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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

◆◆ **Happy Halloween from the Custer Chamber!** ◆◆

As we head into one of the most festive weekends of the season, the Custer Area Chamber of Commerce wishes everyone a safe and *spooktacular* Halloween!

Don't forget to join us **tomorrow, October 31, from 4–6 PM** for our annual **Merchants Trick-or-Treat** event. Local businesses throughout downtown Custer will be ready with candy, costumes, and community fun. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday and support our local merchants—so bring the kids, dress up, and enjoy a frightfully good time!

◆◆ **Merchants:** If you haven't already signed up to participate, there's still time! Just give the Chamber a call and we'll get you added to the list.

And before you turn in after all the treats, remember that **Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend**—so be sure to **turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night (or early Sunday morning)**.

Have a safe, fun, and happy Halloween from all of us at the Chamber! ◆◆

TRICK-or-TREAT

Participants



Custer Chamber
Sons of the Legion
Little Tom's Mercantile
First Interstate Bank
Classic Car Trunk or Treat Car Show
S & B Motors & State Farm
Our Place
Lynn's Dakotamart
Pizza Mill
Subway
McGas
Black Hills Federal Credit Union
Ace Hardware
Miners Cup
Dollar General
Black Hills Parks & Forest
Quilted Buffalo
Deep Creek Art Gallery
VFW POST 3442
Custer Post Office - til 5 pm
Holy Smokes
On the Water
RP Lumber - til 5 pm
CMA Rushmore Thunder
Pizza Hut
Rise
CCRT
Western Skies Real Estate
Carson Drug
Buglin Bull

Good Karma
Custer Dental Studio
Custer County Library
Skogen Kitchen
Art Expressions
Custer Co Candy Co
Black Hills Burger & Pizza
South Dakota Outdoor Shop
Petals & Pages
Corner Pantry
Edward Jones
Kris Zerbe & Jared Slagle
Rocket Motel
Common Cents
Sentinel Federal Credit Union
Trunk or Treat
Family Dollar
The Custer Beacon
Highmark Federal Credit Union
Southern Hills Title
The Custer Wolf
Gold Pan
Calamity Jane
Custer County Chronicle
Custer Senior Center



Driving:
Custer Care & Rehab
Holiday Inn



Dawn Murray
Executive Director

2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

[Click to download calendar](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 31st

Custer Merchant's Trick-Or-Treat
4:00PM-6:00PM

November 20th

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



MERCHANTS TRICKS AND TREATS

OCT 31ST | FROM 4:00-6:00 PM

STOP BY PARTICIPATING LOCAL
BUSINESSES FROM 4-6PM FOR A FUN
EVENING OF TRICK-OR-TREATING

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



OR VISIT
WWW.CUSTERSD.COM







CUSTER
Chamber of Commerce

FALL BINGO *Night*

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER

START AT 6 PM - 8 PM
@ Gold Pan Saloon

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18 27 12 11 07 04 30



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

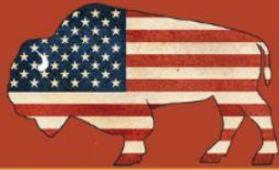
FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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[®]

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

THANK YOU SPONSORS

GRIM REAPER

BARE BONES



PHANTOM



TALLGRASS
Landscape Architecture

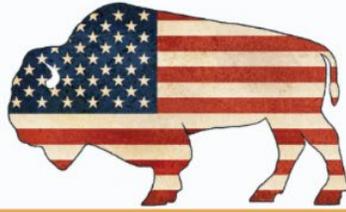


CUSTER
Chamber of Commerce

Happy Thanksgiving

The Chamber office will close at
noon on Wednesday, November
26th and remain closed until
Monday, December 1st





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.

1. 1880 Train
2. 1881 Courthouse Museum
3. 21 Electric
4. A & B Business Solutions
5. A Walk in the Woods
6. Abundant Life Fellowship of Custer SD

132. Highmark Credit Union
133. Hills Inn
134. HJEM am
135. Holiday Inn Express
136. Homestead Carpet Care
137. Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream

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| 7. Aflac -Carol Perrigo | 138. Hounds, Pugs, and Hugs |
| 8. Al Cornella Refrigeration | 139. J & M Lawn Care |
| 9. All Net Connections | 140. Jacqueline Hartwick |
| 10. ALPHA Builders, LLC | 141. JAM Heating and Cooling LLC |
| 11. American Family Insurance- Ronni Calvird Agency | 142. Jewel Cave National Monument |
| 12. American Legion Post #46 | 143. John & Diana Carson |
| 13. Aspen Federal Credit Union | 144. Jon G Gindhart, D.C., PLLC. |
| 14. Aspen+Pine Realty | 145. Jorgensen Log Homes Inc |
| 15. Bakers Bakery | 146. JQ Clothing Co |
| 16. Bavarian Inn | 147. K & S Stagecoach Stop |
| 17. Bear Country USA | 148. K2 Masonry & Concrete Inc |
| 18. Beaver Lake Campground | 149. Ketel Thorstenson |
| 19. Beecher Rock Vehicle Storage | 150. Kieffer Sanitation |
| 20. Begging Burro Mexican Bistro and Tequila Bar | 151. Kitchens by Karla |
| 21. Best Western | 152. Lampert Properties |
| 22. Big Pine Campground | 153. Lasting Impressions Unlimited |
| 23. Black Hills Balloons | 154. Laurie Arthur |
| 24. Black Hills Bronco Adventures | 155. Lenny Merriam CPA, CFE, PLLC |
| 25. Black Hills Burger & Pizza Co | 156. LFC Veterinary Service |
| 26. Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial | 157. Living Outreach Church |
| 27. Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc | 158. LJ's Recovery and Transport, LLC |
| 28. Black Hills Energy | 159. Local Black Hills |
| 29. Black Hills Federal Credit Union | 160. Lynn's Dakotamart |
| 30. Black Hills Parks & Forests Association | 161. Marci & John O'Connell |
| 31. Black Hills Pizza Hut | 162. Maria's Mexican Restaurant |
| 32. Black Hills Playhouse | 163. McCoy PC dba Custer Lawyer PLLC |
| 33. Black Hills Power Bikes Rentals and Boutique | 164. McGas Propane |
| 34. Black Hills Preservation Project | 165. Mickelson Trail Affiliates, LLC |
| 35. Blind Guy Custom Window Coverings | 166. Miner's Cup, LLC |
| 36. Bradeen Real Estate and Auctions | 167. Moccasin Springs |
| 37. Branch Construction Services, LLC | 168. Monument Health- Custer Hospital/Clinic |
| 38. Buffalo Ridge Camp Resorts | 169. Mountainview Baptist Church |
| 39. Buglin' Bull | 170. Mt Rushmore Brewing Co./ Pounding Fathers |
| 40. Busy Ewe Farm & Fiber | 171. Murray Auto Repair LLC |
| 41. Calamity Jane Kitchen | 172. My XO Adventures |
| 42. Calamity Peak Lodge | 173. NARFE |
| 43. Carr Electric, Co, LLC | 174. Nelson's Oil & Gas |
| 44. Carson Drug | 175. New Trails Ministry, Inc |
| 45. Certified Folder Display Service, Inc | 176. Nielsen Enterprises, LLC |
| 46. Chalet Motel | 177. NXTLAW PC |
| 47. Chamberlain McColleys Funeral Home | 178. Operation Black Hills Cabins |
| 48. Chapel in the Hills | 179. Our Place |
| 49. Charley and Norma Najacht | 180. Our Quilty Things |
| 50. Chief Motel | 181. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church |
| 51. Christy Chamberlain & Bob Reich | 182. Outlaw Ranch |
| 52. City of Custer | 183. Pain & Movement Solutions |
| 53. Claw Antler and Hide | 184. Patti & Jim Lee |
| 54. Colleen Hennesy and Jim Frank | 185. PDQ Construction |
| 55. Comfort Inn & Suites | 186. Peaceful Meadows |
| 56. Common Cents | 187. Petals & Pages |
| 57. Community Education of the BH | 188. Pizza Mill |
| 58. Crazy Horse Memorial | 189. Pleasant Valley Farm and Cabins LLC |
| 59. Custer Ace Hardware | 190. Plenty Star Ranch Retreat |
| 60. Custer Ambulance Service | 191. Prairie Hills Transit |
| 61. Custer Area Arts Council | 192. Premier Family Eyecare |
| 62. Custer Cares | 193. Purple Pie Place |

