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**CUSTER CONNECTIONS**



With the holiday season approaching with the speed of a bullet train (holiday prep, year-end sales pushes, family gatherings, budget reviews, etc.), it's no surprise many of us feel our blood pressure and tension rise, while our patience comes crashing down. While this season is one of the most exciting of the year, it brings lots of extra stress.

But what if some of that stress was unavoidable?

Maybe we can't keep that troublesome relative away but we can borrow wisdom from the minimalist movement and writer Joshua Becker's article, "The Stress We Needlessly Bring into Our Lives."

Here are four practical reframes you can share with your team and apply to your own workflow, designed specifically for business juggling multiple moving parts in busy months ahead.

## 1. Stop Comparing—Start Aligning

It's tempting to look at other businesses and feel like you're falling behind. Maybe their social media looks polished, their storefront's decorated like a movie set, or their sales numbers seem untouchable.

But comparison steals focus.

Your business has its own rhythm, audience, and goals. Instead of chasing what others are doing, take stock of what's working for *you*. Consistency and authenticity will always outlast temporary trends.

## 2. Simplify Your Season

Overcommitment is one of the biggest stress traps. For business owners, that often means piling on extra promotions, extending hours you can't sustain, or saying yes to every collaboration that comes along.

You might be busy and pulled in many directions but it's unlikely you'll feel accomplished if you overcommit yourself to trying to do it all at the same time. Imagine if you wanted to paint your entire house. If every day you woke up and painted a different area for one hour, it would be a very long time before the house would feel complete. At the end of a month, you will have put in 30 or so hours in painting but you may not even have an entire room finished. You'll feel depleted and dissatisfied even though you spent a month working on it.

This year, try doing fewer things better. Focus your efforts on what brings in customers or builds lasting relationships. Simplifying isn't a step back; it's a strategy for quality and control and doing more of what works, not more of a little bit of everything.

## 3. Build Breathing Room Into Your Calendar

Every business has busy seasons, but nonstop hustle doesn't equal progress. Schedule short breaks or "quiet hours" each week to regroup, brainstorm, or catch up. You'll make better decisions when you're not rushing from one task to the next. Encourage your employees to do the same. A calm, focused team provides better service and represents your business more positively, especially during the holidays, when stress levels tend to spill over.

## 4. Reevaluate Expectations

The pressure to please customers, employees, and family can quickly become overwhelming. But not every long-standing tradition or offer is worth the toll it takes.

If a particular sale or event no longer delivers value, it's okay to let it go or reinvent it. Communicate changes early and clearly, and most customers will understand. When expectations are realistic, everyone wins.

## 5. Redefine Success for the Season

This time of year, we tend to measure success by numbers—sales totals, event attendance, new clients. But remember, success also looks like closing the year without burnout, keeping your team motivated, or maintaining great customer experiences through the chaos.

As Becker notes, "We can't control everything. We can only control our choices." Choose the ones that keep you steady, clear-minded, and ready for what's next.



Dawn Murray  
Executive Director

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# 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

[Click to download calendar](#)

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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# November 11th

Chamber closed for Veterans Day

# November 20th

Chamber Mixer  
hosted by Jared Slagle at the Custer Beacon  
5:00PM-7:00PM

# November 27-30th

Chamber closed for Thanksgiving  
see you Monday December 1 at 9:00 AM

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# 18th Annual **Stuff-A-Truck** FOOD DRIVE

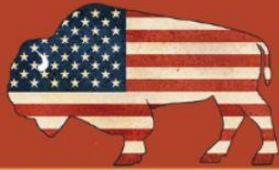
## FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:

**Canned fruit cocktail**      **Canned cranberry sauce**  
**Canned mandarin oranges**      **Canned green beans**  
**Cake mix**      **Canned corn**  
**Tubs of frosting**      **Stuffing mix**  
**Large boxes of jello**

**Bring donations to the Custer Chamber  
by Thursday, November 20th**



**Together, our efforts will help stock the shelves at the Custer Food Pantry and ensure they have everything needed for their Christmas food baskets.**



**CUSTER**  
*Chamber of Commerce*

**Chamber  
Mixer**

Hosted By:

**Edward Jones<sup>®</sup>**

**Jared Slagle**

**November 20th from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Held At the Custer Beacon**

**351 Washington St, Custer, SD 577300**

**MIXERS ARE A GREAT WAY TO MEET, MIX, AND MINGLE  
PLEASE BRING A FRIEND AND ENJOY SOME REFRESHMENTS**



**DUE TO THE  
UPCOMING**

# **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

**Buffalo Bytes will be sent  
on  
Wednesday, November  
26th.**

**All submissions for that  
week's newsletter will  
need to be received by  
Monday, November 24th  
at 5pm.**

**Email Rachelle at  
[bytes@custersd.com](mailto:bytes@custersd.com)**



In order for staff to enjoy  
a little extra family time,



**THE CUSTER CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

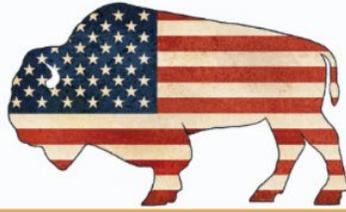


will be closing at noon on  
Wednesday, November 26th and  
will remain closed through the  
weekend.



**CUSTER**  
Chamber of Commerce

**SEE YOU MONDAY!**



# CUSTER

Chamber of Commerce

*We are now accepting nominations of  
positive, enthusiastic and involved  
individuals for the  
Custer Area Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors*

If you would like to nominate an individual, please  
complete the Nomination Form attached below.

[Fillable Form](#)

[Printable Nomination Form](#)



# 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 17- STARR INSURANCE**



## Chamber Board Meetings

November 19th 1:00 P.M

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# U.S. HIGHWAY 385 CONSTRUCTION

