

BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC ID DEVELOPMENT



Board of Directors Meeting

June 10, 2020

Time: 7: 00 a.m.

Location: 5th & Grant Plaza
608 5th Ave, Belle Fourche

Stimulus Payments & Unemployment: The Effect on Other Benefits

May 22,2020

Time: 12 Noon

Career Learning Center of the
BH Facebook Live with Barry
Gravatt, SD Benefits Specialist
Network

Leadership Belle Fourche Graduation

May 21, 2020 - **CANCELED**

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Grap's Banquet
Room



Congratulations to Belle Fourche City Council newly elected President Vern Hintz and Vice President Annie Reich. Their terms will run until 2021.

Hintz and Reich have both volunteered many hours for the Belle Fourche Development Corporation and we thank them for their dedication to Belle Fourche!



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Hollie Stalder, Executive Director

Belle Fourche Economic Development

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101st Black Hills Roundup Proceeds with Planning

Belle Fourche Beacon | May 6, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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