ECONOMIC EVELOPMENT



BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

July 8, 2020

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

5th Ave.

Downtown Thursdays Judd Hoos

July 2,2020

Time: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Gather downtown Belle

Fourche for music and more!

State Street Independence Day Breakfast

June 4, 2020

Time: 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Rail Park on the Corner of State Street & 7th

Avenue.



June 30 - July 4, 2020 Full Schedule of Events & Tickets:

BlackHillsRoundup.com

Broadband Grant Awarded in Belle Fourche

PRESS RELEASE JUNE 24, 2020 GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM ANNOUNCES BROADBAND GRANT AWARDS

PIERRE, S.D. - Governor Kristi Noem announced today that 14 projects have been awarded grants to fund broadband projects to better connect unserved and underserved areas across South Dakota. In March, South Dakota legislators approved \$5 million to continue broadband upgrades through Governor Noem's Connect South Dakota broadband program. In addition, Governor Noem learned in May that funds would be allocated through the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act, the stimulus fund created due to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

"Quality, reliable and affordable internet is more important than ever before," said Governor Noem. "COVID-19 made clear that distance learning, working remotely and telemedicine are the way of the future. I'm excited these dollars will help close our broadband gap. Though we still have work to do, this is a great start."

The following companies were approved for grants:

Alliance Communications Renner and Rowena

\$766,800

Beresford Municipal Telco

Beresford \$988.000

Faith Municipal Telephone

Faith \$493,163

Midco Communications

Belle Fourche \$190,620

Midco Communications

Sioux Falls \$286,474 Northern Valley

Communications (NVC)

Mina \$933,832

Northern Valley

Communications (NVC)

Redfield \$1,472,831

Santel Communications Rural Davison County Phase I

\$983,533.50

Santel Communications

Rural Davison County Phase II

\$1.056.533.50

Valley FiberCom Flandreau \$455.648.50

Vast Broadband Rapid City \$295,595

Vast Broadband

Flyger, Monroe and Volin, Yankton County

\$605,755

Venture Communications

Hughes County \$2,807,767.64

West River Cable Television

McIntosh \$187,250

In total, \$11.5 million in grants funds was approved for projects totaling more than \$30 million on broadband upgrades.

"When Governor Noem was elected, she made a commitment to serve the South Dakotans of today and the South Dakotans of the future," said Steve Westra, Commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. "Our students, doctors and entrepreneurs deserve a broadband internet that allows them to compete equally and fairly. These dollars will help make that a reality."

About the CARES Act: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020. This over \$2 trillion economic relief package delivers on the Trump Administration's commitment to protecting the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

The CARES Act provides fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses, and preserve jobs for our American industries.

Organization Highlight:

Who: Belle Fourche Downtown Business District

What: 501c3 not for profit corporation

Board of directors: Paul Johnson of Designs by Daphne, President; Aaron Neiman of Green Bean Coffeehouse, VP; Mary Buchholz, Treasurer; Barb Clarkson, Secretary; and Michelle Watson board member.

Mission statement: To preserve, restore and promote the historic downtown business district.

History: This organization has grown and become the structure to facilitate development in our downtown business district. Through Bring Back Belle, revitalize Belle and State Street Team, the group has grown thanks to community input and a working group who developed the finer focus and branding for future development of the organization and the district it is designed to serve. By-laws were re-written to accommodate the new mission and goals.

Establishing the foundation:

- 1. Designing logos, website, and social media development for the BFDBD.
- 2. The organization is accepting nominations for two additional board members.
- 3. Fundraising through grants and donations to the 501c3.
- 4. Develop the application process to award grant money to downtown Belle Fourche businesses.

Current Activity: You will see this group involved publicly over the July 4th celebration in Belle Fourche with the State Street Independence Day Breakfast, State Street closure for the July 4th festivities, a poker run with winners receiving "Rodeo Bucks" to spend and Belle Fourche businesses and were actively involved in supporting the cattle drive down State Street.

The Belle Fourche Downtown Business District is not a member-based organization. All are welcome to join and participate in their meetings and brainstorm ideas. As President Paul Johnson says, "Anyone who has an interest in making downtown Belle Fourche better, come to our meetings".

For more information, contact Paul Johnson at pjbowmaster@aol.com or 517-881-5045.







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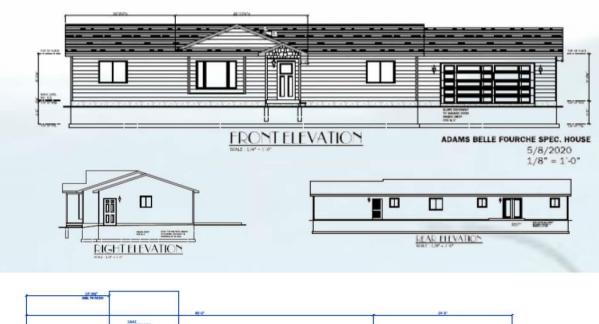
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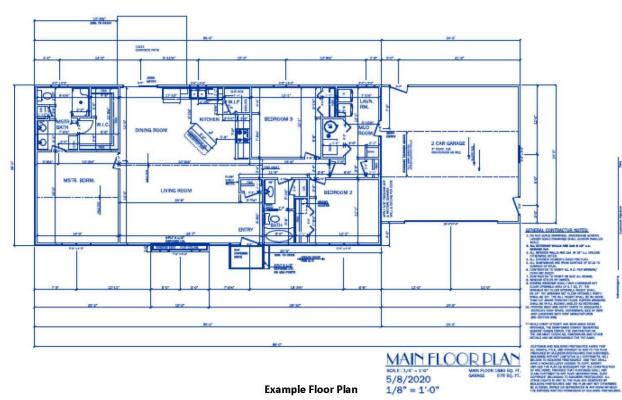








