



Buffalo Bytes



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Chamber of Commerce

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Submissions must be received by Wednesday at 5:00 PM to be included in that week's issue.

Thank you!



CUSTER CONNECTIONS



The *U.S. Small Business Administration* (SBA) has launched the Patriot Pitch Competition, a national pitch contest designed to spotlight innovative small businesses across the country. The competition includes a \$1 million cash prize pool funded by Clover Network, Inc., and eligible small businesses are encouraged to apply by June 10 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

For small business owners who have used qualifying SBA capital products, this could be more than a chance at prize money.

It's also an opportunity to:

- sharpen your business story
- gain national visibility
- connect with investors, industry leaders, policymakers, and potential partners

Here's what you need to know.

What Is the Patriot Pitch Competition?

The Patriot Pitch Competition is part of the SBA's Freedom 250 initiative, which celebrates 250 years of American free enterprise, and the role small businesses have played in innovation, job creation, and economic growth.

Selected businesses will move through four stages of judging. The competition will culminate in a live pitch event in Washington, D.C., in September, where five finalists will pitch before judges and a national audience for a share of the \$1 million prize pool.

According to the SBA, the final event will also feature prominent speakers from business, government, and industry, along with a supplier matchmaking expo connecting small businesses with larger companies and contracting opportunities.

Even if you don't walk away with the top prize, the process could put your business in front of people and opportunities that are difficult to reach on your average Tuesday.

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at least 18 years old, or teams of eligible individuals.

Businesses must meet the SBA definition of a small business and be headquartered and operated in the United States or its territories.

Your business must also:

- Have been in operation for at least three years
- Generate at least \$100,000 in annual gross revenue
- Be 100% owned by U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents
- Be current and in good standing on any federal obligations
- Actively drive innovation in your sector through new technologies, strategies, operations, or competitive approaches
- Have benefited from one or more qualifying SBA capital products

Qualifying SBA capital products include 7(a) loans, including Paycheck Protection Program loans, 504 loans, Microloan Intermediary loans, SBIR/STTR funding, or SBIC financing.

One important note: businesses that received COVID-19 EIDL loans or SBA Disaster loans are *not* eligible based on those loans alone.

However, they may still be eligible if they received one of the qualifying capital products listed by the SBA.

Finalists must also be available to travel at their own expense to Washington, D.C., for the national pitch competition, which will take place on a single day between September 8 and September 18. The exact date will be announced later.

What Should You Include in Your Pitch?

The SBA provides *suggested topics and an example pitch*, though applicants are not required to follow that exact format.

Submissions must be uploaded as a PDF through the submission link for your local SBA District Office.

A competitive pitch may include:

- Your business name, address, website, and social media links
- The owner's name and contact information
- Documentation showing when the business was established and that it's in good standing
- A description of your products or services
- Your mission statement
- A short pitch video, about 60 seconds, shared through a YouTube link
- A brief history of your business
- An explanation of how your business drives innovation in your sector
- A business plan with a three-year revenue forecast
- A list of SBA capital products your business has used
- A description of how SBA capital helped your business grow
- A clear explanation of how you would use the prize money

The strongest applications will likely be solid business storytellers. Instead of writing, "We're innovative." They'll show it through specific examples. They'll explain what problem the business solves, how they've grown, who benefits from the work, and why the company is ready for its next stage.

How Will Entries Be Judged?

The SBA says submissions will be evaluated through four stages of judging. Judges will look at how each business performs in several key areas, including strengthening American competitiveness, demonstrating outsized impact within an industry, creating economic opportunity and quality jobs, and showing strong fundamentals and execution readiness.

The top 10 semifinalists will be announced the week of July 4, 2026, during the Great American State Fair. From there, five finalists will be invited to participate in the live pitch competition in Washington, D.C.

Why This Matters to Your Businesses

Pitch competitions can feel intimidating.

But the process of applying can be valuable on its own. It forces you to tighten your story, review your numbers, think about your growth strategy, and explain your impact in plain language.

That's useful whether you win, seek financing, apply for a grant, meet with investors, or simply want a stronger way to talk about your business.

Ready to Apply?

Applications are due by June 10 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Visit the SBA's Freedom 250 Patriot Pitch Competition [page](#) to review the full eligibility requirements, terms and conditions, and submission links for your local SBA District Office.

If you're thinking about applying reach out to the chamber. We can connect you with local business resource partners, help you think through your pitch story, point you toward SBA or small business development resources, and celebrate your participation as part of the local business community.

It's time to polish that business story and go for the recognition you deserve.

Christina Metcalf is a writer and women's speaker who believes in the power of story. She works with small businesses, chambers of commerce, and business professionals who want to make an impression and grow a loyal customer/member base. She is the author of [The Glinda Principle](#), rediscovering the magic within.

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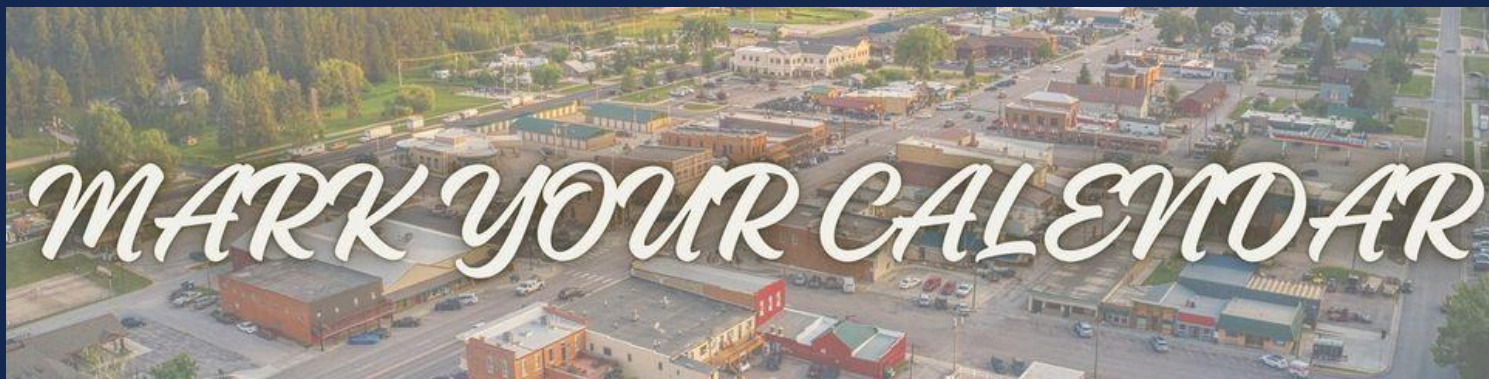


Dawn Murray
Executive Director

2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

A full list of 2026 events by the Chamber and other organizations.

