

BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Leadership Belle Fourche

November 18, 2021

Time: 12:00 p.m.

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

BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

December 8, 2021

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

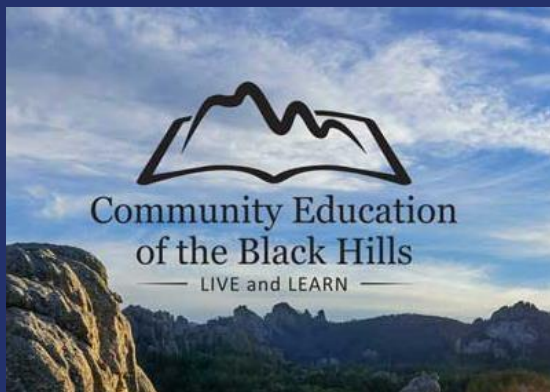
RESOURCE

Rushmore Region Economic Development Alliance

RushmoreRegion.com

We hope you enjoy and share this video of the amazing resources available in our 6-county region. Belle Fourche is in two different spots in the video.

Watch Video [HERE](#)



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Registration Begins September 1st.

www.CommunityEducationClasses.org

Albany Farms Moves in; Transformation of Permian Tank Plant Begins

By Belle Fourche Beacon Staff

BELLE FOURCHE – The news of Los Angeles-based food manufacturer Albany Farms moving to Belle Fourche made national headlines this past week. Albany Farms announced it will be creating a large production complex at the Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park that will eventually produce more than 100 million units of its Twisted Noodle ramen product, boxed macaroni and cheese and Albany Farms packaged flour.



National media such as US News and World Report and USA Today, national food service trade publications and local media outlets throughout the Midwest carried the news that is projected to bring hundreds of jobs to the community within the next four years.

“Our goal is to be the largest, if not one of the largest, ramen producing facilities in the country,” Bill Saller, President and CEO of Albany Farms told the Beacon. “We plan to employ up to 900 workers once we’re to scale, but that will depend on the support we get from the local, state and the federal level.”

Saller said that kind of support was virtually non-existent in California which led to the company looking to relocate. “It’s such a large economy there that it’s difficult for us to gain the support that we need to launch,” he said. “We’re segue-ing from primarily importing to all-US production. There’s a significant amount of work and finance that goes into that. So having a partnership with local and state-level officials to gain the awareness of loans and other sorts of support that enable us, from a financial perspective to move forward, is critical. And we just weren’t getting that kind of support in California.”

The company’s lead engineer, Lyle Rogalla, has made several trips to Belle Fourche and moved to the area last week. Rogalla has been surveying the interior of the former Permian Tank facility going over plans for converting the building.

“The clean-up is already underway,” Saller said. “There are some improvements we need to make to create a food grade facility. Lyle is a 30-year industry veteran and one of the top food building and machinery experts in the country.”

Rogalla is now on-site six days a week completing layout and outlining machine locations and putting in place an overhead crane. Saller says they have received timelines from the machinery manufacturer that equipment should be arriving on site by the middle of the month.

“Having Lyle there will ensure that the improvements we are making and the build out that we are doing, is done right. We’re confident of that. With having him there I breathe a lot easier,” Saller said.

Albany Farms currently has six employees working in the building. If the brand-new manufacturing equipment arrives on time and production begins by December Saller expects to need between 45 and 60 employees in the early phases. The company plans to coordinate with Belle Fourche Development Corporation to hold a job fair as early as this month November to fill the initial employment needs for early-stage production. Saller says these will be quality jobs.

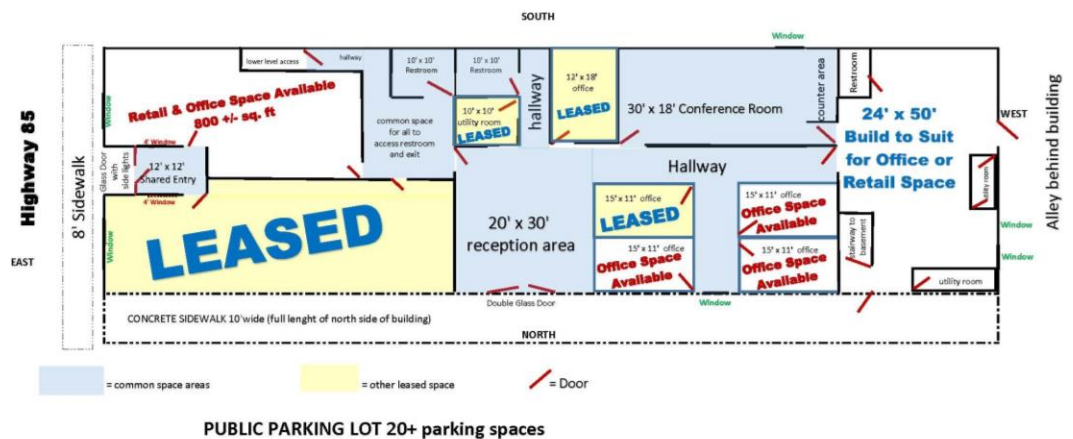
“My goal is to have long-term employees, employees that find a career with us and retire with us,” Saller said. “We will offer good pay, above-scale pay, and a benefits package that will allow people in Belle Fourche and the area to make a living wage and support their families. We want to be the type of employer that is known as (an employer) that people want to work for.”

