

BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



BFDC Board of Directors Meeting

August 20, 2025

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

Leadership Belle Fourche

September 18, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Topic: State Street Business & History, BF School & CTE Tour, Personality Profiles

Contact us to work with our team for connections to the resources to take your business to the next level. Whether starting a new business or expanding an existing business, we can connect you with resources to help. Contact us here: **605-892-5065**



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2025 Investment Campaign ~

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Our Community.**

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Belle Fourche Student Excels at National SkillsUSA Conference

Belle Fourche, SD – Ryan Stegelman, a sophomore from Belle Fourche High School, recently represented the Belle Fourche School District and the state of South Dakota at the national SkillsUSA Heavy Equipment Competition (HEC) in Atlanta, Georgia, in June. Ryan qualified for the national competition after securing first place at the state SkillsUSA HEC in Mitchell, SD, in April. As the youngest competitor at the national event, Ryan performed exceptionally well against a field primarily composed of graduated seniors, some of whom had previous national competition experience³.

The first day of the competition took place at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), where Ryan participated in a series of practical challenges before taking a written test. The practical events included filling out a job application, undergoing an interview, performing survey math, calculating the volume and mass of various materials, conducting pre-start checks on different equipment, and identifying underground utilities using 811 procedures. Ryan also demonstrated his skills by using an excavator to place a pin in a pipe, operating an articulating loader with a forklift attachment to move objects through an



obstacle course, and using an excavator to maneuver a ball from the top of a cone into its bucket and then into a 5-gallon bucket⁶.



On the second day, competitors were transported to the Komatsu headquarters for additional timed events, where advisors were not permitted to interact with their students.

Ryan successfully operated equipment he had never used

before. In one event, operating a smaller dozer, Ryan significantly outperformed other competitors in slot dozing, creating a pile nearly twice the size of the others. He also skillfully operated a packer for the first time. Ryan performed an impressive pre-startup inspection on a wheel loader, identifying deliberately loosened bolts, nuts, disabled lights, and alarms. He effectively backfilled a trench with a backhoe and dug a trench to the required specifications of three feet deep, twenty feet long, and the width of the bucket. Ryan also showcased his proficiency with an articulating dump truck. Although he had used a wheel loader before, he quickly adapted to one operated by a joystick instead of a steering wheel, completing the task within the time limit¹⁴. Additionally, Ryan, who had no prior experience with an excavator's claw, expertly stacked and unstacked four tires. His final task involved using a tracked skid steer loader to attach forklift forks, stack four pallets, navigate an obstacle course, unstack them, and remove the forks.



Ryan's extensive practice was made possible through the generous support of local businesses and individuals. He practiced operating a dozer, excavator, articulating truck, and skid steer thanks to Scull Operating Service and Site Work Specialists. Juan Garret and Eaton Construction provided opportunities for Ryan to practice with a backhoe and excavator.



Also attending the SkillsUSA Conference was Ayseluna (Ayse) Hockenbary, a Belle Fourche graduate from two years ago who recently earned a welding degree from Western Dakota Technical College. Competing in Individual Welding, Ayse achieved an impressive 4th place out of 33 states, narrowly missing a bronze medal.

A special thank you is extended to all the businesses and individuals whose support enabled Ryan Stegelman to attend the SkillsUSA Conference in Atlanta, GA:

- Scull Construction Service and Site Work Specialists – Rapid City, SD
- Associated General Contractors of SD – Sioux Falls, SD
- Eaton Construction – Belle Fourche, SD
- Gillette Fence INC – Belle Fourche, SD
- Hauck Electric and Controls INC – Belle Fourche, SD
- New Generation Supplements – Belle Fourche, SD
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- Wilbur Repair – Belle Fourche, SD
- 3J Oil Medics & Towing – Belle Fourche, SD
- John & Billey Tracy – Belle Fourche, SD
- Juan Garret – Belle Fourche, SD
- Hayworth Enterprises – Belle Fourche, SD





OPEN HOUSE
 Saturday, August 16th
 11 - 3

Refreshments Catered By
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Bluebelle Vacation Home
 1028 5th Ave
 Belle Fourche, SD



The background of the flyer features a large, stylized blue hand holding a green leaf. On the left, a circular inset shows the exterior of the vacation home with a sign that reads 'THIS HISTORIC VACATION HOME... BELLER HOUSE... AVAILABLE NOW... WWW.BLUEBELLESD.COM'. Another circular inset shows the interior of the home, featuring a brown leather sofa and a framed picture on the wall.