[Click to download calendar](#)



June 12-14
Custer Off-Road Rally

June 18
Mickelson Trail Trek Reception
Harbach Park

June 19-21
Mickelson Trail Trek



BUSES ARE COMING

May Schedule

COLLETTE BUS TOUR

BUS TIMES

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

THURSDAY & SATURDAY

INSIGHT VACATION

BUS TIMES

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

FRIDAY



CUSTER COUNTY BURNING REGULATIONS

Black Hills Fire Protection District • Custer County, South Dakota

These regulations apply to all state and private lands (excluding municipalities) within the [Black Hills Fire Protection District](#) located in Custer County, South Dakota.

These regulations do not apply to lands owned by the Federal Government. Permits are issued by the [South Dakota Department of Public Safety](#) – Wildland Fire. Permits are not required for open burning outside of the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District, including campfires, burn barrels, and slash pile/debris burning.

WARNING: Violation of Ordinance 20 may result in a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

BURNING RESTRICTIONS

All burning activities are subject to current weather watches, warnings, and county burn restrictions.

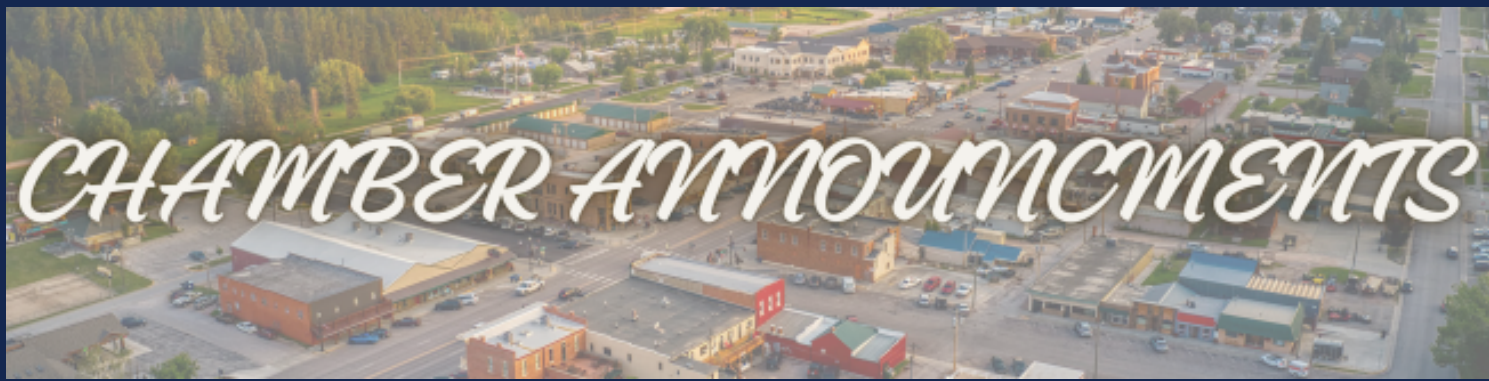
Condition	Gas Grills / Gas Fireplaces	Charcoal Grills	Campfires (By Permit Only)	Burn Barrels (By Permit Only)	Slash Piles / Debris Burning (By Permit Only)	Broadcast Burning
No Watches or Warnings	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed
High Wind Watch	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
High Wind Warning	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Fire Weather Watch	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Red Flag Warning	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
County-Wide Burn Ban	Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Visit the [National Weather Service](#) website for current watches and warnings.
- Slash pile permits within the City of Custer are issued through the [Custer Volunteer Fire Department](#).
- Slash pile burning season runs from November 1 through March 31.
- Small slash piles (up to 6 ft × 6 ft) require a minimum of 2 inches of continuous snow cover.
- Large slash piles (greater than 6 ft × 6 ft) require a minimum of 6 inches of continuous snow cover.
- Charcoal grills are permitted unless a county-wide burn ban is in effect.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

- [Custer County](#) Open Burning Regulations (excluding municipalities) – Ordinance 20
- [City of Custer](#) – Ordinance No. 944
- United States Forest Service Restrictions – [Black Hills National Forest](#)



SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY!

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Opportunity*

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SOUTH
DAKOTA
STATE
FLAG



**FRIDAY
MAY 29TH**
Auction

AFTER QUEEN OF
HEARTS: 6:00 PM

AUCTIONED BY
TRAVIS MAYER OF :

BRADEN
100 YEARS

REAL ESTATE & AUCTIONS

Custer, SD • 605-673-2629

KENNETH KUPER

VFW POST 3442



Let's make Gold Discovery Days fun for everyone!



Approximately 224 students in the Custer School District have been identified as students in need. If you or your business would like to sponsor wristbands to be given to local students, please contact the Chamber at 605-673-2244 or dmurray@custersd.com





**We are looking for
donations for swag bags**

Ideas for donations

Water bottles

Snacks

Sunglasses

Bandanas

First aid kits

Discount coupons

Highlighters/pens

other items that have your logo

For More Information

Call: (605)-673-2244

Email: dmurray@custersd.com





Sponsor the
CUSTER
OFF-ROAD RALLY
June 12-14

PREMIER- \$500+
RAZOR- \$300
RANGER- \$200
MULE \$100

Email Dawn at dmurray@custersd.com

Selfie Stop
Sponsor- \$250



2026 MIXER DATES

JANUARY 29-GOLD PAN
FEBRUARY 19-PREMIER EYE CARE
MARCH 19- CUSTER'S RENDEZVOUS
MAY 21- LEWIS REALTY
SEPTEMBER 10-CAMP BOB MARSHALL
NOVEMBER 19- BRADEEN REAL ESTATE
DECEMBER 10- STARR INSURANCE



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June 17th





John's Handyman Service
The Black Hills Bakery- Gluten Free
Black Hills Disc Golf Club
Hobo's Healing Heart
Black Hills Roofing
Wolff's Plumbing & Heating
Aardvark Pest Management
Custer Reloading Center
Fort Welikeit Campground
Black Hills Sewer and Drain Solutions
KND Accounting Solutions
Weather Tite Exteriors
Black Hills Lifestyle Magazine
Wild Spruce Market
Fly Badlands
PDQ Specialty Products
Xtreme Sports Simulators
The Christians Team-Broker Heath Shields
The Hills Finest-Bridal by Michelle
Don't Panic, LLC



This week, we're highlighting one of Custer's most trusted and helpful local staples—Custer Ace Hardware!

More than just a hardware store, Ace is truly “the helpful place” for locals and visitors alike. Whether you're tackling a home project, gearing up for outdoor adventures, or just need a quick fix, their knowledgeable team is always ready to help you find exactly what you need.