Beautiful Belle Fourche



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- 3 – 11x15 offices
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Least Outages Per Year

South Dakota, Mid-Sized Provider Category

Butte Electric Named Provider of the Year

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NEWELL - The energy research group Find Energy has announced that Butte Electric Cooperative has won the Least Electricity Outages in South Dakota award for 2020. Butte Electric serves over 6407 electricity customers and safely maintains over 1300 miles of line. Based on historical data compiled by Find Energy, Butte Electric had a remarkably low average of 0.642 outages per customer, which is the lowest outage rate in South Dakota.

"Butte Electric strives to maintain reliable power for its members," says John Lee, CEO at Butte Electric. "For these efforts to be recognized is a huge honor."

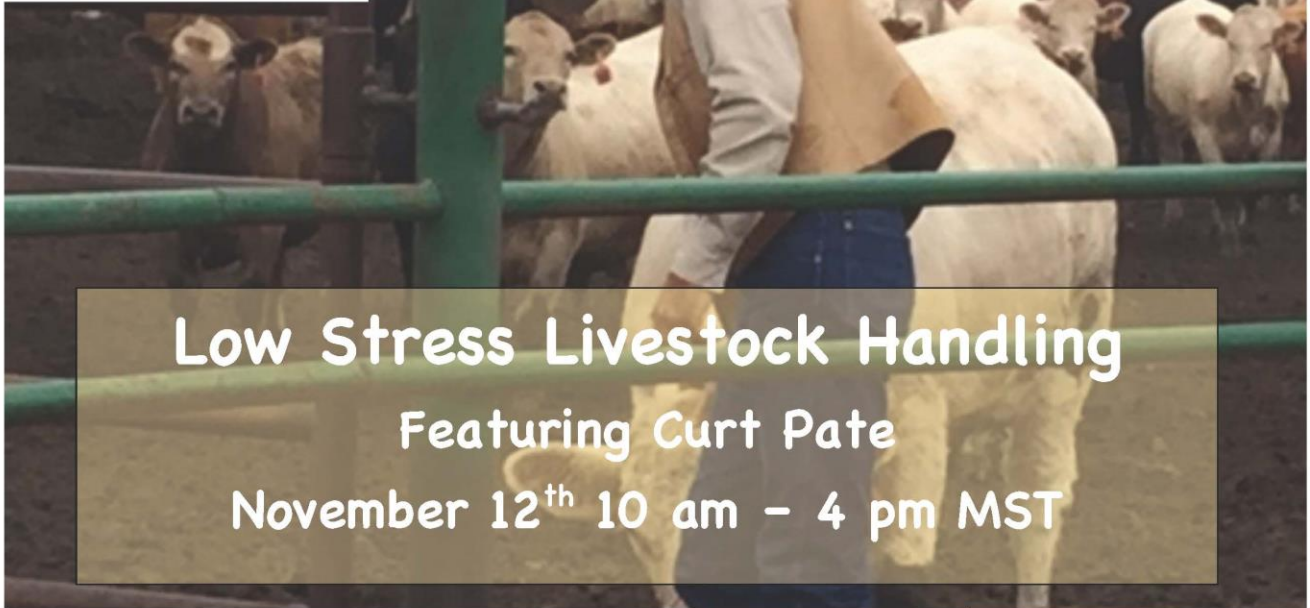
Butte Electric provides electricity in three different counties, Butte, Lawrence and Meade. Their service includes residential, industrial and commercial customers and rates average from 13.24 to 14.01 cents per kilowatt hour. BE does not generate electricity but purchases power at wholesale rates and then resells to customers.

It is just one of 54 electricity companies in the state who offer net metering to their consumers. Net metering allows customers who install private solar panels, to sell their unneeded kilowatt hours back into the grid.

Find Energy's research is based on over 1 billion data points from government, not for profit, and private data sources about energy usages, reliability, and emissions. Butte Electric is the third largest rural electric cooperative in Western South Dakota.

Each year, the U.S. Energy Information Administration publishes data from all electricity providers in the United States. Butte Electric is proud to be named as the company with the Shortest Average Electricity Outages.

"We are proud to serve safe, reliable power to our membership," said Laine Mitchell, Director of Marketing and Communications for the company.



Low Stress Livestock Handling
Featuring Curt Pate
November 12th 10 am – 4 pm MST

Please join us for this interactive workshop

Hosted by Blair Bros Angus

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*From Sturgis, 3 miles East on Highway 34 to Highway 79
 then 8 miles North*

This session will feature live handling of livestock and lunch will be provided.

Registration is free for SDGC Members and \$35 for non-members. Please register for meal count. To register, contact Riley Kammerer at 605-209-3544.



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Curt Pate

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The Pennington Conservation District Presents: A Grazing Management Tour

Hosted by Casey and Tiffany Knuppe

Friday, November 19, 2021

1:00PM



Other Guest Speakers: Bart Carmichael, Mitch Faulkner, Tanse Herrmann

Call Lindsay Mader at 605-441-5046 to RSVP by November 12th at 4:00PM

Directions: Please meet us at the New Underwood Community Church at the following address: 300 S Bailey Ave by 1:00PM to carpool and/or follow us out to the tour sites.

Persons requiring special accommodations or materials in an alternate format please contact

Lindsay Mader at 605-441-5046 1 week prior to the event.

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