

We are experiencing an unusual event here in Buhl and around the world. We also are presented with a unique opportunity.

The Covid-19 spread is a serious matter and so is food and supply insecurity for some people here in Buhl. For a short period of time there was a temporary shortage of some supplies and some food items. I have been assured by the owners and managers of the three grocery stores here in Buhl that the supply lines are secure and the depleted stocks are being backfilled.

Restaurants have been restricted and are suffering major challenges. Traffic through town has depleted and the sales at our businesses have tapered off as a result. People are getting laid off and struggling. These are tough times for many, not impossible times, but tough times never the less.

What can we do? We have an opportunity to do here in Buhl what other larger cities around the world would find more difficult. We can pull together and help one another.

How does that look if we are supposed to socially isolate from each other? We find other means. Here are a few ideas of things you can do and I am sure you have others.

1. Give an elderly neighbor or a family in need a call and check on their food and supply security. You don't have their number? You don't have their name? No problem. Leave them a note informing them of your name and number and ask them to give you a call.
2. Spare a square. Some people have a year's supply of toilet paper and cleaning supplies, some have little or none. Feel free to drop off your oversupply on the porch of a needy neighbor or at the WEMA food bank for redistribution. They need food donations as well.
3. Order a delivered meal or one to pick up and take out to keep our restaurants going.
4. Visit one of the numerous drive throughs in town.
5. Consider treating another family to a delivered meal.
6. Shop here in Buhl for the things you need.

We as a community will define who we are by how we react to this challenge. The City staff is meeting this challenge head on.

This too shall pass. Take care of yourself and your neighbor.