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| 63. Custer Chiropractic, PC | 194. Pye-Barker Fire & Safety |
| 64. Custer City Masonic Lodge #66 | 195. Rabbit Bicycle Rental & Repair |
| 65. Custer County Airport | 196. Reed's Chimney Sweeping, Handyman & Caretaking |
| 66. Custer County Candy Company | 197. Regency CSP Resorts |
| 67. Custer County Chronicle | 198. Reptile Gardens |
| 68. Custer County Conservation District | 199. Rise Custer |
| 69. Custer County Democratic Party | 200. Road Runner Inc |
| 70. Custer County Library Foundation | 201. Rock Solid |
| 71. Custer County Republicans | 202. Rocket Motel |
| 72. Custer Dental Studio | 203. Rod and Avis Converse |
| 73. Custer Golf Corp/ Rocky Knolls Golf Course | 204. Ronald McDonald Charities |
| 74. Custer Heating & Air Conditioning | 205. RP Lumber Co Inc |
| 75. Custer Lions Club | 206. Rush Mountain Adventure Park |
| 76. Custer Lutheran Fellowship | 207. Rushmore Photo & Gift, Inc |
| 77. Custer Mile High Garden Club | 208. Rushmore Vacation Rentals |
| 78. Custer Mt. Rushmore KOA | 209. Sage Creek Grille |
| 79. Custer Piecemaker Quilt Guild | 210. Sentinel Federal Credit Union |
| 80. Custer Rotary | 211. Servall Uniforms & Linens |
| 81. Custer Senior Center | 212. Sew What |
| 82. Custer State Farm- Steve Engelbrecht Agent | 213. Shady Rest Motel |
| 83. Custer State Park | 214. Shepherd of the Hills |
| 84. Custer Subway | 215. Simon Contractors of SD, Inc |
| 85. Custer's Gulch RV Park & Campground | 216. Skogen Kitchen |
| 86. Custer's Rendezvous | 217. Sleep Better South Dakota, LLC |
| 87. Dacotah Bank | 218. Sousleys HillBilly Barbeque Catering |
| 88. Dakota Greens - Custer Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc. | 219. South Dakota Outdoor Shop |
| 89. Dakota Photographic | 220. South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation |
| 90. Dave's Rock Shop | 221. Southern Hills Animal Clinic |
| 91. Days Inn | 222. Southern Hills Family Medicine, PLLC |
| 92. Deep Creek Art Gallery | 223. Southern Hills Law, PLLC |
| 93. DGR Engineering | 224. Southern Hills Tactical |
| 94. Diane Dennis | 225. Southern Hills Title Co. |
| 95. Don & Arlayne Barmore | 226. Splish Splash Car, RV and Dog Wash |
| 96. Double Diamond Ranch | 227. Spokane Creek Cabins & Camp |
| 97. Eagle's Landing Lodge | 228. Sprockets Fun Foundry |
| 98. Early Learner Custer | 229. St John the Baptist Catholic Church |
| 99. Econolodge | 230. Star Ridge Advetisments |
| 100. Edward Jones- Mark Koch | 231. Starr Insurance |
| 101. Edward Jones-Jared Slagel | 232. Stars and Stripes by Steph |
| 102. Edward Jones-Kris Zerbe | 233. Steele Collision & Glass |
| 103. Elk Haven Vacation Cabins | 234. Steve and Yolanda Davis |
| 104. enCore Energy Corp | 235. Stockade Lake Cabin |
| 105. EO Bungalows | 236. Studt Construction, Inc |
| 106. Evergreen Media | 237. Sturgis Mustang Rally |
| 107. Faith Lewis Real Estate Inc | 238. Sunset RV Park |
| 108. Feel Good Café | 239. Sunshine Storage |
| 109. First Choice Lock and Key | 240. Super 8 |
| 110. First Interstate Bank | 241. Sweet Clover and Sage Salon |
| 111. Floors and More Cleaning and Restoration | 242. Sylvan Rocks Climbing School and Guide Service |
| 112. Four Mile Old West Town & Campground | 243. Tallgrass Landscape Architecture |
| 113. Fred & Wendy Hlava | 244. Tanglewood Estate |
| 114. Freedom Hills Wealth Management | 245. Tennyson Investments |
| 115. Freeman's Electric Service, Inc. | 246. The Cruisin' Canvas |
| 116. French Creek Campground & RV Park | 247. The Custer Beacon |
| 117. French Creek Supply- NAPA Auto Parts | 248. The Mammoth Site |
| 118. French Creek Tree Fellers, LLC | 249. Thomas Home Improvement |

- 119. Frenchy's Hideaways
- 120. George Mickelson Trail
- 121. Gideons International Southern Hills Camp
- 122. Gold Camp Cabins, LLC
- 123. Gold Pan Saloon/ Calamity Jane
- 124. Gold Valley Camp
- 125. Golden West Telecommunications
- 126. Good Karma Jewelry
- 127. Green Owl Media
- 128. Grizzly Gulch Adventure Golf
- 129. Growing Roots, Inc
- 130. H&R Block
- 131. Harney Peak Chapter, NSDAR

- 250. Travel Custer
- 251. United Way of the Black Hills
- 252. Valhalla Legal, PLLC
- 253. Vector Design Print and Tech
- 254. VFW Post #3442
- 255. Vineyard Black Hills
- 256. Western Skies Real Estate
- 257. Western Tire Chain LLC
- 258. Windsong Valley Gardens
- 259. World Fossil Finders Museum
- 260. Xanterra
- 261. YMCA
- 262. Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills



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

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#Membership Monday

This Week's Membership Spotlight! We're excited to shine the spotlight on one of our newer Chamber members — *Grant Administration & Consulting LLC*! Here's what Judith had to say about her services

Grant Administration & Consulting LLC and Judith Stanton, MBA provide strategic grant research, writing, and management form the foundation of our mission to support and empower communities. Our proficiency in grant

research, proposal development, and fund administration is driven by dedicated leadership and a collaborative team environment. We are committed to delivering exceptional value to our stakeholders, ensuring their projects attain long-term success through rigorous strategic planning, comprehensive research, and organizational excellence."

AREA EVENTS



**CUSTER COUNTY
LIBRARY**

SEASONAL TAKE-N-MAKE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY FRONT DESK



We have creative kits for
ages 0-5 & general audience.
Ask a librarian for your supply kit
Oct. 20th - 31st!
Get yours before they're gone!



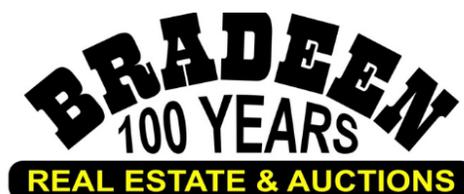
CUSTER CITY, COUNTY & SCHOOL SURPLUS AUCTION

**Online Bidding Closes WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 29TH, 2025, 3:00 PM MST
Settlement at Bradeen Auctions, 9 W.
Mt. Rushmore Rd. Custer, SD: Friday,
October 31st, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**



Selling a large variety of **SURPLUS** property
for Custer County Sheriff's Department,
Custer City & Custer School District.

Highlights include: Hustler 340 w/snow plow; Hustler 400 w/snow plow; Hustler 640 Hillsider w/plow & mower deck; 1986 Chevy Diesel w/plow & sander; 1998 Dodge 3500 Dump Truck, works; 2005 Dodge Ram 2500 w/western snow plow; (2) 2009 Chevy Suburban; (2) Utility Trailers; John Deere F935 Sweeper; Disk 3 Pt.; 2 Bottom Plow 3pt.; Roller Packer; 2015 Chevy Tahoe, burnt transmission; 2015 Dodge Durango, Bad brain module; 2017 Dodge Durango, Bad brain module; 2018 Dodge Charger, Drive shaft broke w/ cracked housing. LARGE ASSORTMENT OF OFFICE/SCHOOL FURNITURE & COMPUTER-RELATED ITEMS OF ALL TYPES AND MISC.





Ron Bradeen - Jeff Storm - Travis Mayer, Auctioneers
605-673-2629 • Custer, SD
www.bradeenauction.com

\$5
Entry fee

**HAUNTED
ARMORY**

30-31 OCTOBER 2025
700 PM - 900 PM

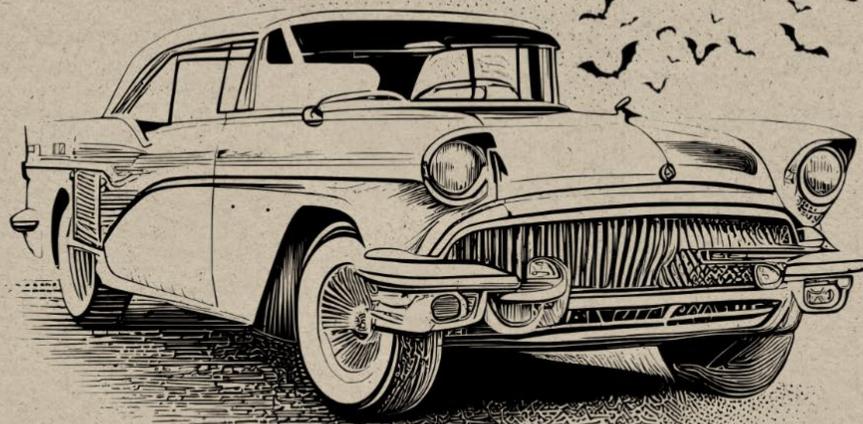
527 MONTGOMERY STREET. CUSTER SD.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE GIRLS
WRESTLING TEAM**



CLASSIC CAR TRUNK OR TREAT



A twist on our normal Show & Shine event. The event will take place during the Merchant's Trick or Treat. Bring your classic car down to S&B Motor Parts and candy for the Trick or Treaters! Bonus for costumes...you or your car!

****There is no registration fee for this event. All are welcome!**

 S&B MOTOR PARTS, 700 MT. RUSHMORE RD, CUSTER

31

OCTOBER

4PM-6PM

**PRESENTED
BY:**

**Custer
StateFarm**



S&B

MOTOR

PARTS

Custer, SD



CALLING ALL GHOSTS, WITCHES AND
SUPERHEROS!



**SENTINEL FCU IS THRILLED TO
SAY WE ARE HAVING A TRUNK
OR TREAT IN OUR PARKING LOT**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST

4:00PM TO 7:00PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!





The Old Prospector

November 1, 2025

2:30 pm

Pine Room
Custer County Library

presentation by

Kenny Hargens



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



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

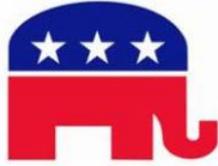
**** Note Date Change ****

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.

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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.



Custer County Republicans

The Custer County Republicans will meet Tuesday, November 4, 5:30 pm in the Pine Room. Our speaker will be Brenden Hendrickson, Manager of the Custer County Airport, and he will be updating us on the current airport facility and activity, and give us a preview of what's to come.

Please RSVP to CCRepubs@goldenwest.net to get a headcount for food.

Check us out on Facebook at CusterCountySDRepublicans

Or online at <https://www.custercountyrepublicans.org/custer-sd-republicans>



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



Join us for a
Ladies Night Out

November 6th 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



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PARKS &
FORESTS
ASSOCIATION

www.bhpfpa.org | 605-745-7020

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



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 24th 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 31st.
- More questions? Contact the Custer Co Democrats at ccsddp21info@gmail.com.

stART Talking Sponsors





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





Workforce Knowledge Series

Discover opportunities and programs to help your business/organization.

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

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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
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Miner's cup will be catering
lunch.