What you'll find at Custer Ace:

Paint, tools, plumbing & electrical supplies

Lawn & garden essentials for every season

Lumber, hardware, and building materials

STIHL equipment service & repairs

Key cutting, glass cutting, propane refills & more

Friendly, hometown customer service you can count on Custer Ace Hardware is a true example of local service meeting everyday needs—helping our community stay strong, prepared, and supported year-round.

1135 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer, SD

(605) 673-2227

acehardware.com

Thank you, Custer Ace Hardware, for being a reliable partner in both big projects and small fixes across our community!



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2026 Custer
Chamber

Member Spotlight

ACE[®]
The helpful place.

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



Black Hills Area
Habitat for Humanity is
coming to Custer, May 28!

**BUILDING
STRONGER
FUTURES
TOGETHER**

We are coming to town on May 28 — and we'd love to meet YOU!

Whether you've dreamed of owning a home, want to volunteer, have building materials to donate, or just want to see how you can make a difference in our community, this is your chance to connect!

Thursday, May 28
5PM–7PM

The Custer Beacon

Stop by to learn about:

Affordable housing opportunities

Home repair programs

Volunteer openings

In-kind donations

Land & development opportunities

QB CLASSES & EVENTS

★ MAY 2026 - QUILTED BUFFALO

5/6/26 TEMP QUILT & WANDERER'S WIFE
MEET UP 11A-3P

5/9/26 OPEN SEW WITH JODY 10A-4P

5/29/26 5TH FRIDAY FQ SALE

5/30/26 EOM/EOB SALE

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR
CLASSROOM EVENTS AS SPACE IS LIMITED.
RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!!

REGIST NOW!

WWW.QUILTEDBUFFALO.COM





SUMMER

MUSIC

SERIES

CUSTER SUNDAYS 2PM

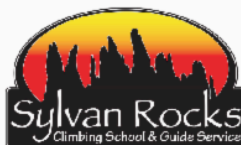
1881 COURTHOUSE MUSEUM LAWN
HEADLINERS 3:00PM



DATE	MUSIC	FOOD TRUCK
MAY 31	WILD BLUE	YOYO HIBACHI
JUNE 14	BLACK ASTERS	CO'S WINGS
JULY 12	NEON EYES + SPEED CITY DEMONS	CO'S WINGS
JULY 26	JOHNNY HASTINGS & STILLHOUSE DOWN	WILD GUYS
AUG 16	MOONCATS	EDDIE'S TACOS
AUG 30	JOHNNY LONESOME BAND	RUTH'S KITCHEN

COME CHILL ON THE LAWN FOR GREAT TUNES AND TASTY FOOD FAMILY & PET FRIENDLY - BEER & WINE - SHADE

BRING A BLANKET, LAWN CHAIR, SNACKS & FRIENDS!
ALL PETS MUST BE LEASHED



Early Learner Summer Challenge



Beginning June 1st,
Early Learner Custer is hosting a Summer Challenge for
Custer-area families with children ages 0-8!

Over the summer complete activities,
explore our area, and win an awesome prize!

How to Participate:

1. **Scan the QR Code!** Scan the code to get all the details - see all the participating organizations, events, and much more!
2. **Keep Track of Your Sheet!** Keep this sheet and fill with stickers or details of your adventures!
3. **Complete Adventures & Collect a Sticker!** Visit a local participating businesses, organizations, or events, do the activity, and get an official sticker from the staff!
 - Honor System: Doing an honor system activity? Just have a parent initial the box and jot down a quick detail about the challenge.
5. **Turn in your sheet** with 10 completed activities to the Custer Library or Custer Chamber of Commerce by Saturday, August 15th, 2026.

Contact us at earlylearnercuster@gmail.com with questions.



Participating Organizations: Sentinel Federal Credit Union, Custer Lutheran Fellowship, Custer State Farm, Custer Area Chamber of Commerce, South Dakota Public Broadcasting*, Custer State Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Black Hills Reads*, Growing Roots Preschool, Custer YMCA Child Development Center, Modern Woodmen of America, Custer County Library and MORE!

*Honor System Participants

[Printable Copy](#)

Mountainview
BAPTIST CHURCH

JOIN US: JUNE 1-5

VBS



K5 - 8TH GR. • 9AM - NOON • FREE EVENT

COME SEE THE
EXCITING STORY
OF MISSIONARY

ALEXANDER MACKAY
A faithful engineer,
building roads, and lives,
for Christ in Africa

FAMILY
FESTIVAL
FRIDAY
6:30 PM

MOUNTAINVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
NEXT TO CUSTER AIRPORT
CALL FOR TRANSPORTATION
605-673-2498
MOUNTAINVIEWBAPTISTCUSTER.COM





THE BLUEPRINT

Custer County Democratic Party



Monthly Breakfast Get-together

Saturday, June 6th 9:30AM @ **Maria's Mexican Restaurant**

216 W Mt Rushmore Road, Custer

RSVP by Friday noon, June 5th to ccsddp21info@gmail.com

NEW! Order your Custer County Democrat shirt at breakfast
- perfect for volunteer events and beyond.



On June 2nd, **CAST YOUR VOTE** and select one name in
the School Board race: **MARK PERRENOUD**

Juneteenth Picnic

Saturday, June 20th: 5:00PM - 8:00PM @ The Trailhouse in Custer

RSVP by Wednesday, June 17th to ccsddp21info@gmail.com

Let's gather for a Juneteenth Picnic - enjoying food, games, refreshments, and celebrating community

Featuring Special Guest: **SD Secretary of State Candidate, TERRENCE DAVIS**

Custer County Democrats of SD
PO Box 5065 - Custer, SD 57730
ccsddp21info@gmail.com
@custercountymocratsofsouthdakota

"Nobody's free until everybody's free." ~ Fannie Lou Hamer, a woman whose courage reshaped American democracy and one of the most powerful voices of the Civil Rights and voting-rights movements.

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.



SUMMER

Kickoff Party

FREE FOOD

BOUNCE HOUSES

MUSIC

RACES/COMPETITION

FACE PAINTING

**LET'S KICKOFF THE SUMMER
WITH SOME ((FREE)) FUN**

**JUNE 3RD
5PM-6:30PM**

HARBACH PARK, CUSTER, SD



CUSTER PACK WALK

Meets the 1st Saturday of every month. Weather & holiday permitting



A fun, FREE, pack walk around different parts of our town! No Reservation Required, Please bring your own water bowl/water, proof of vaccines and poo bags. No overly reactive or aggressive dogs. All pets must stay on a leash.

