ECONOMIC EVELOPMENT



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

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

SME's Treats Voted Best Bakery of the Northern Black Hills for 2020

Sheila Erhart is the owner of SME's Treats, a local special-order bakery here in Belle Fourche. Baking and sharing tasty food dishes have always been an enjoyment for her. For years she made custom birthday cakes for her close family and then eventually wedding cakes and other special occasion baked goods for others.

SME's Treats baking success has gone so well that she was able to complete several food safety courses and open a licensed and inspected commercial kitchen in 2019 and in May 2020 took the bakery business full-time.

"I have been fortunate to make cakes for some of Belle Fourche residents' most special days. I always enjoy providing baked goods that not only look good but taste great as well. Today I make not just cakes, but cupcakes, cookies, and one-of-a-kind dessert creations. Being creative in the kitchen is lots of fun for me and my business motto is, You Dream it, We Make it!"

The new business has also partnered with Blue Spruce Coffee Truck and Hut who carry a variety of their single serve baked goods.



Recently SME's Treats was voted Best Bakery of The Northern Black Hills 2020. "What an honor! My



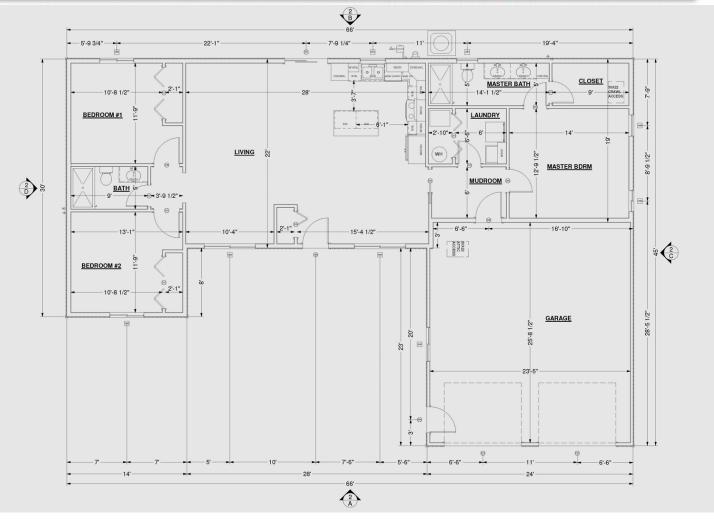
family and I love being part of the Belle Fourche community and supplying great baked goods for its businesses and residents." states Erhart.

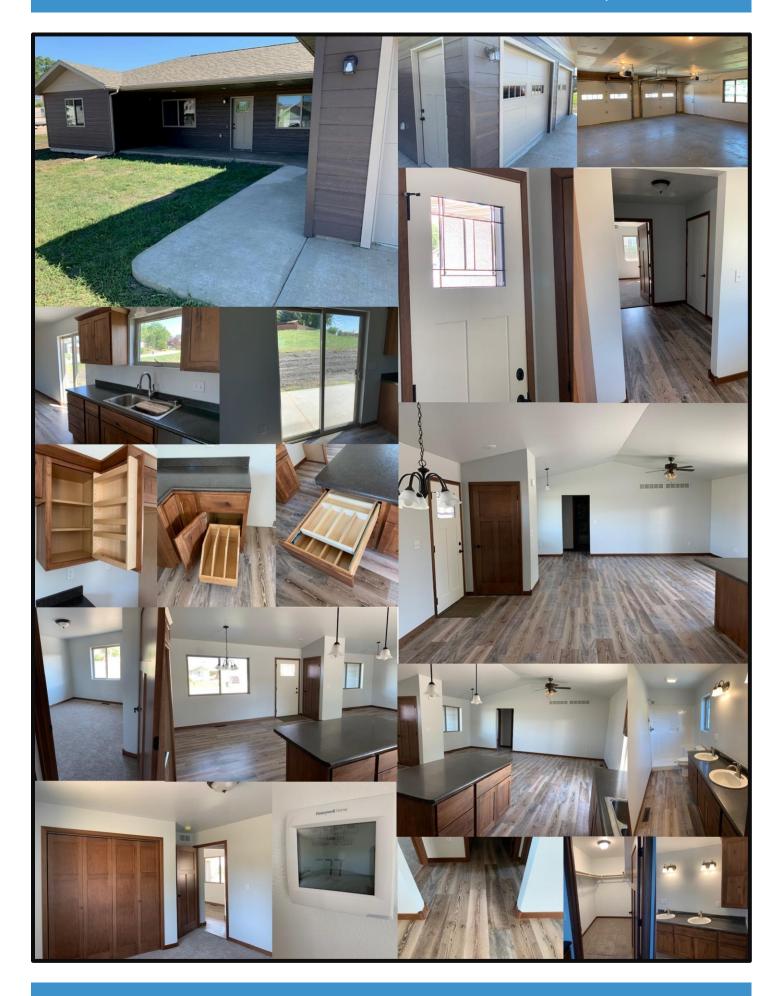
Sheila is originally from the area and married her husband Derrick in 2001 and together they have two children Owen, 14 and Nathan, 10.

SME's Treats | 605-569-6257











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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.

"West River Foundation for Economic and Community Development is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender."