

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 Camp Comfort

June 19, 2025

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.

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

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Butte County Equipment was awarded the 2025 Family-Owned Small Business of the Year from the South Dakota Small Business Association, from left: Justin Everett, SBA Regional Administrator, Jadon Jensen, Aaron Lindskov, Margaret Lindskov, Kenita Jensen, Dennis Lindskov and Bryson Patterson, SBA South Dakota District Director. (Photo Robbi Longbrake / Belle Fourche Beacon)

Butte County Equipment awarded Small Business of the Year by SDSBA

ROBBI LONGBRAKE / BELLE FOURCHE BEACON

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D – A long history of hard work and dedication earned the Lindskov family a well deserved recognition, as their business, Butte County Equipment, was awarded the 2025 Family-Owned Small Business of the Year from the South Dakota Small Business Administration.

This award honors an exceptionally successful family-owned and operated business that's been passed on from one generation to the next.

Bryson Patterson, SBA South Dakota District Director and Justin Everett, SBA Regional Administrator traveled to Belle Fourche on April 29 to present the honor. With a plaque, cake and balloons in hand, the awards presentation began. "The family-owned business award is one of my favorite SBA awards because it recognizes the business that has been handed down from generation to generation," said Patterson. "And when you talk about recognizing businesses, building wealth in our communities and supporting families, that's really what it's all about."

Four generations make up the Lindskov business dynasty. The Automotive Company was started by Bill Lindskov. "My uncle owned it clear back in the 50s, and I worked for him and did all the mechanic work and farming and stuff and then he died in 1980 and that's when I came into it. We were New Holland dealers until recently," explained Dennis Lindskov.

In 2008 Dennis and his wife, Margaret, were honored for having one of the top eight best New Holland Balers sales in US and Canada. Along with running the Lindskov Implement in Isabel and Mobridge, Dennis and Margaret dabbled in a variety of ventures, from Margaret selling her items on QVC and teaching, to Dennis buying and renovating the Isabel Hotel and

driving the ambulance for 25 years. Hard work has never deterred them. Dennis explained, "Actually, we never got into anything in our life that we ever lost money, but we did it all ourselves."

Dennis and Margaret passed their work ethic on to their children. All of their kids are hardworking and two of the children, Aaron Lindskov and Kenita Jensen, have joined the family business.

Kenita runs Butte County Equipment, which came under the Automotive Company and Lindskov Implement umbrella in 2013. A few years ago, Aaron moved from the Isabel location to help run the Belle Fourche store with his sister. "I've been down here for three and a half years and my sister's been here for 12 to 13 years. I came down here from Isabel, I oversee the sales and services at all three stores. Kenita and I work together on the business decisions and stuff like that. She makes sure all the paperwork is done for everything and takes care of how we spend money," explained Aaron. Kenita's son, Jadon, has recently joined the Butte County Equipment team.

Belle Fourche Mayor, Randy Schmidt was on hand to read a Small Business Proclamation and recognized the achievement. "Recognize and commend Kenita Jensen and Butte County Equipment for their remarkable impact and lasting contributions to our community," he said.

The SD SBA awards are handed out at this time to celebrate National Small Business Week that happens annually in May. South Dakota has 95,000 small business and entrepreneurs. South Dakota's small firms employ 208,000 people and make up 98 percent of all businesses in the state. "Every year since 1963 the President has signed a declaration that the first week of May is National Small Business Week, and this is a time where we get to recognize small business owners throughout our state and throughout our country," said Patterson.