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Chamber of Commerce and the public welcomed another new business to downtown Belle Fourche.

ILevel Construction, LLC, owned by Jason Pedersen, held a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening on July 24, during the July Chamber Mixer.

The gathering gave the public the opportunity to inspect iLevel Construction's work firsthand because the business used their own construction skills to renovate the old building. "A lot of it was just emptying things out, cleaning stuff up, and painting," explained Pedersen. "It was a very cosmetic remodel!"

While the location is new for the business, the area is not. ILevel Construction has been doing business out of Belle Fourche for several years. Pedersen shared, "I moved up here 11 years ago. I went to the School of Mines for mechanical engineering and then I tried to work in engineering jobs—I forgot that and went back into construction! I started ILevel Construction in 2019, we were based out of Sturgis for awhile. Then my wife and I bought some property just east of town (Belle Fourche) and built shop, built house, and then in November, I bought this building from Renee Bisgaard."

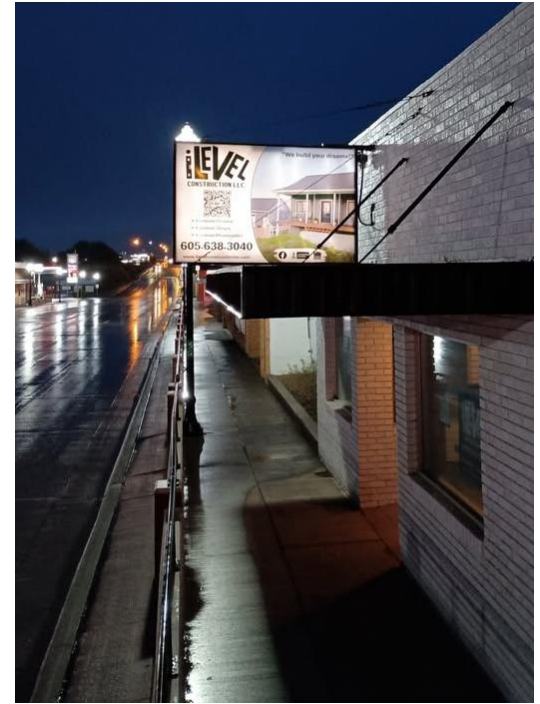
Pedersen ran his business out of his home prior to moving to the new location. He had a shop and a couple of offices there, but looks forward to his new location. "This location is the first away from my personal residence and it has been awesome," said Pedersen. "It feels more real—just operating out of the home it feels not quite legitimate!"

The construction company currently employs five workers. While Pedersen helps if he needs to, he spends most of his time in sales, bidding new projects and project management. ILevel Construction has built a lot of homes in the Northern Hills area and hopes to expand into Wyoming.

Even though Pedersen doesn't necessarily use his engineering degree daily, he credits a lot of what he does now to his college experience. "If schooling or college teaches you anything, I think it's just learning how to solve problems.

It's not necessarily the actual engineering—I think that's a benefit—it's just some of the soft skills you learn by going to school," he said.

Robbi Longbrake | news@bellefourchebeacon.com



Meet Pam Somervold – Board of Directors

I have lived in Belle Fourche most of my life, born and raised here and graduated from Belle Fourche high school. I had the pleasure of raising two children here, then my career moved me to Rapid City and since my retirement, I've returned...because this is home. I enjoy reuniting with family and friends who still live here and there's nothing quite like the beauty of the Black Hills.

I was elected as Belle Fourche City Council Ward 2 Councilwoman in 2024 and have enjoyed the process of learning, growing, and helping the citizens and community of Belle Fourche. Serving on different city committees has opened my eyes to the diversity of talent and truly some amazing people who have a desire to continue to help Belle Fourche in many ways. I was recently given the opportunity to step into the Economic Development arena, and I look forward to joining the dedicated team of professionals.

