

# BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

June 18, 2025

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

## Hometown Thursdays Tristan Schofield & Drive by Night

June 5, 2025

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.

Location: Tri-State Museum & Center of the Nation Visitor Center.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



*Congratulations* to Highland Senior Solutions breaking ground for their new adult day services facility on Wednesday, April 30.

The new facility will be located at 10905 Sourdough Road in Belle Fourche and will offer adult day services and dementia education/caregiver support with an onsite primary care clinic, Legacy Medical, with providers specializing in dementia and palliative care.

This new facility is owned by Dr. Deborah Kullerd: triple board certified physician in family medicine, geriatrics and palliative care/hospice; Lindsey Sainsbury: administrator/owner of Belle Estates with nearly 20 years of geriatric care experience; and Jenni Karp FNP-C: certified nurse practitioner and specialty certified in dementia and geriatric care.

We are so blessed they chose Belle Fourche for this new business!

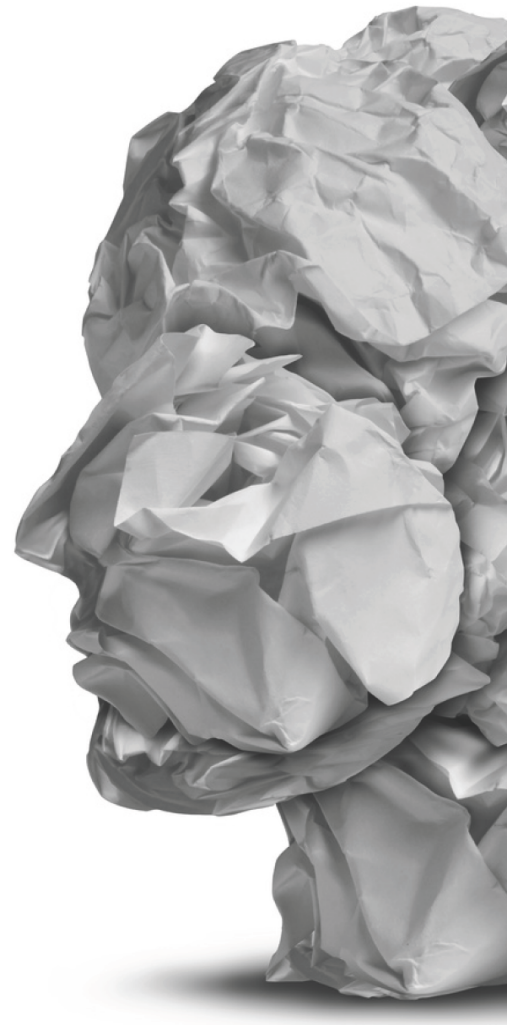


# Dementia Dialogues®

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**Part 1 - May 27, 2025 5:15pm to 8:00pm**

**Module 1** - The Basic Facts: An Overview of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

**Part 2 - May 28, 2025 5:15pm to 8:00pm**

**Module 2** - Keep the Dialogue Going: Strategies for Effective Communication

**Module 3** - It's a Different World: Understanding the Impact of the Environment & Ways to Promote Independence

**Part 3 - May 29, 2025 5:15pm to 8:00pm**

**Module 4** - It's Nothing Personal: Addressing Challenging Behaviors

**Module 5** - Now What Do We Do? Creative Problem Solving



For more information: Contact Renee Robbins email: [renee.robbins@sdfmc.org](mailto:renee.robbins@sdfmc.org) Phone: 605-484-1297

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# Graduation



## Congratulations Class of 2024/2025

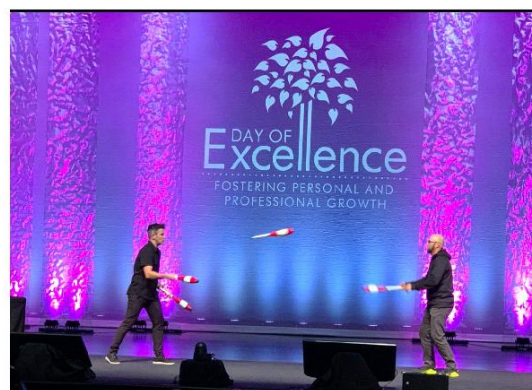
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## Community Industry & Business Tours:

