.

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Lifeline: Affordable Telephone Service for Income-Eligible Consumers

Background

Lifeline is a government benefit program that provides discounts on qualifying monthly telephone or broadband service for eligible low-income consumers to help ensure they have the opportunities and security that telephone service affords, including being able to connect to jobs, family, and 911 services. Lifeline is supported by the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF).

What Benefits are Available Under the Lifeline Program?

Lifeline lowers the cost of basic monthly local qualifying telephone or broadband service (at least 20/3 Mbps). An eligible customer will receive a discount of up to \$9.25 per month. Federal rules prohibit eligible low-income consumers from receiving more than ONE Lifeline service per household. That is, eligible low-income consumers may receive a Lifeline discount on either a voice or broadband service, but may not receive a Lifeline discount on both services at the same time. Additionally, only ONE Lifeline service may be obtained per household. "Household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" is defined as "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household." Lifeline applicants may demonstrate when initially enrolling in the program that any other Lifeline recipients residing at their residential address are part of a separate household.

Lifeline can also include Toll Limitation Service, which enables a telephone subscriber to limit the amount of long distance calls that can be made from a telephone.

If a qualifying consumer resides on federally-recognized Tribal lands, the consumer is also eligible for an additional \$25 Tribal benefit.

Tribal Link Up provides eligible low-income consumers living on Tribal lands with a one-time discount

of up to \$100 on the initial installation or activation of a wireline or wireless telephone for the primary residence. For service initiation charges of up to \$200, Tribal Lands Link Up also allows consumers to



pay the remaining amount that they owe on a deferred schedule, interest-free for up to one year. Federal

rules prohibit eligible low-income consumers from receiving more than ONE Link Up discount at a primary residence. Eligible consumers may be eligible for Link Up again only after moving to a new primary residence.

How Do I Qualify for Lifeline Discounts?

The Lifeline program is available to eligible low-income consumers in every state, territory, commonwealth, and on Tribal lands. You must be eligible to enroll. To participate in the program, consumers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the federal Poverty Guidelines or participate in one of the following assistance programs:

Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps or SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit Programs

TRIBAL-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS:

Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met)

When you qualify for any of the above programs, you must complete a Lifeline Application. For more information, log-on to <https://www.checklifeline.org/lifeline>, contact the Lifeline Support Center at 1-800-234-9473, call your local telephone company, state Public Utility Commission, or the Federal Communications Commission at 1-888-CALL-FCC.

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- 5 Former Korean president
- 9 Genetic letters
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- 13 Male noble
- 14 Edible root
- 15 Sayings (suf.)
- 16 Vex
- 18 Having (suf.)
- 20 Shout
- 21 Formula
- 23 Fish with bait on the surface
- 24 Buddhist monk in nirvana
- 25 Held a session
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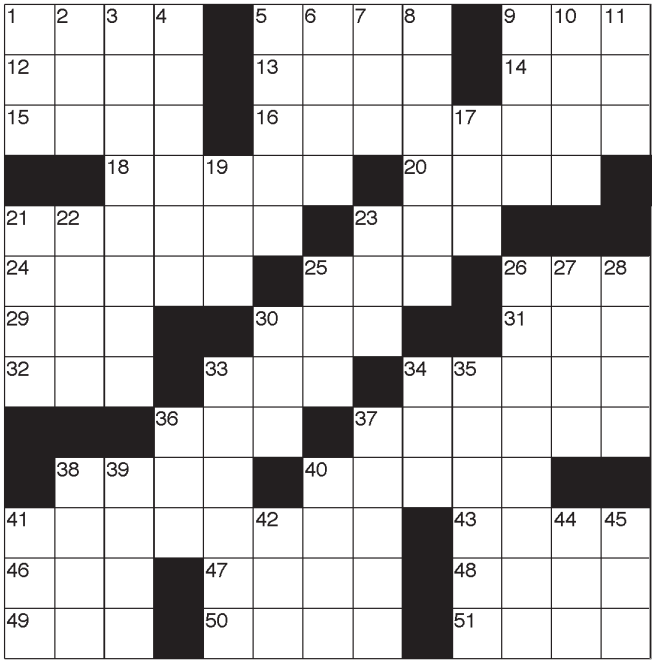
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- 2 Caribbean lizard
- 3 Card game
- 4 Abbey (Sp.)
- 5 Queen (Fr.)
- 6 Stag
- 7 Slip
- 8 Educate
- 9 Old Eng. gold piece
- 10 National (abbr.)
- 38 Fetish
- 40 Fundamental
- 41 Incense ingredient
- 43 Rubbish: Brit.
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- 11 Soul or spirit (Fr.)
- 17 Flap
- 19 Choose
- 21 Electric catfish
- 22 Great Lake
- 23 Flat fish
- 25 Pouch
- 26 Bag
- 27 Italic (abbr.)
- 28 Haw. goose
- 30 Mortar beater
- 33 Seamount
- 34 S.A. sloths
- 35 Rile (2 words)
- 36 Coniferous tree
- 37 Muslim divorce
- 38 Without (Ger.)
- 39 Semitic deity
- 40 Pressure (pref.)
- 41 Public vehicle
- 42 Or best offer (abbr.)
- 44 Food and Drug Admin. (abbr.)
- 45 Cigarette: Brit. slang



