ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

September 9, 2020

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Location: BFDC Conference Room - 5th & Grant Plaza, 608

5th Ave.

Belle Fourche Area Community Center Kickoff

September 13, 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: 1111 National St. Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Carnival Games, Contests, Food Trucks, Group Fitness Demos, Building Tours, Membership Specials and More! Free Admission

1st Leadership Belle Fourche Class

September 17, 2020

Time: noon - 5:00 p.m.

Course Topic: Essence of a Leader, Bring Your "A" Game and Personality Profiles

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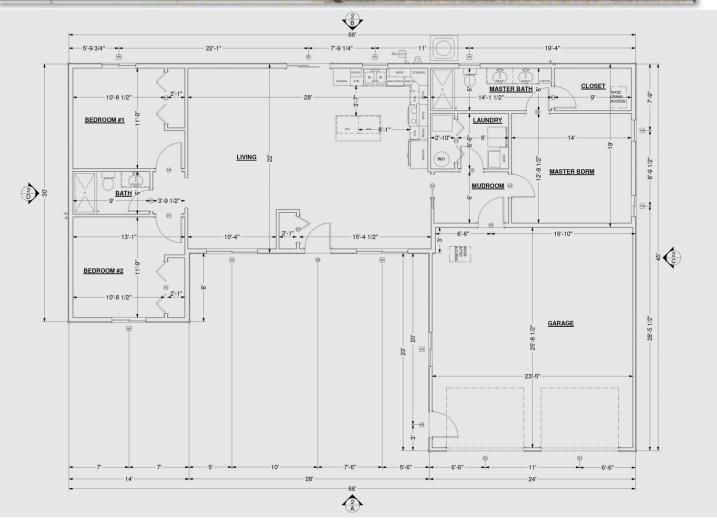
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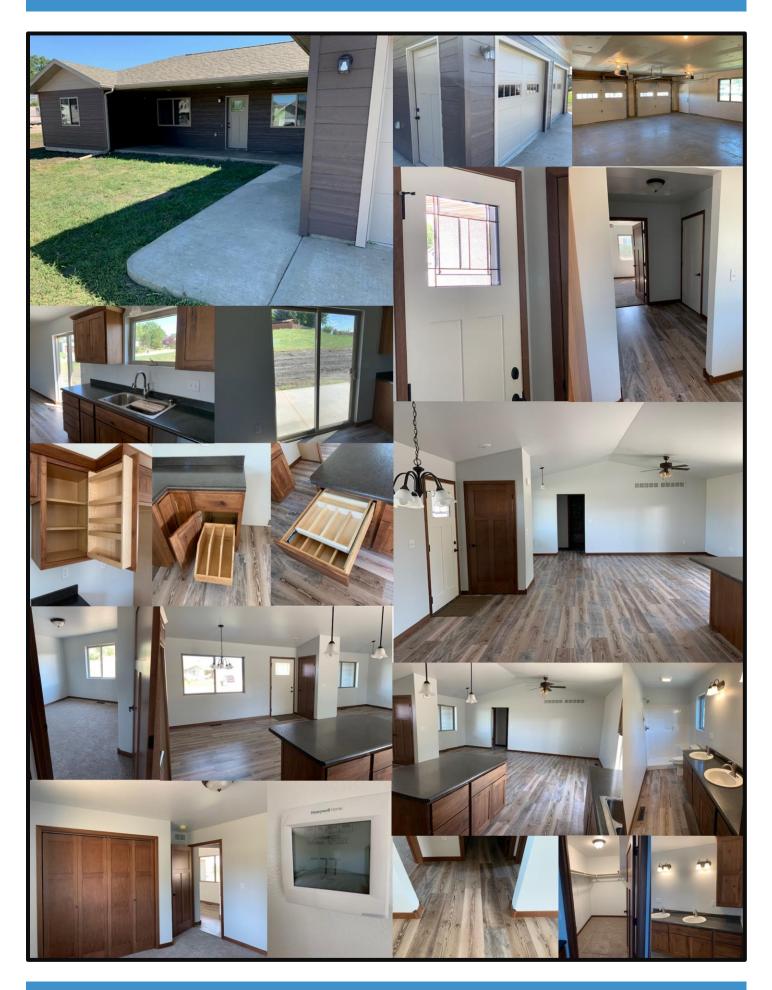
LEADERSHIP BELLE FOURCHE MIXER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 5:30 TO 6:30 PM 5TH & GRANT PLAZA

