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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

This weekend kicks off **Christmas in Custer 2025!**

On **Saturday, December 6th**, start the morning by bringing the kiddos ages 0–10 to the **Custer Elementary School North Playground at 9:30 AM** for our **4th Annual Candy Cane Hunt**.

Then stop by the **Chamber booth from 10 AM–12 PM** at **Santa’s Village in the Custer High School Gym** to pick up your **Reindeer Building Game Card**. Visit participating Chamber merchants to collect your parts and **build a reindeer!** Once your reindeer is complete, turn it in at the **Chamber Office at 615 Washington St.** for a chance to win a **GIANT stocking filled with prizes** donated by local merchants.

Many Custer businesses will be hosting open houses and staying open late—be sure to stop in, shop local, and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

At **5:30 PM**, join us downtown for the **36th Annual Custer Christmas Parade!** Immediately following the parade, our Parade Marshals, **Russ and Amy Bailey**, will “flip the switch” and light the **Juanita Memorial Tree** in Way Park. We hope you’ll join us in celebrating the start of this magical season!

And don’t forget to sign up for the **Community Christmas Cash Drawings!** Drawing dates are **December 5th, 12th, and 19th** with **\$650 in Christmas Cash** to be awarded—spendable at local merchants right here in Custer! The more times you sign up, the better your chances of winning!

Finally, we want to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to all our sponsors for supporting our Christmas events. We couldn’t do it without you!



Dawn Murray
Executive Director

2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

A full list of 2025 events by the Chamber and other organizations.

[Click to download calendar](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 6th

Candy Cane Hunt
The Elementary School
9:30AM

December 6th

Custer Christmas Parade
Mt Rushmore Rd
5:30pm

December 18th

Chamber Mixer
hosted by South Dakota Outdoor Shop
5:00PM-7:00PM

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



CUSTER
Chamber of Commerce

Be sure to **VOTE**

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors
2026-2028

Get your ballots turned in by December 18

Remember, only one (1) vote per Chamber Membership

[Click To Vote](#)

**REMINDER TO HAVE YOUR
CHRISTMAS CASH BOXES READY
AND OUT NOV 28TH**

1ST DRAWING DEC 5TH





Gift Wrapping Fundraiser for Fireworks

Join us at *The Hills Finest* for a special gift wrapping fundraiser

Bring your gifts and let us wrap them beautifully for you!

Donation only and all proceeds go to the Custer Chamber of
Commerce for the 4th of July Firework display.

Where: The Hills Finest Address: 26 S. 6th St When: Fri-Sun Starting 11-28-12-21-25