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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

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

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Larry Broneman-SD
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Round 2

Legislative Candidates Line Up For June 2nd Primary

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Four more candidates have filed for the South Dakota State Legislature and are hoping to appeal to voters in the June Primary.

Gary Cammack of Union Center and Terri Jorgenson of Piedmont are running for the Senate.

Jade Addison of Sturgis, Lincoln Shuck of Union Center and Dean Wink of Howes are running for the District 29 seats held by incumbents Kirk Chaffee and Tom Brunner.

Gary Cammack is from Union Center and operates Cammack Ranch Supply. He and his wife started out in 1972 in Stoneville, and moved to Union Center in 1979. He has experience in politics, having served on the Meade County Commission for four years, two in the South Dakota House and 6 years in the Senate.

"I originally ran for politics because I wanted a say in the direction that the county and the state was moving," he said. He feels the term this year is like no other, with unique situations for business and health care related to the Corona-virus. He also feels that it is essential to keep taxes low and still provide quality service to the people of the state. He also wants the leadership to encourage growth and make things better than before.

"We need to be creative.

There's no way we should lose businesses unnecessarily. That's the reason we need to recover losses and get back to normal," he said.

He added that a lot hinges on an agriculture recovery, since a lot of businesses center around the industry.

"You think about it, the grain corn, soybeans, sheep and cattle have a lot to do with grocery stores, restaurants and the like. I know Ag is under some stress, just like tourism is under stress too. That's why we need strong leadership in the legislature," said Cammack.

He isn't sure at this point if there is any one issue he would like to see accomplished, since the situation is so fluid with the Covid-19 causing problems for both state and federal officials.

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Canceled Rally Could Leave City \$1.7 Million Short

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STURGIS-- The city of Sturgis is trying to find out what residents feel about a go/no go for the 2020 Rally, but in the meantime, the council thought it prudent to publish some numbers that outline possible cuts in service or programs if the event were postponed until 2021. To that end, the city posted the numbers on Facebook, with mixed replies.

Some residents felt they were being backed into a corner, while others understood how the loss of revenue would impact staff and facilities. So who was behind the Facebook post? "The post was a result of several Council members who had heard concerns from residents that the survey that was mailed to all residents in town did not include a summary of financial impacts that would follow if the Rally was canceled," said City Manager Daniel Ainslie.

2020 Sturgis Scooper Graduation was The Affair to Remember!



The Sturgis Brown High School 2020 graduates and their families celebrate at the conclusion of Commencement Exercises May 17 with confetti poppers and air horns. *Sandy Geffre photo*

SANDY GEFFRE

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STURGIS — Their senior year cut short by the Coronavirus pandemic, members of the 2020

Sturgis Brown High School graduating class refused to let that dampen their spirits on a very special graduation day. The 2020 grads celebrated the

culmination of their high school careers during a history making, one-of-a-kind drive-through graduation ceremony on May 17, followed by a celebratory

parade through Sturgis. In cars filled with family members, graduates were driven to the outdoor stage in alphabet-

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4-H Keeps in Touch Creatively

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Although Jenny Voigt has been the Meade County 4-H Youth Program Advisor for 7 years, she has never dealt with anything even close to COVID-19.

