



A color guard salute to healthcare workers was done at the shift change of 4:00 p.m. last Wednesday in the south parking lot of Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown.

The Vietnam Veterans of America wanted to show their appreciation to the healthcare workers for putting themselves on the front line in harms way.

Vietnam Veterans of America show appreciation to healthcare workers

The purchasing of a few face protection masks turned into the making of many masks by several seamstresses in the town of Willow Lake recently. The recipients who passed them on to others were the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054.

Veteran member Bob Syring contacted Paula Warkenthien for a few masks and an idea grew from there to get local help to supply the veterans group with even more for the cause.

The end result was 639 masks being taken to the group by Syring thanks to the efforts of 13 ladies in Willow Lake and Clark

About 140 were sent to the Milbank, Webster and Sisseton areas by the treasurer of the veterans group.

The deadline for the sewing projects was in time for last Wednesday's honor guard hospital ceremony and the give away at the local



Bob Syring and Paula Warkenthien of Willow Lake came up with a plan to make 639 masks for the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054. Syring is shown wearing one of the masks.

Elks Lodge parking lot in Watertown.

In the afternoon hours that day - a table was set up for veterans to come and pick up two homemade cloth masks in patriotic colors, free of charge. Courtesy of the 13 women from the area who donated their time and sewing expertise for the cause.

One lady from Clark and the rest from Willow Lake who sewed masks for the group were - Paula Warkenthien, Crystal Kannegieter, Deb Froke, Cindy Warkenthien, Mildred Saboe, Marie Zantow, Junia Meyer, Eleanor Temple, Lorie Knock, Kelsi Grave, Jayne Pommer, Linda Grensberg and Eileen Grensberg.

"I originally contacted Paula Warkenthien as I know she sews for others," stated Bob Syring. "She helped out in contacting other sewers in town and it grew from there.

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City of Clark and County on same page regarding COVID-19 pandemic

What is the right answer to opening public business establishments at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Saturday night the city of Clark decided on this issue. Monday morning the county commissioners came up with the same decision.

Both the Clark City Council and the Clark County Board of Commissioners were unanimous with their

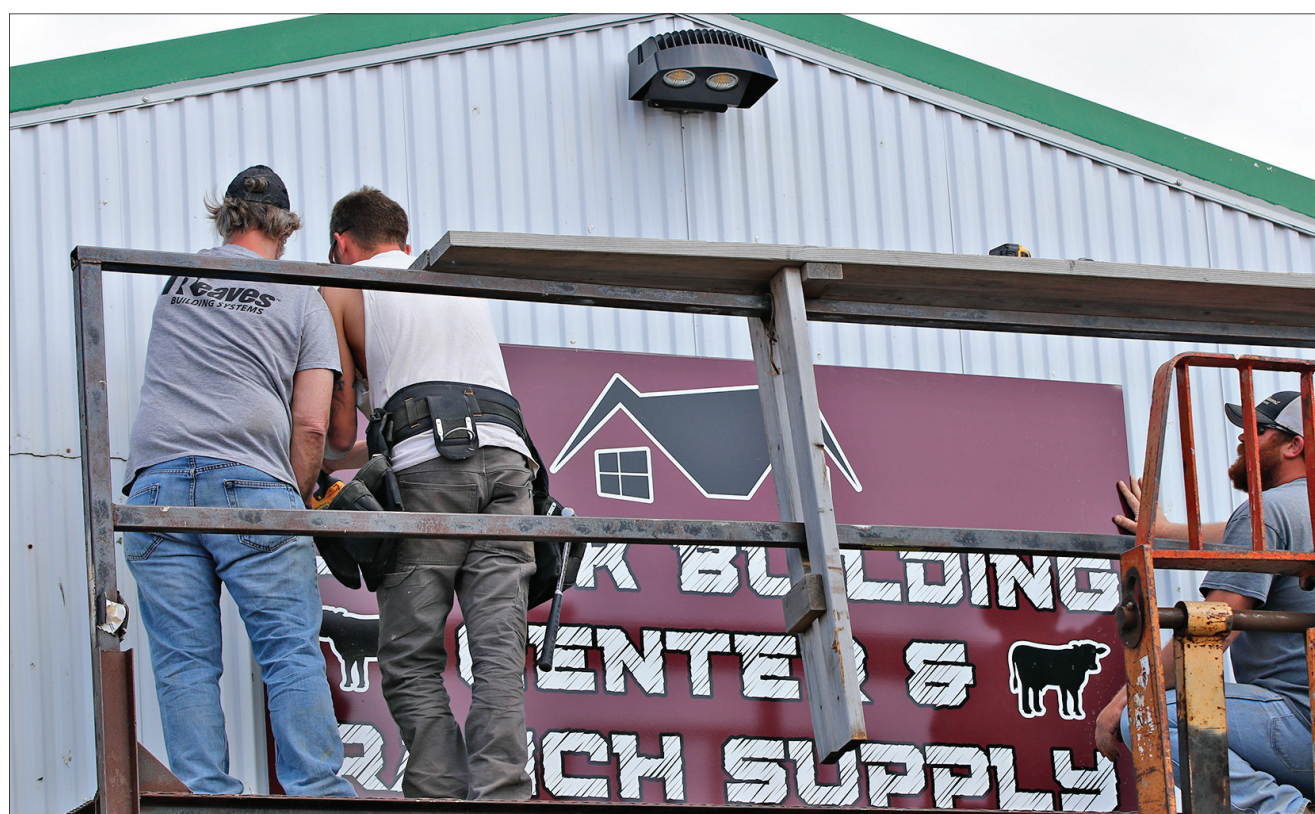
decisions. The city council met first, with an hour-long discussion, with several business owners in attendance.