PENNINGTON-LAWRENCE COUNTY LINE TO SHERIDAN LAKE

**FREE TEXT ALERTS:**  
Text "US385" to 605-566-4041



## WEEKLY HUMOR



**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.

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|---|---|
| 1. 1880 Train                                       | 135. Highmark Credit Union                    |
| 2. 1881 Courthouse Museum                           | 136. Hills Inn                                |
| 3. 21 Electric                                      | 137. HJEM am                                  |
| 4. A & B Business Solutions                         | 138. Holiday Inn Express                      |
| 5. A Walk in the Woods                              | 139. Homestead Carpet Care                    |
| 6. Abundant Life Fellowship of Custer SD            | 140. Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream             |
| 7. Aflac -Carol Perrigo                             | 141. Hounds, Pugs, and Hugs                   |
| 8. Al Cornella Refrigeration                        | 142. J & M Lawn Care                          |
| 9. All Net Connections                              | 143. Jacqueline Hartwick                      |
| 10. ALPHA Builders, LLC                             | 144. JAM Heating and Cooling LLC              |
| 11. American Family Insurance- Ronni Calvird Agency | 145. Jewel Cave National Monument             |
| 12. American Legion Post #46                        | 146. John & Diana Carson                      |
| 13. Aspen Federal Credit Union                      | 147. Jon G Gindhart, D.C., PLLC.              |
| 14. Aspen+Pine Realty                               | 148. Jorgensen Log Homes Inc                  |
| 15. Bakers Bakery                                   | 149. JQ Clothing Co                           |
| 16. Bavarian Inn                                    | 150. K & S Stagecoach Stop                    |
| 17. Bear Country USA                                | 151. K2 Masonry & Concrete Inc                |
| 18. Beaver Lake Campground                          | 152. Ketel Thorstenson                        |
| 19. Beecher Rock Vehicle Storage                    | 153. Kieffer Sanitation                       |
| 20. Begging Burro Mexican Bistro and Tequila Bar    | 154. Kitchens by Karla                        |
| 21. Best Western                                    | 155. Lampert Properties                       |
| 22. Big Pine Campground                             | 156. Lasting Impressions Unlimited            |
| 23. Black Hills Balloons                            | 157. Laurie Arthur                            |
| 24. Black Hills Bronco Adventures                   | 158. Lenny Merriam CPA, CFE, PLLC             |
| 25. Black Hills Burger & Pizza Co                   | 159. LFC Veterinary Service                   |
| 26. Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial               | 160. Living Outreach Church                   |
| 27. Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc           | 161. LJ's Recovery and Transport, LLC         |
| 28. Black Hills Enclave                             | 162. Local Black Hills                        |
| 29. Black Hills Energy                              | 163. Lynn's Dakotamart                        |
| 30. Black Hills Federal Credit Union                | 164. Marci & John O'Connell                   |
| 31. Black Hills Parks & Forests Association         | 165. Maria's Mexican Restaurant               |
| 32. Black Hills Pizza Hut                           | 166. McCoy PC dba Custer Lawyer PLLC          |
| 33. Black Hills Playhouse                           | 167. McGas Propane                            |
| 34. Black Hills Power Bikes Rentals and Boutique    | 168. Mickelson Trail Affiliates, LLC          |
| 35. Black Hills Preservation Project                | 169. Miner's Cup, LLC                         |
| 36. Blind Guy Custom Window Coverings               | 170. Moccasin Springs                         |
| 37. Bradeen Real Estate and Auctions                | 171. Monument Health- Custer Hospital/Clinic  |
| 38. Branch Construction Services, LLC               | 172. Mountainview Baptist Church              |
| 39. Buffalo Ridge Camp Resorts                      | 173. Mt Rushmore Brewing Co/ Pounding Fathers |
| 40. Buglin' Bull                                    | 174. Murray Auto Repair LLC                   |
| 41. Busy Ewe Farm & Fiber                           | 175. My XO Adventures                         |
| 42. Calamity Jane Kitchen                           | 176. Naomi Haraldson                          |
| 43. Calamity Peak Lodge                             | 177. NARFE                                    |
| 44. Carr Electric, Co, LLC                          | 178. Nelson's Oil & Gas                       |
| 45. Carson Drug                                     | 179. New Trails Ministry, Inc                 |
| 46. Certified Folder Display Service, Inc           | 180. Nielsen Enterprises, LLC                 |
| 47. Chalet Motel                                    | 181. NXTLAW PC                                |
| 48. Chamberlain McColeys Funeral Home               | 182. Operation Black Hills Cabins             |
| 49. Chapel in the Hills                             | 183. Our Place                                |
| 50. Charley and Norma Najacht                       | 184. Our Quilty Things                        |
| 51. Chief Motel                                     | 185. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church             |
| 52. Christy Chamberlain & Bob Reich                 | 186. Outlaw Ranch                             |

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|--|---|
| 53. City of Custer                                     | 187. Pain & Movement Solutions                      |
| 54. Claw Antler and Hide                               | 188. Patti & Jim Lee                                |
| 55. Coca-Cola Bottling Company                         | 189. PDQ Construction                               |
| 56. Colleen Hennesy and Jim Frank                      | 190. Peaceful Meadows                               |
| 57. Comfort Inn & Suites                               | 191. Petals & Pages                                 |
| 58. Common Cents                                       | 192. Pizza Mill                                     |
| 59. Community Education of the BH                      | 193. Pleasant Valley Farm and Cabins LLC            |
| 60. Crazy Horse Memorial                               | 194. Plenty Star Ranch Retreat                      |
| 61. Crossroads Church                                  | 195. Prairie Hills Transit                          |
| 62. Custer Ace Hardware                                | 196. Premier Family Eyecare                         |
| 63. Custer Ambulance Service                           | 197. Purple Pie Place                               |
| 64. Custer Area Arts Council                           | 198. Pye-Barker Fire & Safety                       |
| 65. Custer Cares                                       | 199. Rabbit Bicycle Rental & Repair                 |
| 66. Custer Chiropractic, PC                            | 200. Reed's Chimney Sweeping, Handyman & Caretaking |
| 67. Custer City Masonic Lodge #66                      | 201. Regency CSP Resorts                            |
| 68. Custer County Airport                              | 202. Reptile Gardens                                |
| 69. Custer County Candy Company                        | 203. Rise Custer                                    |
| 70. Custer County Chronicle                            | 204. Road Runner Inc                                |
| 71. Custer County Conservation District                | 205. Rock Solid                                     |
| 72. Custer County Democratic Party                     | 206. Rocket Motel                                   |
| 73. Custer County Library Foundation                   | 207. Rod and Avis Converse                          |
| 74. Custer County Republicans                          | 208. Ronald McDonald Charities                      |
| 75. Custer Dental Studio                               | 209. RP Lumber Co Inc                               |
| 76. Custer Golf Corp/ Rocky Knolls Golf Course         | 210. Rush Mountain Adventure Park                   |
| 77. Custer Heating & Air Conditioning                  | 211. Rushmore Photo & Gift, Inc                     |
| 78. Custer Lions Club                                  | 212. Rushmore Vacation Rentals                      |
| 79. Custer Lutheran Fellowship                         | 213. Sage Creek Grille                              |
| 80. Custer Mile High Garden Club                       | 214. Sentinel Federal Credit Union                  |
| 81. Custer Mt. Rushmore KOA                            | 215. Servall Uniforms & Linens                      |
| 82. Custer Piecemaker Quilt Guild                      | 216. Sew What                                       |
| 83. Custer Rotary                                      | 217. Shady Rest Motel                               |
| 84. Custer Senior Center                               | 218. Shepherd of the Hills                          |
| 85. Custer State Farm- Steve Engelbrecht Agent         | 219. Simon Contractors of SD, Inc                   |
| 86. Custer State Park                                  | 220. Skogen Kitchen                                 |
| 87. Custer Subway                                      | 221. Sleep Better South Dakota, LLC                 |
| 88. Custer's Gulch RV Park & Campground                | 222. Sousleys HillBilly Barbeque Catering           |
| 89. Custer's Rendezvous                                | 223. South Dakota Outdoor Shop                      |
| 90. Dacotah Bank                                       | 224. South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation       |
| 91. Dakota Greens - Custer Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc. | 225. Southern Hills Animal Clinic                   |
| 92. Dakota Photographic                                | 226. Southern Hills Family Medicine, PLLC           |
| 93. Dave's Rock Shop                                   | 227. Southern Hills Law, PLLC                       |
| 94. Days Inn   | 228. Southern Hills Tactical                        |
| 95. Deep Creek Art Gallery                             | 229. Southern Hills Title Co.                       |
| 96. DGR Engineering                                    | 230. Splish Splash Car, RV and Dog Wash             |
| 97. Diane Dennis                                       | 231. Spokane Creek Cabins & Camp                    |
| 98. Don & Arlayne Barmore                              | 232. Sprockets Fun Foundry                          |
| 99. Double Diamond Ranch                               | 233. St John the Baptist Catholic Church            |
| 100. Eagle's Landing Lodge                             | 234. Star Ridge Advetisments                        |
| 101. Early Learner Custer                              | 235. Starr Insurance                                |
| 102. Econolodge  | 236. Stars and Stripes by Steph                     |
| 103. Edward Jones- Mark Koch                           | 237. Steele Collision & Glass                       |
| 104. Edward Jones-Jared Slagel                         | 238. Steve and Yolanda Davis                        |
| 105. Edward Jones-Kris Zerbe                           | 239. Stockade Lake Cabin                            |
| 106. Elk Haven Vacation Cabins                         | 240. Studt Construction, Inc                        |
| 107. enCore Energy Corp                                | 241. Sturgis Mustang Rally                          |
| 108. EO Bungalows                                      | 242. Sunset RV Park                                 |
| 109. Evergreen Media                                   | 243. Sunshine Storage                               |
| 110. Faith Lewis Real Estate Inc                       | 244. Super 8  |
| 111. Feel Good Café                                    | 245. Sweet Clover and Sage Salon                    |
| 112. First Choice Lock and Key                         | 246. Sylvan Rocks Climbing School and Guide Service |