Wanna help or donate? Call Michelle at (605) 517-5588

Wrapping times are 11am-4pm Friday thru Sunday



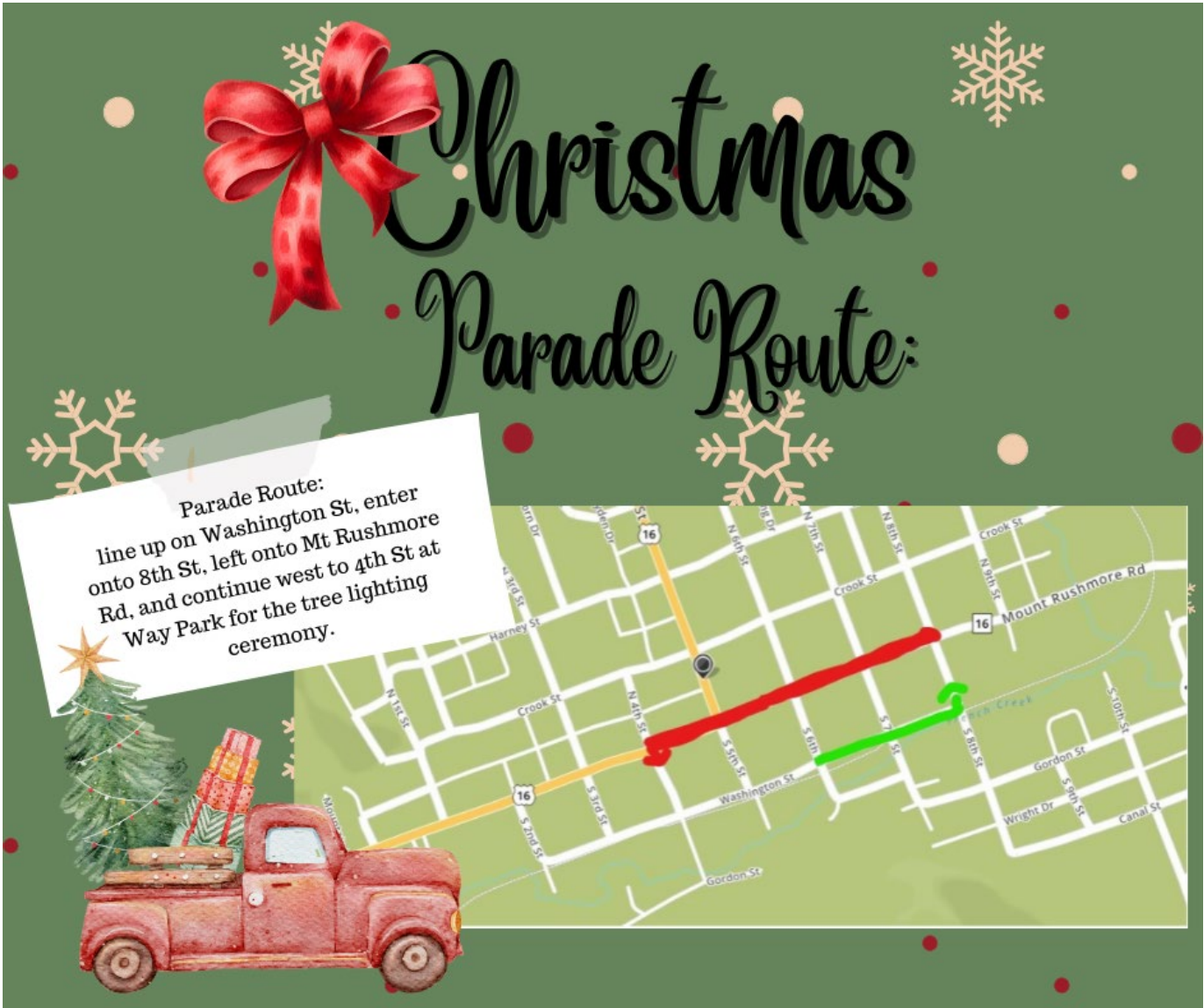


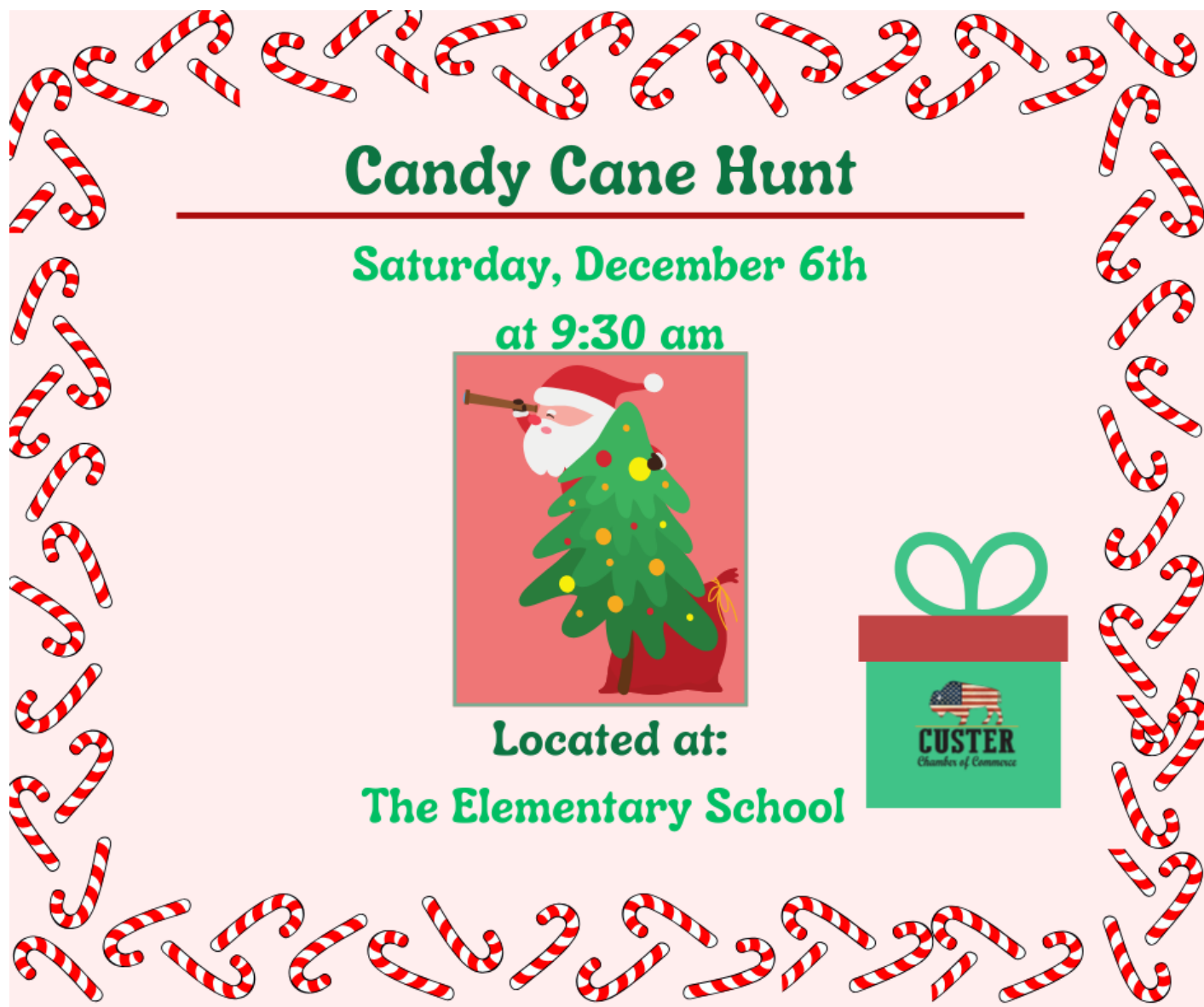
Get signed up to participate in the

CHRISTMAS PARADE

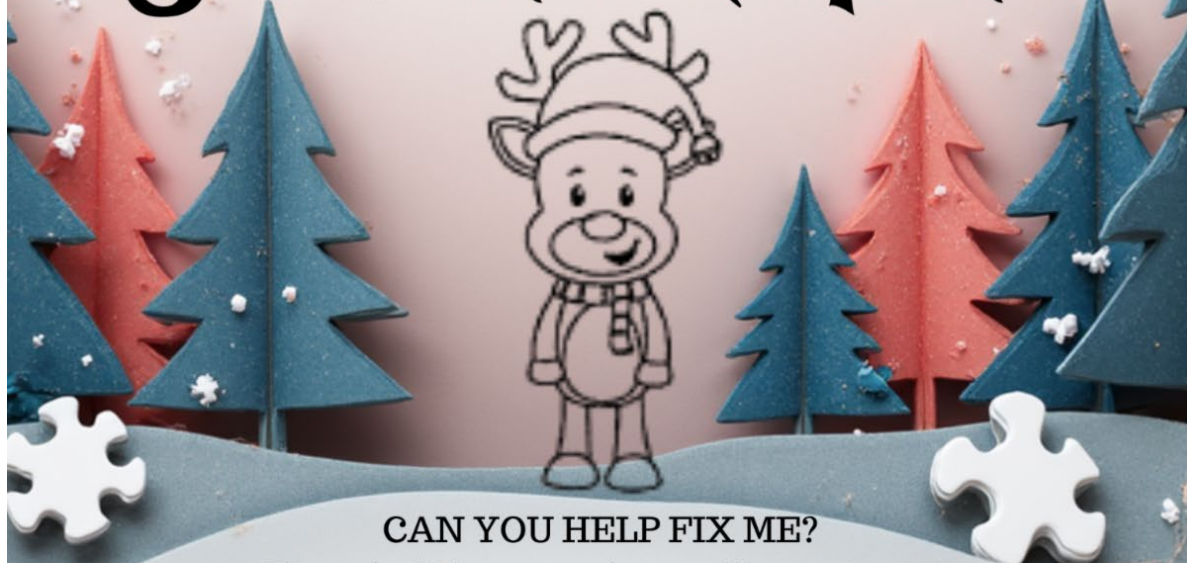
Saturday, December 6 at 5:30pm

[Sign Up Here](#)





BUILD A REINDEER SCAVENGER HUNT



CAN YOU HELP FIX ME?

The wind blew my pieces all over town!

Check the list on the back to see where you can find each piece.

Saturday, December 6th - come grab your flyer from the Custer Chamber booth at Santa's Village for 10 am to 12 pm'

Cards can also be printed from our website.

Collect one of each piece at the participating businesses, put me back together, and bring me to the Chamber office by **December 12th** to be entered to win a stocking filled with prizes!





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Chamber Board Meetings

December 17th 2:00 P.M

WEEKLY HUMOR



offthemark.com
Get a signed print: offthemark@gmail.com custercham.com Custer Chamber of Commerce 12x12



Thank you
for renewing your
Chamber Membership

Thank you so much for renewing your membership with the Custer Chamber! We truly appreciate your continued support and partnership.