On Friday, March 13, Voigt received word that all face-to-face 4-H gatherings had been suspended. 4-H is a very interactive program, so Voigt had to get creative with new

ways to keep in touch. Instead of canceling planned meetings, she held the meetings on Zoom. Voigt planned an at-home Bingo game, where each square had a different activity for kids to do. She awarded prizes for completed Bingo cards. She also offered an online Escape Room, which many kids enjoyed. 4-H members could also submit pictures of their animals and send it to Voigt, who created a slideshow for kids to enjoy.

Voigt says the most challenging things are having to cancel events and being unable to meet face-to-face. She has been encouraged by how easy the county has been to work with and how the kids have been so resilient. She enjoys seeing how everyone does their best with what they have.

The Meade County Fair Board has decided to have a virtual fair this year. Hopefully, they will still be able to have exhibits through Zoom. Voigt is hoping COVID-19 ends soon, so that she can see all her 4-H friends again.



Jenny Voigt -Heeren Photo



Meade School District employees handing meals to a family with students in the school district. *Heeren Photo*

Free Emergency Meals

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On March 23, several Meade County schools started giving out free emergency meals. Due to covid-19, kids who usually got a meal at school were no longer able to do so, prompting the program.

Food Service Director Rhonda Ramsdell said that 3 days per week, around 600 kids in Sturgis and 500 kids in Summerset were given a bag with enough food for 2 meals.

Workers handling the meals had to take extra safety precautions; wearing gloves and masks as well as sanitizing surfaces. Families could con-

veniently drive in and have the meals handed to them without leaving their car.

Ramsdell says that, "It was a challenge to find the right nutritional food they wanted to provide, but they made-do with what was available." She says, "it has been encouraging to see families grateful for the meals and she enjoys being able to connect with kids and their parents in this way."

As of May 21, kids have been able to get a meal from the school's summer feeding program each weekday, with all the safety precautions still in place.

The pickup location is at Sturgis Elementary School.

Dean Wink Seeks State House Seat

Former Speaker of the House and NFL player for the Philadelphia Eagles is looking forward to getting back in the game in Pierre. Due to term limits, Representative Wink has been observing matters of the State from the sidelines.

"For 8 years(2008-2016),it was my great honor to represent the people of District 29 in the legislature. My time there was truly one of the most gratifying experiences of my life! I enjoyed it immensely and I hope you feel I represented you, your concerns and your values to the fullest degree possible. During my eight years, I served on the Appropriations Committee my 1st and 2nd terms and was appointed Chairman in my 2nd term. In my 3rd and 4th terms, I was honored and humbled to be elected Speaker Pro Tempore and then Speaker of the House by my colleagues in the House chamber.

We are all living in an extraordinary time in our nation's history. The COVID-19 virus has caused both pain and heartache across our country but I am confident we will work our way through this demanding time.



Dean Wink

Following this struggle with the virus, the economic challenges that will face our families, cities and state may be daunting! Voices of reason and calm with practical common sense solutions must prevail. Our nation has been tested time and again and has triumphed! We can do it again! I feel my years spent on the Appropriations Committee dealing with the state budget and time building working relationships of trust and confidence with fellow legislators prepared me for these future challenges.

Thank you.




The Meade County Herald and the Belle Fourche Beacon would like to thank Tom Brunner and Kirk Chaffee for their help in producing the two introductory issues of this paper. They helped make it financially possible and also for volunteering "hands on" labor to help with production; mail room preparation; and delivery. The Herald would not have been possible without them.

We also wish to thank the Sturgis area businesses who provided advertising support to make these initial publications a reality.

The Herald will endeavor to continue!