- 113. First Interstate Bank
- 114. Floors and More Cleaning and Restoration
- 115. Four Mile Old West Town & Campground
- 116. Fred & Wendy Hlava
- 117. Freedom Hills Wealth Management
- 118. Freeman's Electric Service, Inc.
- 119. French Creek Campground & RV Park
- 120. French Creek Supply- NAPA Auto Parts
- 121. French Creek Tree Fellers, LLC
- 122. Frenchy's Hideaways
- 123. George Mickelson Trail
- 124. Gideons International Southern Hills Camp
- 125. Gold Camp Cabins, LLC
- 126. Gold Pan Saloon/ Calamity Jane
- 127. Gold Valley Camp
- 128. Golden West Telecommunications
- 129. Good Karma Jewelry
- 130. Green Owl Media
- 131. Grizzly Gulch Adventure Golf
- 132. Growing Roots, Inc
- 133. H&R Block
- 134. Harney Peak Chapter, NSDAR

- 247. Tallgrass Landscape Architecture
- 248. Tanglewood Estate
- 249. Tennyson Investments
- 250. The Cruisin' Canvas
- 251. The Custer Beacon
- 252. The Custer Wolf Food & Drink
- 253. The Mammoth Site
- 254. Thomas Home Improvement
- 255. Travel Custer
- 256. United Way of the Black Hills
- 257. Valhalla Legal, PLLC
- 258. Vector Design Print and Tech
- 259. VFW Post #3442
- 260. Vineyard Black Hills
- 261. Western Skies Real Estate
- 262. Western Tire Chain LLC
- 263. Windsong Valley Gardens
- 264. World Fossil Finders Museum
- 265. Xanterra
- 266. YMCA
- 267. Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills



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  
Boyds Antiques and Unique's, Inc  
Custer Sheds- by Old Hickory  
Nomad Vancamp & RV Park

## **MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT**



2025 Custer Chamber

# Member Spotlight

## PDQ Constuction



Address: 750 W Mt Rushmore Rd, Suite 4, Custer  
Phone: 308-760-6960  
Email: pdqconstructionhc@gmail.com

### #Membership Monday

This week, our member in the spotlight is *PDQ Construction Inc.* Here is what the Owner, Justin, and his crew had to say about the business.

"At PDQ Construction, we take pride in delivering quality craftsmanship with a personal touch. From new builds and remodels to custom projects, our team is committed to bringing your vision to life, on time, and done right. Whether its a home, shop, or commercial space, you can count on us for dependable service and Quality work you can on!"

More info: <https://custersd.com/members/pdq-construction-inc>

## AREA EVENTS



*Join us for a  
Ladies Night Out*

**November 6<sup>th</sup> 5-8PM**

**At The Custer Beacon**

**Shop Local Vendors    Door Prizes**

**Create Your Own Bracelet**

**Enjoy Drinks, Music & Fun**

*Good Friends. Great Finds. Fabulous Night.*

**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



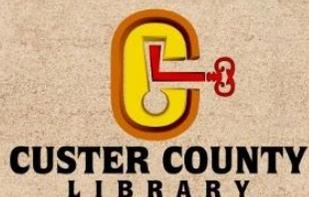
**BLACK HILLS  
PARKS &  
FORESTS  
ASSOCIATION**

[www.bhpf.org](http://www.bhpf.org) | 605-745-7020

# November Story Time Schedule



- 11/7 - Special Event: Storytime & book signing at the 1881 Museum
- 11/14 - Pickles (National Pickle Day since 1949!)
- 11/21 - Creation Station & STEAM(8+)
- 11/28 - No Story Time/Thanksgiving break



**Quilted Buffalo**  
**November Classroom Events:**

***Storage Pods***  
*Fri 11/7 11AM - 2PM*  
*\$15 Registration Fee*

***Open Sew***  
*Sat 11/8 11AM - 4PM*  
*\$5 Registration Fee*

***Temperature Quilt Talk & Planning***  
*Wed 11/12 12:15PM - 1:00PM*  
**FREE**

***Mondo Bag***  
*Tues/Wed 11/18 & 11/19*  
*11AM - 4PM*  
*\$5 Registration Fee &*  
*\$30 Instructor Fee*

**EOM/EOB &**  
**Small Business Saturday 11/29**



# THE CRUISIN' CANVAS

## KIDS AFTERNOON

FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 7TH  
1PM-3PM



# THE BLUEPRINT

Custer County Democratic Party



**Saturday, Nov. 1st, 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, October 31st. to [ccsddp21info@gmail.com](mailto:ccsddp21info@gmail.com)*



**Saturday, Nov. 8th, 4:00PM - 8:00PM**

**stART Talking ~ Giving voice. Sharing concerns.**

The Custer Beacon ~ Custer SD

In a new community event connecting us through art, we aspire to use art media as a way to bring people together to express how people are being impacted by current events.

**Sponsored by the Custer Area Arts Council, The Custer Beacon, & the Custer Co Democratic Party**

**Tuesday, November 11th, 2:00 PM**

*Veterans Day Social with the Custer School District*

Custer Armory ~ 527 Montgomery Street, Custer, SD



**Wednesday, November. 19th Business Meeting**

**\*\* Note Date Change \*\***

6:00 pm ~Custer Co Courthouse Annex Pine Rm~ 447 Crook St, Custer, SD

*To join our email list please send a request to [ccsddp21info@gmail.com](mailto:ccsddp21info@gmail.com).*

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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.

# CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

## ANNUAL BENEFIT FUNDRAISER

**NOVEMBER 8TH**  
**VFW POST 3442**

**SILENT AUCTION STARTS 4PM**  
**LIVE AUCTION STARTS AT 6PM**

If you would like to donate to the auction please reach out to Jana or Corey Virtue. You can also drop off at the VFW.

# Call for Artists

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**  
**The Custer Beacon ~ Custer, SD**  
**Viewing opens ~ 4:00 pm**  
**Live performance ~ 6:00 pm**

**A lot has happened since the 2024 election.**

What's stirring?  
What truths need daylight?  
Have you felt voiceless and unheard this past year?  
What deserves our collective grief - or our collective joy?

Join us for an evening of artful expression that reflects the current state of our world. Experience the creativity of others, or bring your own - visual art, spoken word, music, and performance. Share works of protest, resistance, hope, and healing.

*Family friendly, but unafraid to speak truth.*

The Custer County Democratic Party in partnership with the Custer Area Arts Council and The Custer Beacon requests submissions in all art forms and all skill levels for **stART Talking**, a new community event, connecting through art. We aspire to use art as the vehicle for conversation, bringing people together to express and experience how individually and in community we're being impacted by current events.

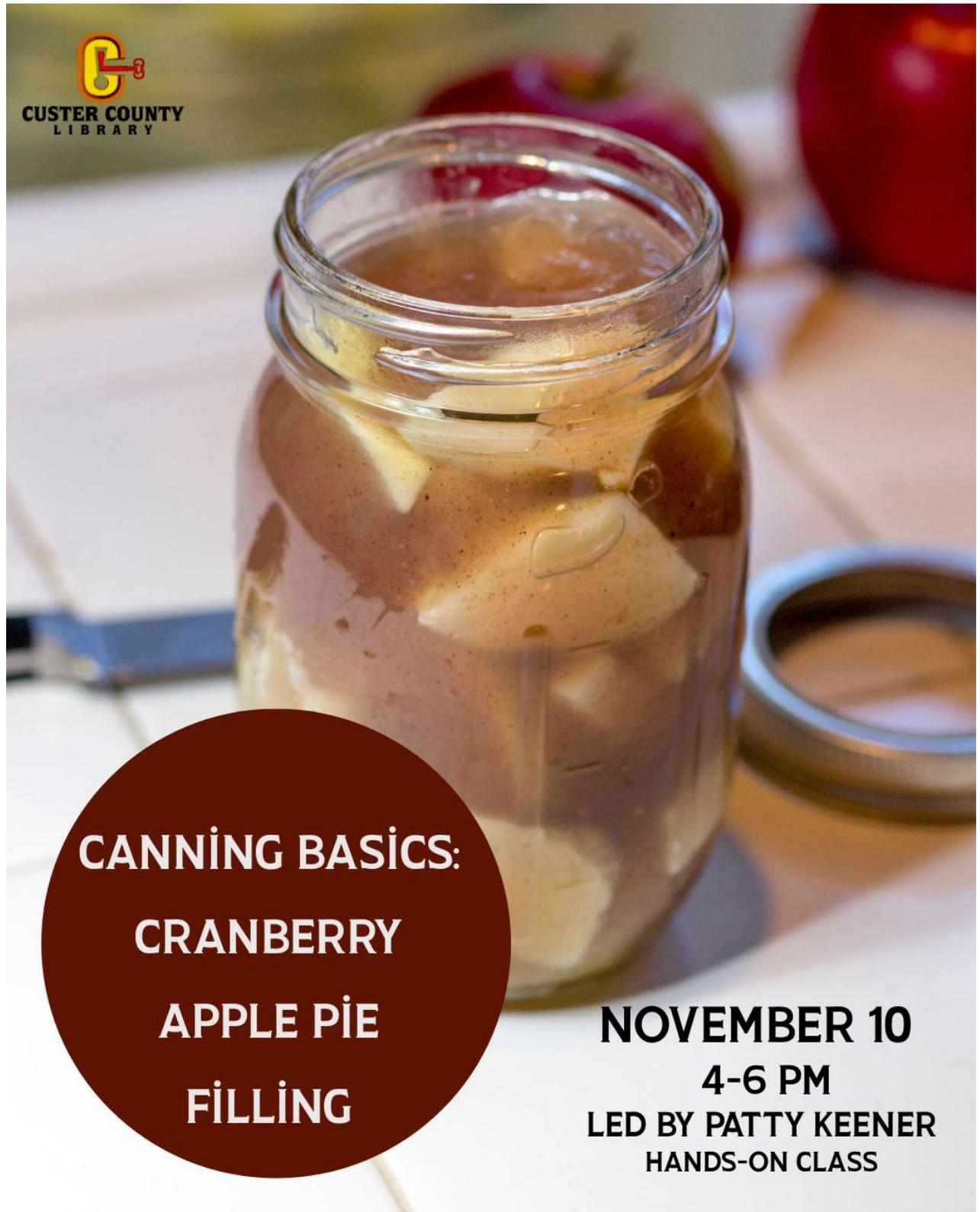
*Together, we'll connect, create, and spark conversations that matter.*