Each month could have a new meetup location!

Be sure to follow our page and don't miss out!

Saturday, June 6th, 2026 @ Drover's Ridge

12:00 pm



Call or Text Us
605-503-3163

Visit Our Website
www.droversridgeoes.com



CUSTER COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Field Trip

INTO CUSTER STATE PARK



SATURDAY, JUNE 6



DEPARTS CUSTER COUNTY
LIBRARY AT 2 P.M.



RSVP BY JUNE 3 TO THE MUSEUM
605-673-2443

Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills
presents

ZONTAFest

Celebrating Women and Girls
in Music, Dance and Art

4:30pm - Siouxland Youth Chorus

5:15pm - Sultry Shimmy

6:00pm - Gumbo Lillies

6:45pm - Abbey Leach Band

7:15pm - Betty Get Down

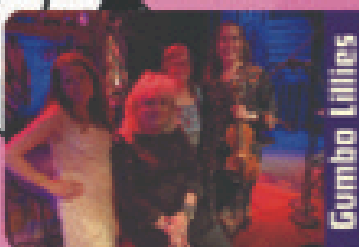
Raffles!

Local Artists!

CUSTER BEACON

• June 6, 2026 •
4pm - 8pm

FEATURING:



ZONTAFEST 2026 SPONSORS





Dont miss the 6th Annual



SPORTSMAN'S BASH

From the HIGHLANDS VFD and AUX.

Doors open at 3pm

SOCIAL HOUR - 330PM

DINNER - 6PM

LIVE AUCTION - 645PM

Gun raffle tickets \$20
or 3 for \$50

Get your tickets at the event
or call 605-440-1842

DINNER TICKETS \$20



GUNS, FOOD AND FUN!

FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Saturday June 6th
627 Pine St
Newcastle, WY
Weston County Senior Center



**NAJA
SHRINERS**
★ SUMMER CIRCUSES ★

**FAMILY
FUN**

A TRADITION
OF FUN
FOR ALL
AGES!

Custer National Guard Armory/HS Gym
June 7 @ 2pm



EVENT: Vacation Bible School

1-6 Grades are invited to:

ILLUMINATION STATION: GLOW FOR JESUS!

DATE: June 8-12

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

WHERE: Crossroads Church

QUESTIONS: Katie Allison @ 308 672 9370 or email

office@crossroadsofcuster.com



Scan QR Code for Registration!!



H-2B Visas for Next Season: Learn About This Staffing Solution for Your Organization!

June 10, 2026 11:00AM (CT)
via Google Meet

Attend this webinar to help you understand how to successfully employ seasonal, international workers.



 Program Basics	 Practical Guidance
 Strategic Tips	 Timely Insight



[Click to register](#)

SENIOR GAMES 2026



JUNE 12-13, 2026

Calling all athletes age 50+, it's the return of the annual YMCA Senior Games!
Join us for a weekend of comradery, friendly competition and skill.
Game categories include: archery, track and field, swimming,
pickleball doubles, strength, mind games and more!

Full schedule of events and registration:



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REGISTER TODAY!
YMCABH.ORG



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
ERICA.RICHTER@YMCABH.ORG

For a better us.®

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION AND
T-SHIRT DEADLINE IS MAY 24



South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One day Class

Saturday June 13th 2026 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 [**echo.ft.sd@gmail.com**](mailto:echo.ft.sd@gmail.com), contact us at

605-673-3222 or by e-mail at

[**southernhillstactical@gwtc.net**](mailto:southernhillstactical@gwtc.net)

Veterans Appreciation BBQ



FREE WILL DONATION

PUBLIC EVENT

**TO SUPPORT
LOCAL VETERAN
ORGANIZATIONS**

**CUSTER VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
434 WASHINGTON STREET**

FRIDAY JUNE 19TH 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

BURGERS - BRATS - CHIPS - BEANS - POTATO SALAD

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
RETIREMENT

Party



IN HONOR OF
THE LEGEND OF A SHERIFF
MARTY MECHALEY

JUNE 19 FRIDAY
5-7 PM

@MT RUSHMORE BREWING COMPANY
THE TAP ROOM
140 MT RUSHMORE RD, CUSTER, SD

NO NEED TO RSVP, JUST STOP BY
AND WISH HIM WELL!

JUNIOR CAVER DAY

Jewel Cave National Monument

11149 US 16 Custer, SD 57730

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 2026

10AM - 2 PM

Junior Ranger Swear-In around 2:15

Join us at the Jewel Cave
Visitor Center to earn
a Junior Caver Patch and
A Junior Cave Scientist
Badge!



This is a FREE EVENT, but if you are
interested in going on a cave tour,
please visit [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

**CRAFTS!
ACTIVITIES!
GIVEAWAYS!**

For Questions Contact:
605-673-8300



**Bible
Stories!**

Crafts!

Snacks!



Songs!

Games!

STEM!

FREE!!



FREE!!

Vacation Bible School

at Custer Lutheran Fellowship

12622 US HWY 16A

July 27, 28, 29 (M,T,W)

9am -3pm

4&5 yr olds, K-5th grades completed

Bring a sack lunch.

Rides to

Y Kids Camp

available!



Register



#605-673-4691,

clf@gwtc.net,

or here!





ANNOUNCEMENTS



OPENINGS AVAILABLE NOW

Monument Health Assisted Living in Custer



**Enjoy peace of mind,
safety and security
with comfortable,
long-term living.**

- Small, welcoming community with personalized care
- Experienced care team and full-time RN with weekly resident assessments
- Conveniently located near Custer Hospital and Clinic, the Custer Senior Center and downtown Custer
- Integrated into Monument Health's system of care for seamless access to providers, patient records and coordination of care
- Long-term care pharmacy partnership
- Affordable pricing and South Dakota housing assistance eligibility
- 16 private suites with bathrooms and accessible showers
- All-inclusive services: housekeeping, laundry, medication management, meals, dietary services and appointment and transportation coordination
- Engaging activities and wellness programs

Interested in availability?