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Legislative District 29

Candidates from C1

Kristi Noem has done a good job leading the state during the pandemic, by allowing South Dakotans to be responsible for themselves but still taking precautions. While the state has seen some cases and deaths, it still lags behind other states.



Gary Cammack

Terri Jorgenson is challenging Cammack for the Senate seat. Jorgenson is a retired military officer and health coach focused on public health policy. She is a former volunteer lobbyist in Pierre where she fought for conservative values and focused on education issues.

A South Dakotan for more than 21 years, she lives on an acreage outside of Piedmont with her husband, Dennis. They have two grown children.

She currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Meade County Republicans and Vice President of the Meade County Republican Women.

Dean Wink is from Howes and operates a ranch that has been in the family since the early 1900's. He moved to the state in 1995 to operate the ranch. "I was in the Legislature for eight years and I termed out, and I've been anxious to get back in ever since," he said. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, he started getting calls from people who thought he should run again because he had been on the Appropriations Committee and chaired it his second term.

In 2011 when Dennis Daugaard was governor there was a structural deficit. Daugaard asked the legislature's appropriations committee to see if they could deal with it. "Working with the other legislators and Daugaard's staff, we managed a 10% across-the-board cut and eliminated \$120 million in deficits."

He feels some other across-the-board cuts or looking at some programs or departments may be necessary while the fallout from the pandemic continues.

Wink also feels there's not much the federal government will do to help, since much of the funding is directly related to the Covid-19 pandemic. He remembers in 2008 when stimulus money came the state's way but it really wasn't enough. It's become apparent to some candidates that trying to formulate a particular plan is difficult, since it's hard to know what the immediate future brings. But for Wink, getting together with other legislators is essential to helping the people of South Dakota.

Wink has no illusions that the 2021 legislative session will be a challenge, since no one really knows how the Covid-19 pan-

demie will turn out.

Mandatory country of origin labeling of meat products could help Ag producers, since then markets would open up to other countries who want American beef.

Having four large meat packing companies control the market doesn't help either. He feels Gov. Noem has done a good job leading the state through the pandemic.

"I feel she understands us, that we're independent, and responsible on their own, and so far it's worked to our advantage and flattened the curve. Some things she's done have worked with the culture in South Dakota, and it's worked to our advantage," he said.

Lincoln Shuck is from Union Center and has been in ranching his whole life, and operates a place with his family. He's running for the District 29 seat because he believes more can be done for all families in the state. "We can be more diverse in taxation, or fairness in taxation and I think it's highly important to promote our agricultural industry. I believe we can highlight the rural businesses we have and try to establish more," he said. He also feels it's important to provide what is needed in ag products to local restaurants and schools, so they know what they are getting when it comes to food.

Shuck is also a strong supporter of R-Calf and country of origin labeling for meat produced in the state.

"I think any product made or produced in South Dakota should have the state stamp on the back, identifying it as locally produced," he said. Shuck believes South Dakota should start to use anti-trust laws and interstate commerce laws to even the playing field when it comes to beef production.

"Think about this. Can a car sold in South Dakota be sold in California? No it can't because it can't meet California's emission standards. So the same should be true about beef products. Why can't South Dakota say 'You can't sell your products in our state unless you meet our standards'?" asked Shuck. Shuck added that the stamp on a package of meat would state that it was grown, processed and packaged in South Dakota, and would make it harder for the beef packing companies to flood the market with beef produced in a factory-like setting. Shuck believes this is something that needs to be done on the state level. "If the state can beat Amazon in court over online sales tax, then it's possible to win when it comes to country of origin labeling," he said.

Since the state has suffered some losses related to the Covid-19 pandemic, Shuck feels

the state needs to diversify its economy. "We cannot depend on foreign ownership and foreign supply chain partners. We need to work with firms like 3M since they have been making equipment to help fight the pandemic and let's give them incentive to expand in our state and bring more jobs to the state," said Shuck. He is really pleased with the way Governor Kristi Noem handled the Covid-19 crisis, and kept our constitutional freedoms intact and has not used heavy-handed government to regulate the citizenry. He likes the way she used official and fact-based information to empower the state's residents to make good decisions during the pandemic's duration. Jade Addison lives in Sturgis and is a veterinarian technician. She is running because she would

like to present different ideas to people.