### Submission Requirements

- Registration by October 24<sup>th</sup> is required for all submissions. [Register here](#).
- All physical media including paintings, sculptures, and mixed media. Performance including music, poetry, dance, and skits. Written works may either be displayed in print or recited on stage.
- No limit to the size of physical art pieces is anticipated.
- Keep live performances to a reasonable length to allow time for all participants.
- Notification of acceptance of your artwork: October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- More questions? Contact the Custer Co Democrats at [ccsddp21info@gmail.com](mailto:ccsddp21info@gmail.com).

### stART Talking Sponsors





**CANNING BASICS:  
CRANBERRY  
APPLE PIE  
FILLING**

**NOVEMBER 10  
4-6 PM  
LED BY PATTY KEENER  
HANDS-ON CLASS**

# 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**



# MILITARY FAMILY MONTH

## IN APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO SERVE AND SUPPORT.

To celebrate Military Family Month, all YMCA locations across the Black Hills will offer a \$0 Joiner Fee for all active-duty service members, National Guard/reserves and military veterans during the month of November.

**A \$40 savings!**

To redeem this offer you must sign up in person at your preferred YMCA location with a valid military/government-issued photo ID. Other restrictions may apply. Offer valid November 1-30, 2025.

**For a better us.®**

**FIND YOUR Y.  
JOIN TODAY**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT  
MEMBER@RCYMCA.ORG

RAPID CITY YMCA  
LIBERTY CENTER YMCA (BOX ELDER)  
CUSTER YMCA  
EDGEMONT YMCA



THE CUSTER COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:



# VETERANS DAY

tribute at the  
**1881 Courthouse Museum**



**One Day Only**

Tour the museum and visit the top floor courtroom where a temporary exhibit of military uniforms and equipment (usually kept in the museum vault) will be on display.

Explore special collections honoring Custer's veterans, featuring uniforms, photos, and biographical sketches.



**Tuesday**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2025**

**9 AM - 4 PM**

411 Mt. Rushmore Rd  
Custer, South Dakota  
Free Admission





# WAREHOUSE

# LIQUIDATION ONLINE AUCTION

ONLINE BIDDING  
CLOSES Tuesday  
Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:00pm



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## Workforce Knowledge Series

Discover opportunities and programs to help your business/organization.

# An Overview of South Dakota Labor Laws

Thursday, Nov. 13 | 11:30 a.m. CST/10:30 a.m. MST | Microsoft Teams

Join us for an overview of the employment laws that affect workplaces across South Dakota, including common rules and requirements.

Registration required.



Scan QR code or go to link. Click on calendar listing to register.

[tinyurl.com/dlr-workshops](https://tinyurl.com/dlr-workshops)



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## Estate planning and finance

At Edward Jones, we believe financial education is an important part of achieving your goals. We also realize there is more to life than just financial goals. That's why we're excited to invite you to this special presentation.

**J. Scott James**

**Attorney at Law**

**Southern Hills Law**

**Presenting on Estate Planning**

To reserve space for yourself, please contact Aubrey Frasier at 605-673-4092 or [aubrey.frasier@edwardjones.com](mailto:aubrey.frasier@edwardjones.com) no later than 11/11/2025.

### Save the date

Thursday, November 13th,  
2025  
Starting at 12:00 PM

Hosted by:  
Kris Zerbe & Lindsay Luper

Custer County Library  
Pine Room  
447 Crook Street #4  
Custer, SD 57730

Miner's cup will be catering  
lunch.



**Kris Zerbe, AAMS®**  
Financial Advisor  
P.O. Box 528  
Custer, SD 57730  
605-673-4092



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# The Cruisin Canvas

TURKEY PAINTING  
FRIDAY THE 14TH  
1:00-3:00 PM  
BE SURE TO RSVP!



HARRY POTTER YEAR SEVEN

# ESCAPE ROOM

NOVEMBER 14 & 15 | FREE ENTRY | RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

Inspired by the themes of the final wizarding book, this escape room challenges you to uncover cursed objects and sacred relics before time runs out.



**Custer YMCA**

the **Y**

**Get Your Boots On**  
*and scoot on over for the rootin', tootin',*

**Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cookoff  
& BARN DANCE**  
Featuring French Creek Folk

Saturday, November 15, 2025

<b>Chili Cookoff Contest</b>	<b>Barn Dance</b>
\$10 Registration Fee	Free Will Donation
5:30-7:00 PM	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Contact the Y for details	

Custer YMCA      644 Crook Street      Custer, SD 57730


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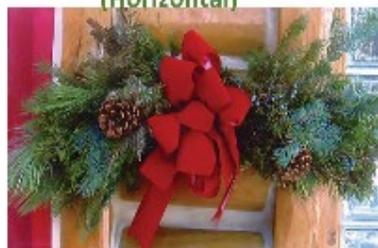
CHARMS \$25

(Vertical)



SWAGS \$25

(Horizontal)



**To order call or text: 1-831-596-2755**

Or contact a Garden Club Member you may know.

- \* *Orders must be received by Nov. 18th*
- \* *Pick-up at Dakota Greens, before Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>*

Funds support Custer Library gardening programs and resource material, scholarships, area gardening projects at Black Hills Playhouse and Custer Museum, County Fair Horticulture program, Gold Discovery Days Flower Show, Summer Garden Tour.



*Thank you!*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**19**  
**NOV.**  
**5:30 PM**



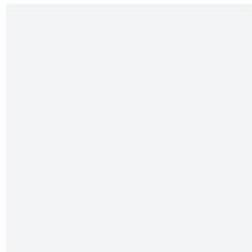
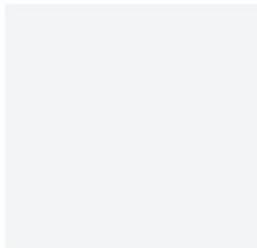
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# Edward Jones® Chamber Mixer

The Edward Jones offices of Kris Zerbe, Mark Koch, and Jared Slagle invite all fellow Custer Chamber members to their Chamber Mixer November 20<sup>th</sup> at The Custer Beacon.

hors d'oeuvres, iced tea, and coffee provided

## When

November 20, 2025  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

## Where

The Custer Beacon  
351 Washington St

Live Music featuring  
Erik Hjortnaes from  
HJEM A.M

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Custer Senior Center

Happy  
Thanksgiving

**AUTUMN BAKE SALE**

**NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**STARTING AT 9AM**

Stop by the Custer Senior Center to pick up  
all your Thanksgiving baked goods while  
supporting a local nonprofit organization!

