County buildings received new sidewalks
Work on the Moody County owned sidewalk is going great so far, according to
Commission Assistant Marty Stroech. The sidewalk is on Pine Street Avenue and is in front of the Sheriff’s Office, the Closed Thrift Stores and Interlinks Community Action Partnership. Big Al’s Contracting out of Sioux Falls started work on the project after Memorial Day weekend and has moved just under a week ahead of schedule.

The sidewalk was made more accessible to all including a lower portion so any
one parking along the street can open doors and get out more easily. It includes a ramp on the north portion of it.

Bobeth said they were back walking in the front door of the office already last week, which was anticipated for June 15 in the worst case scenario. The con-
tactor hoped to be done pouring concrete by Monday, June 12, and then place the
rulings, which need to get delivered and should be in by the end of June or early July. “They’ve really kept moving,” Bobeth said. He said they are hoping this week the Thrift Store will be back up and running.

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The Colman swimming pool opened for the summer on Monday, June 5. Season passes cost $80 for families, which includes group swimming lessons, and $45 for individual passes. Daily admission is $3 per person, and the baby pool is free.

The second session of group swimming lessons begin on July 20 and cost $25 per person. Level 2: 9:00-9:45 a.m., Level 4: 10:00-10:45 a.m, and Level 6: 11:00-11:45 a.m. Private swimming lessons are $40 per person for five 45 to 60-minute sessions.

The pool is open 1-7 p.m. every day of the week, subject to weather and private parties. For more information or with any questions, contact the pool at (605) 534-3191.

Lots of Road Closures in Flandreau

Phase II of the water and wastewater replacement project in Flandreau has begun. This phase of the project will affect homeowners and businesses with property specifically along First Avenue between Veterans and 13th Street, Pipestone Avenue between Veterans and 13th Street and 13th Street between Third and First Avenues. Water, sewer and storm sewers are being replaced. Eng Services is having a difficult time retrieving garbage from these areas that are blocked off. So for now, dumpsters are being located in the parking lots across from the Crystal Theatre and north of the First National Bank, and also in the street near 100 E 1st Avenue block and the 400 E 1st Avenue blocks for those residents affected. They will be in place as long as necessary. The city held a community meeting on Tuesday, June 6, for those affected to ask any questions and help them understand the project. City Administrator Don Whitman said they had a good meeting, where the singnower and contractor described the project, explained the timelines and answered questions. The entire water and wastewater replacement project in Flandreau is expected to be completed by November 22.

Buying Local - Why Where We Spend Our Time and Money Matters

by Carleen Wild
Flandreau Development Corporation President

You need to fill the car up with gas, grab a few groceries, pick up a birthday card for your uncle and get that prescription filled. And boy, could you use a neck adjustment after some tough weeks of work.

Every day, we have hefty to-do lists and we need resources to help us get them done so we can take care of ourselves and our families. But how often do you consider shopping local first — for any goods or services, when you are ready?

“Small town entrepreneurs, they help their community prosper,” according to Becky McCray, a small town entrepreneur, and founder and publisher of the online resource, Small Biz Survival at http://www.SaveYour.Town.com. Research by Charles Tetlock of Baylor University shows that successful locally-owned businesses are positively associated with higher average income levels, lower poverty rates, less income inequality, lower dropout rates, lower rates of death due to chronic illness and less crime. McCray, said, in a conversation with the Flandreau Development Corporation, “Small businesses truly are critical to the life and growth of any city or town.

But local businesses only thrive — when we support them. It’s far too often otherwise, that business owners who look to support us, in any community, are paying themselves last and little to keep their doors open.

Just into a new year with a new board for the Flandreau Development Corporation (our new officers took over in May), we are working to better connect with all local business owners — not just FDC member businesses, and other interested community members and partners, because your voices matter, and we know there are issues we need to better address. Currently, however, our conversations have us further focusing on a few key initiatives with a goal of better supporting every individual and family in our region, and growing our local economy.

These initiatives include:

1. Housing. While this may not seem like an economic development concern, it is. Businesses need employees to survive and some of our biggest employers, year after year, face significant turnover due (in part) to a lack of housing options. Employers are telling us this is a big issue and asking what we might do to help. The Southeast Heights residential development was established as an option for those who prefer to build new. Mayor Mark Boettl has identified senior housing as a critical need as well as our want to support an aging population looking to remain in this community they love and have known their entire lives versus move out of town where there may simply be less access.

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2. Resources for current business owners and entrepreneurs. For those looking to build a life and a business here in Flandreau, there are options worth considering and partners, like the Governor’s Office for Economic Development, we need to work more closely with. We are devoting as much time as possible to building stronger relationships with current and new partners with an interest in seeing our community thrive.

3. Downtown revitalization and building improvements. There are already many successful business owners downtown and we need to better support them and all local businesses while working toward structural improvements and signs that will have new business owners consider opening their doors.

Perhaps the easiest thing any of us might do in the midst of this — to build a better local business community — is to simply think local first, be willing to buy local first, and support local first whenever possible. We have more power than we often realize to positively impact our community by simply doing what we need to do every day; here in town.

So many of us want to see more businesses in town, back downtown, and thriving. These brave small-town entrepreneurs are doing what we can to accomplish together. Flandreau, as far more than any of us might accomplish alone.

We look forward to working with you.