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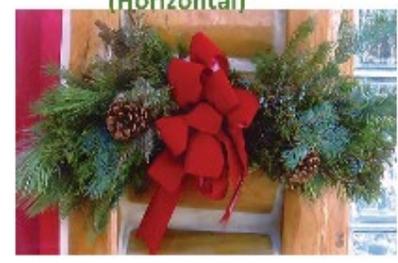
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Funds support Custer Library gardening programs and resource material, scholarships, area gardening projects at Black Hills Playhouse and Custer Museum, County Fair Horticulture program, Gold Discovery Days Flower Show, Summer Garden Tour.

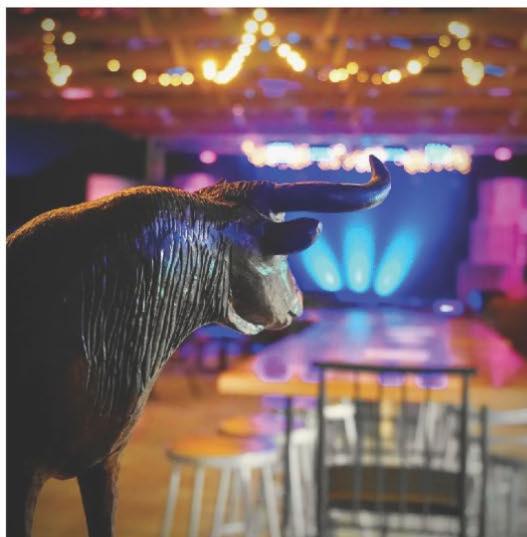
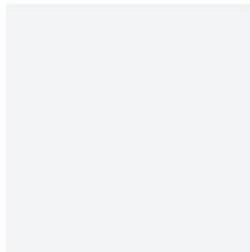
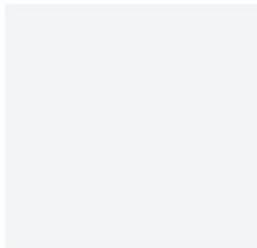


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The Edward Jones offices of Kris Zerbe, Mark Koch, and Jared Slagle invite all fellow Custer Chamber members to their Chamber Mixer November 20th at The Custer Beacon.

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

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Erik Hjortnaes from
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18th Annual **Stuff-A-Truck** FOOD DRIVE

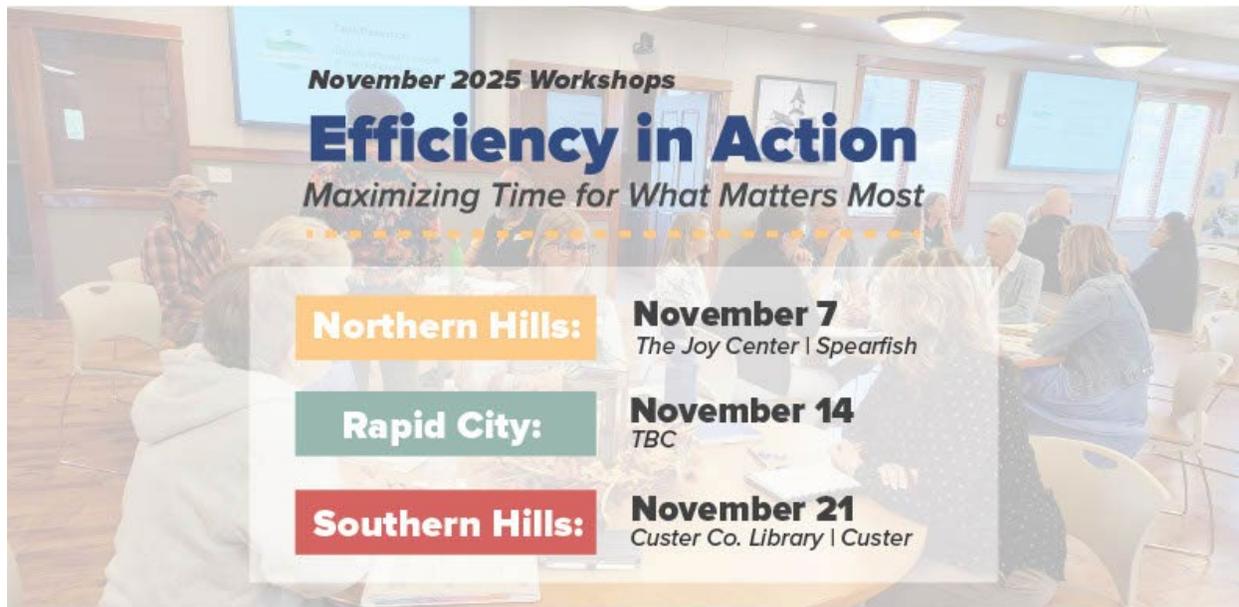
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| Canned fruit cocktail | Canned cranberry sauce |
| Canned mandarin oranges | Canned green beans |
| Cake mix | Canned corn |
| Tubs of frosting | Stuffing mix |
| Large boxes of jello | |

**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.



Tools for Optimizing Workflows & Maximizing Productivity

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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.

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- 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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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 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!



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Theatre 605: Formerly the Black Hills Playhouse, Celebrates Ribbon-Cutting in Sioux Falls

For Immediate Release

South Dakota — The nonprofit organization Theatre 605, previously known as The Black Hills Playhouse Inc., has unveiled a new umbrella brand that brings together its expanded programming and emphasizes its impact across the state. Meet Theatre 605...You've Known Us All Along.

To commemorate this exciting new phase, the organization will hold ribbon-cutting events throughout South Dakota in the coming months. The Sioux Falls Celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Theatre, located at 1700 E 6th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

Earlier this year, Theatre 605-Sioux Falls relocated to a new space within Wesley United Methodist Church in the Whittier Neighborhood. This expanded facility includes two offices, a Costume Shop area, Prop, Set, and Storage areas, and the Fellowship Theatre, where the organization successfully hosted its first Sioux Falls day camp this past summer.

Theatre 605 continues to enrich lives through the arts, providing theatre experiences and outreach opportunities to thousands. The new name, Theatre 605, represents a cohesive corporate identity aimed at helping people recognize the organization's extensive impact throughout South Dakota.

As Theatre 605 embarks on this new chapter, audiences can anticipate the same level of professional artistry, community connection, and creative excellence that have characterized the organization for nearly 80 years. With a name reflecting its statewide reach and enduring spirit, Theatre 605 is poised to continue inspiring creativity across South Dakota.

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The Black Hills Playhouse Has Announced An Expanded Name and New Look

The non-profit corporation, long known as The Black Hills Playhouse, Inc, has officially entered a new chapter with an expanded name and a bold new look: Theatre 605.

For Immediate Release

South Dakota — The nonprofit corporation, The Black Hills Playhouse, Inc., has officially adopted a new umbrella brand to cohesively link expanded programming and to emphasize its statewide impact. Meet Theatre 605.