538 Mt. Rushmore Rd.  
Custer, SD 57730





Custer Senior Center's  
**SOUP & PIE  
FUNDRAISER**

Join us for our monthly Soup & Pie Fundraiser!  
**For just \$10.00**, enjoy a warm bowl of soup,  
freshly baked bread, and a delicious slice of pie  
—all while supporting the Custer Senior Center.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>  
from 11AM to 1PM**

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



Follow us on Facebook to stay  
up to date on our monthly  
soup selections and other  
upcoming events!



# 18th Annual **Stuff-A-Truck** FOOD DRIVE

## FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:

<b>Canned fruit cocktail</b>	<b>Canned cranberry sauce</b>
<b>Canned mandarin oranges</b>	<b>Canned green beans</b>
<b>Cake mix</b>	<b>Canned corn</b>
<b>Tubs of frosting</b>	<b>Stuffing mix</b>
<b>Large boxes of jello</b>	

**Bring donations to the Custer Chamber  
by Thursday, November 20th**



**Together, our efforts will help stock the shelves at the Custer Food Pantry and ensure they have everything needed for their Christmas food baskets.**



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**833 MT. RUSHMORE ROAD**

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

SATURDAYS  
9:00AM-3:00PM

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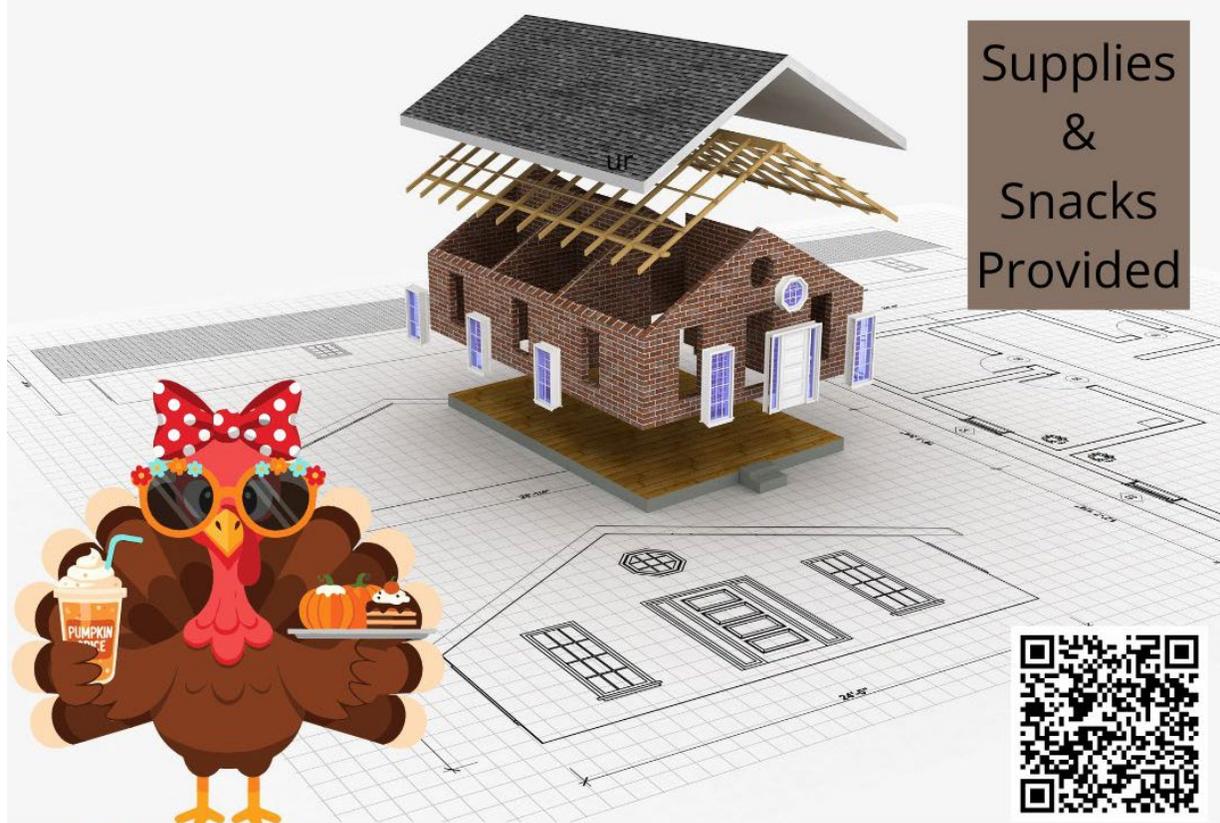
# STEAM -Friday, Nov. 21st

10:00 am

**Focus: Engineering**

**Dilemma: Turkey needs a home**

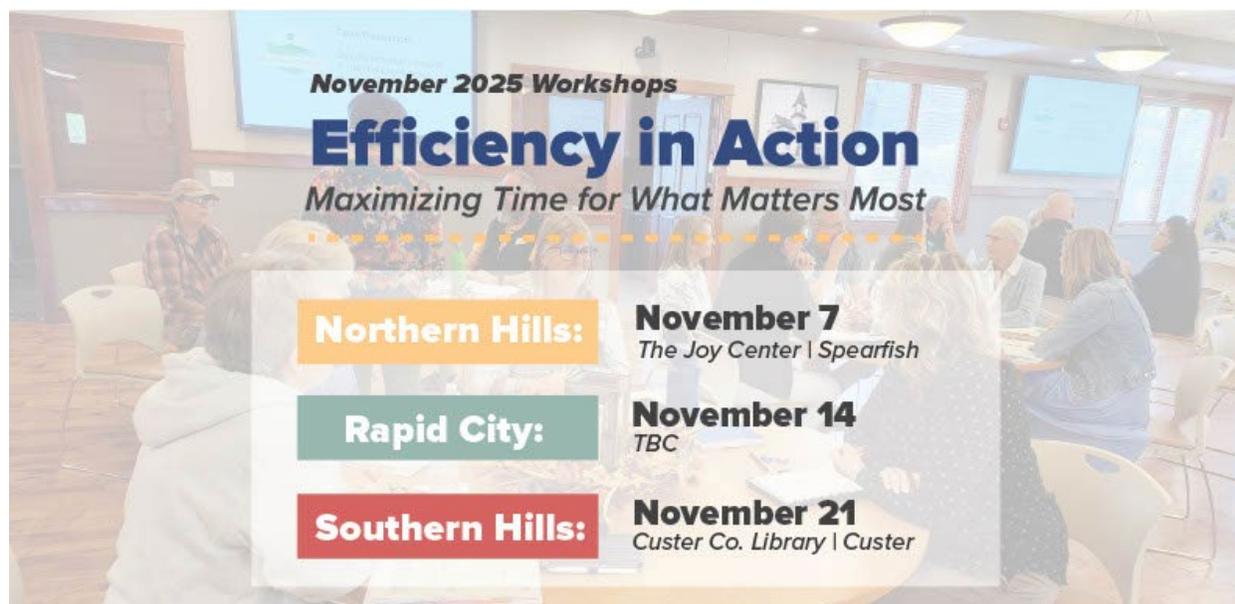
**Solution: Curious students ages 8+ will build structures for turkeys**



Supplies  
&  
Snacks  
Provided



Registration recommended.



### ***Tools for Optimizing Workflows & Maximizing Productivity***

Join us for an engaging and practical training session designed specifically for nonprofit professionals who juggle multiple priorities while striving to make a meaningful impact.

This session will introduce **time management strategies**, **digital tools**, and **workflow techniques** to help streamline daily operations, reduce stress, and enhance organizational performance.

This isn't just a presentation, it's a hands-on learning experience. Participants will take part in **interactive activities** and **guided exercises** that apply directly to their own work environments.