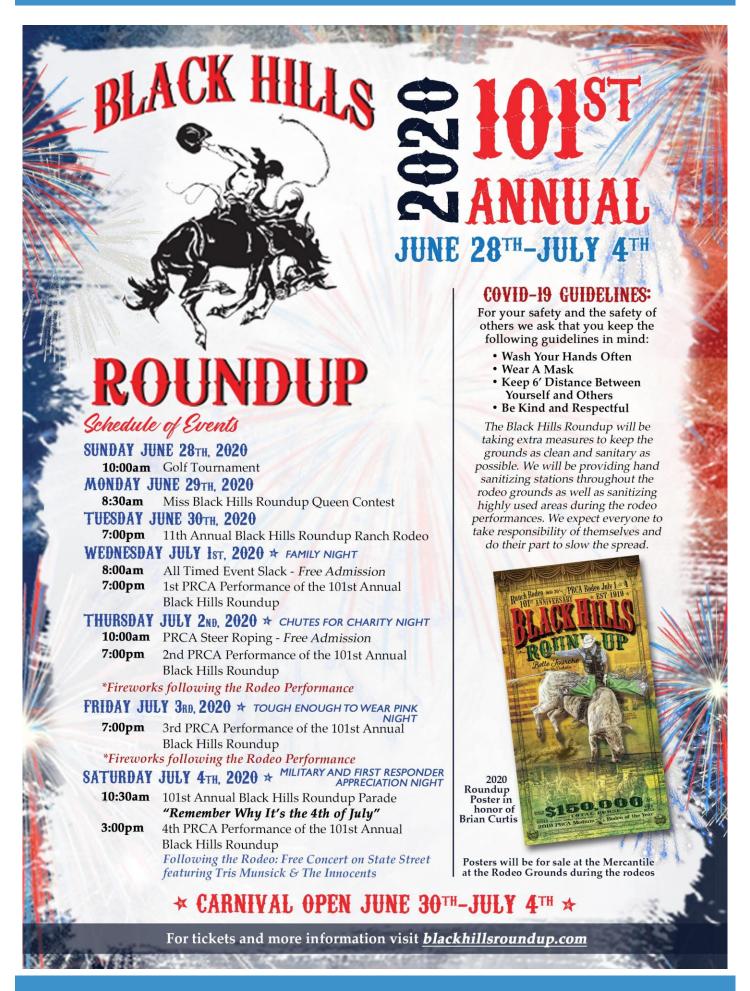






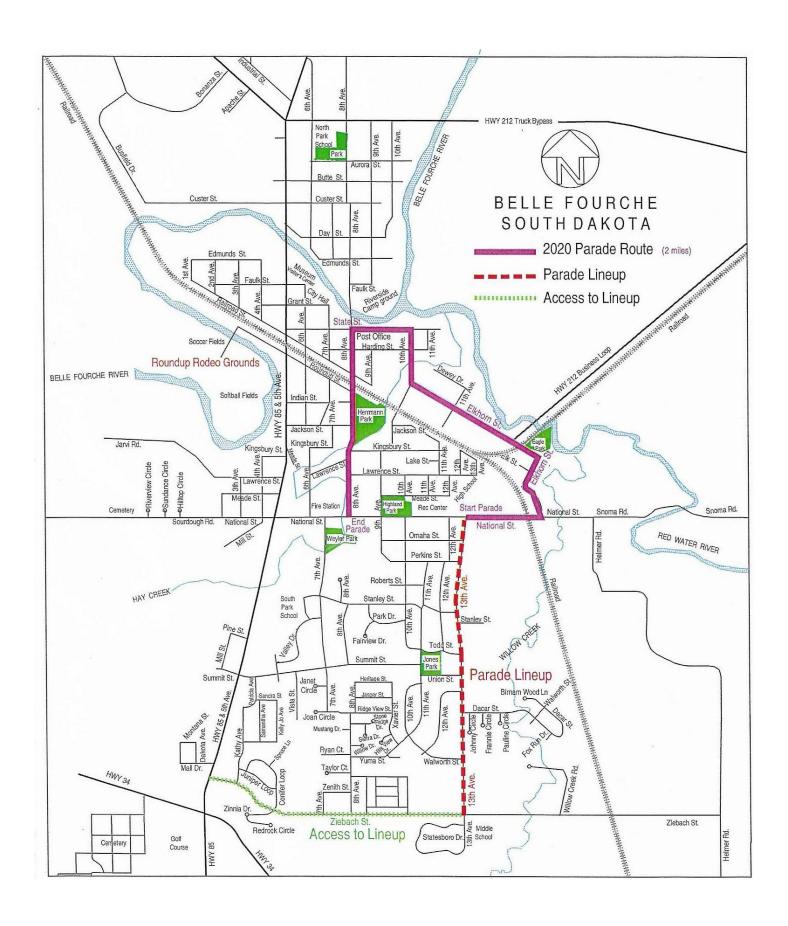
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FREE LIVE MUSIC from 6-9 PM

July 2 | Judd Hoos

David Pummel & Associates Bunney's Body & Collision Repair Center

July 9 | Common Law

F.L. Clarkson Family Foundation Pioneer Bank & Trust

July 23 | Dakota Country

Dakota Lumber Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce

July 30 | My Second Rodeo

Cindy Giacometto - Waddell & Reed Ring Container

July 16 | Chelsey Dee & Company

First Interstate Bank Tri-State Construction

Food, Friends & Fun in Downtown Belle Fourche