For nearly 80 years, the Black Hills Playhouse has been a cornerstone of South Dakota's performing arts community, welcoming audiences to its historic theatre nestled in Custer State Park. Now, under the new corporate umbrella of Theatre 605, the organization hopes to highlight its statewide presence while staying true to its roots. The Black Hills Playhouse name will continue as the Black Hills Playhouse, a division of Theatre 605.

"**You've known us all along.**" says the organization's campaign tagline, a nod to the many ways people across South Dakota have experienced its work. For some, it's the unforgettable summer theatre experience in the Black Hills. For others, it's the transformative educational programming that has reached schools and communities across the state.

A Broader Vision for Statewide Impact

Over the past decade, Theatre 605's mission and programming have grown far beyond the borders of Custer State Park. Its **education headquarters in Sioux Falls** has enriched lives through the arts for more than 25 years, offering theatre experiences and outreach programs to thousands of participants.

"This rebrand allows us to clearly communicate who we've become," said Linda Anderson, Theatre 605's Executive Director. "Our mission, values, and programming remain the same. We're simply embracing a name that reflects our statewide dedication to bringing quality theatre to all."

A Look at Theatre 605's Programs

- **The Black Hills Playhouse:**
The beloved summer stock theatre at the heart of Theatre 605 is the only professional regional theatre in South Dakota. It employs talented artists from across the country and has been inspiring audiences for nearly eight decades.

- **Theatre 605 Tours (formerly Children's Theatre Company of South Dakota and Dakota Players):**
For 26 years, these tours have brought exceptional theatre education to communities across South Dakota and beyond, led by professional artists who inspire creativity, confidence, and imagination in young performers.
- **Theatre 605 Jr. (formerly BHP Jr. Camps):**
Since 2016, these youth theatre camps have empowered hundreds of young people to discover their voices, build confidence, and form lasting friendships through the magic of theatre.
- **Expanding Stage:**
Partnering with organizations such as DakotAbilities and LifeScape, Expanding Stage provides inclusive performance opportunities for children and adults of all abilities. Since 2013, it has fostered creativity, accessibility, and empowerment through the arts.

Commitment to South Dakota

Theatre 605 remains deeply committed to creating theatre that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes diversity, engaging individuals of all backgrounds to build community and opportunity through the transformative power of performance.

As Theatre 605 embarks on this new chapter, audiences can look forward to the same professional artistry, community connection, and creative excellence that have defined the organization for nearly 80 years, now with a name that reflects its statewide reach and enduring spirit. [To learn more about this rebrand, click here.](#)

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A Halloween-themed promotional banner for Good Karma Jewelry. The background is a dark blue night sky with yellow stars and two yellow bat silhouettes. At the top center is a wooden sign with the text "GOOD KARMA JEWELRY" and "Custer, SD" below it. The main text "20% OFF ETSY SPOOKY SALE" is in large, white, distressed font. Below it is the date "10/4-10/31". The bottom section features a dark silhouette of a landscape with two houses and a hill, with the text "PLUS FREE DOMESTIC SHIPPING!" in white.

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Few things are more rewarding — or challenging — than owning your own business. And because it's become an integral part of your life, you'll need a comprehensive financial strategy for your future, your business and your family.

Your business

Having the appropriate investment and protection strategies is a critical step in helping you reach your goals.

Your employees

Offering a retirement plan can help attract and retain quality employees and may provide tax advantages.

Your family

Establishing a strategy can help you and your family save for multiple goals — such as retirement and education — and prepare for the unexpected.

Your exit strategy

Developing strategies is important so you can protect the value of your business, help retain key employees and provide for an orderly transition when you leave.

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A vertical rectangular graphic with a light beige background. It is decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown, scattered around the text. 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

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

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



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Custer Senior Center's Intergenerational Program

Join our Senior-to-Senior Mentorship Program

What is this program?

This fall and spring, **the Custer Senior Center and Custer High School are teaming up to connect two generations.** High school seniors can choose to be paired with community seniors to guide them through their Senior Project. Each senior citizen mentor will share experience, insight, and encouragement as students plan, develop, and complete their project.

What's in it for your Senior Student?

Thanks to generous memorial donations honoring former Custer High School Principal Russ Arnold, **the Senior-to-Senior Mentorship Program includes a scholarship award.** At the end of the school year, **two participating high school seniors will be selected to receive scholarships** recognizing outstanding effort, creativity, and collaboration with their senior mentors. These awards celebrate meaningful connections and support the students' next steps after graduation.

Need more information?

For more information or to get involved, contact **ShayAnna Woodward, Executive Director of the Custer Senior Center**, at (605) 673-2708 or cscdirector@gwtc.net or reach out to **Cassandra Morgan, CHS Senior Project Teacher**, at Cassandra.Morgan@k12.sd.us





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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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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.

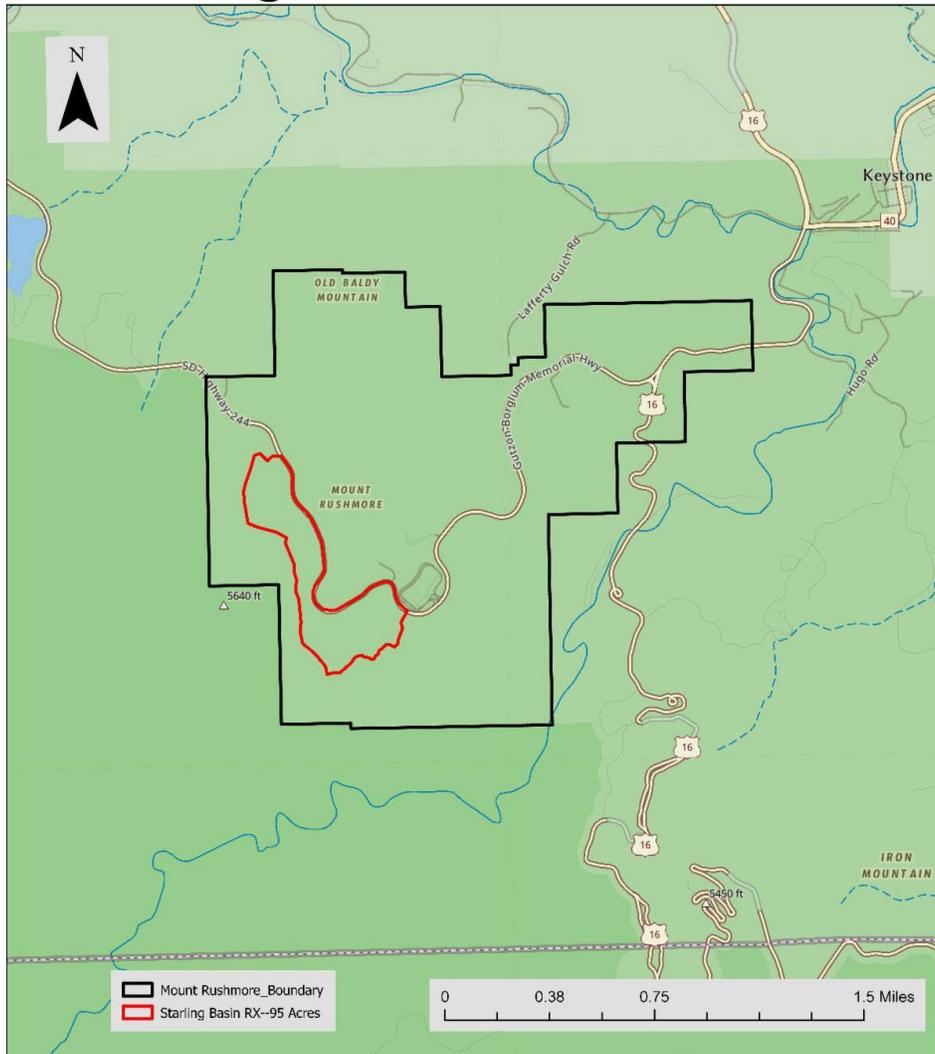
About Black Hills Parks & Forests Association