- **City of Belle Fourche Operations, Council, Finance, Engineering & Admin, Public Works, Police Dept., REC, Library**
- **Butte County Operations, Commission, Admin & Courthouse, Equalization, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Highway, Sherriff**
- **Center of the Nation Visitor Center & Museum – History of Belle Fourche**
- **Belle Fourche High School Career & Technical Education Facilities**
- **Black Hills Laundry & Dry Cleaning**
- **Cowboys Tool & Pasque Ladies Fashions**
- **Pipeline Plastics**
- **IDIC Specialty**
- **Grossenburg Implement**
- **Center of the Nation Wool**
- **Ring Container**
- **New Generation Supplements**
- **CBH Co-op new Belle Fourche facility**
- **NRCS Soil Conservation & Ag Lands**
- **Belle Fourche Economic Development – Federal, State & Local Level,**
- **Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce**
- **Personal & Professional Development – Kayla Grams, Bring Your “A” Game**
- **Day of Excellence**



## Day of Excellence





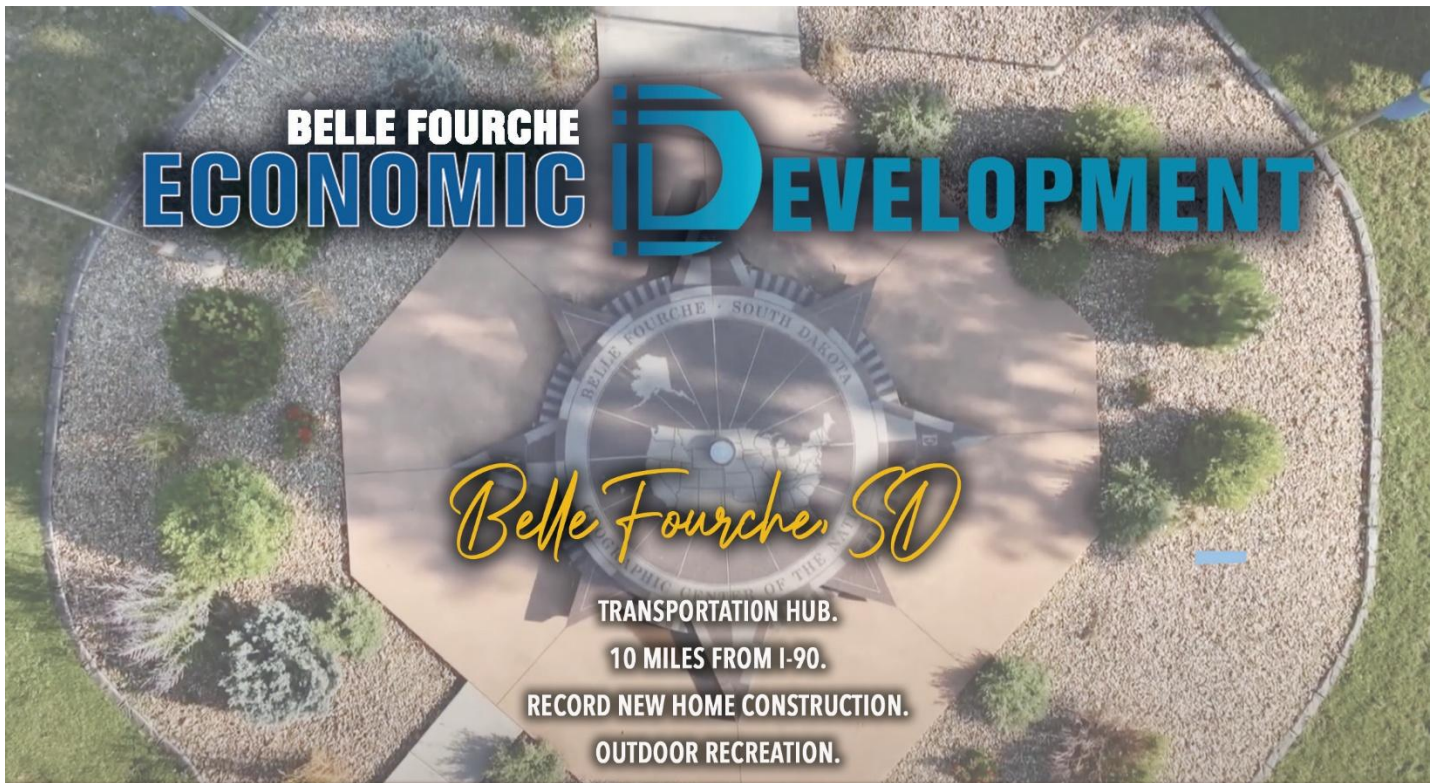
## Governor Rhoden



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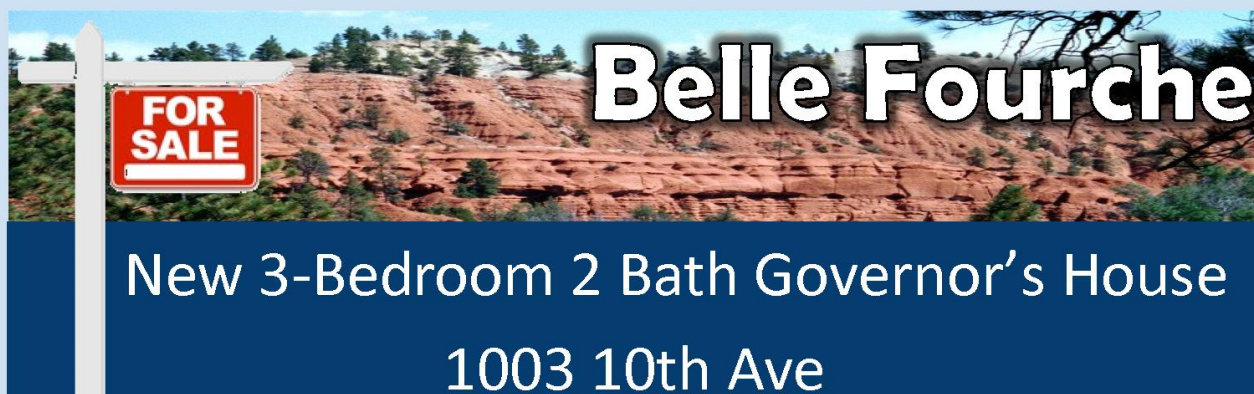
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*Building the Future of Belle Fourche Together!*

*Kudos to these Community Partners New and Old on your Success and Growth!*

## A New Home for Black Hills Title



*Outside of Black Hills Title Company's new location. It was the old Radio Shack*

By Robbi Longbrake

BELLE FOURCHE—Last week Black Hills Title got the keys to their brand new home, located at 1903 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD.

The old location was on 6th Street, right behind the old Wells Fargo building. The new location is in the old Radio Shack building. “We enjoyed being downtown, we just kind of outgrew it—we remodeled that building as much as we could for our needs, but it was time,” said Travis Martin, Title Operations Manager. “We were looking for quite awhile and waiting for the right thing to come up.”

The Radio Shack location provided the ability to create everything the business needed. “This was just one big open room,” explained Martin. “Now we’ve got three offices and a conference room, and then a lobby area and a break room in the back and good storage. We also have an employee bathroom and a customer bathroom, which we never had before!”

The move from downtown allowed for way more space inside the building, as well as, outside.

“We just ran out of space downtown, so this worked out great for us, to be able to move out here on this main drag,” explained Martin. “It’s wonderful! We have good parking now that is just for our office, so it works out good—easy in and out for people.”

While they have only had access to the new building for a week, they have already put the conference room to work. “We have had a few closings so far, people are really seeming to enjoy the space too,” said Martin.