At first, what seemed quite complicated, actually wasn't. The emergency ordinance that the city passed a couple of weeks ago was repealed. Now the city is under Gov. Kristi Noem's executive order.

In the city of Clark minutes on

page six of this edition, finance officer Jackie Luttrell writes, "City Attorney Chad Fjelland explained the motions. Resolution #852 can be rescinded because it was replaced by Ordinance #562. Ordinance #563 would repeal Ordinance #562 which closed salons and dine in restaurant service; Ordinance #564 would

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Clark Building Center to open Friday

Bill Boss announces that the Clark Building Center and Ranch Supply will open this Friday, May 1. Owned by and being run by Boss Construction, the business in the former Hamlin Building and United Building Center (UBC) location, will have Tanya Kelly

as manager.

The sign above, went up last Friday. Boss Construction employees in the picture include, left to right, Arnold Hess, Aaron Orris and Eric Warren.



Ken Tarbox and his granddaughter Paige Tarbox hold onto one of the newborn calves born recently on the Tarbox ranch south of Bradley. Their Angus and Black Baldy herd is about half done with their calving season with conditions much better this year compared to last spring.

Six-year-old Paige enjoys checking in on the cattle and finding new calves this time of the year. Her father Paul and grandfather Ken farm together. Paige's 10-year-old brother Lane has his own cow which calved this spring, too. Paige and Lane are the children of Paul and Sara Tarbox.

Good spring for calving - not super wet like the last two years

"When their tail is up in the air like that and sometimes whipping around - that means they might be having their calf pretty soon," explained young Paige Tarbox when out checking the cows with her grandfather Ken Tarbox.

Last Friday was a beautiful day for calving with the sun shining bright and temperatures pleasant, according to Ken Tarbox who raises Angus and Black White face with his son Paul near Bradley.

"This season has been good calving

weather for us, especially after last year - that was something else," noted K. Tarbox. "In my 70 years, I've never experienced a spring like that. About 30 inches of snow!"

What he was referring to was the mid-April snow event last spring that left four and five foot drifts around the farm. This made calving success difficult.

"I heard horror story after horror story of calves in the area. Being found under snowbanks, things like that. It was a tough year.

"This year is wonderful in comparison," noted Tarbox. He figures they are a little over half done with their calving season with about 80 cattle yet to go.

They start calving heifers - (first time mothers) in February and the cows start calving - around the first of April. Six cameras help out in the calving barn to watch the heifers. "Most times, when you walk in on a calving heifer, she'll get up and move and maybe slow things down. So with the cameras, we can



"Hi mom - whatcha doing?", says the look on this calf's face. She (or he) arrived about five minutes before this photo was taken last Friday morning on the Tarbox ranch. Getting her first bath which all 'good' mother cows do to their newborns, this young calf's ears were still stuck down to her head as 'mom' hadn't reached that far yet.

Born in the grass and glistening in the sunshine is the optimal condition for a young calf's birth according to Ken Tarbox who raises cattle with his son Paul near Bradley.

tell what's going on and if she needs help, then we go help. Every case is different of course."

The former dairy barns on the property have now been converted to calf nurseries and calving pens.

In one pasture, at one end, they have set up a half moon circle of windbreaks and calf shelters with bedding put down in the middle for an outdoor birthing area. This is put up at the end of March before the birthing season for the cows begins and then taken down in the

summer months.

During peak calving times, eight to 10 calves a day are born, then it levels off to five to seven a day.

"Ninety-five percent of the time it's the front feet and head that are born first," noted K. Tarbox of the birthing process. "Then a good mom will lick her calf clean," he continued. "Not all cows are good moms. They all have different personalities - just like people. Some are good moms and some aren't. A good mother will know which calf is

theirs."

"The little calves really seem to enjoy the sun. Sometimes they'll be sleeping so soundly in the sun you'll wonder if they're dead when you drive by and they don't get up," joked Tarbox.

"It's good to see a contented calf just laying around chewing their cud. You know they're healthy when you see them chewing their cud."

"It's been a good calving season this year," ended Tarbox.