1. 1880 Train

2. 1881 Courthouse Museum

3. 21 Electric

4. A & B Business Solutions

5. A Walk in the Woods

6. Abundant Life Fellowship of Custer SD

7. Aflac -Carol Perrigo

8. Al Cornella Refrigeration

9. All Net Connections

10. ALPHA Builders, LLC

11. American Family Insurance- Ronni Calvird Agency

12. American Legion Post #46

13. Aspen Federal Credit Union

14. Aspen+Pine Realty

15. Bakers Bakery

16. Bavarian Inn

17. Bear Country USA

18. Beaver Lake Campground

19. Beecher Rock Vehicle Storage

20. Begging Burro Mexican Bistro and Tequila Bar

21. Best Western

22. Big Pine Campground

23. Black Granite Construction

24. Black Hills Badlands

25. Black Hills Balloons

26. Black Hills Bronco Adventures

27. Black Hills Burger & Pizza Co

28. Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial

29. Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc

30. Black Hills Enclave

31. Black Hills Energy

32. Black Hills Federal Credit Union

33. Black Hills Parks & Forests Association

34. Black Hills Pizza Hut

35. Black Hills Playhouse

36. Black Hills Power Bikes Rentals and Boutique

37. Black Hills Preservation Project

38. Blind Guy Custom Window Coverings

39. Bradeen Real Estate and Auctions

40. Branch Construction Services, LLC

41. Buffalo Ridge Camp Resorts

42. Buglin' Bull

43. Busy Ewe Farm & Fiber

44. Calamity Jane Kitchen

45. Calamity Peak Lodge

46. Camp Bob Marshal

47. Carr Electric, Co, LLC

48. Carson Drug

49. Certified Folder Display Service, Inc

50. Chalet Motel

51. Chamberlain McColleys Funeral Home

52. Chapel in the Hills

53. Charley and Norma Najacht

54. Chief Motel

55. Christy Chamberlain & Bob Reich

56. City of Custer

57. Claw Antler and Hide

58. Coca-Cola Bottling Company

59. Colleen Hennesy and Jim Frank
139. Highmark Credit Union

140. Hills Inn

141. HJEM am

142. Holiday Inn Express

143. Homeslice Media Group

144. Homestead Carpet Care

145. Honest Paint Co

146. Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream

147. Hounds, Pugs, and Hugs

148. J & M Lawn Care

149. Jacqueline Hartwick

150. JAM Heating and Cooling LLC

151. Jewel Cave National Monument

152. John & Diana Carson

153. Jon G Gindhart, D.C., PLLC.

154. Jorgensen Log Homes Inc

155. JQ Clothing Co

156. K & S Stagecoach Stop

157. K2 Masonry & Concrete Inc

158. Ketel Thorstenson

159. Kieffer Sanitation

160. Kitchens by Karla

161. Lampert Properties

162. Lasting Impressions Unlimited

163. Laurie Arthur

164. Lenny Merriam CPA, CFE, PLLC

165. LFC Veterinary Service

166. Living Outreach Church

167. LJ's Recovery and Transport, LLC

168. Local Black Hills

169. Lynn's Dakotamart

170. Marci & John O'Connell

171. Maria's Mexican Restaurant

172. McCoy PC dba Custer Lawyer PLLC

173. McGas Propane

174. Mickelson Trail Affiliates, LLC

175. Miner's Cup, LLC

176. Moccasin Springs

177. Monument Health- Custer Hospital/Clinic

178. Mountainview Baptist Church

179. Mt Rushmore Brewing Co/ Pounding Fathers

180. Murray Auto Repair LLC

181. My XO Adventures

182. Naomi Haraldson

183. NARFE

184. Nelson's Oil & Gas

185. New Trails Ministry, Inc

186. Nielsen Enterprises, LLC

187. NXTLAW PC

188. Operation Black Hills Cabins

189. Our Place

190. Our Quilty Things

191. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

192. Outlaw Ranch

193. Pain & Movement Solutions

194. Patti & Jim Lee

195. PDQ Construction

196. Petals & Pages

197. Pizza Mill

60. Comfort Inn & Suites	198. Pleasant Valley Farm and Cabins LLC
61. Common Cents	199. Plenty Star Ranch Retreat
62. Community Education of the BH	200. Prairie Hills Transit
63. Crazy Horse Memorial	201. Premier Family Eyecare
64. Crossroads Church	202. Purple Pie Place
65. Custer Ace Hardware	203. Pye-Barker Fire & Safety
66. Custer Ambulance Service	204. Rabbit Bicycle Rental & Repair
67. Custer Area Arts Council	205. Reed's Chimney Sweeping, Handyman & caretaking
68. Custer Cares	206. Regency CSP Resorts
69. Custer Chiropractic, PC	207. Reptile Gardens
70. Custer City Masonic Lodge #66	208. Rise Custer
71. Custer County Airport	209. Road Runner Inc
72. Custer County Candy Company	210. Rock Solid
73. Custer County Chronicle	211. Rocket Motel
74. Custer County Conservation District	212. Rod and Avis Converse
75. Custer County Democratic Party	213. Ronald McDonald Charities
76. Custer County Library Foundation	214. RP Lumber Co Inc
77. Custer County Republicans	215. Rush Mountain Adventure Park
78. Custer Dental Studio	216. Rushmore Photo & Gift, Inc
79. Custer Golf Corp/ Rocky Knolls Golf Course	217. Rushmore Vacation Rentals
80. Custer Heating & Air Conditioning	218. Sage Creek Grille
81. Custer Lions Club	219. Sentinel Federal Credit Union
82. Custer Lutheran Fellowship	220. Servall Uniforms & Linens
83. Custer Mile High Garden Club	221. Sew What
84. Custer Mt. Rushmore KOA	222. Shady Rest Motel
85. Custer Piecemaker Quilt Guild	223. Shepherd of the Hills
86. Custer Rotary	224. Simon Contractors of SD, Inc
87. Custer Senior Center	225. Skogen Kitchen
88. Custer State Farm- Steve Engelbrecht Agent	226. Sleep Better South Dakota, LLC
89. Custer State Park	227. Sousleys HillBilly Barbeque Catering
90. Custer Subway	228. South Dakota Outdoor Shop
91. Custer's Gulch RV Park & Campground	229. South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation
92. Custer's Rendezvous	230. Southern Hills Animal Clinic
93. Dacotah Bank	231. Southern Hills Family Medicine, PLLC
94. Dakota Greens - Custer Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.	232. Southern Hills Law, PLLC
95. Dakota Photographic	233. Southern Hills Tactical
96. Dave's Rock Shop	234. Southern Hills Title Co.
97. Days Inn	235. Splish Splash Car, RV and Dog Wash
98. Deep Creek Art Gallery	236. Spokane Creek Cabins & Camp
99. DGR Engineering	237. Sprockets Fun Foundry
100. Diane Dennis	238. St John the Baptist Catholic Church
101. Don & Arlayne Barmore	239. Star Ridge Advetisments
102. Double Diamond Ranch	240. Starr Insurance
103. Eagle's Landing Lodge	241. Stars and Stripes by Steph
104. Early Learner Custer	242. Steele Collision & Glass
105. Econolodge	243. Steve and Yolanda Davis
106. Edward Jones- Mark Koch	244. Stockade Lake Cabin
107. Edward Jones-Jared Slagel	245. Studt Construction, Inc
108. Edward Jones-Kris Zerbe	246. Sturgis Mustang Rally
109. Elk Haven Vacation Cabins	247. Sunset RV Park
110. enCore Energy Corp	248. Sunshine Storage
111. EO Bungalows	249. Super 8
112. Evergreen Media	250. Sweet Clover and Sage Salon
113. Faith Lewis Real Estate Inc	251. Sylvan Rocks Climbing School and Guide Service
114. Feel Good Café	252. Tallgrass Landscape Architecture
115. First Choice Lock and Key	253. Tanglewood Estate
116. First Interstate Bank	254. Tennyson Investments
117. Floors and More Cleaning and Restoration	255. The Cruisin' Canvas
118. Four Mile Old West Town & Campground	256. The Custer Beacon
119. Fred & Wendy Hlava	257. The Custer Wolf Food & Drink

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| 120. | Freedom Hills Wealth Management | 258. | The Mammoth Site |
| 121. | Freeman's Electric Service, Inc. | 259. | Thomas Home Improvement |
| 122. | French Creek Campground & RV Park | 260. | Travel Custer |
| 123. | French Creek Supply- NAPA Auto Parts | 261. | United States Forest Service Supervisor's Office |
| 124. | French Creek Tree Fellers, LLC | 262. | United Way of the Black Hills |
| 125. | Frenchy's Hideaways | 263. | Valhalla Legal, PLLC |
| 126. | George Mickelson Trail | 264. | Vector Design Print and Tech |
| 127. | Gideons International Southern Hills Camp | 265. | VFW Post #3442 |
| 128. | Glen Erin Campground | 266. | Vineyard Black Hills |
| 129. | Gold Camp Cabins, LLC | 267. | Western Skies Real Estate |
| 130. | Gold Pan Saloon/ Calamity Jane | 268. | Western Tire Chain LLC |
| 131. | Gold Valley Camp | 269. | Windsong Valley Gardens |
| 132. | Golden West Telecommunications | 270. | Workplace Disability Network of the Black Hills |
| 133. | Good Karma Jewelry | 271. | World Fossil Finders Museum |
| 134. | Green Owl Media | 272. | Xanterra |
| 135. | Grizzly Gulch Adventure Golf | 273. | YMCA |
| 136. | Growing Roots, Inc | 274. | Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills |
| 137. | H&R Block | | |
| 138. | Harney Peak Chapter, NSDAR | | |



PDQ Specialty Products
Xtreme Sports Simulators

The Christians Team-Broker Heath Shields

The Hills Finest-Bridal by Michelle

Don't Panic, LLC

Rising Hope Counseling, LLC

Custer Laundry

Lintz Brothers Pizza

Around the Map Travel

Winmore, LLC

Bridle Ridge Horse and RV Camp LLC

Bottoms Up Taphouse

Grant Administration & Consulting LLC

Aflac- Matti (Kelley) Schryvers

Quilted Buffalo

Performance Outdoor Services

Western Dakota Tech Foundation

Encompass Payroll

South Dakota Department of Labor &

Regulation

On The Water

Elk Mountain Retreats and Tours

Rushmore Custom T's

Drover's Ridge

Black Hills Open-Top-Tours

Village of Boyd

Boys Antiques and Unique's, Inc

Custer Sheds- by Old Hickory

Nomad Vancamp & RV Park

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



2025 Custer Chamber

Member Spotlight

Local Black Hills



Address: 1107 Mt Rushmore Rd Suite 2, Rapid City
Phone: 605-342-6200
Email: info@localblackhills.com

#Membership Monday

This week we are handing the spotlight to *Local Black Hills*. Here is what they had to say about the wonderful business.