#### **Together, we'll explore ways to:**

- Identify and eliminate time-wasters and bottlenecks
- Implement effective scheduling and prioritization methods
- Use technology tools to automate and simplify routine tasks
- Strengthen collaboration and communication across teams
- Develop personalized action plans for immediate implementation

By the end of the session, attendees will leave with practical tools, templates, and next-step strategies to boost productivity and sustain efficiency across their roles and departments.

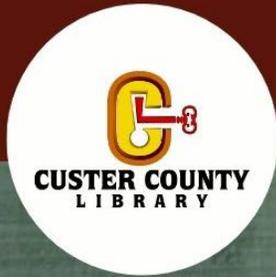
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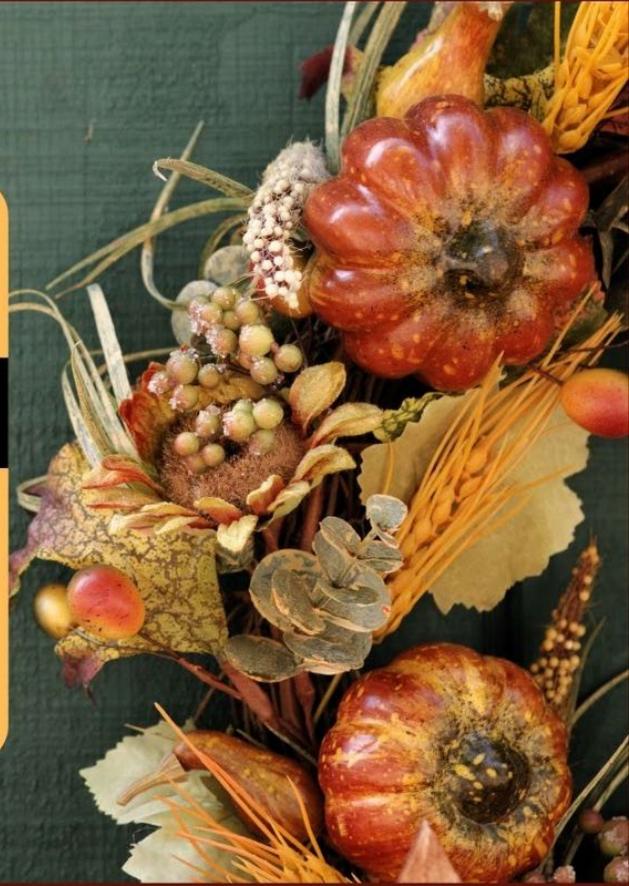


# WREATH MAKING

**NOVEMBER 22**  
**11 AM**

**FREE**

**AGES 16+**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**REQUIRED**





**Custer Senior Center Members**  
**Please join our**

# Thanksgiving Potluck

**Tuesday,  
November 25  
at 12:00 PM**

Members, please bring  
your favorite dish to share  
at our Thanksgiving  
Potluck as we come  
together to celebrate  
friendship and gratitude  
for all that the Senior  
Center brings to our  
community.

**538 Mt. Rushmore Rd.  
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CUSTER SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS



# *The Kitchen Band is Back!*



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 1PM



**CUSTER SENIOR CENTER**  
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**FREE**  
OPEN  
TO THE  
PUBLIC



ABOVE, THE KITCHEN BAND IS PICTURED PRACTICING THEIR TALENTS ALONGSIDE THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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](http://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

# Support Our Vets RAFFLE

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**PIZZA BASKET**



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**MOVIE BASKET**



**GRILL BASKET**



*Scan QR codes to view basket details*

# NOV 1-14

## WINNERS DRAWN ON NOVEMBER 17

*All baskets are on display at Black Hills Federal Credit Union >> 1135 Mt Rushmore Rd*



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*Extended  
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NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 24TH

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# MILITARY FAMILY MONTH

## IN APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO SERVE AND SUPPORT.

To celebrate Military Family Month, all YMCA locations across the Black Hills will offer a \$0 Joiner Fee for all active-duty service members, National Guard/reserves and military veterans during the month of November.

**A \$40 savings!**

To redeem this offer you must sign up in person at your preferred YMCA location with a valid military/government-issued photo ID. Other restrictions may apply. Offer valid November 1-30, 2025.

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EDGEMONT YMCA



## 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:

- **Stocking Stuffer:** Includes 2 flexible tickets
- **Secret Santa:** Includes 4 flexible tickets
- **Shout it From the Rooftop:** Includes 8 flexible tickets
- **Shining Star:** Includes 16 flexible tickets

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:

- ***The Complete History of America (Abridged)***
- ***1776***
- ***Come From Away***
- ***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](https://theatre605.org) starting November 1 or by calling **605.255.4141** starting November 4.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to share the magic of live theatre with loved ones while enjoying exceptional savings!



# NOVEMBER

**MONTH LONG BLACK FRIDAY DEALS**

**-10% OFF-**

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POTTERY - WOOD DECOR - WILLOWTREE  
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Black Hills National Forest

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**During the government shutdown, Personal Use Firewood Permits may be purchased at one of the offices below during the days/times indicated (please ring the bell or call the phone number listed)**

Office Location	Sundance, WY	Spearfish, SD	Rapid City, SD	Custer, SD
Day/Times				***
Monday (8am-1pm)		X	X	
Tuesday (8am-1pm)				X
Wednesday (8am-1pm)			X	
Thursday (8am-1pm)	X			
Friday (8am-4pm)	X	X	X	X

\*\*\* Beginning October 21, 2025

**Bearlodge Ranger District**  
101 S. 21<sup>st</sup> St  
Sundance, WY 82729  
(307) 283-1361 ext 3450

**Northern Hills Ranger District**  
2014 N. Main St  
Spearfish, SD 57783  
(605) 443-3055

**Mystic Ranger District**  
8221 Mount Rushmore Rd  
Rapid City, SD 57702  
(605) 716-1858

**Hell Canyon Ranger District**  
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Custer, SD 57730  
(605) 673-9292

**We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**

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# ADOPT A RESIDENT FOR CHRISTMAS



petite poinsettias for  
all residents at Custer  
Care & Rehab Center  
and Monument Health  
Assisted Living AND  
those in the Meals on  
Wheels Program

(will be delivered week of  
Thanksgiving)

\$20 each

A vertical rectangular graphic with a light beige background, decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The text is centered and reads:

