

BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Eric Selchert Photo*

Leadership Belle Fourche

March 21, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

March 20, 2024

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

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Johnson Announces Butte County Sheriff as State of the Union Guest

March 4, 2024

[Press Release](#)

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) announced Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere will be his guest at the State of the Union on March 7, 2024.

“President Biden’s open border policies have significantly impacted communities across America, and South Dakota is no exception,” **said Johnson**. “Sheriff Lamphere has made it clear that crime he sees in Butte County is a side effect of a broken border. I hope the President will address the drug and crime crises from illegal immigration that are plaguing our communities.”

“Our current unsecured border is a modern-day Trojan Horse,” **said Sheriff Lamphere**. “It has led to unprecedented fentanyl deaths in South Dakota and nationwide, it has increased the abuse of our medical services and social programs, and it has allowed thousands of undocumented military-aged people into our country. Although Butte County, South Dakota, is a long way from the border, the anxiety is felt here as it is in many places across America. I hope that President Biden and his Administration will listen to the American Sheriffs and the American people and let our Border Patrol do their job to keep America safe.”

Johnson met with Sheriff Lamphere in November 2023, where Lamphere shared that illegal immigration was costing South Dakota taxpayers [\\$56.9 million](#). Sheriff Lamphere and Johnson agreed stricter border policies are necessary to address this problem. In May 2023, Johnson voted for passage of H.R. 2, the *Secure the Border Act*, which includes the strongest border policies ever voted on in the House. The bill awaits action in the Senate.

Over the last few years, Sheriff Lamphere has made several trips to the southern border and has expressed concerns for how the crisis at our border impacts South Dakota’s communities, primarily through drug use and trafficking.



Butte County Election 101

- MARCH 14, 2024 •
- 6:00 PM •
- BF COMMUNITY HALL •

The Election Process can be complicated and does not begin or end with casting a ballot on election day. Butte County Auditor Annie Capp and Deputy Auditor Sandy Heidrich will touch on all phases of Butte County's election process, look at timelines involved, discuss voter registration, share candidate information, follow the life of a ballot, and finally discuss what happens after the election is completed.





YOU ARE INVITED TO A

House Warming

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 | 3:00PM

505 3rd in Belle Fourche, SD

Come help use celebrate this lovely family and their new home,
and celebrate building better communities
one homeowner at a time with all of our partners involved!

This event is invite only.



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MAGAZINE

2022 COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR!

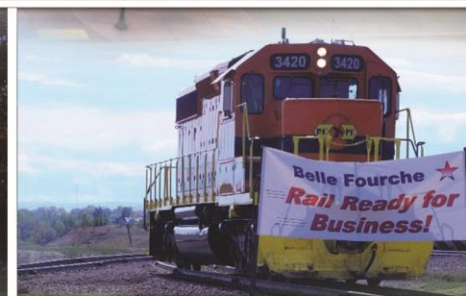
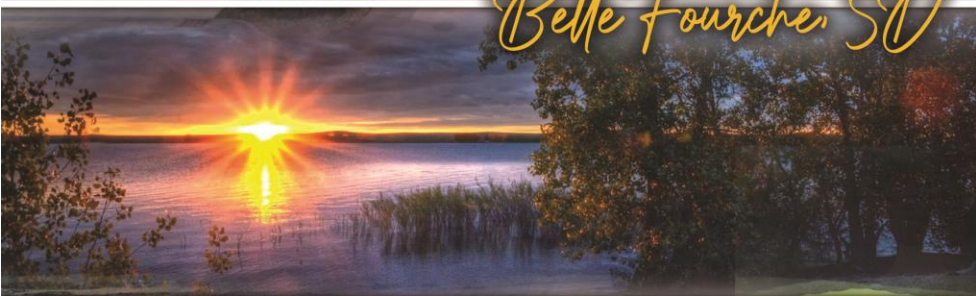
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Annual Belle Fourche Career Fair

The annual Belle Fourche Career Fair was held again at the BF Rec Center on February 15th. This event was sponsored by Belle Fourche High School, Belle Fourche Rec Center, Belle Fourche Economic Development, and Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. It was full participation again 67 tables occupied for this event. These tables consisted of the following: Universities, Technical Colleges, military, and business. This event helps the students with their post-secondary plans. We had all the students from 8th grade through 12th grade participate this year. *Belle Fourche Beacon*
Courtesy Photo



BUILD DAKOTA. BUILD YOUR FUTURE.



There's more than one path to a high-paying career. With the Build Dakota Scholarship, you can earn a full-ride scholarship at one of four South Dakota technical colleges. That's a diploma or AAS degree and a ticket to a rewarding career. Don't wait for your future. Start building it today.