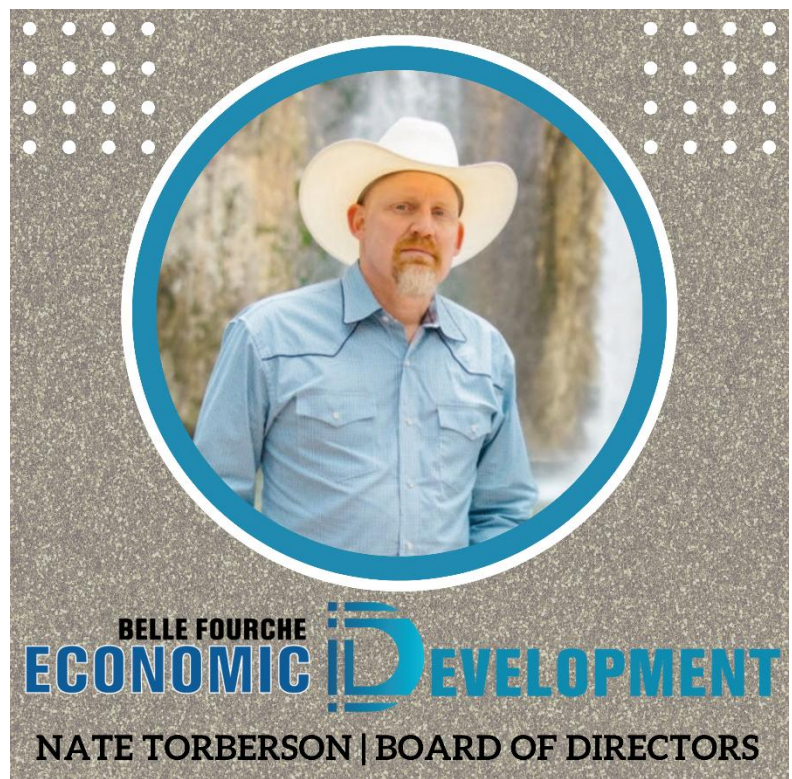
After serving the region for around 44 years, as an Automotive Company, Lindskov Implement and Butte County Equipment, Dennis is thankful for the honor. "It really surprised me. I guess it really feels great, it really does," he said.

Aaron added, "I think it's great! It is great to get recognized for what we've done and the community service and I guess it's really good for the whole family—from my mom and dad to my sister and everybody—It's just good for everybody, all of our employees—we couldn't do it without the employees—we've got great employees!"

Meet Nate Torberson – Board of Directors

Nate was raised in Mitchell, SD and joined the Army after high school. After attending college in Pensacola, Florida, Nate was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he remained for the rest of his military career. His military experience includes combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, non-combat tours throughout Central America, and a tour as an instructor at the US Army Special Warfare Center and School.

Upon moving to Belle Fourche in 2021, Nate started Viking Properties LLC, which owns and manages multi-family rentals throughout the Northern Black Hills. Nate and his wife Reyna have three children ranging in age from middle school to college. They are heavily involved in their church, and they enjoy attending their kids' sports and 4H activities as well as other community events - especially Hometown Thursdays!



Belle Fourche SkillsUSA Students Take Classroom Skills to the Job Site

Belle Fourche Beacon Guest column by Austin Bishop, Ag Education Educator and FFA Advisor; CTE Director

Three students from the Belle Fourche High School SkillsUSA chapter recently took their education to new heights—literally and figuratively—by showcasing their heavy equipment operation skills on a live worksite.

Thanks to a partnership with local companies Site Works Specialist and Scull Construction Service, these students had the unique opportunity to operate real machinery outside the classroom.

The students, all enrolled in the school's Heavy Equipment Operations (HEO) class, demonstrated their proficiency on a range of machines, including an excavator, forklift, skid steer, wheel loader, bulldozer, and an articulating dump truck.

The hands-on experience allowed them to translate the foundational skills they had developed through advanced classroom simulators into real-world application.

“Learning on simulators gives our students the foundation of operation in a controlled environment, but nothing beats the feel of operating the actual equipment,” said Advisor Jim Hartwell. “This opportunity helps them understand the scale and precision of what’s expected on a professional job site.”

Site Works Specialists and Scull Construction Service collaborated to provide an active worksite for the students to gain this valuable experience under professional supervision with Site Works taking the lead. With the help of Jerney Veldman, Site Works Superintendent; Brandon Foster, Site Works Project Manager; and Steven Uttecht, Scull Construction Site Superintendent this training event was held with safety protocols in full effect, and the students were accompanied by both instructors and industry mentors throughout the day. These types of relationships not only help in the equipment function correctly, but also with field experience and networking. “This was a big moment for our students,” said Mr. Hartwell. “It’s not every day high schoolers get to jump in a bulldozer or haul material with an articulating dump truck. Experiences like this build confidence and solidify career interest.”

The Heavy Equipment Operations class is part of Belle Fourche’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, which aims to equip students with job-ready skills across a variety of trades. With the support of local industry leaders, the program continues to expand its reach and impact. Both SiteWorks and Scull Construction expressed enthusiasm for continuing their involvement with the program, noting the importance of fostering the next generation of skilled workers. Mr. Steven Uttecht states that, “Scull Construction Service and Site Works Specialists strongly believe in investing in our communities and the construction industry’s future.

We value partnerships like this one with Belle Fourche CTE to expose high school students to the construction trades. We strive to cultivate interest in the industry and show the students another potential option for their future. We hope to continue this partnership well into the future.”