After all of the finishing touches are done, look for Black Hills Title to have an open house and invite the public to see the new space. According to Martin, “we’re still kind of in the process of piecing together some things—some cabinets that are still coming in, and the sign isn’t our final sign that’s up now.”



## New Domino's Operating Partners Bring Passion and Experience

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The new Domino's in Belle Fourche isn't just another pizza place—it's a dream come true for its new local part-owners, Jessica Work and Corey Auwerter. With deep roots in the area and over a decade of experience with the company, the couple is excited to bring their passion for pizza and community to their new home.

Originally from Rapid City, Work and Auwerter were managing the Domino's in Box Elder when they decided to pursue their longtime goal of franchise ownership. "We've always wanted to own a Domino's," Work said. "Back in 2020, we realized our house had skyrocketed in value, so we sold it and used the profits to invest in this opportunity."



*New Domino's Operating Partner Jessica Work (left) and General Manager Cory*

Their journey led them to Alan Irwin, a franchisee who owns multiple Domino's locations in Wyoming and North Dakota. Initially, the couple set their sights on Hot Springs, gathering data and even preparing a presentation to pitch their plan. But after a Skype meeting with Irwin, he proposed an alternative—Belle Fourche. "He told me, 'I know you have your heart set on Hot Springs, but what about Belle Fourche?'" Work recalled. "'It's close to your family, the population is growing.' And I just said yes, because I was like, yes, yes, I'll do whatever. I mean, I'm in."

Finding the right location took time. They considered multiple buildings, including an old bowling alley, before finally securing their current spot, thanks to local property owner Doug. "Doug had reached out to us saying, hey, I heard you wanted a Domino's. We have a workout center right here. You guys can have a Domino's here. And we just were like, yes. I found out on my birthday too. So this was a birthday dream come true," explained Work.

Since moving to Belle Fourche two months ago, the couple have embraced small-town life. "We were very involved with our Box Elder community," Auwerter said. "I feel like this is a lot more of, you know, everyone's a lot more friendly and relationships close knit, which is great. Everyone's been really nice."

The couple's connection to Domino's runs deep—so deep, in fact, that it's how they met. "He was my opening driver. He showed up late. Kind of crazy," laughed Work. The couple has now been married for five years and has two children, ages six and four.

As they run the store together, Auwerter serves as the General Manager while Work is an Operating Partner. They split shifts, ensuring one of them is always available. "People are like, how do you guys work with each other? We're just a team," Auwerter said. "We both really love our jobs and the home life side of it is just having good communication." Work and Auwerter are currently in a five-year partnership with Irwin, after which they will purchase the store outright. "Alan has been incredibly supportive," Work said. "This is an amazing opportunity, and we're grateful for it."

With weekly specials and an emphasis on community engagement, the new Domino's is eager to serve Belle Fourche. "We're really blessed to be out here, and we love Belle Fourche and our community," said Work. "I hope everyone knows that."



## Dr. Steve Willard Appointed Acting President of Western Dakota Technical College

The Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) Board of Trustees has named Steve Willard, Ed.D., Acting President, effective Monday, Feb. 24.

Dr. Willard, who has served as Chair of the WDTC Board of Trustees since Fall Semester 2024 and has been a board member since 2020, brings extensive experience to the interim role. Previously, he served as Superintendent of Schools for the Belle Fourche School District and has worked as a Principal and Career and Technical Education educator.

Lynn Kendall, WDTC Board of Trustees Vice Chair and Regional Public Affairs Manager for Black Hills Energy, will assume the role of Interim WDTC Board Chair during Dr. Willard's tenure as Acting President.

Christine Goldsmith, who has served as Acting WDTC President following the passing of President Ann Bolman, Ed.D., in September 2024, will continue in her role as Vice President for Finance and Operations through March 2025, after which she will pursue a new career opportunity outside of Rapid City.



"On behalf of the WDTC Board of Trustees, we sincerely appreciate Christine's leadership and dedication during this transition," Dr. Willard said. "She stepped into a challenging role with professionalism and commitment, and we are grateful for her contributions. We wish her all the best in her next endeavor."

