ECONOMIC EVELOPMENT



BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 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

LEADERSHIP

Belle Fourche

LEADERSHIP BELLE FOURCHE MIXER

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

MEET THE 2020/2021 CLASS APPETIZERS & BEVERAGES

Ron & Robin Bass, Owners of Proline Equipment Rental

BELLE FOURCHE - You may be greeted at the door by a huge, black Newfoundland dog when you head to the former Ross Rental business in northern Belle Fourche. Journey will be the greeter, according to Robin Bass, who along with husband Ron has purchased the business. The official business name will be Proline Equipment Rental.

Robin is the former Robin Bush and she grew up in the area. She currently is employed by Monument Health as an endocrinology medical assistant. She travels to different clinics locally with a specialist doctor once a week.

Ronald is originally from Kimbal and has owned and operated Proline Utility Construction in Tioga, ND for the last four years. The couple has lived in Belle Fourche for a little over three years. They have a son, Spencer who is in seventh grade and a daughter, Jordyn who recently graduated from Sturgis Brown High School and will attend BHSU this fall, majoring in physics. Spencer is a typical middle-schooler, loving football, and wrestling.

The business was hopping on Friday as the couple, along with Robin's stepfather Dick Myers, who was raised in Faulkton, learn the ropes. Myers will serve as the general manager and Robin will be in and out, answering phones

Journey, the Newfoundland, and official greeter for Proline Equipment Rental, is front and center, as he will be at the store north of Belle Fourche. Along with him is his family, Ronald and Robin Bass, Spencer Bush, and Dick Meyer who will actually do business with customers. Colleen Brunner Photo

and questions as she is available. Myers worked for the past 24 years as an insurance adjuster for DeSmet Farm Mutual Insurance.

"Ronald has always had the desire to own a Rental business," said Robin. "He enjoys getting to know new faces and is excited to be a part of the community." Although Myers will oversee the day to day business, Ronald will be in on Saturdays as work in North Dakota keeps him busy during the week. With winter approaching he will be in North Dakota less and will spend more hours in the shop.

The business will continue to offer the contractor and home equipment that has been available in the past from Ross Rental. The contact number for the shop is 605-210-0553 or 605-723-7677, and the business is located at 18731 US Hwy 85 north of Belle Fourche. The website has not changed yet and you can find them currently at https://www.rossequipmentrental/com.

"I'll be the helper," said 13-year-old Spencer. His mom says he is excited to learn about all of the equipment.

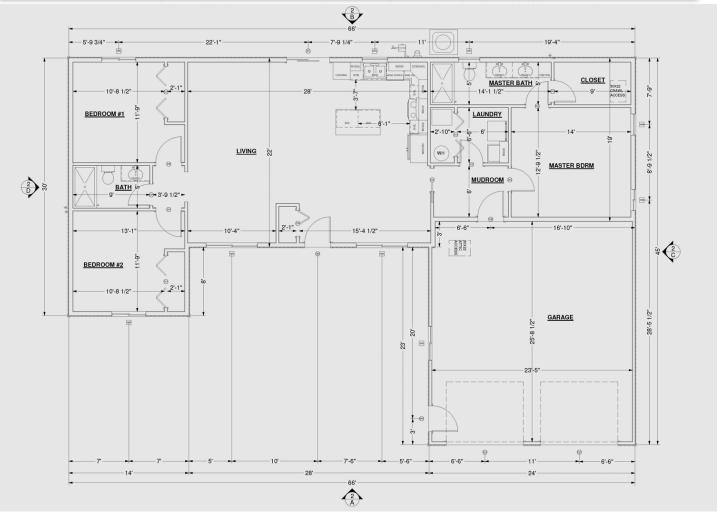
"We have extended our daily hours to better serve our community," said Robin. "We will continue to give good, hometown, customer service. Eventually, we'd like to add more equipment to the business." She said their business in Tioga has equipment that could be used for rental purposes and that business is compatible with the business here.

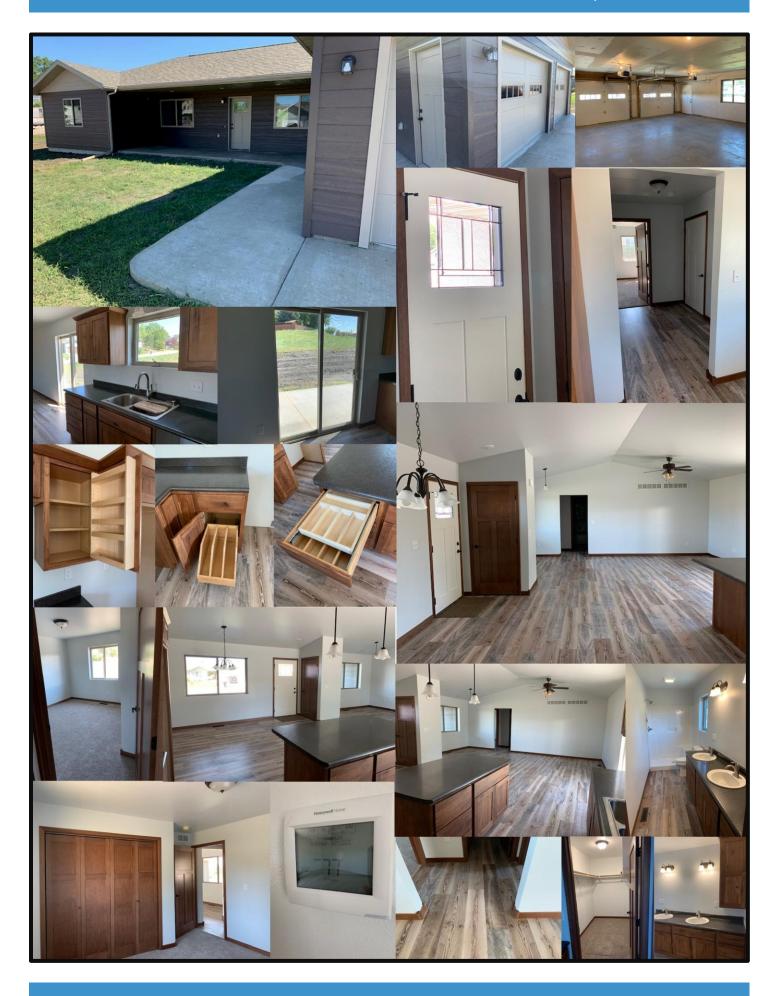
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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