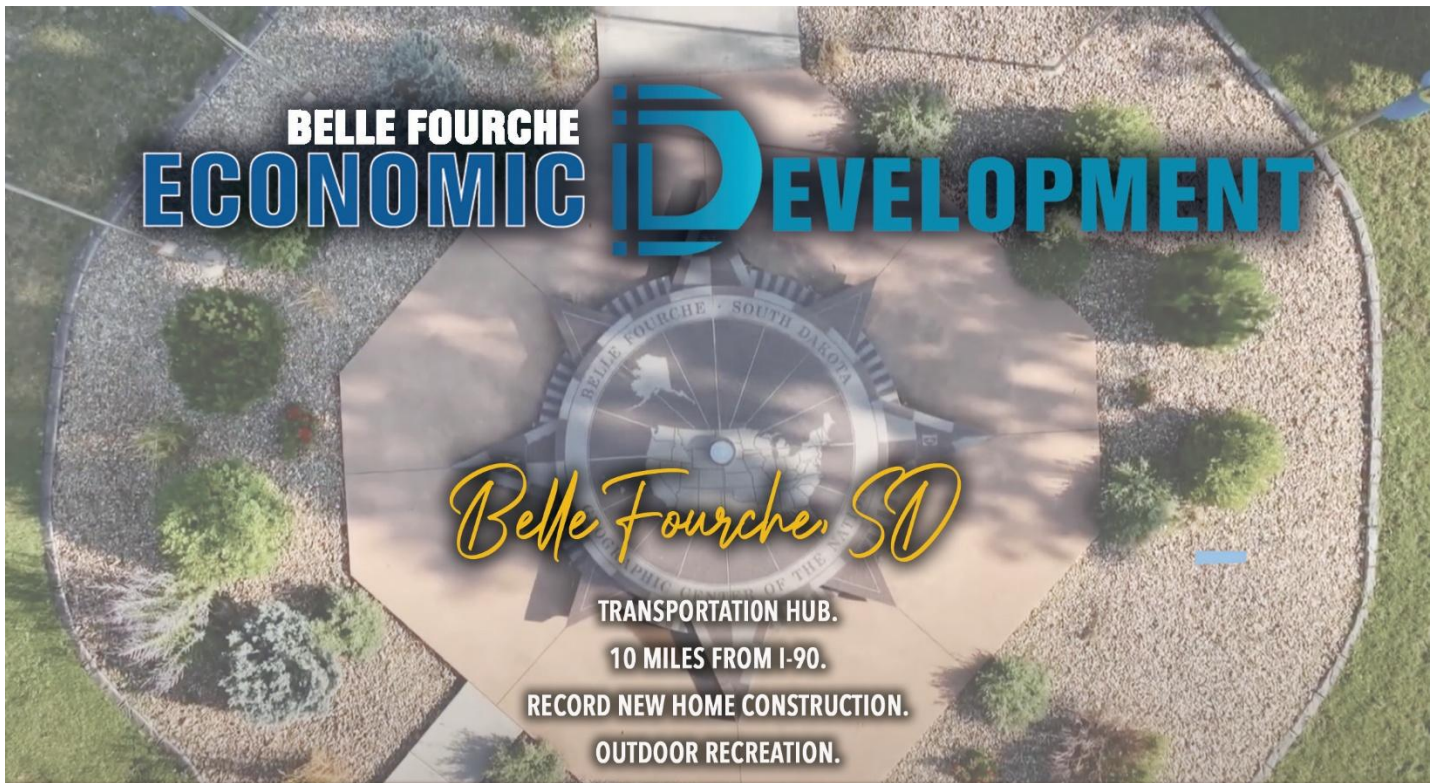
The Belle Fourche SkillsUSA chapter along with the other Belle Fourche CTE programs plan to continue integrating real-world experiences into their curriculum, bridging the gap between education and industry—one piece of heavy equipment at a time.



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Former GOP director tapped to lead South Dakota Chamber

Ryan Budmayr leaving Lawrence & Schiller, will succeed David Owen

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The former executive director of the South Dakota Republican Party will take the reins of the state's primary business networking organization.

The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry announced Wednesday the appointment of Ryan Budmayr as its new president and CEO, succeeding longtime state chamber leader David Owen.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ryan, well-respected across the state, and his extensive experience and deep ties to South Dakota make him the ideal leader to build on David's legacy and guide us into the future," said Michael Bender, chairman of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



Terry Batterman, Annie Capp, Hollie Stalder, Karen Wagner and Lee Capp joined regional leaders for the economic development regional round table hosted at the Joy Center on Friday June 6 by EDPA SD (Economic Development Professionals Association of South Dakota). Discussion included childcare and housing initiatives as well as proposed community development tools for future growth.



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