**FALL  
HOURS  
UPDATE**

**ADVENTURE RENTALS &  
HOLLY'S CHIC BOUTIQUE**

**6 DAYS A WEEK  
8AM – 6PM**

**📍 HILL CITY CLOSED MONDAYS**  
**📍 CUSTER CLOSED TUESDAYS**

**COME ENJOY CRISP FALL DAYS  
WITH AN OFF-ROAD ADVENTURE  
OR A COZY SHOPPING TRIP**

 <b>Black Hills National Forest</b> <b>2025/2026 Off-Season Campground Information</b>						
Campground Name	Start of Reduced Off-Season Rates	Daily Fee	Units	Lake or Stream	Spur Length (Maximum)	Remarks
<b>Bearlodge</b>	Sept. 8	\$15	8	None	25 ft	Closes 12/15
<b>Beaver Creek</b>	Sept. 8 - Dec. 15	\$0	8	Beaver Creek	45 ft	Sites are outside of the main campground gate. Closes 12/15
<b>Bismarck Lake</b>	Sept. 29	\$15	5	Bismarck Lake	45 ft	Sites are outside of the main campground gate.
<b>Boxelder Forks</b>	Sept. 8 - Dec. 15	\$15	3	Boxelder Creek	45 ft	Sites are outside of the main campground gate.
<b>Black Fox</b>	Sept. 8 - Nov. 30	\$0	9	Rapid Creek	45 ft	Closes 12/1 for snowmobile routes.
<b>Castle Peak</b>	Sept. 8	\$0	9	Castle Creek	45 ft	Historic mining sites are available nearby.
<b>Comanche Park</b>	Sept. 8	\$15	5	None	25 ft	Sites are outside of the main campground gate.
<b>Cook Lake</b>	Sept. 8	\$4 Day Use \$15 Night	15	Cook Lake	45 ft	B Loop is open. All other loops are closed. Closes 12/15
<b>Custer Trail</b>	Sept. 8	\$0	16	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	
<b>Dalton Lake</b>	Sept. 8	\$15	11	Dalton Lake	45 ft	Closes 12/1 or as access allows due to snow
<b>Ditch Creek</b>	Sept. 8	\$0	13	Ditch Creek	50 ft	Off-season access may require a snowmobile or skis.
<b>Dutchman</b>	Sept. 8	\$0	9	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	Top Loop is open. All other loops are closed.
<b>Hanna</b>	Sept. 8	\$15	6 - Tent Only	Spearfish Creek	0 ft	Walk-in tent sites are open during the off-season.
<b>Redbank Springs</b>	Sept. 8 - Nov. 30	\$15	4	None	50 ft	Closes 12/01
<b>Reuter</b>	Sept. 8	\$15	24	None	30 ft	Closes 12/15
<b>Rod &amp; Gun</b>	Sept. 8 - Nov. 30	\$15	7	Little Spearfish	50 ft	Closes 12/1
<b>Roubaix</b>	Sept. 8	\$15	9	Roubaix Lake	25 ft	C Loop is open. All other loops are closed.
<b>Sheridan Lake South</b>	Sept. 29	\$15	30	Sheridan Lake	60 ft	Woodsy Loop is open. All other loops are closed.
<b>Summit Ridge Cabin</b>	Year Round	\$75	1	None	N/A	Reserve at <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> - Area roads are not maintained; off-season access may require a snowmobile or skis.
<b>Sundance (Horse Camp)</b>	Sept. 8	\$15	10	None	50 ft	Horse facility (corrals & stalls). No water after 09/11
<b>Timon</b>	Sept. 8 - Nov. 30	\$15	7	Little Spearfish	60 ft	Closes 12/1
<b>Whitetail</b>	Sept. 8	\$0	17	Deerfield Lake	50 ft	Lower Loop (including toilet) is open. Upper Loop is closed.
<b>Closed for the Off-Season on Sept. 8:</b>		<b>Bear Gulch Group Campground, Dalton, Grizzly, Pactola Reservoir, Sheridan Lake North Group Sites, Steamboat Rock, and Strawberry.</b>				
<b>Closed for the Off-Season on Sept 29:</b>		<b>Bismarck, Horsethief Lake, and Oreville. NOTE: Oreville Campground and Iron Creek and Willow Creek Horse Camps are open through October 31 (Weather Permitting).</b>				
* 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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SUNDAY 12P - 4P

 244 MAIN STREET

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## NEWS FROM THE STATE

## Government Shutdown Alert

Because of the federal government shutdown, *www.doi.gov* is not being updated and will not be able to respond to inquiries until appropriations are enacted. For more information please visit: <https://www.doi.gov/shutdown>

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## Operations in the Absence of Appropriations

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# PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wed., Nov. 5, 2025

CONTACT: [Katlyn Svendsen](#), Global Public Relations & Content Services Senior Director, Travel South Dakota

### Travel South Dakota Brings the Spirit of The Mount Rushmore State to the 2026 Rose Parade<sup>®</sup>

PIERRE, S.D. – Travel South Dakota will kick off America's 250th anniversary celebration on one of the nation's most iconic stages: the Rose Parade<sup>®</sup> presented by Honda. On Jan. 1, 2026, the state will roll through Pasadena with its most spectacular float yet, showcasing South Dakota's spirit, beauty and adventure to millions of viewers around the world.

**Travel South Dakota's** float, named "Carved in Stone; A Legacy of Teamwork" will feature larger-than-life icons, cultural treasures, and the bold spirit that defines South Dakota with the focal point being Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The float will feature nearly 40,000 floral elements, including corn, wheat, sunflowers, textured rust cornsilk for the bison's coat, and light blue iris petals.

Parade viewers can expect the state's famous faces to rise above a landscape bursting with adventure, from thundering bison and the cultural reverence of the Dignity: of Earth and Sky sculpture to iconic native grasses and florals that showcase South Dakota's beauty.

Nearly 15 million visitors journey to South Dakota each year to marvel at its monuments and explore the state's wide-open spaces, agritourism offerings, and unique cities. The float celebrates those unforgettable experiences while introducing the world to the flavors, heritage, and sense of wonder that make South Dakota more than just a stop along the way.

"As we kick off 2026 and our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, our goal is to showcase the majesty of South Dakota to millions of viewers watching the parade around the world," said James Hagen, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism. "With our float, we're highlighting the iconic landmarks that define South Dakota, and sharing some of our hidden treasures that make us an unforgettable destination."

South Dakota's celebration in southern California will extend beyond the parade. During Decorator's Week in Pasadena, the Travel South Dakota team will offer immersive experiences that give visitors a taste of the state, including locally inspired treats, interactive moments, and social media sharing opportunities.



This is **Travel South Dakota's** second appearance in the Rose Parade, the first being 10 years ago in 2016. Travel **South Dakota's** 2026 "Carved in Stone; A Legacy of Teamwork" float is being designed and built by Artistic Entertainment Services.

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: [See this link for a photo](#) of the rendering of Travel South Dakota's "Carved in Stone; A Legacy of Teamwork" 2026 float.

About the Pasadena Tournament of Roses<sup>®</sup> and Rose Parade<sup>®</sup> presented by Honda:

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses<sup>®</sup> is a volunteer organization that hosts America's New Year Celebration<sup>®</sup> with the Rose Parade<sup>®</sup> presented by Honda, the Rose Bowl Game<sup>®</sup> presented by Prudential and a variety of accompanying events. The Association's 935 Members supply more than 80,000 volunteer hours, which will drive the success of the 137<sup>th</sup> Rose Parade, themed "The Magic in Teamwork," on Thursday, January 1, 2026, followed by the College Football Quarterfinal at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential. Visit [www.tournamentofroses.com](http://www.tournamentofroses.com), follow us on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [YouTube](#) and [X](#), and like us on [Facebook](#).

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**BHPFA Supports Women's Stewardship Project on Black Elk Peak Trail**

**Custer, S.D. — Oct 29** — At the beginning of October, Black Hills Parks & Forests Association partnered with Wilderness Volunteers and SheJumps to host a women's stewardship project in the Black Hills.

The weeklong project brought together 10 women from across the country for hands-on leadership training to prepare them to co-lead future Wilderness Volunteers projects nationwide. The effort was funded through a grant partnership with the National Forest Foundation and Athletic Brewing Company. The organizations provided full scholarships for all participants to attend the training.

Despite adjustments due to the recent federal government shutdown, the group's impact was substantial. Volunteers cleared overgrown vegetation and trimmed brush along two miles of trail and built more than 80 drainage features to improve erosion control and water management on the Custer State Park portion of the popular Black Elk Peak Trail 9 South.

"We are grateful for the support of the trail crew and leadership at Custer State Park, who helped us pivot due to the government shutdown," said Andrea Fountain, Program Manager for BHPFA. "We helped Custer State Park with much needed work that has a positive effect on our Forest Service partner, too, since Trail 9 starts in Custer State Park and continues into Black Hills National Forest. This project provided valuable hands-on experience and equipped participants with the skills to lead future conservation efforts across the United States."

The collaboration exemplifies how partnership, stewardship, and shared purpose can empower women leaders and strengthen the future of public lands.

**About Black Hills Parks & Forests Association**

Black Hills Parks & Forests Association is a nonprofit partner supporting education, interpretation, and conservation efforts across national parks, forests, and grasslands in the Black Hills and Nebraska Panhandle. Through retail operations, donor support, and project funding, BHPFA helps protect public lands and enhance the visitor experience.

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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.