"I'm running as an independent because as an independent I believe for me it's more conducive to have conversations where we can find common ground," she said. She's a firm believer in the concept of just sitting down and talking, to find more common ideas than different ones. She added she herself got caught up in the discussions about Democrats or Republicans, and wanted to avoid the prejudices that come into play when having those conversations. She would like to see more equitable funding for various programs throughout the state, like infrastructure and roads and bridges.

"I would also like to see more access to health care for those that struggle to get that access," she said. One important goal if elected is to find a way to end the brain drain in the state and keep young people here after graduating university.

"We do lose a lot of talent to places that are able to pay them more money or have good incentives," said Addison. She recounts growing up in a rural community in Nebraska, and she noticed the exodus from her hometown every time she visited. So she would like to address that if elected. She feels that Governor Kristi Noem has done well in the handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"I think there's some things that could have been done differently, but we need to find the balance between protecting people and keeping the economy going," she said. "I get that a business can replace its employees, but you can't replace a son or daughter or even a parent."

and area candidates have stepped forward and asked to be involved in this 2nd issue. Both issues have been produced with the full intent of providing Sturgis and the balance of Meade County with local area news. 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. We will continue the effort to return and keep a local paper in Sturgis. You will know if we succeed when the Herald shows up in your mail again. A publication date for the next issue of a Meade County Herald has not been set, but every effort is being made to make the weekly newspaper a permanent part of the local landscape. Watch for us in your mail!

Where's The Beef? Dark Days for the Cattle Industry?

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were in those countries for an extended period of time, it's unlikely that you'll be allowed to give blood. It was during those times that tainted beef (mad cow disease) believed to have come from South America got into the food supply. Military members and their families stationed in those countries were put at risk because of inadequate food safeguards. For more information go to: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK221310/> In light of past misdeeds regarding beef, do we really want to continue risking the health, safety and economic welfare of our country to save a few dollars? Americans have a right to know where their beef is coming from. As consumers, we should stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the U.S. cattle producers and demand mandatory country-of-origin labeling. And the law shouldn't allow loopholes to create the illusion of compliance. This issue reminds me of another saying from the 1976 movie Network. "I'm mad as heck (G-rated version) and I'm not going to take it anymore." I want my beef to come from 100% U.S. cattle with no additions or substitutions. Let's work together to forge a brighter future for our cattle producers.


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Tom, is my friend, but he’s a premier legislator that South Dakota’s lucky to have. I hope you will join me in supporting Tom Brunner on June 2nd and send Tom back to Pierre.

Sincerely,
Liz Marty May (Former Legislator District 27)

Possible Cuts From Page 1

Since the City cannot print money, we have to make up that difference. We would anticipate using the following reductions, increased revenues and use of reserves (or rainy day funds) to make up the \$1.7 million.

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The increase of 5.3% in property taxes would be an increase in tax revenue collected (this does not mean that the total City mill levy would be increased by 5.3%, it would likely be a bit lower) It is just the City mill levy, not the school or county. It would be in effect for two years and then reduced (the City has a long history of reducing the mill levy and would proceed with doing that after two years).

The use of \$782,889 in reserves (or rainy day savings) would leave about \$1,592,000 at the end of the year. This is 19.7% of the general fund budget. The Government Finance Officer’s Association recommends maintaining 20% in case of an emergency. The City does not want to use more than \$782,889 because there will likely be further revenue shortfalls this year due to the recession and it is vital to ensure that there remains some reserves.

The City has been actively saving for years to build reserves. In December 2011, the City had \$677,000; December 2019: \$2,331,000. The increase came from growth in the City, growth in Rally profits and controlled spending.

So what would happen if the city does decide to postpone the rally but people still come? Would that offset any losses from not having the rally at all? How would 100,000 or more people attending the rally affect the bottom line?