" We're proud to shine the spotlight on Local Black Hills, a homegrown media company connecting our community through local stories, businesses, and events across the Black Hills! From Trail Addict, your go-to hiking and biking guide, to Black Hills Things To Do, the ultimate visitor resource, and the newest publication Black Hills Community Connection, Local Black Hills is all about celebrating local life. Visit *LocalBlackHills.com* to explore the area's most comprehensive events database, discover local businesses, and find money-saving deals that support the community we love. Explore Local. Discover Community"

More info: <https://custersd.com/members/local-black-hills>

◆◆ Membership Spotlight Time! ◆◆

We love shining a light on the amazing businesses that make our community great! ◆◆
Would you like to see your business in the spotlight?
Send a short write-up and a few photos to assistant@custersd.com — we can't wait to feature YOU!
◆◆

AREA EVENTS

The poster features a teal background with a pattern of white snowflakes. At the top, a row of gingerbread cookies hangs from strings, including stars, bells, and candy canes. The title "GINGERBREAD" is in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, and "House Competition" is in a large, orange, cursive script font with a brown outline. Below the title, white text reads: "It's time for another gingerbread house contest at the Custer County Library! We will have sign ups and starter kits available for pick up at the library (while supplies last) starting Monday, November 17th. All entries must be dropped off by December 6th. December 8th - 31st voting by patrons". An orange rounded rectangle contains the text "*Prizes awarded January 2026!!!". At the bottom, two gingerbread houses with red roofs and white trim are shown, each with a gingerbread man in a Santa hat standing in front. The Custer County Library logo, a stylized 'C' with a keyhole, is on the left, and the text "CUSTER COUNTY LIBRARY" is on the right.

GINGERBREAD

House Competition

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at the Custer County Library!

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pick up at the library (while supplies last)
starting Monday, November 17th.

All entries must be dropped off by December 6th.
December 8th - 31st voting by patrons

*Prizes awarded January 2026!!!

 **CUSTER COUNTY**
LIBRARY

ENCHANTED "WONDER" LAND

A Holiday Market

*Shop unique, high-quality gifts and educational items
that support national parks, grasslands, and forests!*

NOVEMBER 10TH - DECEMBER 24TH

833 MT. RUSHMORE ROAD

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00AM-4:00PM

SATURDAYS
9:00AM-3:00PM



**BLACK HILLS
PARKS &
FORESTS
ASSOCIATION**

BHPFA.ORG

*A non-profit organization supporting wonder
and exploration through stewardship of
YOUR public lands.*



Adopt A Resident

**Spread holiday cheer
this year!**

PICK UP TAGS DROP OFF BY
12/1/2025 12/19/2025

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- GRAB A TAG FROM THE TREE.
SHOP FOR YOUR RESIDENT.

Spread the Joy!

Custer Care & Rehab Center
1065 Montgomery St.
605-673-2115





JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Christmas

COOKIE & CANDY WALK

Support the Custer Senior Center and stock up on your favorite holiday cookies, candies, breads, and other Christmas goodies—only \$12.00 per pound!



**December 5th, starting
at 8am to 12pm**



**538 Mt. Rushmore Rd.
Custer, SD 57730**

\$12
per pound

Bring your family and friends—and skip the holiday baking! Let the Custer Senior Center take care of the treats so you can enjoy the season.



1881 COURTHOUSE MUSEUM HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 6th

• 4pm - 6:30pm •

411 Mt. Rushmore Rd. Custer, SD

tour the museum: free admission

**enjoy refreshments
in the courtroom**

**holiday shopping
in the bookstore**



SANTA'S VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR



Shop for Christmas gifts
Support local vendors/businesses
Concessions available
Pictures with Santa from 10 AM-12 PM
Hourly door prizes
And lots more!

Date and time:
December 6th, 9 AM-3 PM
1645 Wildcat Lane, Custer SD



For More Information:
605-673-2222
erinw@rcymca.org

[Registration Form](#)

**GOOD KARMA
JEWELRY**
Custer, SD

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

HOLIDAY

Open House

MAJOR HOLIDAY SALES

FESTIVE TREATS
2 FOR 1 DRINKS
MUSIC
RAFFLE DRAWING

SATURDAY DEC 6TH
10AM - 7PM

507 MT. RUSHMORE RD.
CUSTER, SD

► **QUILTED BUFFALO,
DEEP CREEK GALLERY &
OUR QUILTY THINGS**

Cordially Invite you to our

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

Noon – Through the Lighted Parade

757 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer, SD

**Door Prizes, Goodies, Hot Coco, View
the Lighted Parade, Gift Shopping!!**

Custer Senior Center Holiday Open House



Step into the magic of the season at the Custer Senior Center! Enjoy a performance by The Sandstone Singers, delicious cookies, and festive refreshments.

December 06 | 2-4 PM

538 Mt. Rushmore Rd.
Custer, SD 57730



THE BLUEPRINT

Custer County Democratic Party



Holiday Gathering

Saturday, December 6th | 4-7pm

Trailhouse ~ 148 Gordon St, Custer, SD

RSVP by 5pm, Monday Dec. 1st - ccsddp21info@gmail.com

Fun Evening of Good Food, Friendly Conversation, Door Prizes,
and Holiday Cheer!



Throughout the month of December
Visit the Custer County Democratic Party's Tree!
At the Custer State Park Visitor Center

Join us as we participate in the Third Annual Festival of Trees
in Custer State Park.



Custer County Democrats of SD
PO Box 5065 - Custer, SD 57730
ccsddp21info@gmail.com
[@custercountymocratsofsouthdakota](https://www.facebook.com/custercountymocratsofsouthdakota)



Saturday, January, 3rd, 9:00AM
Pancakes & Perspectives



Monthly Breakfast Get-together at Crazy Horse Memorial

Laughing Water Restaurant ~ 1215 Avenue of the Chiefs, Custer, SD

RSVP by Friday noon, December 31st to ccsddp21info@gmail.com

The Custer County Democrats invite everyone who values and supports our vision to promote Democracy, Economic Justice, Universal Human Rights, Environmentalism, and a Culture of Peace to join our growing community.



PLEASE JOIN US!

Custer High School

SENIOR PROJECTS COMMUNITY EXPO

Monday, December 8th

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Custer High School Commons

GALLERY-WALK STYLE

OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS'

HARD WORK



Custer Senior Center

Painting Class with Tami



DECEMBER
10TH @ 1:00PM

SIGN UP
AT THE
CENTER

538 Mt. Rushmore Rd.
Custer, SD 57730

🎄 Christmas Caroling Celebration! 🎄

Let's spread the joy of Jesus this season with song, laughter, and fellowship. Join us for **Christmas Caroling** as we share the good news through music and community cheer.

🌟 Grab a cup of **hot cocoa**, hop on the **hayride**, and help us carol through the night!

Together, we'll bring light and joy to our neighbors, echoing the angel's song: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will."*

🎵 **All are welcome—come sing with us!** 🎵

December 10. We will meet at St. John's at 5:45 for a light meal then load on the hay wagon at 6:15. Dress warm and bring your own mug for hot chocolate as we carol. Will finish up around 8:00. Invite your friends!



House guitar
available

Dec 12th
7:30pm

OPEN MIC
NIGHT

EST 1876
THE GOLD PAN
SALOON
CUSTER SD



South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One day Class

Saturday Dec 13th 2025 9:00am to 4:30pm

The Enhanced Permit allows you carry in 39 states including
MN, NE, WI, NV, NH, WA, NM and SC

Class size is limited so register early.