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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Starling Basin Prescribed Fire





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National Park Service Plans Prescribed Fire

at Mount Rushmore National Memorial - Starling Basin

KEYSTONE, S.D. – The National Park Service at Mount Rushmore National Memorial plans to conduct a prescribed fire at Starling Basin, a 95-acre burn, on or after Oct. 1, 2025, weather permitting.

For visitor and firefighter safety, some areas of the park may be temporarily closed during the operation. Visitors may see smoke in the area, and short-term smoke impacts are possible along Highway 244 and in nearby communities.

Firefighters will monitor conditions to minimize smoke impacts and ensure the fire remains within designated boundaries. The project is expected to take approximately seven days to complete.

The Starling Basin prescribed fire is part of an ongoing effort to reduce hazardous fuels, improve forest health, and enhance wildlife habitat within the Memorial. Safety is the priority, and the prescribed fire is scheduled to be conducted only under favorable weather and environmental conditions.

“Prescribed fires help reduce the risk of larger, more severe wildfires, promote healthy forests and support diverse wildlife habitats,” said Jonathan Dunbar, Fire Management Officer for the Northern Great Plains Fire Management Zone. “By reducing fuel loads and improving ecosystem conditions, we’re investing in the long-term health of the Memorial’s landscape.”

The Starling Basin prescribed fire is a collaborative effort involving the National Park Service’s Northern Great Plains Fire Management Zone, Mount Rushmore National Memorial staff, and multiple interagency partners, including federal, state and local fire departments.

For updates on the Starling Basin prescribed fire, including timing and potential area closures, visit nps.gov/moru or follow [@MountRushmoreNPS](https://twitter.com/MountRushmoreNPS) on social media.



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Travel South Dakota Wins Prestigious Gold w3 Award

PIERRE, S.D. – Travel South Dakota has been awarded a coveted Gold w3 award for its “Travel South Dakota” consumer email series.

The series of emails was carefully crafted to inspire visitation to South Dakota, help people plan for the unplannable, and map their adventure throughout the state. The meticulous creation of content was designed to cut through the digital clutter with breezy prose and vivid imagery.

The award was given in the General Marketing – Email Marketing category. This is the second year in a row that Travel South Dakota has won a Gold w3 award.

“This recognition is a testament to the creativity, understanding of our audience, and hard work of our entire team and our partners,” said James Hagen, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism. “More than anything, it underscores our commitment to sharing the beauty, stories, and spirit of South Dakota with people everywhere. We hope this honor inspires even more people to explore, and fall in love with, our incredible state.”

The campaign was done in partnership with Lawrence & Schiller.

Since 2005, the w3 Awards has honored excellence in digital content, design and experiences, recognizing brands, agencies, institutions and independent creators who set trends, break boundaries and shape the digital landscape.

For more inspiration and travel planning resources, visit TravelSouthDakota.com.

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

intersection.

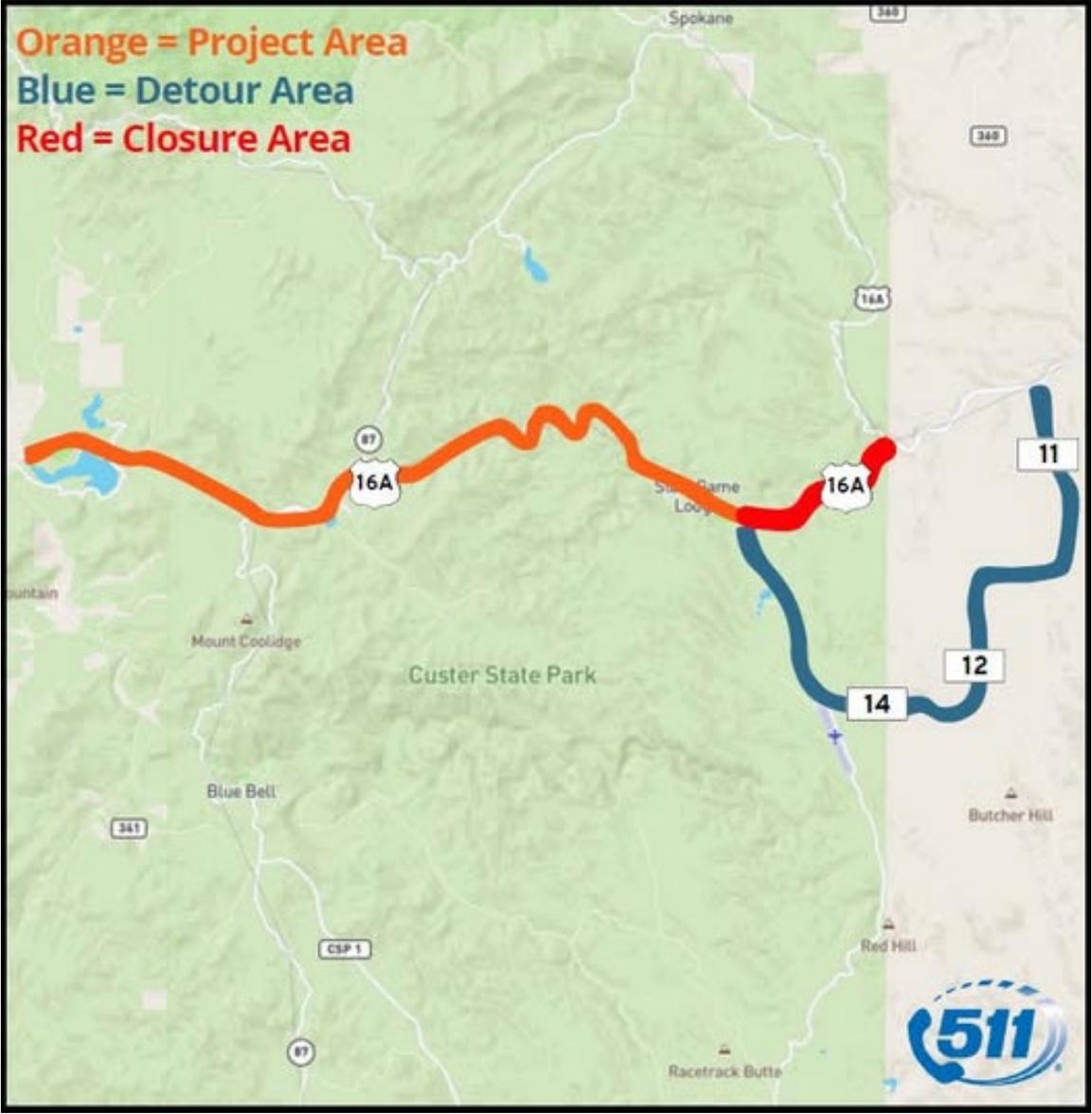
Highway 16A will be closed from the intersections of Highway 16A/Iron Mountain Road to Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop. This closure will be in place until April 2026. Additional work will include replacing multiple pipe culverts, building gabion walls, and mill and overlay asphalt from Custer State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

