

# Belle Fourche Development Corporation

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR BELLE FOURCHE AND SURROUNDING AREA

## BELLE FOURCHE INDUSTRIAL & RAIL PARK



### Board of Directors Meeting

**\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\***  
November 13, 2019  
~meetings are now the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month.  
Time: 7: 00 a.m.  
Location: 5<sup>th</sup> & Grant Plaza

### Empower BF Guiding Team Mtg.

November 13, 2019  
Time: 3:30 p.m.  
Location: 5<sup>th</sup> & Grant Plaza

### Leadership Belle Fourche

November 21, 2019  
Time: 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Course Topic: Build Dakota & City Operations



**Build Dakota Scholarship Fund Program 9 - 10 a.m. - November 21<sup>st</sup> Belle Fourche Rec. Center Auditorium**

Build Dakota Scholarships will be awarded to skilled scholars entering high-need workforce programs at SD technical institutions. Presentation is open to the public. Employers & students are encouraged to attend.

**BELLE FOURCHE INDUSTRIAL PARK RAIL SIDING READIES FOR NEW CUSTOMER**

A new access road and additional siding space has been completed to serve a new rail customer for the Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park. The additional siding space accommodates off-loading equipment and the new access road allows for trucks to have easier access to the siding - creating a west entrance (across from Permian Tank) and an exit on the east side.



# Leadership Belle Fourche Sees Ag from the Ground Up

Ag leaders from the region were on board speaking to a local expression, “Belle is an Ag town”. What does that mean you ask? When we look at the community and say we are an ag town, we realize what it means because we live it. But when we explain it to others, who don’t live here, what does it really mean? The Leadership Belle Fourche class got hands on education with Tanse Herrmann, USDA NRCS District Conservationist and regional USDA-NRCS soil scientist, Kent Cooley and THE rainfall simulator. The rainfall simulator compares the ability of soil to infiltrate or not infiltrate water due to how the land is managed. Seeing this in action really shows the value of managing soil health for optimal yields. Dave Ollila, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist, led the team to show the benefits of soil health and the natural cycle they teach area ag producers to follow. This included incorporating livestock (sheep and cattle) for healthy land management. We look forward to growing this experience at the community level. The team did an excellent job – it was so interesting!



SDSU Extension Rain Simulator shows the moisture retention and run off with healthy vs depleted soils. Leadership Belle Fourche class members felt the weight and density of healthy soils and witnessed composition firsthand.

The afternoon LBF session was a fascinating look at the Butte County operations. The team took us through the Court House and court services, register of deeds, extension office, dispatch and Sheriff’s office, auditor, equalization, treasurer and highway department rounded out the day. When we think about the County’s work, there is so much more than meets the eye. These folks cover a lot of ground:

- 836 miles of county roads in Butte County; along with the mowing and weed control along those roads
- 26,000 calls a year (on average) go through the Butte County Dispatch 24/7 emergency services
- 395 criminal cases in 2018; 2019 is already at 381
- 10,992 parcels of property in Butte County
- Historical records, many handwritten, dating back to the 1800’s at the Register of Deeds office

# 2019/2020 Student Built Home Takes Shape



# 211 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Ready for move in! Priced at \$189,000

1344 sq. ft. home  
with room for a  
garage