**Call 605-673-5588
for more information.**



**MONUMENT
HEALTH**

**MONUMENT HEALTH
ASSISTED LIVING**

**423 North 10th Street
Custer, SD 57730**

Magical Christmas Markets of Germany

NOVEMBER
2027

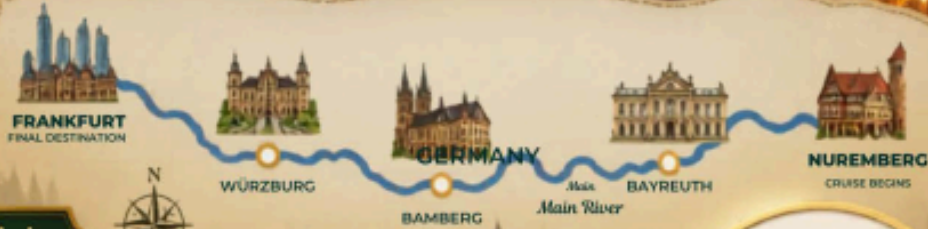
THE MOST
WONDERFUL
TIME TO CRUISE



CRUISE BEGINS IN **NUREMBERG**
AND ENDS IN **FRANKFURT**



SMALL DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY **JUNE 30, 2026**,
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF **SPECTACULAR PROMOTIONS**



What's Included

- 7 Night River Cruise
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Guided Tours & Special Experiences
- Festive Onboard & Onshore Activities
- Iconic Christmas Markets,
Breathtaking Scenery & so much more

Historic Cities. Timeless Traditions.
Unforgettable Memories.



FOR MORE INFO:



YOUR ADVENTURE
AWAITS!



LET'S PLAN YOUR MAGICAL GETAWAY!
aroundthemaptravel@gmail.com

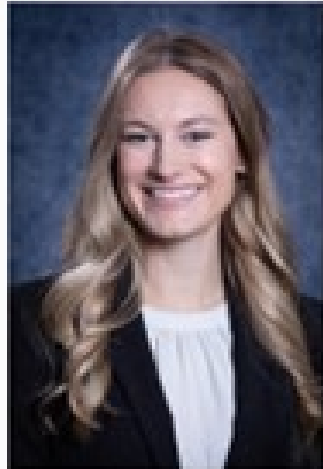


The Custer Community School Garden is a partnership between Custer Area Economic Development and Custer School District, created for the benefit of Custer residents. The garden features 32 beds that support local gardening as well as summer programs hosted by the Library and YMCA.

There are 10 open beds available this year. A bed costs \$30 and needs a garden form filled out and sent to Colleen Hennessy, 245 S 8th St, Custer. For the form, contact Colleen at chennefrank@aol.com

WELCOME

**Dr. Catherine Franco DDS
Dr. John Zent DDS**



Dr. Kari Bolen DDS is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Franco and Dr. Zent to Custer Dental Studio in July 2026! We look forward to offering you expanded appointment times and additional dental providers in Custer, SD!

**Custer Dental Studio
141 N. 5th St, Custer SD 57730**

Call 605.673.2212 to schedule your dental appointment today!


250 YEARS AND COUNTING

GET YOUR TICKETS!
THEATRE605.ORG
605.255.4141

SEASON 80 • 2026

COMEDIC WHELPHIND TOUR OF
AMERICAN HISTORY

The **COMPLETE**
HISTORY OF AMERICA
(ABBRIPOED)



JUNE 7 - 21
BY ADAM LONG, BEED HARTIN, JUSTIN TICHENOR

FICTIONAL MUSICAL ACCOUNT OF THE SIGNING
OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



1776

JUNE 28 - JULY 12
BOOK BY PETER STORM
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY SHERIDAN EDWARDS

HIT MUSICAL BASED ON A
REMARKABLE TRUE STORY

**COME FROM
AWAY**



JULY 19 - AUG 2
BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENJAMIN MARCOWITZ AND DAVID HORN

FOUR GENERATIONS OF WOMEN
AND THE CONSTITUTION



**WHAT THE
Constitution
MEANS TO ME**

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BY HEIDI SCHUECK



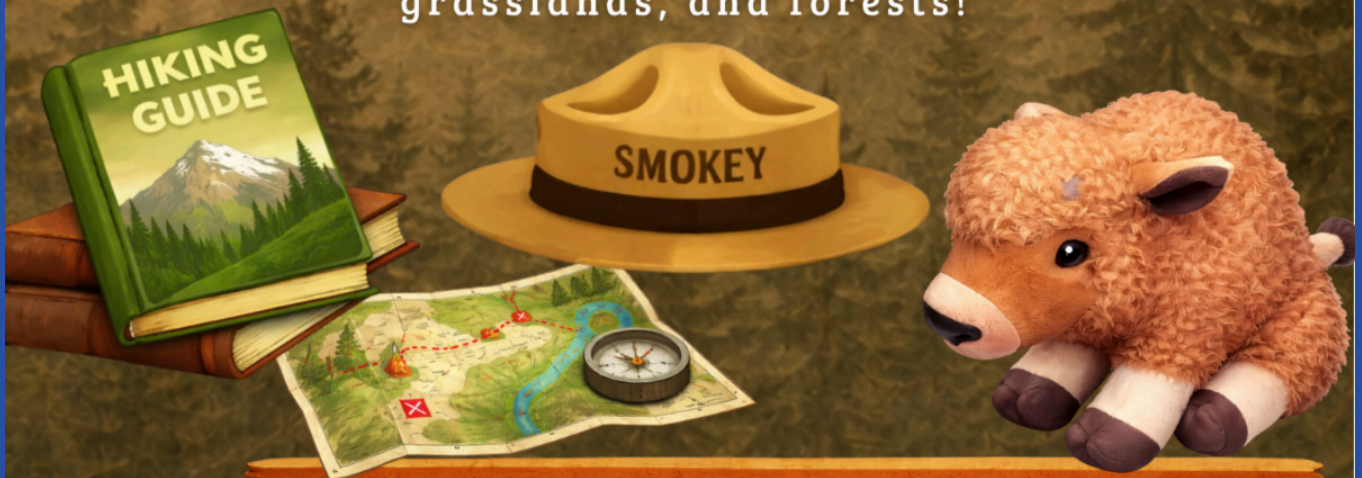
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Why Social Security matters more for women

*Reported by Jared Slagle MBA,
Edward Jones, Member SIPC*

When planning for retirement, Social Security isn't just another item on your financial checklist. For women especially, it's often the cornerstone of a secure retirement. The Social Security Administration reports that nearly 55% of Social Security benefit recipients are women, and for many, it's their primary source of retirement income.

Unlike investments that can lose value when the market drops, Social Security provides guaranteed income that adjusts for inflation and generally lasts as long as you live. That reliability makes it valuable for helping to address two major retirement risks: rising costs and the possibility of outliving your savings.

Life expectancy. On average, women live about five years longer than men ([CDC 2023 Life Expectancy measure](#)). That means they rely on Social Security for a longer period, making the decision of when to start benefits especially important.

Taking Social Security early reduces your monthly benefit. You can claim benefits as early as age 62, but every month you wait increases your monthly payments by two-thirds of 1%, or 8% per year, maxing out at age 70. Given women's longer life expectancy, that patience can pay off.