The WDTC Board of Trustees is currently conducting a comprehensive search for the next college president, with the goal of announcing a successor before the start of the Fall 2025 Semester. This process aims to identify a leader who aligns closely with WDTC's vision and values.

"Despite the challenges of the past several months, Western Dakota Technical College continues to thrive," Dr. Steve Willard said. "Our dedicated faculty and staff remain fully committed to student success, and their hard work is evident every day. We are preparing for a large graduating class this spring, and I have no doubt our graduates will build successful careers and positively impact their communities."

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### ABOUT WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) was established in 1968 and is the only technical college serving the western South Dakota region.



WDTC offers more than 40 programs in a variety of fields, including Business and Computers, Construction and Manufacturing, Energy and Environmental Technologies, Health Sciences, Legal and Public Services, and Transportation Technologies.

Ninety-nine percent of Western Dakota Technical College's most recent graduates are working, continuing their education, or are enlisted in the military per the WDTC 2023 Placement Report. There were 353 respondents out of 399 graduates surveyed. [\*Placement information is derived from graduate surveys, faculty-collected data, placement surveys started six months after graduation, and the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation. Overall placement rate is figured by: (responding graduates employed, continuing education, or in military service)/(responding graduates who are seeking employment). The number of program graduates are unduplicated by CIP code.]

Western Dakota Technical College faculty, staff, and administration focus their efforts on helping students gain the skills and experiences they need to succeed. Through hands-on learning, internships, and industry partnerships, WDTC students graduate ready to make a real and immediate contribution to their employers and to their communities.

For information about WDTC, call (800) 544-8765 or (605) 718-2565 or send an email to [Admissions@wdt.edu](mailto:Admissions@wdt.edu). Visit us on the web at [wdt.edu](http://wdt.edu).



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## Governor Rhoden Helps Break Ground for the New Police Department



**BELLE FOURCHE**—The community of Belle Fourche was invited to celebrate the historic groundbreaking ceremony for the new home of the Belle Fourche Police Department on the afternoon of March 20. The ceremony was held at the location of the current police department building, where the new facility will be built with several special guests joining in on the festivities.

South Dakota Governor Larry Rhoden was on hand for the momentous occasion, as well as Mayor Randy Schmidt. Police Chief Ryan Cherveney welcomed the large crowd to the event explaining, “Today we break ground on a new police facility that will enhance our training, strengthen our department and serve as a symbol of the strong partnership between law enforcement and our community and our commitment to public safety.”

Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt also welcomed the community and discussed the significance of the new building. “This building will give our officers the tools and resources that they need to train, serve, and protect our community at the highest level. Today we are building more than just a new police department, we are building a stronger Belle Fourche,” he said. Governor Larry Rhoden expressed how nice it was to be back in Belle Fourche. He spent the first part of his career in the legislature and Belle Fourche was part of his district.

“I got to know Belle Fourche really well. “I’ve always been fond of Belle Fouche,” he said. “It’s an honor to be here...it’s just kind of a breath of fresh air to get out west.” Governor Rhoden went on to explain how important law enforcement is to him personally.

He has many family members including a son and brother-in-law enforcement. “I have a number of law enforcement in My family, my younger son, is the Deputy Sheriff in Pennington County, and my brother, John, spent a long time as Deputy Sheriff from Meade County.”

The Governor underscored the importance of the respect he has for those who serve and protect our communities. “In South Dakota we still respect law enforcement and first responders and the people that put themselves in harm’s way so the rest of us can sleep easy at night. That means a lot to me,” he stated. “We value our law enforcement officers, and we value them as contributing members of our society, so I want to thank you!”

Contractor, RC Scull of RCS Construction took the stage to kick off the physical groundbreaking event. “I want to say it’s an honor and privilege to be part of this project. We’re excited to get started and break ground, so let’s grab a shovel and break ground for this new building.

**Robbi Longbrake**

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