“We would undoubtedly still have guests in town which would increase our sales tax beyond what it would be in a typical August. The additional revenue is not included in the City’s projection for net loss because we don’t have an idea of how many people would come anyway since we budget for revenue from a rally with about 375,000 attendees. If the Rally is cancelled we could not issue vendor permits, so there would be no additional vendor fees,” said Ainslie.

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Clint Donaldson, Beau Austin, Treyton Turnbow, Kane Grant and Bode Mattson enjoy cheers from parade onlookers.



Gabriel Rambow rides through Sturgis with family members as they celebrate his graduation.



Pat, Lisa and Dawson Schieffer stand along the parade route to cheer on Sturgis Brown High School Class of 2020 grads *All Graduation Photos Sandy Geffre*



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KBHB AM Radio personalities **Terry Anderson** and **Gary Matthews** prepare for the live broadcast of the Sturgis Brown High School Commencement Ceremony



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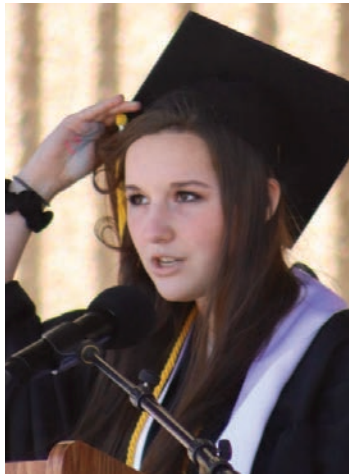
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Brett Konst shields his face from confetti after family members shoot a confetti popper to help celebrate his graduation.



Jillian Sutton



Ryan Conover



Trevor Keierleber



Jalen Burke



Marien McGrath



Kylie Shaw struggles to keep her graduation cap on in the wind while Maggie Schneider waits to give her a cloth mask. Joe Williams and Pam Anderson are in the background.
Graduation Photos -Sandy Geffre

Graduation From Page1

ical order, exiting to receive specially made Sturgis Scoopers face masks donated by Sturgis Fabric Junction before walking across the stage to receive their high school diploma.

Staged in the high school parking lot, graduates and their families arrived early to find their numbered parking spots. Besides administrators participating in the ceremony, about a dozen faculty members wearing face masks were on hand to direct traffic and help with parking, photograph and videotape the graduates and hand out graduation packets, roses and cloth masks.

Rather than a traditional processional with Pomp and Circumstance playing in the background, graduating seniors stood beside their vehicles during the graduation march and National Anthem.

Following welcoming remarks from High School Principal Peter Wilson and Superintendent Jeff Simmons, who also wore face masks, class speakers Jillian Sutton, Ryan Conover, Lydia Rotterdam and Danika Gordon shared their inspirational messages with classmates.

Sutton said she was enthusiastic and excited for her senior year — for the football games, homecoming, pep assemblies and mostly about being surrounded by a class she had grown up with since seventh grade. “We were finally at the top of the food chain, a chain that we had been climbing for four years,” she said. “I had this picture in my head of the perfect senior year – the ones seen in movies, the ones where the whole year flies by but the most important moments go slow. It was a time I didn’t realize I had been so excited for until it was taken away.”

Sutton said that perfect picture got flipped upside down, stretched and contorted into something she never expected — something she never could have even imagined — on a random Friday in March because of COVID-19.

“My perfect senior year was now whittled down to Zoom classes, Google Classroom and Schoology as my main form of contact with the people I have seen every day for the past six years. Yet, somehow our teachers made it seem like we weren’t so alone, so I want to thank them,” said Sutton.

She said slowly the spring semester, sports, prom and even seeing her friends was taken away. “COVID-19 has changed all of our lives in ways that we won’t forget,” she said.

Sutton said their senior year will be unforgettable in so many ways because of COVID-19, and the graduating seniors will have many memorable moments to share – both good and bad.

“I will have some pretty great stories of me sitting home alone at my dining room table, doing calculus for three hours,” she joked.

Sutton said the 2020 graduates are a generation born from 911, growing up through huge changes in our nation and graduating amidst one of the most tumultuous health epidemics our nation has faced.