Building your benefit. Your Social Security benefit depends on your 35 highest-earning years. If you have years with zero or very low earnings in that calculation, it can reduce what you receive in retirement. Many women step away from work or reduce their hours to care for family members, and that trend is increasing. A 2025 [University of Kansas](#) analysis found that the

share of mothers with children under age 5 leaving the workforce fell more in early 2025 than at any point in the past 40 years. The study also noted that rising return-to-office policies may continue to impact working mothers.

While staying in the workforce builds a stronger earnings history and better benefits, that isn't realistic for everyone. Those who can't may need to plan and fund alternative sources for retirement income

Protection for married women. Marriage can provide additional Social Security options. A lower-earning spouse may receive up to 50% of their partner's full retirement-age benefit.

If your spouse dies, you can receive the higher of your own benefit or up to 100% of your deceased spouse's benefit. However, if you remarry before age 60 (age 50 for disabled widows), you lose eligibility for survivor benefits from your late spouse while the new marriage lasts.

Women divorced after at least 10 years of marriage may qualify for benefits based on an ex-spouse's record. If you remarry, you forfeit spousal benefits while the new marriage continues.

A word of wisdom: Report any name changes following marriage or divorce to the Social Security Administration to ensure your earnings and benefits are correctly credited.

Navigate carefully. Given the complexity of Social Security rules, the unique retirement challenges women face and the lasting impact of claiming decisions, working with a qualified financial advisor can be invaluable. An advisor can help you navigate questions about timing, spousal benefits and how Social Security fits into your overall retirement plan.



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Registration Now Open for Theatre 605 Jr. Camps 2026 Milestone Year

Celebrating 10 Years of Transformative Theatre Experiences for South Dakota Youth

For Immediate Release

South Dakota — Theatre 605, formerly known as the Black Hills Playhouse, is pleased to announce that registration is now open for 2026 Theatre 605 Jr. Camps, welcoming students in grades 5 through 12 for a week of artistic discovery, skill-building, and lifelong memories. **Registration is open through June 1, 2026.**

This summer marks a significant milestone: **the 10th anniversary of Theatre 605 Jr. Camps.** In honor of this occasion, camp is moving to a new and exciting home on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion, South Dakota. Campers will rehearse and perform in a professional theatre facility while benefiting from expanded learning opportunities through a partnership with USD Theatre faculty. The move reflects Theatre 605's continued commitment to giving young artists meaningful, immersive experiences in real performing arts environments.

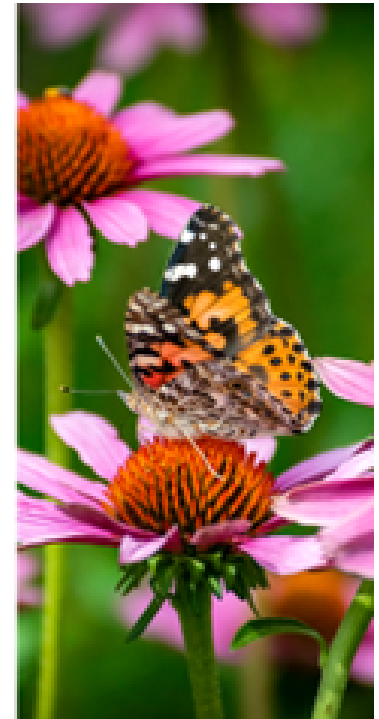
Both the 5th-8th grade and 8th-12th grade camps will run **July 19 through 25, 2026.** Throughout the week, campers will explore acting, singing, dance, and technical theatre, guided by professional instructors who encourage bold artistic choices and creative confidence. The week culminates in an end-of-camp showcase where campers celebrate and share everything they have worked toward. Beyond the stage, campers will enjoy outside activities including swimming and rock wall climbing, rounding out a full week of fun and friendship.

The enthusiasm for these camps continues to grow across the state. In 2025, Theatre 605 Jr. Camps welcomed more than 100 campers from communities all across South Dakota, a testament to the lasting impact this program has on young performers and theatre enthusiasts alike, statewide.

"This is a place where young people discover their voices, gain confidence, and form lasting friendships through the world of theatre," said Jen Luke, Artistic Director of Jr. Camps. "Year after year, we are inspired by how students grow in creativity and character, reminding us just how transformative the arts can be."

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Happy spring, tourism industry friends!

As we gear up for peak season, we are jumping into spring with newborn cinnamon calves in Custer State Park, intermittent rain showers (we need more!), greening grass & budding trees, high school & college graduations around the corner, and dozens of statewide industry events. I have my seatbelt on and am ready to go! I hope you are too.

Let's get right to it and share some important items we want you to be aware of:

1. *National Travel & Tourism Week (NTTW) 2026 kicks off May 3 and runs through May 9.* There are many activities planned around the state for NTTW, and the team and I will be heading to all four tourism regions to join many of you in the celebration. Be sure and *light up your community, business or attraction in red* to celebrate NTTW and remind residents & visitors alike of the importance of the tourism industry to our state and nation. As part of our department's NTTW activities, we'll be joining Governor Larry Rhoden on **Monday, May 4**, at Mount Rushmore National Memorial for an NTTW kick-off press conference. We'll send more details soon about how you can join us for this special event. If you have any questions about how you can engage in NTTW, please reach out to *Bailey Tysdal*.
2. Our free *Spring Customer Service Seminars* coincide with NTTW and will be held in Rapid City, Hill City, Chamberlain, Aberdeen and Sioux Falls, **May 5-7**. We have another outstanding speaker this year and highly encourage you and your frontline staff to join us for a time of professional development as we gear up for the busy summer visitor season.
3. Cole Irwin and Kyler Flock from our Global Travel & Trade team, along with 19 incredible South Dakota industry partners, are in Medora, ND this week to participate in the *International Roundup*. Our South Dakota delegation will be meeting with more than 40 international tour operators to inspire future travel to South Dakota. Cole and Kyler will also be hosting several post-IRU Destination Immersion tours across the state.

Please continue reading this newsletter to learn more about upcoming *Insider Sessions*, *Rally Rush 2026* efforts and grant funds, the launch of our new **Agritourism Passport**, and other industry updates.

On a personal note, I want to thank the many industry friends who reached out to me over the past two weeks as my family and I celebrated the life of my dad. Regardless of their age, it's never easy to lose a parent. I want you to know just how much I appreciate your sympathy, thoughts, prayers, flowers and friendship.

As the team and I fan out across the state in the coming days, we hope our paths cross with yours. If you have any questions about NTTW, the Spring Customer Service Seminars or any other information you read in the *Mile Marker*, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the *team members* at Travel South Dakota. Here we go! Let the fun and busyness begin!