During the Highway 16A closure, there will be a detour in place. The detour route is from the intersection of S.D. Highway 36 and Custer County's Ritterberger Road, south two miles to Cobb Road intersection, west one mile on Cobb Road, south one and one-half miles on Cobb Road to the intersection of LH Road, west approximately two miles on LH Road to Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop Road, and then north two miles on the Wildlife Loop Road back to Highway 16A. Motorists should be aware that the detour on Ritterberger Road, Cobb Road, and LH Road includes six miles of gravel. The Wildlife Loop Road is two miles of asphalt with a reduced speed limit of 25 mph. S.D. Highway 40 between Hermosa and Keystone also provides a detour option for area motorists.

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

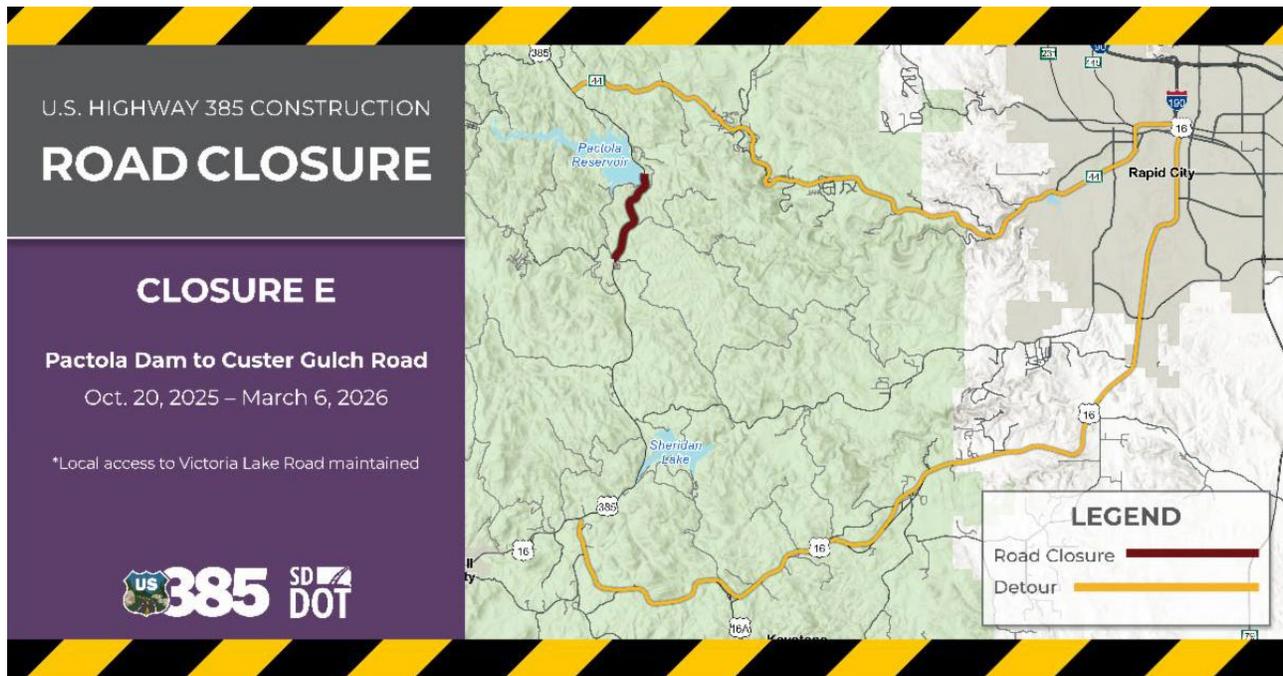
The overall project completion date is October 2026.

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South Dakota DOT Update





Project Update

Friday, Oct. 17, 2025

Current Construction:

- Closure E (Pactola Dam to Taylor Ranch Road) begins on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, and ends on Friday, March 6, 2026.
- 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.
- In addition to daily use, the contractor is utilizing night crews with pilot cars approximately one mile north of Sheridan Lake Road as underground pipe installation takes place.
- Roadway grading is taking place between Sheridan Lake Road and McCurdy Gulch Road.
- Rock blasting in the project area continues through the fall. During blasts, traffic will be managed with a pilot car, and there may be wait times of up to 15 minutes.

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 will be in place from Wrinkle Valley Road to 1/2-mile from South Sanders Ranch Road.