How It Works:

- Scholarship supports tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses in eligible technical college programs.
- Recipients of the scholarship commit to working in South Dakota, in their field of study, for three years following graduation.
- Students of any age are eligible to apply.

How to Apply:

Applications are open
January 1– March 31, 2024

Learn more about the program and apply at
BuildDakotaScholarships.com

Qualifying Programs In:

Agriculture*
Automotive
Building Trades/Construction
Dental Assisting
Energy Technicians
Engineering Technicians
Healthcare/Public Service
IT/Computer Information Systems
Precision Manufacturing
Welding

*These programs may require an industry partner to receive the Build Dakota Scholarship.



Contact Build Dakota:

Deni Martin, Program Manager

Build Dakota Scholarship
605.347.1804 • deni@bullddakotascholarships.com

2024-2025 Build Dakota Eligible Programs by Industry Area

Agriculture

Lake Area Technical College

Agriculture: Agri-Production Option
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Agriculture: Dairy Option
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Agriculture: Precision Technology Option
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Agronomy
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Ag Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Horticulture
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Sports Turf Management
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Environmental Engineering:
Controlled Environment Agriculture
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Automotive

Lake Area Technical College

Automotive Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Auto Body & Paint Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Diesel Power Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Automotive Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Collision Repair & Refinish
Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology:
Agriculture/Construction
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology:
Transportation Trucking
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Automotive Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Industrial Maintenance
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Building Trades/Construction

Lake Area Technical College

Building Trades Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Heavy Equipment Operator
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Architectural Design &
Building Construction
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Electrical Construction & Maintenance
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Heating & Cooling Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Construction Management Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Electrician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

HVAC/R
1-Year Program, Diploma

Mechanical Systems
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Plumbing Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

Western Dakota Technical College

Construction Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

Electrical Trades
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

HVAC/Refrigeration Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Plumbing Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

Energy Technicians

Lake Area Technical College

Energy Operations
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Energy Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Electrical Utilities &
Substation Technology
2-Year Program, Diploma or AAS Degree

Natural Gas Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

Wind Turbine Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Engineering Technicians

Lake Area Technical College

Environmental Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Automation Engineering
Technician/Advanced Manufacturing
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

GPS/GIS Mapping
1-Year Program, Diploma

Wi-Fi & Broadband Technologies
(Telecom)
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Architectural Engineering Technicians
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Civil Engineering Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Land Surveying Science Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mechanical Engineering Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Architecture & Engineering Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Environmental Engineering
Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Healthcare/Public Service

Lake Area Technical College

Dental Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Law Enforcement
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1-Year Program, Diploma

Med/Fire Rescue
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Medical Lab Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic
1-Year Program, Diploma

Registered Nursing (RN)
1-Year Program, AAS Degree

*To enroll in RN program, must hold active
and current LPN license without restrictions.
Contact school for details.

Surgical Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Laboratory Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Medical Office Professional
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Radiologic Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

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current LPN license without restrictions. Contact
school for details.

Southeast Technical College

Dental Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma

Invasive Cardiovascular Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Law Enforcement Science
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Lab Assistant
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic Science
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)
1-1.5-Year Program, AAS Degree

*To enroll in RN program, must hold active and
current LPN license without restrictions. Contact
school for details.

Respiratory Therapy
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Surgical Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Criminal Justice Law Enforcement
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Dental Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma

Health Information Management -
Coding Specialty
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1.5-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Laboratory Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)
1.5-Year Program, AAS Degree

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current LPN license without restrictions. Contact
school for details.

Surgical Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Information Technology/ Computer Information Systems

Lake Area Technical College

Computer Information Systems
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Information Systems Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Computer Programming
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

System and Network Security
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Computer Science: Information
Technology Specialist
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Manufacturing

Lake Area Technical College

Electronic Systems Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Machining
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Robotics
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Automation Controls/SCADA
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Mechatronics
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Drafting & Machining Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Machining
1-Year Program, Diploma

Welding

Lake Area Technical College

Welding Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Welding & Manufacturing Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Southeast Technical College

Welding
1-Year Program, Diploma

Western Dakota Technical College

Welding & Fabrication
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree





BUILD DAKOTA. BUILD YOUR WORKFORCE. INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

If you're a business in South Dakota that specializes in a high-need field, a Build Dakota partnership may be the right fit for you. The Build Dakota Scholarship Fund gives technical students a full-ride scholarship in exchange for a commitment to work in their chosen field in South Dakota. Industry partners can use Build Dakota as a recruitment and retention tool for their business.

How to Become an Industry Partner:

Businesses can sponsor a scholar, paying a portion of their tuition and program expenses. You may sponsor a current employee or a technical college may help you match with a new applicant in a high-demand program.* Build Dakota scholars commit to working in South Dakota, and for your business, for three-years after graduation.