All our best,
Jim and Team



PRESS RELEASE

Black Hills Area Community Foundation invites community to guide \$200,000 regional investment

The Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) has opened its third Thriving Communities Initiative, a recurring program where Black Hills residents shape the focus of a significant regional investment.

Through the end of May, Black Hills residents are encouraged to vote online for an issue area that needs more attention and investment. Throughout 2026 and 2027, BHACF will invest more than \$200,000 in response to the community's input. In 2027, BHACF will also bring community members together to connect, learn, and discuss solutions.

In commemoration of BHACF's 20th Anniversary, BHACF has increased the investment and time period allocated to the community's chosen issue, allowing for more opportunities to start important conversations and engage the community in action steps.

This spring, community members can choose between four causes:

- **Community Information:** Support local libraries, journalism, museums, and other information hubs.
- **Quality Care for Elders:** Help our senior generation thrive in this phase of life.
- **Arts for All:** Cultivate community and build bridges by expanding access to the arts.
- **Childcare for Healthy Families:** Expand families' access to quality childcare services.

“The Thriving Communities Initiative is about more than giving back, it's about building community. We're looking forward to engaging our community more deeply in their chosen issue area. This spring, each survey response is especially important because it will shape the initiative's focus for two years,” said Chris Huber, President & CEO of BHACF.

At the end of 2026, BHACF will award its first round of nonprofit grants informed by the community's survey responses. In 2027, BHACF will bring community members together to connect, learn, and share additional input. At year's end, a second round of grants will be awarded. The Thriving Communities Initiative supports nonprofits across the northern, central, and southern Black Hills.

Black Hills residents are encouraged to share their email in the survey to stay involved in the Thriving Communities Initiative throughout its two-year cycle. The anonymous, 3-question survey closes on May 31. To vote, learn more, or donate to the Thriving Communities Fund, please visit www.bhacf.org/thriving-communities.



Caption: In September of 2025, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation announced its Thriving Communities grantees for the community's selected issue area, Youth Mental Wellness, at the Spearfish Canyon Lodge. This year, community input will shape a \$200,000 investment in the Black Hills region distributed throughout 2026 and 2027. Photo courtesy of BHACF.



Caption: In 2025, BHACF responded to community voices with \$145,000 invested in youth mental wellness. The Foundation also partnered with the Rapid City Arts Council to host an art installation designed to reduce stigma and spark conversations about the issue. Photo courtesy of Rapid City Arts Council.

About the Black Hills Area Community Foundation:

The Black Hills Area Community Foundation is a registered public charity, operating as a 501(c)(3) organization. It funds charitable work, inspires donors to make meaningful gifts and manages initiatives around key issues. The Thriving

Communities Initiative represents the Foundation's third special initiative, in addition to its Beautiful Black Hills and Strategic Housing initiatives.

For Interviews:

Call 605-718-0112 or email Nicole Schlabach, BHACF's Communications Director, at nicole@bhacf.org.



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Black Hills National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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<https://www.fs.usda.gov/ro2/blackhills>

Rochford Motor Vehicle Prohibition

Rochford, S.D., May 1, 2026 – Beginning May 2, 2026, at 12 a.m. through August 1, 2026, motor vehicle use will be temporarily prohibited on the National Forest System Roads (NFSRs) 125, 190, 190.1A, 191, 192, and 192.1A on the Mystic Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest. This is to protect public health and safety due to the nature of the operations.

There will be heavy machinery operations occurring at these locations. Officials said the safest course of action is to temporarily close these areas due to the heavy equipment being utilized.

Signs and flagging will be posted at each area that is closed during operations and removed when operations cease.

The Rochford Motor Vehicle Prohibition Order No. BKF-189-2026 including the map, can be found on the Black Hills National Forest website. For more information on the Black Hills National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills>.

About the Forest Service: The USDA Forest Service has for more than 100 years brought people and communities together to answer the call of conservation. Grounded in world-class science and technology– and rooted in communities–the Forest Service connects people to nature and to each other. The Forest Service cares for shared natural resources in ways that promote lasting economic, ecological, and social vitality. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, maintains the largest wildland fire and forestry research organizations in the world. The Forest Service also has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 900 million forested acres within the U.S., of which over 130 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.

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Pactola Dam to Custer Gulch Road
Oct. 20, 2025 – March 6, 2026

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Road Closure ———
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Project Update

Friday, May 15, 2026

Current Construction:

- Construction activities, including the laying of gravel surfacing, are continuing in the U.S. Highway 385 construction area (Pactola Dam to Calumet Road) with the use of flaggers. Motorists can expect delays of up to 15 minutes on weekdays and some Saturdays. Work generally occurs during daylight hours.
- The driving surface within the construction area is a combination of pavement, blotter (a hard, packed surface that resembles asphalt), and gravel. Highway 385 has gravel from Wrinkle Valley Road to Pactola Dam and from Sheridan Lake Road to the north for one-half mile.
- The contractor is placing grass seed in the areas adjacent to the newly constructed roadway.

- Beginning Monday, May 18, 2026, a scaling crew will begin work along Highway 385. This work includes using water and machinery to remove loose rocks and debris from steep rock faces. This process minimizes future rock fall. Traffic will be managed with a pilot car with anticipated wait times up to 15 minutes.



Upcoming Construction:

The driving surface within the construction area will be fully blotted (a hard, packed surface that resembles asphalt) by the end of July.

Memorial Day: Construction activities will be paused on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and will resume on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Independence Day: Construction activities will not take place on Saturday, July 4, 2026.

Sturgis Rally: Construction activities will be paused from Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026, and will resume on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026.