“Despite all of this, our generation has proved that we are resilient. While we can’t control huge events that have plagued our childhoods, we can control our responses to them,” she said. “Coronavirus is no exception. This pandemic has shown if nothing more, the compassion of our class and our ability to keep fighting. We will have obstacles and struggles in the future, there is no doubt about that. But being the Class of 2020, we have been given an incredible opportunity to show our resilience.”

Sutton said hindsight is 2020.

“The past has always been the best indicator for the future, so with hindsight that gives us our strength, let’s look toward the future with the same tenacity that has gotten us through these past few months because we are all adaptive, innovative and we hold an incredibly important role in changing the future of our world,” she said.

Class Poet Ryan Conover shared a special poem she wrote for the occasion, asking classmates to remember the good times growing up but never forgetting when the world began to shift their senior year.

“Suddenly, all things became incomprehensible,” she said. “Remember stress, anxiety, anger and failure. Never forget the loss of things never to be regained. However tragic, through all this we have learned to persevere.”

Conover said while remembering difficulty, disappointment, loneliness and lost time the past few months, the 2020 grads should never forget those who stood by their side – those who put the pieces of the puzzle back together.

“Remember empowerment, joy, compassion and love. From heartbreak to happiness, look at how far we have come,” she said. “Be thankful for the things you have experienced, and the friends and family who have stayed by your side. They have helped shape who you into who you are today. Remember that your life, thus far, has led you to this moment. As we move forward to bigger and better things, never forget.”

* * *

Lydia Rotterdam began with a more humorous message for classmates, asking whether they knew who she was. “We went to high school together,” she laughed jokingly. She said most will remember her for her ruthless, brutal honesty.

“And to be honest with all of you, I have thought about how to start this speech over and over again. It is hard to describe feelings that are so complicated,” she said. “Excitement, fear, nervousness, but overall happiness.” She said she knew she should tell classmates how the next step in their life is going to be amazing, that all their hard work and dedication will land them that dream job and life will be good. She should share a motivational quote, explain the motivational quote and say it’s better than any advice she could ever give.

She said she knows all the things she should do but couldn’t help wonder why she should use others’ words to sum up her own life’s experiences.

“My chapter at Sturgis Brown High can’t be re-read. I cannot re-experience it even if I want to,” she said.

With pep rally chants forever etched in her memory, football games repeatedly playing in slow motion and joking about lunchroom memories she couldn’t say too much about “because the first rule about Fight Club is that we don’t talk about Fight Club,” Rotterdam said she could only talk about this year’s graduating class – her friends, her foes, her people.

“We grew up together. We know each other whether we’d like to admit it or not,” she said, adding that she would be the first one on stage to say she is sad to see them all leave, while ecstatic to watch the Class of 2020 take the world by storm.

“Class of 2020, we finally did it. We made it through the unnerving freshman year, the awkward stages of sophomore year, completing the stressfulness of junior year and finally making it through the homestretch of senior year,” she said.

While the homestretch took many twists and turns along the way and none of them expected to end their senior year during a “pandemic/quarantine/Tiger King movie marathon”, she is proud of her class for graduating during these times of uncertainty.

Thanking fellow classmates and the teachers and staff who helped mold and shape them into the young adults they are today, she said most of her thanks goes out to family who had to deal with them during mood swings and teenage drama years.

“But the world is waiting for us. We cannot slow down now, we are the future,” she concluded. “Let us show them what we have to offer. The world won’t wait for us so we better start catching up to speed. And just like the beginning of this speech I can’t figure out how to end it in any better way than saying ‘Class of 2020, we did it!’ And Sturgis Brown, hats off to thee.”

Danika Gordon reminded her fellow grads to think back

to the Fall of 2007 when they were a class of happy faces, anxious and excited to meet new classmates and eager to learn their ABCs as they started kindergarten. “Who knew back then that one of the most important things we learned was how to wash our hands,” she grinned.

Feeling those same emotions starting her senior year back in August, Gordon said the world recently changed.