[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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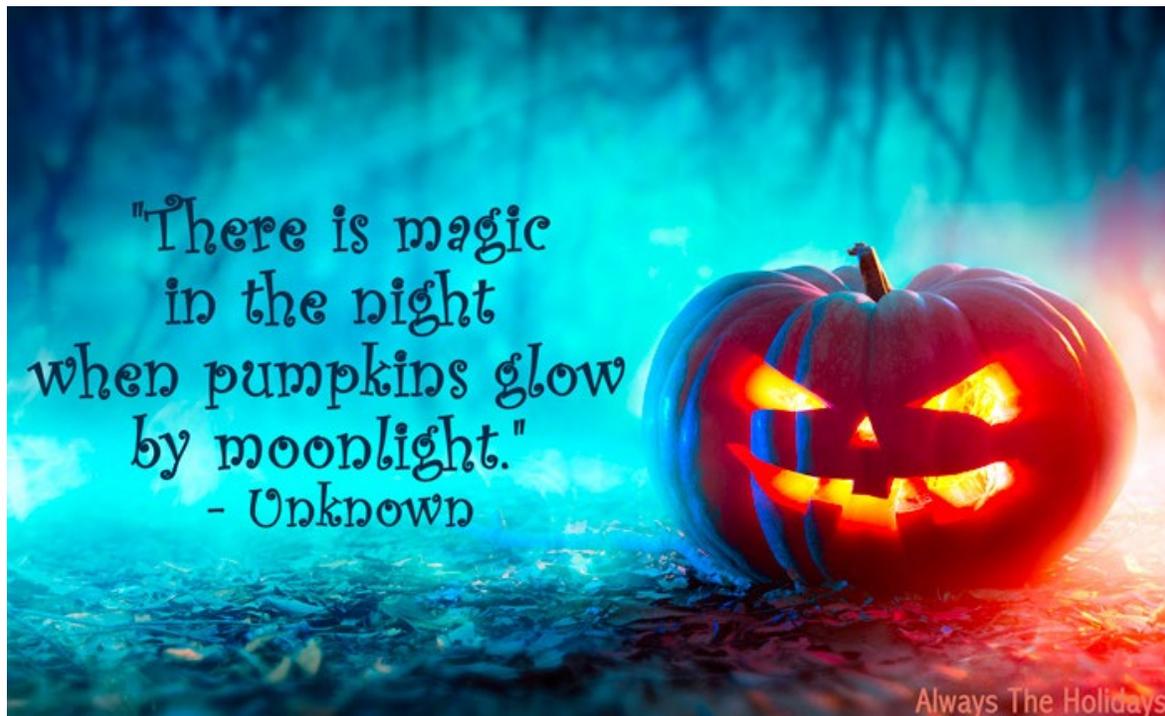




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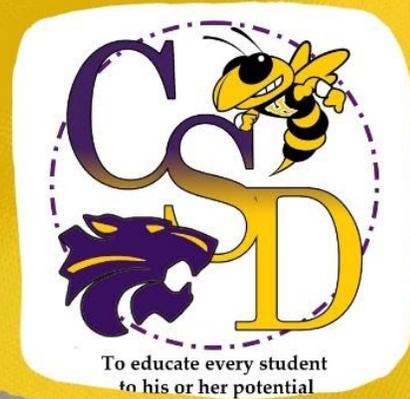
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 - Call Custer School District 605-673-3154

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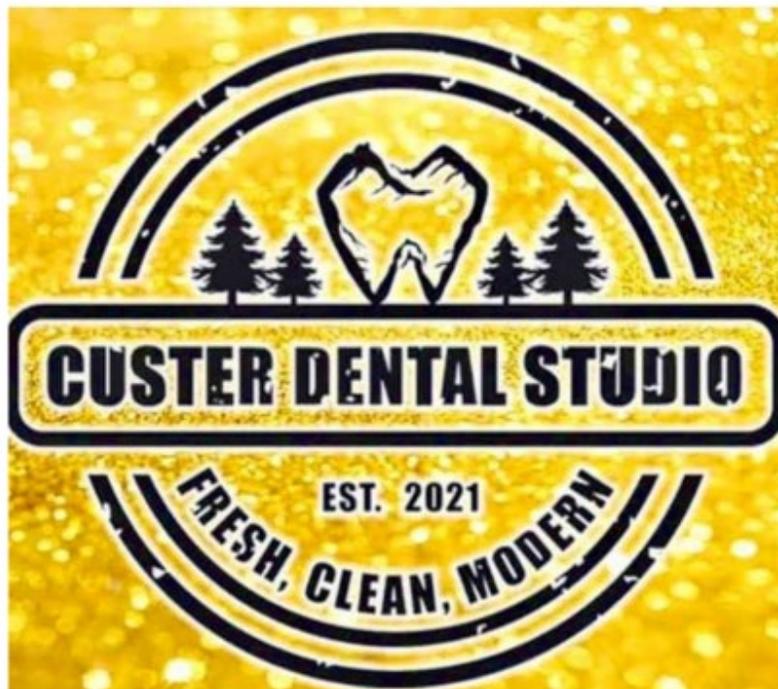
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- Great teamwork and customer service skills
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- **Pay:** from \$15 per hour
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- **Shifts:** 8-hour shifts (Day and evening shifts available; weekdays and weekends shifts available)

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- Friendly and outgoing
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- Working knowledge of warehouse standards, computers and point-of-sales systems a plus
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The non-profit Mount Rushmore Bookstores at Mount Rushmore are operated by the Mount Rushmore Society, whose mission is to preserve, promote, protect and enhance Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Retail sales support park projects and provide educational opportunities for visitors to the Memorial.

For more information and employment application, visit:

 www.mountrushmoresociety.com





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Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation® is currently seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of **Cultural Center Attendant**.

This Seasonal non-exempt, hourly position will report to the Director of Museum and Cultural Affairs.

*Job duties will include (but not limited to) opening and closing the Cultural Center, staffing the information desk, monitoring the Cultural Center, welcoming and informing guests about the **Crazy Horse Memorial®** and its museums and cultural programs.*

*Duties also include engaging with guests and answer their questions, thanking them for visiting the **Crazy Horse Memorial®**, tracking attendance numbers of guests, performing light cleaning duties, assisting with cultural programs, assisting the Museum Collections team with pest and environmental monitoring, and light cleaning of objects. Attendant will also demonstrate support for workforce diversity and cultural sensitivity, demonstrate teamwork and cooperation, and promote a safe work environment.*

A high school diploma or equivalent, candidates must be able to pass a background check and a minimum of 3 years customer service experience preferred. Compensation for this position is competitive for the region.

Qualified candidates should submit cover letter, resume and three professional references to:

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 - *Note:* Visit [USAJOBS' Help Center](#) for more information on Getting Started
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- **STEP 2: Search Jobs**
 - Use the USAJOBS search feature to view jobs filtered by position and location or use the advanced search function search with more filters like pay or grade-level.
 - Review job opportunity announcements and save those of interest.
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- **STEP 3: Apply For Jobs**
 - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each job announcement.
 - Submit any supporting documentation to verify your qualifications.
 - Leaving out a required document may result in you not being found eligible and/or qualified.
- **STEP 4: Manage Your Career**
 - Log into your USAJOBS account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied.
 - Contact the agency for the specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job.
 - The agency contact information is listed in the "How to Apply" section of the job announcement.

HELPFUL RESUME TIPS

- Make your resume includes your specialized experience as it relates to the duties section of the job announcements in USAJOBS.
- Include hours of work or full-time/part-time status for each job you include in the work experience section on your resume.
- Make your resume searchable.

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- College Transcripts
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