

BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

November 11, 2020

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Location: BFDC Conference Room - 5th & Grant Plaza, 608 5th Ave.

2020 Festival of Trees

December 1st, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Belle Fourche Community Hall

Hosted by the BH Roundup Ag Committee. 605-645-9512 FMI

Leadership Belle Fourche Class

November 19, 2020

Time: noon - 5:00 p.m.

Course Topic: Build Dakota & City Operations



We would like to extend a very special thank you to Lisa Nelson, Butte County Director of Equalization, for arranging the fantastic tours with the County Departments and the amazing folks in each one!

Lisa serves on the Leadership Belle Fourche committee and has been very instrumental in helping our team to make the curriculum the best it can be for our community and the class. We are thankful for her service.



LEADERSHIP BELLE FOURCHE LAND & AG MANAGEMENT AND BUTTE COUNTY OPS & TOURS

Ag leaders from the region were on board speaking to a local expression, “Belle is an Ag town”. What does that mean you ask? When we look at the community and say we are an ag town, we realize what it means because we live it. But when we explain it to others, who do not live here, what does it really mean? The Leadership Belle Fourche class got hands on education with Tanse Herrmann, USDA NRCS District Conservationist and THE rainfall simulator. The rainfall simulator compares the ability of soil to infiltrate or not infiltrate water due to how the land is managed. Seeing this in action really shows the value of managing soil health for optimal yields.

Dave Ollila, consultant with SD Soil Health Coalition and retired SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist, led the team to show the benefits of soil health and the natural cycle they teach area ag producers to follow. This included incorporating livestock (sheep and cattle) for healthy land management. We look forward to growing this experience at the community level. The team did an excellent job - it was so interesting!

The afternoon LBF session was a fascinating look at the Butte County operations. The team took us through the Court House and court services, register of deeds, extension office, dispatch and Sheriff’s office, auditor, equalization, treasurer, and highway department rounded out the day. When we think about the County’s work, there is so much more than meets the eye. These folks cover a lot of ground:

- 836 miles of county roads in Butte County; along with the mowing and weed control along those roads
- 26,000 calls a year (on average) go through the Butte County Dispatch 24/7 emergency services
- 517 criminal cases the first three quarters of 2020. This is down 23 cases from 2019, but up 55 from 2018.
- Over 10,992 parcels of property in Butte County
- Historical records, many handwritten, dating back to the 1800’s at the Register of Deeds office



Vickie Greenwood, 911 Coordinator informs the Belle Fourche Leadership Class about Butte County's state of the art Dispatch Center.



Amy Paul Wells of the Butte County State's Attorney's Office answers questions in the historic Court House in Belle Fourche.



Deputy Register of Deed's Julie Brunner explains to the Leadership class what vital records are kept in their office.



Did you know Butte County land records are from the late 1800's to present?



Commissioner Stan Harms of District 4 goes over all the responsibilities of the Butte County Commission.



The Butte County Treasures Office is located at 1175th Ave in Belle Fourche. County Treasurer is Debbie Lensegrav.



Butte County Auditor Elaine Jensen goes over the Voter Registration process for the Leadership Class.

Office Manager for the Butte County Auditor's Office Lindsey Graslie demonstrates the DS450 Election System, a very impressive ballot scanner/tabulator.

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at 5th & Grant Plaza
605-892-5066





CONGRATULATIONS to the new home owner of the 2020 student built home!
 This year's 3 bedroom, 2 bath open floor plan has a Belle Fourche family calling it home!

Economic development for a community is driven by several factors. The top 2, in many cases across the state, are workforce/workforce development and housing.

Belle Fourche has been able to develop a system that allows for students to learn in the high demand construction trade field while helping the need for housing in our community.

Each year, one home is constructed by the students of Belle Fourche High School's CTE program. This past year, the students from Western Dakota Tech added to the project with their plumbing and electrical classes supervised and assisted by licensed contractors.

Partners in the project include West River Foundation and Belle Fourche Economic Development in conjunction with the Belle Fourche High School Career & Technical Education program and Western Dakota Tech students.

Congratulations to the students for a job well done and to the new Belle Fourche homeowner!



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Announcing Boost Belle's spring event!



Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center grounds

415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche

About the Kites

Bring a kite and do some flying or purchase Kids' Kite Kits for \$5 each!

These Kids' kites are constructed and decorated on site; there will be awards in a "Best Decorated Kite" Contest

About the Duck Races

Racing ducks are \$5 a piece and five ducks for \$20

(Racing ducks are returned to Boost Belle after the race; a souvenir duck may be purchased for \$6)

The ducks will be put into the Belle Fourche River at the 5th Avenue bridge and captured at 6th Avenue. The first 3 ducks across the finish line receive a prize!

All proceeds from the Kite Festival and Duck Races will go to the local Shriners' for their philanthropic works.

The event will also include:

food and craft vendors, activity tables for kids,

info tables by various organizations,

the "quacker" train for kids to ride, inflatables and more!

For more information or to be a vendor or participant call

892-3006