[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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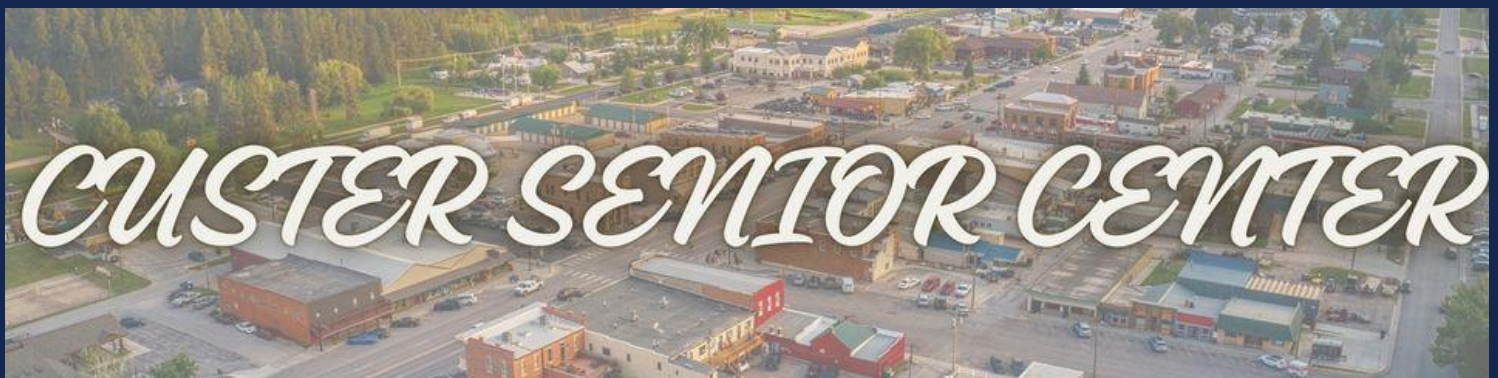
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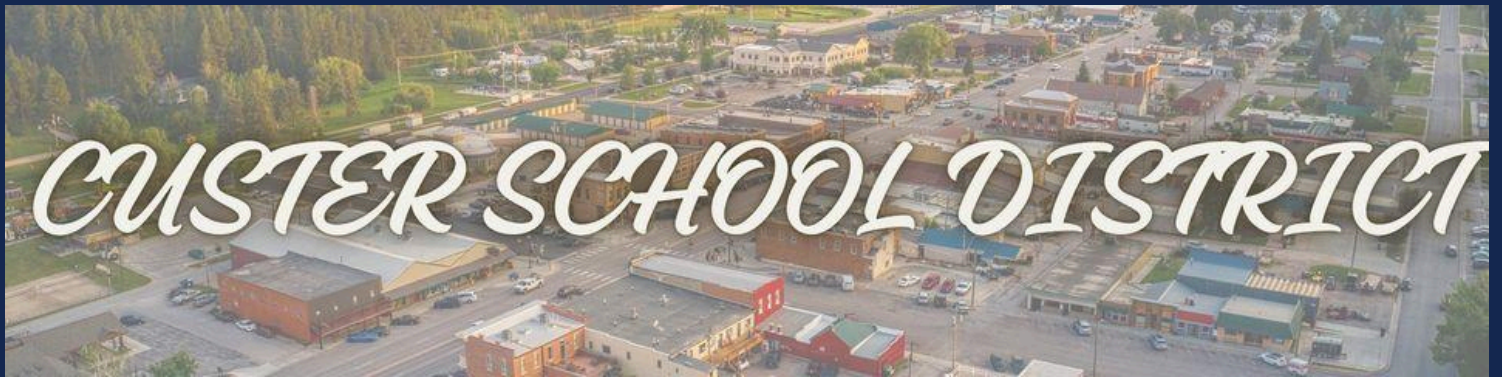
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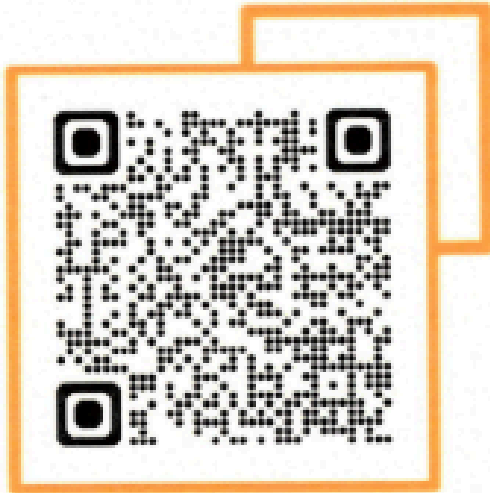
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2. Executive Director

Lead the vision, operations, fundraising, marketing, and community relationships for Growing Roots Preschool as a part-time Executive Director in Custer, South Dakota. This role is ideal for an organized, community-minded leader who can support long-term growth, strengthen family and local partnerships, and help sustain a high-quality, Montessori-inspired early childhood program.

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3. Substitute Teacher

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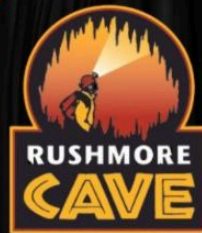
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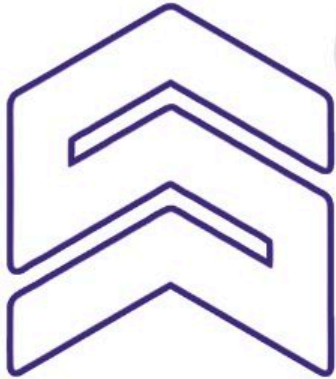
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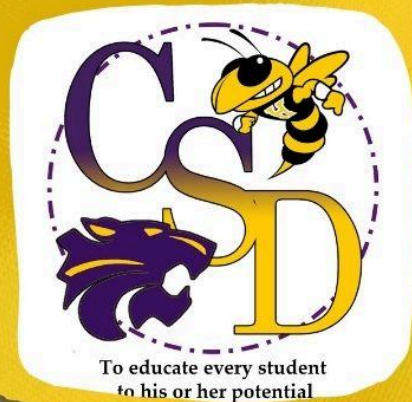
Outlaw Ranch



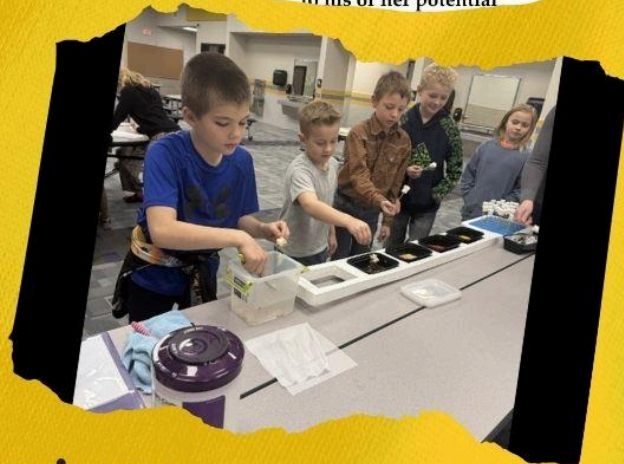
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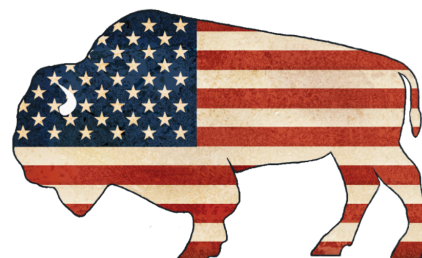
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