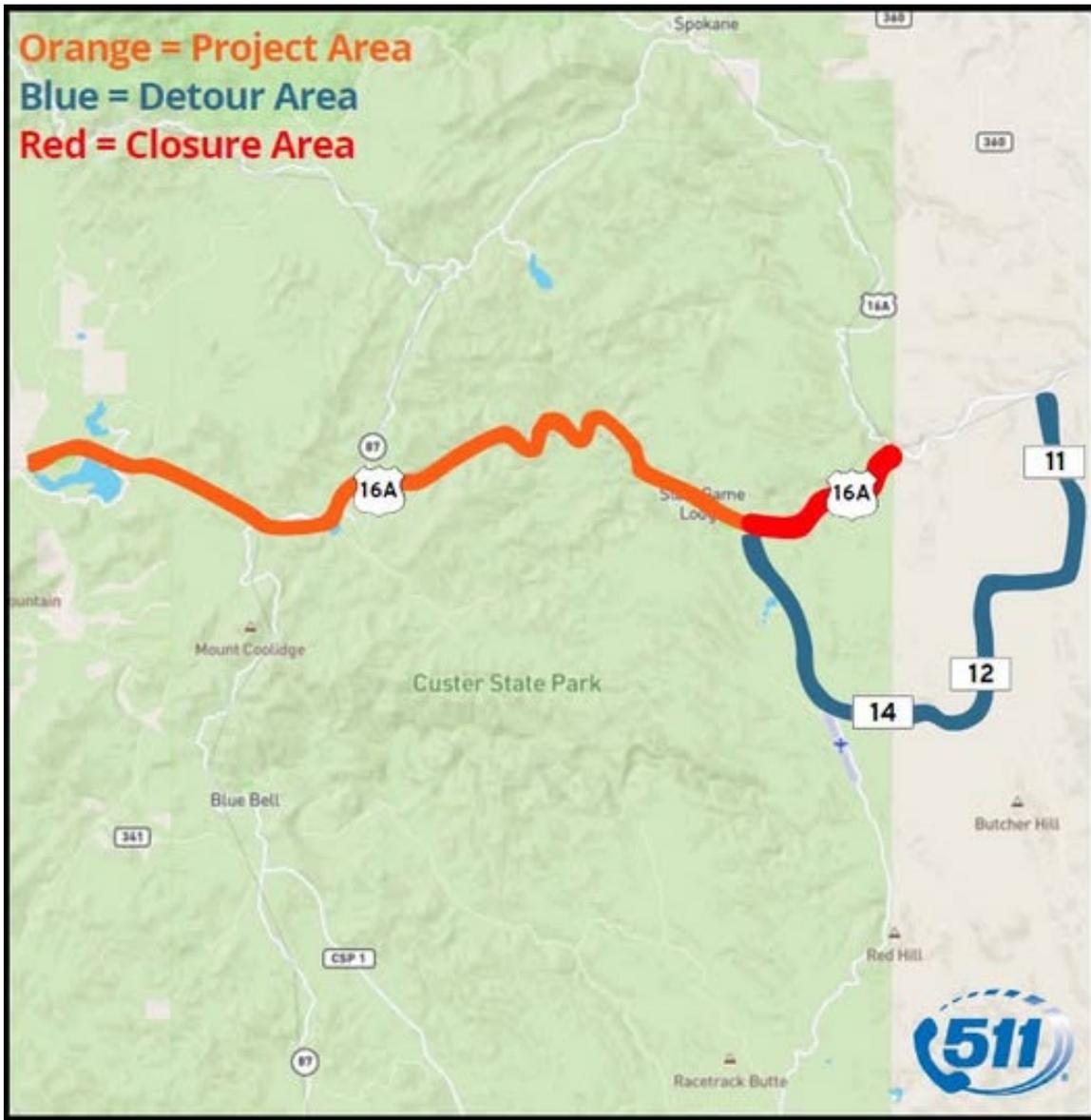
Highway 16A will be closed from the intersections of Highway 16A/Iron Mountain Road to Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop. This closure will be in place until April 2026. Additional work will include replacing multiple pipe culverts, building gabion walls, and mill and overlay asphalt from Custer State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

*#SDDOT #SD511*



## South Dakota DOT Update





## Project Update

**Monday, Nov. 3, 2025**

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, construction crews continue to work on the roadway.
  - The intersection of Custer Gulch Road and U.S. Highway 385 has been temporarily moved 300 feet to the north. A temporary diversion is in place while the contractor places a pre-cast box culvert.
- Roadway grading is taking place between Sheridan Lake Road and McCurdy Gulch Road.
  - The contractor is working to move traffic from the diversion just north of Sheridan Lake Road to the new roadway alignment, which is over the newly completed box culvert. By Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, all traffic movements will be switched in this location.

Upcoming Construction:

- Over the winter, the roadway within the construction area will be a combination of pavement, blotter (hard, packed roadway surface that resembles asphalt), and gravel driving surfaces. Gravel surfacing will be in place on 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.



[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.

### *Visit Route Reimagined*

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# Custer Senior Center

## November Activities

Custer Senior Center Activities Calendar - NOVEMBER 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NOTE: ** Until Further Notice Center Hours will be 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM **</b> <b>BUY YOUR TICKET FOR THE HOLIDAY RAFFLE BASKET BEFORE DECEMBER 15</b>						
Center will be closed November 11 in honor of Veterans Day November 27 & 28 Thanksgiving Day and the following day		<b>PRAIRIE HILLS TRANSIT BUS</b> Transit Bus to Rapid City from the Center 1st & 3rd Thursdays Leaves Custer between 7:00-8:00 AM - Arrives Custer At 3:00 PM CALL 1-877-873-3687 24 Hours in Advance for Reservations. \$20 Rapid City Round Trip - \$4 Round Trip for Custer Destinations				
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
 SET YOUR CLOCK'S BACK 1 HR	7:00 AM Fitness Time 8:00 AM Morning Coffee 9:00 AM Men's Pool 9:00 AM PROGRAMS & WAYS & MEANS MEETING 12:00 PM Pinchle	7:00 AM Fitness Time 8:00 AM Morning Coffee	1:00 PM Ladies Billards	<b>TRANSIT BUS TO RAPID &amp; RETURN</b> 7:00 AM Fitness Time 8:00 AM Morning Coffee 12:00-3:00 PM 1881 COURTHOUSE MUSEUM HOSTS SOUTHERN BLACK HILLS MUSEUM ALLIANCE KICK-OFF MEETING	7:00 AM Fitness Time 8:00 AM Morning Coffee 9:00 AM LINE DANCING-2 10:00 AM LINE DANCING-1 11:00 AM STRENGTH STEP & STRETCH 12:30 PM Bingo 2:30 PM Newsletter Meeting	
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	7:00 AM Fitness Time 8:00 AM Morning Coffee 9:00 AM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG	 <b>CLOSED CENTER</b>	9:00 AM-3:00 PM SHINE MEDICARE INFO SHARE <b>REQUIRES APPOINTMENT</b> 1:00 PM Ladies Billards 1:00 PM PAINT CLASS W/TAMI SHOWERS	7:00 AM Fitness Time 8:00 AM Morning Coffee	7:00 AM Fitness Time 8:00 AM Morning Coffee 9:00 AM LINE DANCING-2 10:00 AM LINE DANCING-1 12:30 PM Bingo	
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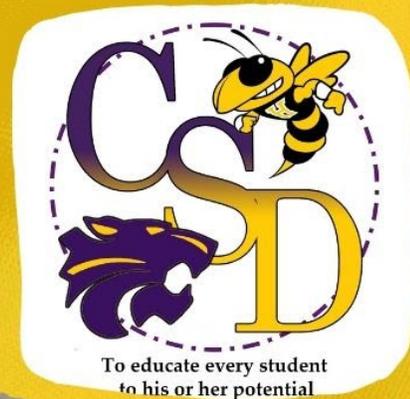
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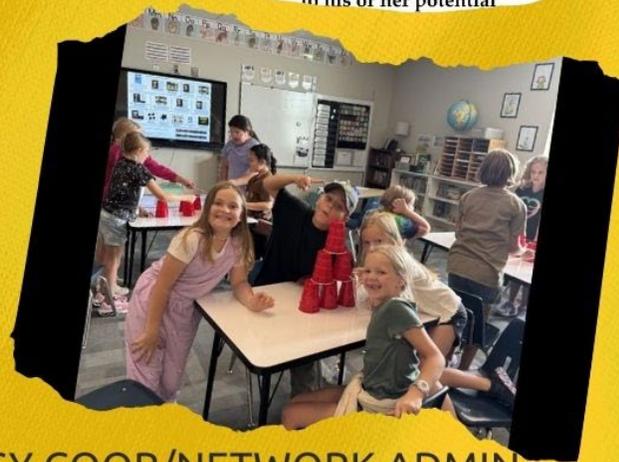
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