For additional information or to register for the class you may
contact the instructor at **www.sodakian.com**, contact us at
605-673-3222 or by e-mail at
southernhillstactical@gwtc.net



CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS 2025

The 34th Annual Christmas for Kids event will take place at the Custer High School on Saturday December 13th, 2025 Noon-3:00 P.M.

All children residing in Custer County, ages 0-10years, are welcome to attend this free event but must be registered.

Registration via email at custerchristmas4kids@gmail.com, registration will start on Saturday November 17th and end on December 5th.

A reply email will confirm your registration and will let you know what time to arrive. Kids and parents will enjoy lunch, holiday games, crafts and kids will visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

If you would like to donate to this event to assist with our toy purchases, or have any questions, please contact Corey or Jana Virtue at custerchristmas4kids@gmail.com or at 605-890-0458.



Details

Date: Saturday 13 December 2025

Time: 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Cover Charge: Free for all ages!

Location: The Custer Beacon!



Custer Senior Center's

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

DRAWING ON DECEMBER 15TH

The most wonderful time of the year brings amazing prizes! **Join our holiday raffle for your chance to win two \$50 Lynn's Dakotamart gift cards, one \$25 Ace Hardware gift card, a deluxe travel game set, red & black oven mitts, crocheted pot holders, a bottle of Prairie Berry wine, two wine glasses, and other fun miscellaneous items.** Feel the excitement of winning while celebrating the season together!

Purchase your
tickets at
538 Mt.
Rushmore Rd.

Tickets are \$1
for 1 ticket or
\$5 for 6
tickets!



Ladies Night at The Cruisin' Canvas

Tuesdays: 6pm to 8pm



October 28
November 4, 11, 18
December 2, 9, 16
January 6, 13, 20, 27



NOV-FEB
6:00- 7:30 PM
\$10 AT DOOR

Black Hills Parks &
Forests Presents

**CABIN NATURE CHATS
AT THE TRAILHOUSE**

148 GORDON ST, CUSTER, SD 57730

Join us for a series of interactive nature programs held in the warm and welcoming Trailhouse. Explore, learn, and connect with the natural world in a cozy setting.

NOV 6

Field Notes: Stories and Skills from the Natural World

Explore the art of observation through photos, videos, and stories that bring tracking, survival, and local plants and wildlife to life. Interactive Q&A included.

DEC 4

Introduction to Survival

Learn the core skills of survival: shelter building, fire without matches, making water safe to drink, and basic snares for food.

JAN 8

Nature's Clues: Intro to Animal Tracking

Discover how to recognize tracks, scat, and other animal signs and interpret what they reveal about behavior, movement, and the ecology of the area.

FEB 5

Voices of Nature: Learning the Language of Wildlife

Tune in to the calls, movements, and behaviors of birds and mammals to detect hidden wildlife and move through nature with greater invisibility.

Learn more



**BLACK HILLS
PARKS &
FORESTS
ASSOCIATION**

www.bhpfpa.org | 605-745-7020

JUNE 13, 2026



Bike it like you mean it!

George S. Mickelson Trail

109 Miles • 1 Day
1/2 Century Ride: 49 miles

Register Now!

MickelsonTrailAffiliates.com

We Ride at Dawn!

Event starts in Deadwood, ends in Edgemont

Registration Includes: Meals • Snacks

Day Pass • Rider Support • T-Shirt • Trail Swag

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Edward Jones

> edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

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Bank-issued, FDIC-insured

3-Month

3.90%
APY*

6-Month

3.85%
APY*

1-Year

3.75%
APY*

Call or visit your local financial advisor today.



Kris Zerbe, AAMS*
Financial Advisor

P O Box 528
Custer, SD 57730
605-673-4092



Jared N Slagle
Financial Advisor

P O Box 528
Custer, SD 57730
605-673-4092

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CUSTER COUNTY CWPP

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Custer County is updating its CWPP in cooperation with representatives from local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations with a stake in wildfire preparedness and mitigation. The project is being facilitated and supported by contract staff from Bintel Inc.

The CWPP is a plan developed by a community in an area at risk from wildfire. The Community Wildfire Protection Planning process is the collaboration between communities and agencies interested in reducing wildfire risk.

We welcome your feedback on how wildfire affects you for the purposes of the CWPP.

Survey Topics:

- county wildfire risks
- landowner mitigation
- evacuation planning



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What is included in a CWPP?

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- firefighting capabilities & water supplies
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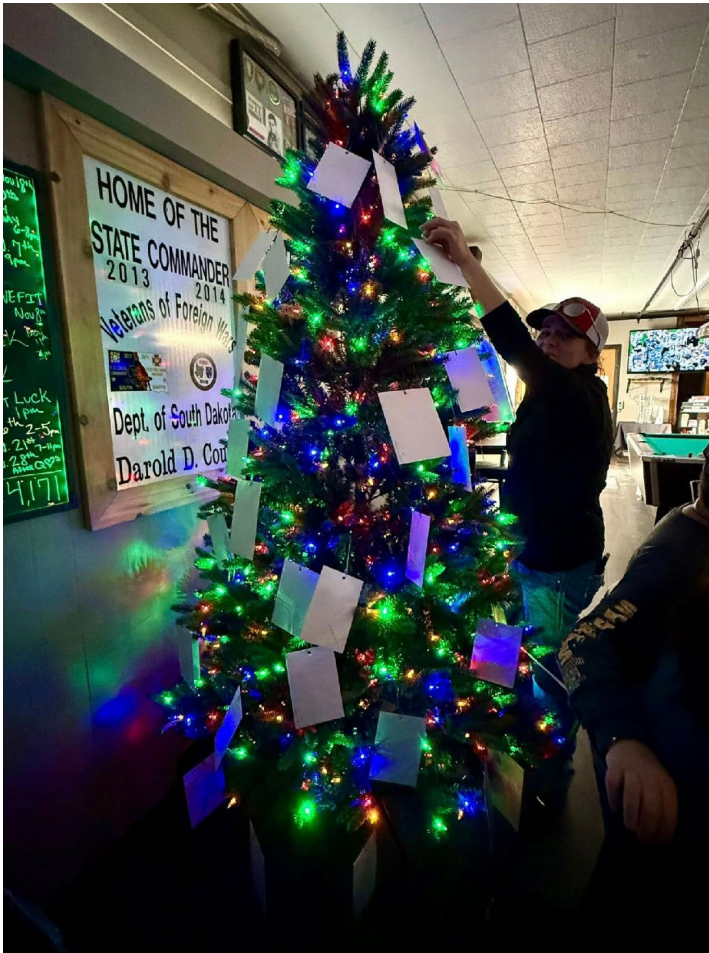
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Please have all gifts back to the VFW by Dec 15th so we can deliver them later that week.

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Announcing Holiday Pass Sale for Season 80 Tickets at the Black Hills Playhouse

Save up to 23% on Tickets from November 1-December 31!

For Immediate Release

SOUTH DAKOTA — Theatre 605 Black Hills Playhouse is excited to announce its annual holiday pass sale, offering exclusive savings on flexible ticket packages for the highly anticipated 2026 season. Running from **November 1 to December 31**, this special sale is one of the year's biggest for theatergoers. With discounts of **up to 23%**, it's the perfect opportunity to plan ahead and secure flexible tickets for an unforgettable summer of theatre in the scenic Black Hills. **The Holiday Pass Sale goes live online on November 1 and by phone via the Box Office on November 4.**

The holiday ticket packages come in a variety of options to suit any budget or gift-giving need:

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Each ticket package provides flexibility for attendees. Tickets can be redeemed for any 2026 season regular show performance and used by anyone, making them ideal for sharing with friends or family. Whether as a thoughtful gift or a personal treat, these passes offer convenience and value for all theatre lovers.