“More recently, some of our excitement has been replaced with frustration, disappointment and even some sad tears,” she said.

Looking back on the past 13 years, she said those mixes of happy and sad emotions, excitement and disappointment has been a part of their school journey throughout elementary school, middle school and high school because it’s all a part of real life. She said a friend recently reminded her that life doesn’t always go according to plan.

“For example sometimes we study for a test and get that A, or our basketball team brings home that win. Other times we don’t always get the outcome we worked for. Those are lessons I believe we’ve all learned as we worked towards this graduation day these past 13 years,” said Gordon.

She said she wanted to encourage her classmates to always remember their ABCs as they celebrate their goodbyes to high school and looked forward to the future.

She said ‘A’ stands for adapt – something they’ve all learned to do these past months with online schooling and multiple Zoom calls.

“But we’ve been adapting from the first day we started kindergarten – and today some of us have mastered chemistry and Spanish and some of us are really good at finding funny Tik Tok videos,” she said “Bottom line: when life throws us curveballs or hands us lemons, we need to be flexible, look for new solutions and adapt.

“‘B’ stands for build,” she continued. “Build your knowledge and your skills. That’s a focus of our time in school, but I hope we also realize how important it is to build involvement, build friendships and build memories because time goes fast, and we are the builders of our past, present and future.”

Lastly, Gordon said ‘C’ stands for connect. Throughout the past 13 years, the class has made some awesome friendships. During the past three months they’ve had a lot of time to connect with family, she said.

“Maybe a little too much for some of us,” she laughed. “But I hope that we’ve all realized that connecting counts to share stories, ideas, tears and laughter.”

Gordon said May 17 was the last day the Sturgis Brown High School Class of 2020 would all in the same place, connected by their time in school together.

“Let’s remember to reach out and connect with each other and our community in the future. To my classmates as we go forward, let’s focus on being happy, excited, anxious and eager for the new chapter ahead in our lives,” she said. “And let’s remember our ABCs – to adapt, build and connect. And always remember to wash your hands.”

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Principal Wilson concluded the ceremony by thanking all who helped make the graduation ceremony possible, including parents and guardians and family members, as well as school administrators, teachers and support staff who helped the Class of 2020 the last 13 years.

“Thanks for all the hard work, dedication, encouragement and support throughout the years. This day would not be possible without you,” he said. “I hope today brings you joy and celebration as your child graduates.”



Siobhan Bromwich



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Assistant Principal Joe Williams watches as Gage Murphey dispenses some hand sanitizer. A first time prerequisite to receiving a diploma. All Graduation Photos Sandy Geffre

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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.

Its the week of Memorial Day. I'd like to honor those who have given their lives for our country with offering from Slim McNaught, the Cowboy Poet Lariat for the Good Stuff:

THE PICTURE ON THE WALL

Slim McNaught

The picture hangs in its place on the wall
just above his mothers chair.
A tall young man in a uniform
a soldier, with short blond hair.
It's been many years, he'd look older now,
but she remembers him as before
When she held him with pride and tears in her eyes
as he kissed her and went off to war.

So now she reflects on the passing years,
the heartache that never quite heals.
Her eyes hold a mist that she can't stop
brought on by the pain she feels.
It's a bittersweet feeling that holds her now,
the memory has never grown dim,
When duty called he could not stay,
said that his country needed him.

Her gaze brushes over the ranch outside
the land where he reached his stride.
A ranchers son, the range was his life
and he handled the job with pride.
Like so many sons who have served before
remembered with reverence today

Their sacrifice made over the years
is a gift we cannot repay.

How many mothers, daughters, and wives,
are suffering those feelings today?
How many sons look back on their life
and think of their father that way?
Remembering the soldier, their dearest kin,
last glimpses, the touch of his arm,
Who gave his all to keep us safe
from those who'd do us harm.

So today we honor our fallen with pride,
for freedom won is not free
It came with a price, the ultimate cost,
they paid it for you and me.
Then let us revere those women and men,
who prized freedom enough to give
all,
For this Memorial Day is a tribute to those
Who's pictures hang on the wall.