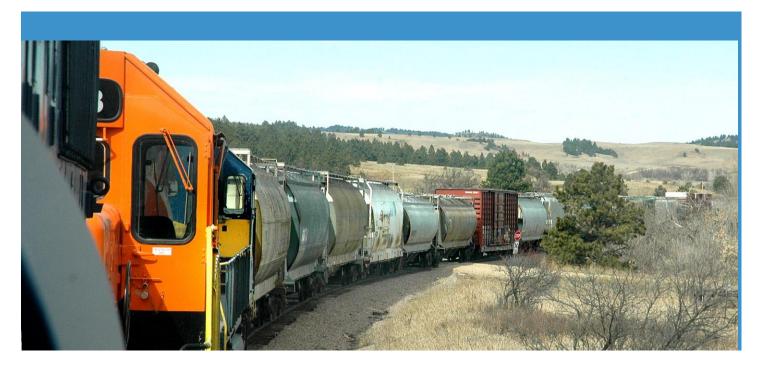
## ECONOMIC EVELOPMENT



## Board of Directors Meeting

\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*

April 8, 2020

Time: 7: 00 a.m.

Location: 5th & Grant Plaza

## Build Dakota Scholarship

DEADLINE April 15, 2020

builddakotascholarships.com/

#### Leadership Belle Fourche

March 19, 2020

Time: 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Course Topic: Bring Your "A" Game, Community Tours,

Quality of Life



#### **Members Make A Difference!**

Our goals for 2020 and beyond are possible because of you. Not yet a member? Join Today!

Application on Page 8 & 9 of this Newsletter or

Online Application & Payment:

https://bfdcsd.com/memberships/

#### GENESEE & WYOMING AND RCP&E HOLD RAIL 101 IN BELLE FOURCHE

While rail business continues to develop in Belle Fourche at the Industrial Park rail siding, some important education was brought forward by the rail carrier. Zach Boehme, Assistant Vice President, Industrial Development for Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc, and Nick Smith, Manager, Sales & Marketing for Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad were on hand for the digital rail tour. Genesee & Wyoming (G&W) is the parent company to the Rapid City Pierre & Eastern local shortline rail service.

A few "fun facts" shared with the local group of 20 attendees include the name tied to a location for Genesee &



Wyoming. We may correlate the name with our neighboring state to the west, but that would be incorrect. The early beginning of the G&W rail line, back in the late 1800's, was in two upstate New York counties - Genesee county and Wyoming county.

Topping the list of other important things to know:

- 1. G&W has acquired more than 100 companies in the last 15 years.
- 2. G&W operates in more states than any other freight railroad company.
- 3. G&W serves 3000 customers with 3.4 million carloads annually and employs 8000 people worldwide with 122 railroads and approximately 16,000 track miles and more than 1350 locomotives.
- 4. Their core purpose is to be the safest and more respected transportation service provider in the world.

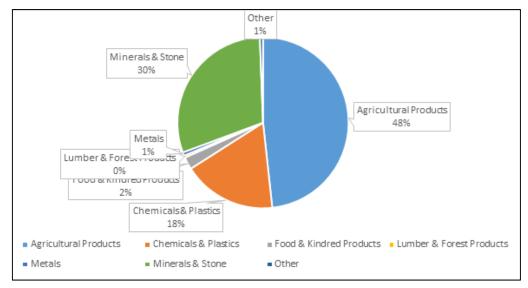
What does this mean to us locally?

G&W has one railroad operating in South Dakota, The Rapid City Pierre & Eastern or RCP&E. RCP&E has 670 miles of track in South Dakota with 180 employees and roughly 53,000 carloads annually (interchanges with BNSF, UP & CP).



This rail service in South Dakota has a good commodity mix:

- 1. Agricultural Products
- 2. Mineral & Stone
- 3. Chemicals & Plastics







With over 233,000 miles of rail in the US and 103,000 miles of shortline railroad service, the options to transport across the country are open. The shortline railroads provide the short haul connection between the customer and the Class 1 railroad, or the "first and last mile". This can equate to real transportation savings for customers, especially when the commodity is dense, heavy and traveling extended distances.