Season 80, titled **250 Years and Counting...Celebrating America's past, present, and imperfect progress** features a stellar lineup of four productions sure to captivate audiences:

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- ***What the Constitution Means to Me***

These flexible ticket packages are the perfect gift for the holiday season, and the Theatre 605 team is ready to assist you with your purchase. Tickets can be purchased conveniently online at theatre605.org starting November 1 or by calling **605.255.4141** starting November 4.

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<div><div></div><div>Black Hills National Forest</div><div>2025/2026 Off-Season Campground Information</div></div>						
Campground Name	Start of Reduced Off-Season Rates	Daily Fee	Units	Lake or Stream	Spur Length (Maximum)	Remarks
Bearlodge	Sept. 8	\$15	8	None	25 ft	Closes 12/15
Beaver Creek	Sept. 8 - Dec. 15	\$0	8	Beaver Creek	45 ft	Sites are outside of the main campground gate. Closes 12/15
Bismarck Lake	Sept. 29	\$15	5	Bismarck Lake	45 ft	Sites are outside of the main campground gate.
Boxelder Forks	Sept. 8 - Dec. 15	\$15	3	Boxelder Creek	45 ft	Sites are outside of the main campground gate.
Black Fox	Sept. 8 - Nov. 30	\$0	9	Rapid Creek	45 ft	Closes 12/1 for snowmobile routes.
Castle Peak	Sept. 8	\$0	9	Castle Creek	45 ft	Historic mining sites are available nearby.
Comanche Park	Sept. 8	\$15	5	None	25 ft	Sites are outside of the main campground gate.
Cook Lake	Sept. 8	\$4 Day Use \$15 Night	15	Cook Lake	45 ft	B Loop is open. All other loops are closed. Closes 12/15
Custer Trail	Sept. 8	\$0	16	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	
Dalton Lake	Sept. 8	\$15	11	Dalton Lake	45 ft	Closes 12/1 or as access allows due to snow
Ditch Creek	Sept. 8	\$0	13	Ditch Creek	50 ft	Off-season access may require a snowmobile or skis.
Dutchman	Sept. 8	\$0	9	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	Top Loop is open. All other loops are closed.
Hanna	Sept. 8	\$15	6 - Tent Only	Spearfish Creek	0 ft	Walk-in tent sites are open during the off-season.
Redbank Springs	Sept. 8 - Nov. 30	\$15	4	None	50 ft	Closes 12/01
Reuter	Sept. 8	\$15	24	None	30 ft	Closes 12/15
Rod & Gun	Sept. 8 - Nov. 30	\$15	7	Little Spearfish	50 ft	Closes 12/1
Roubaix	Sept. 8	\$15	9	Roubaix Lake	25 ft	C Loop is open. All other loops are closed.
Sheridan Lake South	Sept. 29	\$15	30	Sheridan Lake	60 ft	Woody Loop is open. All other loops are closed.
Summit Ridge Cabin	Year Round	\$75	1	None	N/A	Reserve at www.recreation.gov - Area roads are not maintained; off-season access may require a snowmobile or skis.
Sundance (Horse Camp)	Sept. 8	\$15	10	None	50 ft	Horse facility (corrals & stalls). No water after 09/11
Timon	Sept. 8 - Nov. 30	\$15	7	Little Spearfish	60 ft	Closes 12/1
Whitetail	Sept. 8	\$0	17	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	Lower Loop (including toilet) is open. Upper Loop is closed.
Closed for the Off-Season on Sept. 8:		Bear Gulch Group Campground, Dalton, Grizzly, Pactola Reservoir, Sheridan Lake North Group Sites, Steamboat Rock, and Strawberry.				
Closed for the Off-Season on Sept 29:		Bismarck, Horsethief Lake, and Oreville. NOTE: Oreville Campground and Iron Creek and Willow Creek Horse Camps are open through October 31 (Weather Permitting).				
* Fees: Self-Pay at all open campgrounds. The Stay Limit is 14 days at all developed campgrounds.						
* Roads: Not maintained during the off-season. Sites above are open until weather prohibits access or closed on date(s) noted above.						
* Garbage: Pack It In, Pack It Out at all sites.						
* Plan Ahead: All campsites are first come, first serve and offer a picnic table and fire ring. Vault toilets are available. Drinking water is NOT available.						
* All information is subject to change, due to inclement weather, decreased staffing, and sporadic conditions beyond control.						

September and October offer some of the best camping conditions in the region. Shoulder season temperatures are comfortable, roadways are less congested, and recreational opportunities still abound on the Forest. Whether you are a local enthusiast or a passing traveler, please see the off-season camping calendar from our friends at the Black Hills National Forest. #FindYourForest

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NEWS FROM THE STATE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tues., Dec. 2, 2025

CONTACT: *Katlyn Svendsen*, Global Public Relations & Content Services Senior Director, Travel South Dakota

Travel South Dakota Proudly Recognizes Official 2025 Great Place and Great Face Designees

PIERRE, S.D. – Travel South Dakota is proud to recognize **38** businesses with a **2025 South Dakota Great Place** designation and **65** individuals with a **2025 South Dakota Great Face** designation. These tourism-focused businesses and individuals earned the designation for their outstanding hospitality and customer service.

“South Dakota continues to be a place where visitors are met with genuine warmth and hospitality,” said James Hagen, Secretary of the Department of Tourism. “But this doesn’t just happen. We are known for world-class hospitality because of the businesses and people that prioritize it and embody that welcoming spirit on a daily basis. I couldn’t be prouder to recognize each of them for their commitment to excellence.”

The **South Dakota Great Place** program puts a spotlight on businesses that exemplify great service by going above and beyond for guests and employees. The **South Dakota Great Face** program honors individuals in the tourism and hospitality industry who excel in customer service by providing top-tier service to guests. The goal of both programs is to strengthen the tourism industry in South Dakota and offer support to tourism industry members.

“Hospitality remains at the heart of what makes South Dakota so special,” continued Hagen. “Our **Great Place** and **Great Face** designees consistently go above and beyond to make every guest feel at home.”

To view the list of **Great Place** businesses recognized, please [click here](#). For a list of **Great Face** individuals, [click here](#).

Online application forms for 2026 **South Dakota Great Place** and 2026 **South Dakota Great Face** will open in February 2026. All are encouraged to participate. For more information about the **Great Place** program, [click here](#). To learn more about the **Great Face** program, [click here](#).

The department also offers an **Online Hospitality Training** program. The training is free, and all tourism industry businesses are encouraged to share the training with their staff. For more information about the department’s hospitality programs, please [click here](#).

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Travel South Dakota and the South Dakota Arts Council. The department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.

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Media Notes: The 2025 South Dakota Great Place and South Dakota Great Place designees listed by community and organization:

2025 GREAT PLACES

Aberdeen

Wylie Park/Storybook Land

Brookings

Brookings Arts Council

The Carrot Seed Kitchen Co.

Children's Museum of South Dakota

Dacotah Bank Center

Downtown Brookings

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The Lanes
McCrory Gardens at SDSU
The Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center
South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum
South Dakota Art Museum
Visit Brookings
Wooden Legs Brewing Co.