MEET THE 2020/2021 CLASS APPETIZERS & BEVERAGES







Newsletter August 27, 2020

Grand Opening - Thursday, September 3, 2020 Rancho Los Agaves Mexican Restaurant

BELLE FOURCHE - Raul and Gerardo (Gerra) Guzman have big plans and hope to supply a need within the Belle Fourche and surrounding community. Rancho Los Agaves Mexican Restaurant it set to open soon, within the next couple weeks.

"My brother-in-law, Efraim Lopez, had a restaurant in Chamberlain and one in Winner," said Raul. "I was working in a restaurant in Wisconsin and wanted an opportunity to grow as a business partner. So, one day, my brother-in-law and I started driving all over the state and we found Belle Fourche, a good-sized town and not lots of places to eat, and no Mexican food."

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Raul and Gerardo Guzman on the front porch of Rancho Los Agaves on 5th Ave / Hwy 85. - Brunner Photo

For Raul, those were good enough reasons to think about opening a Mexican restaurant with authentic

Mexican food. "We thought this would maybe be an improvement for the community and something different," he said. "We will try to be as authentic (in the food) as we can, but more mild to adapt the culture to everyone." Raul spent 12 years in Wisconsin, Alabama and Tennessee working in the restaurant industry. His sister lives in Winner and he wanted to be closer to family. "I'm just two hours away now."

Although Raul and Gerrado will be running the restaurant day to day, Efraim Lopez will be in and out as a partner in the restaurant.

"We should be open in a couple weeks," Raul said. "We have applied for the liquor license and still have to get the food license from the health department. We will have both the front room and back room open to the public."

Currently he is still looking for some waitstaff and people to bus tables. He's looking to hire local people.

Born in Mexico, Raul came to the U. S. at 19. "I don't know how to cook, just fix a bowl of milk and cereal," he laughed.

"But I have good guys as the cooks. Guys I met in Wisconsin originally from Mexico." Those "guys" brought the skill to cook real Mexican food with them and plan to provide that same thing here locally.

"I'm good with drinks, like margarita's," said Raul. "I don't think my drinks will disappoint. We'll have beer, wine and mixed drinks."

The restaurant will be open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 and Friday and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the possibility of later closing times based on local area traffic. "We might keep the bar area open later if people want that; maybe with some karaoke or something."

The menu includes all Mexican dishes as well as seafood, specialty foods and even a vegetarian menu. The location is the old American West Plaza at 1805 5th Street and the phone number is 605-723-1623.

Make plans now to visit Rancho Los Agaves and support another new, local business.

Colleen Brunner

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Financial resources available to area businesses through local and federal partnership

RAPID CITY, SD – 8.6.20 - The West River Foundation for Economic & Community Development (WRFECD) has established a new revolving loan fund in partnership with the US Economic Development Administration (EDA).

The \$1 million revolving loan fund creates an additional source of capital for small business owners located in Pennington, Perkins, Fall River, Butte, Meade, Custer, and Bennett counties. These counties experienced numerous natural disasters in 2019 that resulted in two FEMA Presidential Disaster Declarations.

This economic development recovery tool is designed to retain and create jobs by expanding the capacity of existing local businesses, as well as supporting new business start-ups in the impacted areas. Unlike other revolving loan funds administered by the West River Business Service Center, this fund is available to small businesses located in Rapid City.

For more information on the revolving loan fund, or to apply for funds, please contact the West River Business Service Center at 605-721-7437.

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About WRFECD: The WRFECD is a South Dakota non-profit economic development agency organized to assist in business start-ups, recruitment and expansion efforts, including administration of economic development and relending programs.

About EDA: The EDA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce that provides grants and technical assistance to economically distressed communities designed to generate new employment, help retain existing jobs, and stimulate growth through various investment programs.

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