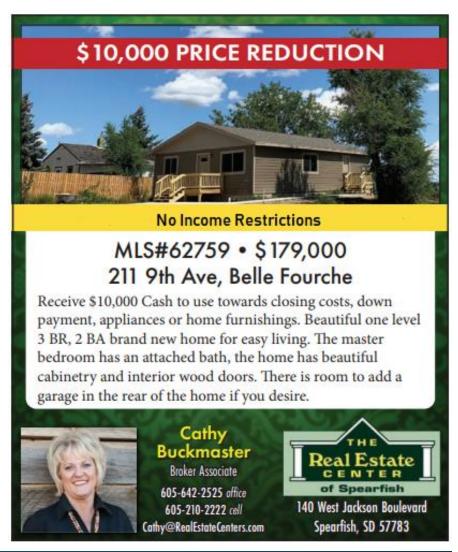
When it comes to transloading, Belle Fourche has an asset to serve customers in the region.



The Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park rail siding provides the much-needed space to offload railed materials in a safe area off of the mainline. There are two pads for trucks and equipment to access the sided cars and a looped entrance and exit for easy access in and out of the siding area. The industrial park and siding area are located along highway 212 about a half mile west of hwy 85.

For more information, contact the economic development office in Belle Fourche - 605-892-5065.

2019
Student
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Home is
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Available!







March 21, 2020 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### **FREE Event!**

Belle Fourche Area Community Center 1111 National Street - 892-2467

## **Door Prizes:**

 Deadwood Mickelson Trail Marathon Entry

 Integrity Meats Certificate

- Lynn's Dakotamart Gift Card
- •3-Month BFACC Membership & More!

First 100 to tour the fair receive a 1-day pass to the BFACC!



## **Great Exhibitors:**

Health Source Chiropractic - SD Braille & Talking Book Library - Juice Plus - BF Volunteer Fire Dept. - Heartland Home Health - BH Health & Educational Center - Quantum Energetics - Mothers Against Drunk Driving - Isagenix - Zeal for Life - Sandstone Senior Living - UL Essential Oils - Norwex - Edward Jones - Ambulance Service - NARFE - Monument Health - Aroma Freedom - Ultimate Caps Inc. - Jackson Dental - Pain & Movement Solutions - The Massage Way - and More!



#### FREE HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS

Thinking of buying a home? NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources can help.

This free course provides an unbiased, comprehensive overview of the home buying process to help homebuyers make smart, informed decisions in every step of their homeownership journey. This course is strictly educational and NOT a sales presentation.

Location: Belle Fourche Economic Development 608 Fifth Avenue

Date: March 23rd & 24th

Time: 5:30 - 8:30



#### WESTERN DAKOTA TECH

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Deadline - March 31, 2020

The Western Dakota Tech Foundation and the generosity of donors make scholarships available for new and current students.



Deadline - April 15, 2020

The Build Dakota Scholarship will pay all your tuition and fees and prepare you for a career that is in-demand and growing in South Dakota.

#### Scholarship application assistance available at these events:

FREE Financial Aid, Dual Enrollment, and Scholarship Information Session



Thursday, Feb 20



5pm - 6:30pm



Western Dakota Tech Lobby Western Dakota Tech Foundation Scholarship Assistance Events



Saturday, March 7 Saturday, March 21



10am - 2pm



Western Dakota Tech Library **College Visit Night** 



Tuesday, March 24



5:30pm - 7pm



Western Dakota Tech Lobby

Questions? Contact Jennie Best at (605) 718-3061 or Jennie.Best@wdt.edu







# Belle Fourche Development Corporation

2020 Investment Campaign ~

Your investment creates opportunities in Belle Fourche!

Membership is an investment in the future growth and development of our community. Select your membership level and return this Member Application with your pledged amount.

	MEMBE	RSHIP APPLICA	ATION
Belle	Fourche	Development	Corporation

Please check one:

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business:\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person:

Platinum \$1,000 or above

Billing Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone:

Gold \$500 - \$999

Website:\_\_\_\_\_\_E-Mail:\_\_\_\_\_

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Bronze \$100 - \$249

Associate or Individual \$50 - \$99

See page 2 for membership benefits and payment options

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## We appreciate your investment and offer these member benefits in our promotional material:

#### 1. \$1000 Membership

- ~ receives a scrolling logo on the BFDCSD.com home page.
- ~ member shout-outs in the BFDC newsletter and social media posts
- ~ a special BFDC gift

#### 2. \$500-\$999 Membership

- ~ member shout-outs in the BFDC newsletter and social media posts
- ~ a special BFDC gift

#### 3. **\$250-\$499 Membership**

~ member name listed & social media shout-outs

#### 4. \$100-\$249 Membership

~ member name listed

Submit this application and membership investment to:

Belle Fourche Development Corporation PO Box 344 Belle Fourche, SD 57717

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3. OR Apply AND Pay Online

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