Bruce

Oakwood Lakes State Park (SD GFP)

Chamberlain

Akta Lakota Museum & Cultural Center

Crazy Horse

Crazy Horse Memorial

Custer

Fort Welikit Campground

Hot Springs

The Mammoth Site

Keystone

Big Thunder Gold Mine

Rush Mountain Adventure Park

Sprockets Fun Foundry

Lake Preston

Lake Thompson Recreation Area (SD GFP)

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Lake Herman State Park & Walker's Point Recreation Area (SD GFP)

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Black Hills Adventure Tours

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Black Hills Visitor Information Center

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Watertown

My Place Hotels

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Yankton

Lewis & Clark Recreation Area

Visit Yankton

2025 GREAT FACES

Brookings – McCrory Gardens at SDSU

Varlika Ahirekar, Kathryn Bowar, Carson Hunsley, Catherine Jones, Lisa Marotz, Victoria Meier, Rose Nett, Sophie Pavelka, Lori Puetz, John Qui, Alyson Swanson, Sydney Trio, Laura Valentina Lopez Bustos

Brookings – Children's Museum of South Dakota

Loren Bauder and Bob Ullom

Brookings – Visit Brookings

Bridgit Burghardt, Laura Schoen Carbonneau, Kate Solberg

Brookings – The Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center at SDSU

Christina Castillo

Brookings – Wooden Legs Brewing Company

Jack Richards, Rachel Schmitz, Regan Yseth

Chamberlain – Akta Lakota Museum & Cultural Center

Wanda Bunker and Linnea Wright

Crazy Horse Memorial

Rebekah Bone, Skyller Coughlin, Bill Daybrest, Jim DeHaven, Joe DeRouchey, Judith Evanoff, John Hanson, Robert Knudsen, Mike Reznik, Kevin Showers, Betty Sowder, Tom Wilson

Keystone – Rush Mountain Adventure Park

Megan Jones, MiBella Ochoa, Jeremiah Shepperd

Keystone – Sprockets Fun Foundry

Tyler Cooper, Spencer Hagen, Loki Joeckel

Mitchell - My Place Hotels

Brenda Nelson

Rapid City – Black Hills Adventure Tours

Mark Barker, Mike Faust, Lisa Ficek, Carrie Gerlach, Denny Gienger, Mickey Higgins, Al Maas, Jamie McSherry, Aura Plooster, Jacki Welbig-Stenson

Rapid City – Black Hills Caverns

Isaac Cristol

Rapid City – Black Hills Visitor Information Center

Kelly Braun, Twila Ferguson, Katie Hoeke, Skip Stanec, Ed Toms, Jessica Underwood

Sioux Falls – Experience Sioux Falls

Jessica Pappas and Kristi Desaulniers

Watertown – My Place Hotels

Mamie Blanas and Dennille Goette

Watertown – Quality Inn & Suites

Traci Hanchet

PRESS RELEASE



Black Hills Parks & Forests Association

Supporting wonder and exploration through stewardship of **your** public lands.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Patty Ressler

Email: pressler@blackhillsparks.org

Government Shutdown Leaves Public-Lands Partner with More Than \$105,000 in Lost Revenue

HOT SPRINGS, SD – Black Hills Parks and Forests Association, a nonprofit that supports National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service sites in South Dakota and Nebraska, reports more than \$105,000 in lost revenue following the 43-day federal government shutdown. The financial hit affects the organization's ability to fund educational programs that thousands of visitors rely on each year, including Junior Ranger activities at several national parks and forests.

BHPFA operates 16 stores inside federal land agency facilities across the region, including Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Scotts Bluff National Monument, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, and ranger district offices for the Black Hills and Nebraska National Forests. These locations provide most of the nonprofit's operating income.

"Our partner retail operations make up 89 percent of our operating revenue," said BHPFA Executive Director Patty Ressler. "October is usually a strong sales month for us. Losing this revenue will impact how we support our federal partners, especially the education programs families count on."

Because the shutdown closed federal facilities to visitors, BHPFA's stores were unable to operate during one of the most active visitor periods of the fall season. The organization says the shortfall threatens funding for interpretive materials, youth education, and community outreach programs that help connect people with public lands.

To stabilize its budget, the nonprofit is launching a year-end fundraising effort supported by a \$50,000 matching gift. The appeal aims to prevent interruptions to partner support and to maintain staffing levels for the organization's nine full-time employees.

"A gift at this time will assure our federal partners there will be no gaps in funding their education programs," Ressler said. "It also helps us keep our staff employed so we can continue serving the parks and forests our communities care about."

BHPFA has also opened a holiday market at its new headquarters at 833 Mt. Rushmore Road in Custer, offering seasonal hours through Dec. 24.

About Black Hills Parks & Forests Association:

Black Hills Parks & Forests Association (BHPFA) is a nonprofit partner of the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service. The organization supports wonder and exploration through stewardship of public lands. In 2025, BHPFA has provided over \$100,000 to its agency partners for educational programming, interpretive materials, and public outreach across South Dakota and Nebraska.

Proud non-profit partner of Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Scotts Bluff National Monument, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Black Hills National Forest, Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands, & the National Grasslands Visitor Center

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[BlackHillsParks.org](https://blackhillsparks.org)

At 11 a.m. MT today, Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, a road construction project is scheduled to begin on U.S. Highway 16A near Custer. The reconstruction project to replace a box culvert structure and multiple pipe culverts is located 14 miles east of Custer or nine miles west of the S.D. Highway 79 intersection.

Highway 16A will be closed from the intersections of Highway 16A/Iron Mountain Road to Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop. This closure will be in place until April 2026. Additional work will include replacing multiple pipe culverts, building gabion walls, and mill and overlay asphalt from Custer State Park's east entrance to the west entrance for 13 miles. Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop and Iron Mountain Road will remain open throughout the project.

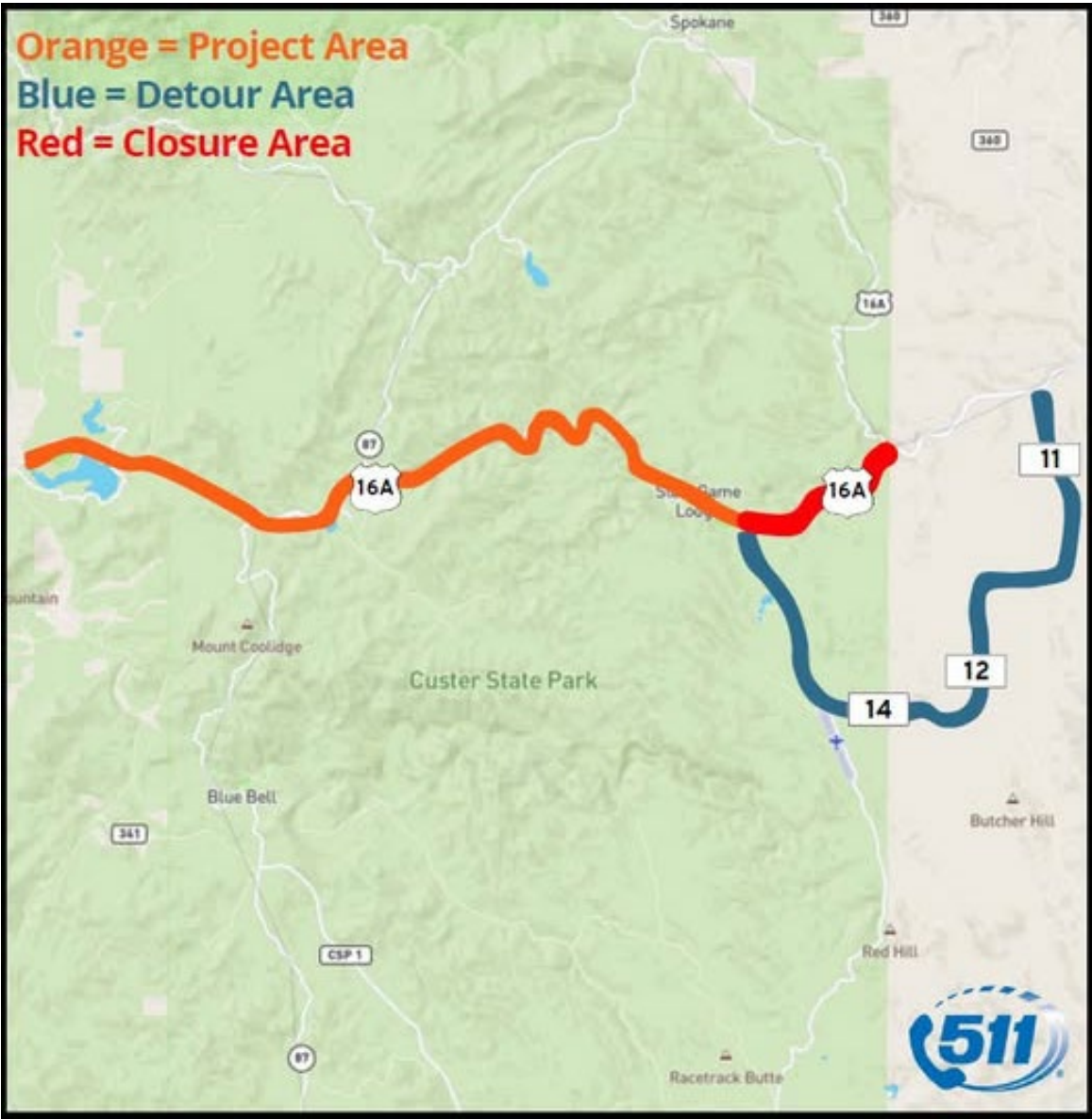
During the Highway 16A closure, there will be a detour in place. The detour route is from the intersection of S.D. Highway 36 and Custer County's Ritterberger Road, south two miles to Cobb Road intersection, west one mile on Cobb Road, south one and one-half miles on Cobb Road to the intersection of LH Road, west approximately two miles on LH Road to Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop Road, and then north two miles on the Wildlife Loop Road back to Highway 16A. Motorists should be aware that the detour on Ritterberger Road, Cobb Road, and LH Road includes six miles of gravel. The Wildlife Loop Road is two miles of asphalt with a reduced speed limit of 25 mph.