*All technical colleges manage their industry partner programs, so each school may have different forms, procedures and costs for your participation.

Qualifying Programs In:

Agriculture*
Automotive
Building Trades/Construction
Dental Assisting
Energy Technicians
Engineering Technicians
Healthcare/Public Service
IT/Computer Information Systems
Precision Manufacturing
Welding

*These programs may require an industry partner to receive the Build Dakota Scholarship.

For a full list of eligible programs, visit
BuildDakotaScholarships.com/Programs



Employer Benefits:

- A cost-effective training pipeline
- Guaranteed work from qualified, highly-skilled graduates
- Free advertising on the Build Dakota website

Industry Partner Programs:

Each technical school has their own Build Dakota Industry Partner Program. To learn more or to inquire about becoming a partner, please contact the schools directly.



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NOMINATION FOR 2023-2024 BELLE FOURCHE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

(For entry to South Dakota/National Teacher of the Year Program)

Do you know of a teacher who is truly outstanding? The nominations procedure for the Teacher of the Year is underway for 2023-2024. Staff, students, former students, parents and community members are asked to nominate deserving teachers by completing this nomination form.

I nominate _____
for the Belle Fourche School District Teacher of the Year.

(NOTE: Administrators cannot be nominated for this award.)

**** Suggestions for Reasons**

Ability to meet individual student needs

Rapport with students, parents and staff

Professional activities and personal growth as a professional

Community activities

Dedication to the teaching profession

The reasons I feel this individual qualifies for nomination for Teacher of the Year are (please be as specific as possible and attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Signature: _____

(Signature required)

Please return no later than March 22, 2024 to:

Belle Fourche School District
Community Council for Education
Attention: Sandra Baker
Administration Office 723-3355
ext. 1
2305 13th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

**NOMINATION FOR 2023-2024
BELLE FOURCHE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

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SD SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

SD RANGE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

JUNE 25-27, 2024
**2024 THEME: FOUNDATIONS OF
RANGE MANAGEMENT**

EVENT DETAILS

Registration: \$150

Location: Belle Fourche, SD

Audience: Agency staff - USFS, BLM, BIA, NRCS, NGOs, etc.

Topics: range soils, ecological sites, state and transition models, plant ID, prescribed burn as a management tool

Agenda: detailed agenda emailed out the week prior

****Registration will go live on March 15 at
sdrangelands.com****

****Registration limited to 35-40 people.****

For more information:

Krista Ehlert, SDSU, 605-394-2236, krista.ehlert@sdstate.edu

OR

Matt Scott, USFS, 307-399-3425, matthew.c.scott@usda.gov

*You're
Invited!*

WOMEN ON THE RANGE

GRAZING WORKSHOP

JULY
8-10

Cost: \$175

Includes meals: 7/8 = lunch, supper; 7/9 = lunch, supper; 7/10 = lunch

Location: Wedge Tent Ranch, Faith, SD

Come join us to learn more about grazing ecology and management, with our host, Shannon Carmichael!!

Emphasis of this workshop will be on understanding your system, and not just the parts.

Topics will include, but are not limited to:

- Range health
- How to graze more efficiently
- Principles of grazing
- Ecosystem processes
- The importance of supply and demand in your stocking rates
- Range ecology - the intersection between plants and grazing ruminants

Registration will be live April 15, 2024 on the SDSU Extension Events Page.

For questions and more information:

- Wedge Tent Ranch - Shannon Carmichael,
 - rancherswife2@gmail.com, 605-545-0336
- SDSU - Krista Ehlert,
 - krista.ehlert@sdstate.edu, 605-394-2236



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Signature: _____

Please check one:

☐ Platinum
\$1,000 or above

☐ Gold
\$500 - \$999

☐ Silver
\$250 - \$499

☐ Bronze
\$100 - \$249

☐ Associate or Individual
\$50 - \$99

See page 2 for investment benefits and payment options

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- 1. \$1000 & above Membership**
 - ~ receives a scrolling logo on the BFDCSD.com home page.
 - ~ member shout-outs in the BFDC newsletter and social media posts
- 2. \$500-\$999 Membership**
 - ~ member shout-outs in the BFDC newsletter and social media posts
- 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

3 Easy Ways to Pay!

- 1.** Mail this application and membership investment
- 2.** Mail this application with card information:
Name on card: _____
Card # _____
Card expiration date: _____
Security Code: _____ Amount: \$ _____
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A 3.5% transaction fee added to all credit card payments.
- 3.** **OR Apply AND Pay Online**
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