I have 2 children, 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild. I spend much of my time volunteering in various capacities throughout the community and one of my favorites for free time is hiking and quiet time at the cabin at Iron Creek Lake in the Black Hills.



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CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

BELLE FOURCHE COUNTRY CLUB

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE, NO HANDICAP WITH PAYOUT FOR
1ST, 2ND & 3RD. PAYOUT DEPENDS ON # OF TEAMS.

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

MEAL & AWARDS TO FOLLOW PLAY

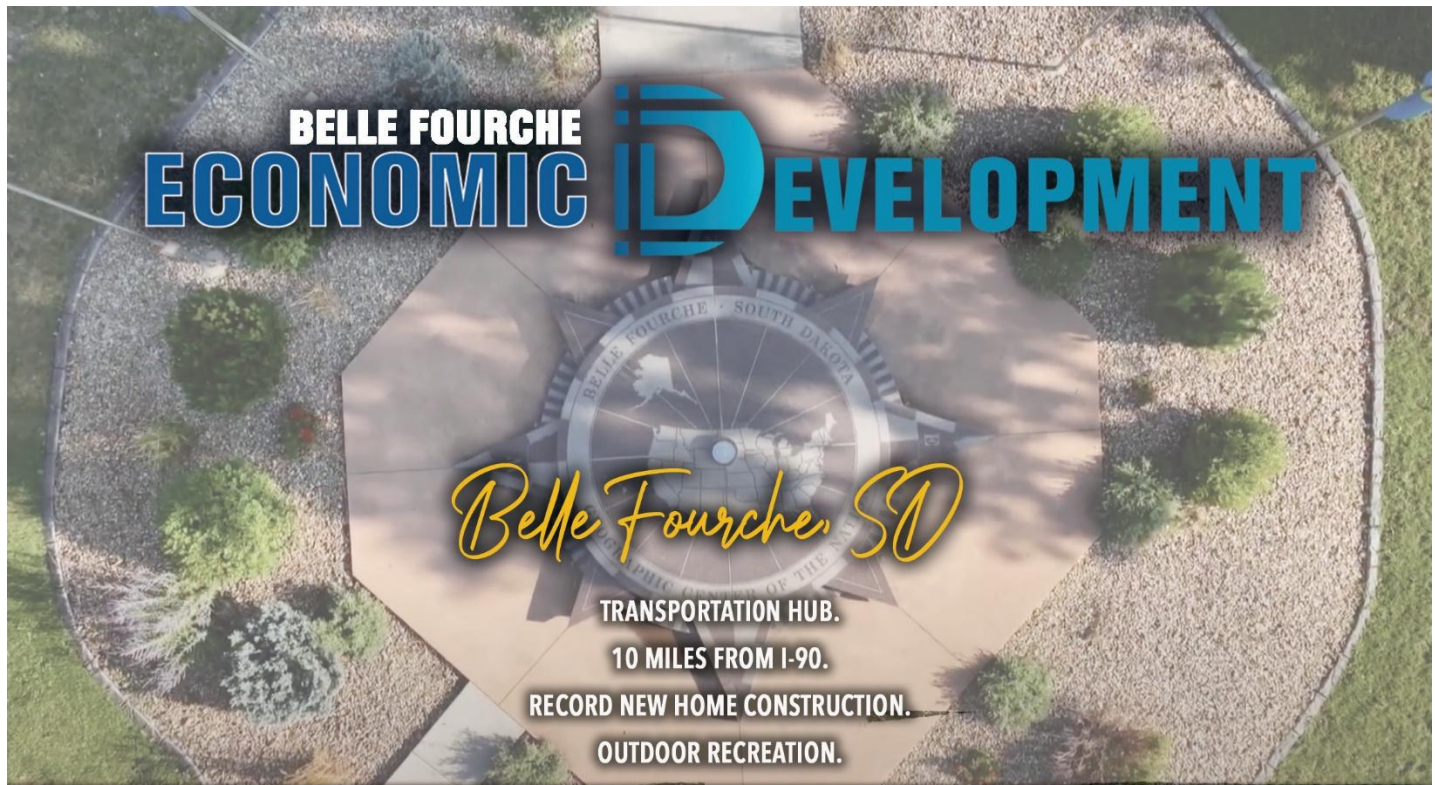
\$500/TEAM OR \$150/PLAYER

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE



WORKFORCE 6 COUNTY AVERAGE

APPROXIMATELY 60.7%

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| Civilian (16+) | |
| Non-Institutionalized Population | 162,752 |
| Not in Labor Force (16+) | 58,507 |
| Labor Force | 104,245 |
| Employed | 102,580 |
| Unemployed | 1,665 |
| Under 16, Military, and Institutionalized Population | 42,414 |

Jobs grew by **7,032** over the last 5 years and are projected to grow by **5,568** over the next 5 years.



TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

- Located on the I-90 Corridor
- Rapid City Regional Airport
- Access to Current Class B Rail System & Operators
- Average driving commute time from the Rapid City "hub" less than 60 minutes
- Transportation Maps:
 - Heartland Expressway
 - Railway
 - Maps

WHY THE BLACK HILLS?

- ✦ Strategic location on the I-90 corridor with quick access to major markets
- ✦ Skilled workforce supported by top-tier universities and technical schools
- ✦ Business-friendly climate with no state income tax and access to elected leaders at the local, state, and federal levels



KEY INDUSTRIES

- Manufacturing
- Healthcare Services
- Retail & Restaurants
- Precision Ag
- Research & Development
- Tourism



HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

The AACSB accredited university offers diverse programs in business, environmental studies, applied sciences, and IT related fields such as business analytics and information management.

SOUTH DAKOTA MINES

South Dakota Mines is consistently ranked among the top engineering universities in the nation, promoting hands-on learning and helping develop world-class leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

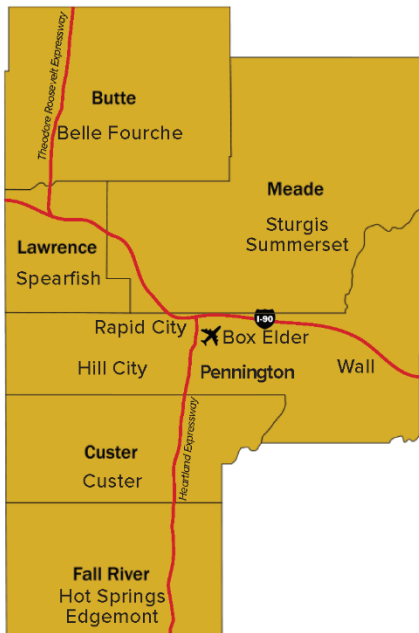
WESTERN DAKOTA TECH

WDT prepares students with essential IT and tech adjacent skills. WDT also specializes in workforce focused training, equipping students with practical skills tailored to industry needs.



UTILITY PARTNER / ACCESS

- Black Hills Energy
- Black Hills Electric Cooperative
- Butte Electric Cooperative
- Montana-Dakota Utilities
- West River Electric Association



207,879
POPULATION
(TOTAL 6 COUNTY)

Population grew by
10,132
over the last 5 years

Population projected to grow by
12,713
over the next 5 years

PROPERTY SEARCH



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BUTTE COUNTY COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

August 23, 2025 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Hermann Park, Belle Fourche, SD 57717



Join the following (and more) groups and businesses to learn more about what is happening in Butte County to support safety and security in our community.

- Belle Fourche City
- Butte County
- Belle Ambulance
- Newell Ambulance
- Butte/Lawrence Extension
- BF Economic Development Corp
- Whatever It Takes Coalition
- LEPC
- Fire Departments
- BF Police
- BF Chamber
- Freshman Impact
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Newell City
- Irrigation District



BUTTE COUNTY

117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717

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LEADERSHIP BELLE FOURCHE

2025-2026

Hosted by:



**Leaders become great, not because of their power,
but because of their ability to EMPOWER others.**
John Maxwell

Developing & Empowering Leaders for Belle Fourche

- Enhancing Leadership Skills
- Broadening Community Awareness
- Encouraging Servant Leadership
- Enhancing Community Engagement
- Promoting Teamwork & People Skills
- Building at the Core of Belle Fourche

PROGRAM DATES:

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

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| September 18, 2025 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm | Personality Profiles; State Street Business & History; BF School & CTE Tour |
| October 16, 2025 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm | Belle Fourche Regional Industry – Yesterday and Today; Land & Ag Management; AG Business Tours |
| November 20, 2025 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm | City Operations & Tours |
| December 18, 2025 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm | County Operations & Tours |
| January 15, 2026 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm | Economic & Community Development - Local, State & Federal Level; Entrepreneurship - What it Takes; Transportation |
| February 19, 2026 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm | Bring Your "A" Game; Industry Tour; Workforce Development |
| March 19, 2026 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm | NeighborWorks Dakota Homes Resources & Community Housing in Belle Fourche, Healthcare; Schools; Community Industry Tours |
| April 22, 2026 | 7:00 am-5:00 pm | Day of Excellence (Live in Rapid City – National Speakers) |
| April 29, 2026 | 5:30 p.m. | Graduation – Location TBA - Social 5:30; Dinner & Graduation at 6:00 - Concludes by 7:00 |

Thank you! We appreciate the employer and community support.

Leadership Belle Fourche 2025-2026 Class Application

Name: _____

Your Job Title: _____

Name of Organization/Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 15, 2025

Mail Applications & Payment to: Belle Fourche Development Corporation

PO Box 344, Belle Fourche, SD 57717 Or Deliver to: 608 5th Avenue

Pay by check or go online to securely pay by credit card: <https://bfdcsd.com/leadership-belle-fourche/>

Questions? Contact Hollie Stalder at 605-892-5065

What do you consider to be your greatest responsibility, skill, experience and/or achievement?

What do you hope to gain from your experience as a member of Leadership Belle Fourche?

On what community boards, committees, groups would you like to become active? Identify what you would like to accomplish in those groups.

I understand (as does my employer) that I will be committing approximately 9 days to this program and am willing to do so:

Please check your calendar to confirm your availability. To be eligible for graduation from Leadership Belle Fourche, participants are expected to attend the opening session and may be absent from only two class sessions.

Signature

Tuition for this 9-month course is \$695.00 for Chamber or BFDC Members or \$850 for Non-Members and includes the cost of the classes, materials, speakers, Day of Excellence, select meals and graduation.

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SAVE THE DATE: *2025 Spring Conference*

Silviculture for a Changing World

3-4 September
2025

The Journey Museum
222 New York St, Rapid City, SD 57701

Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

- Speaker presentations
- Vendor booths and merch, including conference shirts
- Happy hour social and networking event

Thursday, September 4, 2025

- Field tour on the Black Hills Experimental Forest

Topics

- Real silvicultural strategies to help prepare forests for changing conditions
- Ecological silviculture
- Using reference conditions to guide management

**Now accepting vendor booth reservations,
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***For more information contact Rayma Daigle at
rayma.daigle@usda.gov or at (605) 872-2385***

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| HomeSlice Group | Gold | Falina Selchert with Real Brokerage | Bronze |
| IDIC-SDC | Gold | Leadership Excellence & Development | Bronze |
| Johner & Sons Inc | Gold | Lensegrav & Sons Motor Express | Bronze |
| McGas Propane | Gold | NeighborWorks Dakota Homes Resources | Bronze |
| Pain & Movement Solutions | Gold | Pearson, Ashley | Bronze |
| Spearfish Forest Products, Inc | Gold | Schmaltz, Larry & Patricia | Bronze |
| Wareing Belle Fourche Ford Dodge Ram | Gold | Super 8 | Bronze |
| Barker Law Firm | Silver | Turbiville Industrial | Bronze |
| Belle Fourche Chamber | Silver | Viking Properties LLC | Bronze |
| Belle Fourche Counseling | Silver | Wagner, Karen | Bronze |
| Bennett Main Gubbrub & Willert, P.C. | Silver | Weed, Krysti | Bronze |
| BH Laundry & Dry Cleaning | Silver | Western Dakota Tech | Bronze |
| Bluebelle | Silver | Bowers, Wendy | Associate |
| Branding Iron | Silver | Red Onion Marketplace | Associate |
| Capp, Lee & Annie | Silver | Schaeffer, Renae | Associate |
| Carl's Trailer Sales, Inc. | Silver | Z Productions | Associate |