S.D. Highway 40 between Hermosa and Keystone also provides a detour option for area motorists.

Find additional project information at <https://dot.sd.gov/16a-culverts>. This website includes project updates, photos, and a downloadable map that demonstrates the project area and detour route.

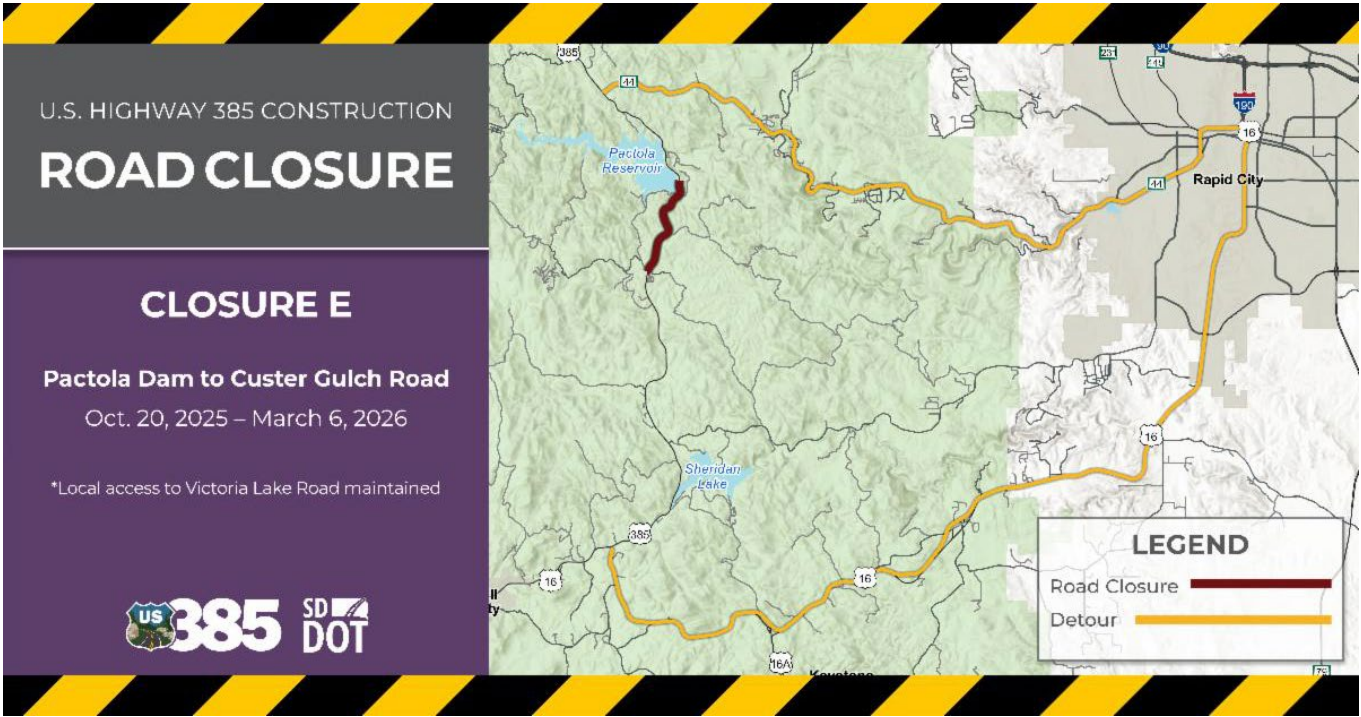
The overall project completion date is October 2026.

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South Dakota DOT Update





Project Update

NOVEMBER 28th

Current Construction:

- Closure E (Pactola Dam to Taylor Ranch Road) is currently in place and ends on Friday, March 6, 2026. Outside of the closure area, construction crews are continuing work on the roadway.
- The driving surface within the construction area is a combination of pavement, blotter (a hard, packed surface that resembles asphalt), and gravel. U.S. Highway 385 from Wrinkle Valley Road to 1/2-mile from South Sanders Ranch Road and from Sheridan Lake Road to 1/2-mile to the north is gravel.
- In the event of winter weather, the South Dakota Department of Transportation will plow and maintain the construction area as well as Custer Gulch Road.
- The intersection of Custer Gulch Road and Highway 385 has been temporarily moved 300 feet to the north. A temporary diversion is in place while the contractor continues work on a box culvert in this area.
- Within the closure area, the contractor continues to conduct planned rock blasts, excavating and replacing culverts, and grading the roadway.





[View Construction Updates](#)

?? Construction Zone Reminders ??

- Follow posted speed limits in construction zones.
- Be aware of flaggers and other construction workers in the construction area.
- If you are following a pilot car, stay with the line, and do not stop or exit your vehicle in the project area.
- It is illegal to go beyond cones and barriers within construction zones even when the contractor is not working.

Stay Connected

Take a moment now to share this email with neighbors, friends, coworkers, and anyone else who might be interested in the U.S. Highway 385 Construction Project. Then encourage them to sign up for these project email updates at <https://us-385.com>.

A free text-in service is being used to communicate any major traffic changes. To subscribe, simply text "US385" to 605-566-4041. Subscribers can unsubscribe at any time.

HWY 385 ROUTING INITIATIVE



BH&B is sharing information related to the upcoming *Hwy 385 infrastructure improvement project* that will include *routing options* and continuous business promotion. BH&B's goal is to educate and to explain that this simple detour will not prevent, nor should it discourage visitors from enjoying their vacation in the Black Hills.

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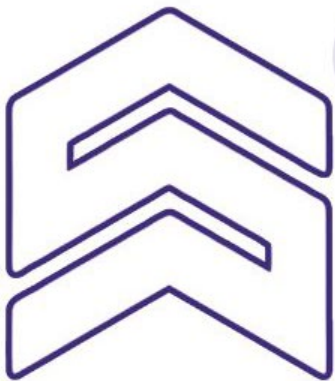
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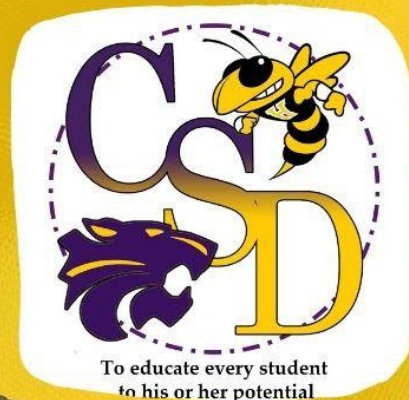
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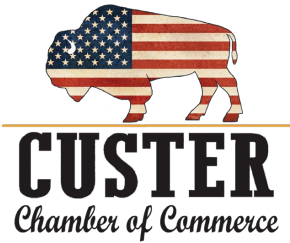
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