



Buffalo Bytes



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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

It's that time of year again - the Sturgis Rally is here, and it's also time to renew your membership with the Custer Chamber of Commerce. We will be preparing renewal invoices this week and they will be mailed out next week. Please take note of the deadline at the bottom of your invoices. This year, all

renewals must be returned to us by October 1st to be included in next year's publications.

In addition, you will soon be contacted about the opportunity to purchase advertisements in both the Southern Hills Vacation Guide and the Custer Magazine. These are the two magazines that we distribute the most in our office.

We hope that you will consider renewing your membership with the Custer Chamber and also purchasing ads in our publications. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we value having you as part of our membership!



Dawn Murray Executive Director

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Custer Community Campus Survey #2!

Hi Custer! We are back to ask a favor. Would you would weigh in one more time on the campus concepts and strategy? Click this link:

Take Survey

This survey will be publicly advertised to our community for about four weeks. Please forward this email to everyone you know with an interest in planning the public amenities available to our community.

Thank you Custer. If you have questions you can email Matt Fridell

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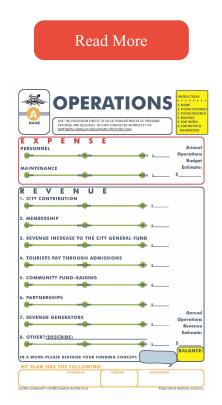
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Concepts

Here's the link to the Concept Workshop information.



Operations Costs

Here's the link to the Operations Workshop information!

Read More



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

To have things added to Buffalo Bytes, please send to bytes@custersd.com. Items need to be received by Wednesdays at noon in order to be added to weekly Buffalo Bytes. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 16

Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Custer YMCA Children's Center

August 16-17

Custer Crazy Dayz

August 17 Community-Wide Rummage Sale

September 1

Studebaker Car Show

WEEKLY HUMOR

If five o'clock,would.come as fast as August did,



CHAMBER HAPPENINGS







Stop at the Chamber Office to get your rummage sale added to the map.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Edward Jones-Jared Slagle Rise- Custer DGR Engineering Glen Erin Horse Camp Custer's Rendezvous

Rapid Fire Protection

Sage Creek Grille Rod & Avis Converse **Black Hills Bungalows Black Granite Construction** The Honest Painting Co Encore Energy Corp. 605 Property Services JQ Clothing Company J&M Lawn Care LLC **T&M Concrete Construction** Black Hills Sauce & Dough Co. Plenty Star Ranch Retreat Carr Electric Co, LLC Vibin' Vocals Karaoke Entertainment Aspen Federal Credit Union Sturgis Mustang Rally Early Learner Custer Sow Native/Wild Ones **Custer Care and Rehabilitation Center** Game On! LLC **Red Sands Ridge Black Hills Realty** Custer Piecemakers Quilt Guild All Net Connections Gold Valley Camp Black Hills Candles **Black Hills Family Vacations** Hillcrest HVAC and Appliance Pros Reed's Chimney Sweeping, Handyman & Caretaking Jubilee J Photography Willow Creek Child Care **Broken Boot Dispensary** Growing Roots, Inc Homestead Carpet Care Lenny Merriam CPA, CFE, PLLC

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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Membership Spotlight

Garcia Family Clinic



Phone: 605-956-0072 *Address*: 14 W Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer *Website:* https://www.custersd.com/Garcia-Family-Clinic--Bella-Rejuvenation

This week's membership spotlight goes to *Garcia Family Clinic_Custer*. Here are a few words from the owners. "Garcia Family Clinic/Bella Rejuvenation is proud to offer Family medicine, Cardiology, Hormone therapy, Weight Loss, and Cosmetic/Skin care. Please Bless us with your presence, we look forward to meeting you!

Call: 605-956-0072"

AREA EVENTS





Donate Blood American Legion Post 46 **Donate Blood** Be the One – Help Save a Life

Thursday, August 8th, 2024 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. @ Custer City Masonic Lodge #66 220 N. 6th St., Custer, SD 57730



Scan this QR Code to schedule a donation time







<u>Contact</u>: Legionnaire, Jeff Cathcart, at 919-200-1809, if you have any questions. Jeff will also be happy to schedule your donation time for you!

About The American Legion:

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization with about 1.7 million members in roughly 12,000 posts across the nation. Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans.

If you would like to be a part of our **Custer American Legion Post #46**, please contact us at: 605-673-3930 or <u>adjutant@custerlegion46.org</u>. We are **Veterans Strengthening America**!



South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One-day Class

Saturday, Aug 10th, 2024 9:00am to 4:30pm

The Enhanced Permit allows you to carry in 38 states including MN, NE, WI, NV, NH, WA, and SC Class size is limited so register early. For additional information or to register for the class you can e-mail the instructor at **echo.ft.sd@gmail.com**, call the shop at 605-673-3222 or email us at southernhillstactical@gwtc.net

Art Expressions Gallery's 3rd





FEATURING QUICK DRAW OIL PAINTING BY KAREN CADE AT THE MT RUSHMORE BREWERY FINISHED OIL TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION



Join Us For Supper With Karen Monday, August 12th at 6:00 PM

PAINTING STARTS 5:30 PAINTING FINISHED AT 7:00 PM • FINISHED OIL HUNG AT RUSHMORE BREWERY 7:15 Bradeen Silent Auction begins at 7:15 • Winning Bidder Picks up karen cade original artwork sept 12th

TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS TEXT RSVP TO 605-517-1355







OFFUTT BRASS

Brass ensemble of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band

LIVE at Crazy Horse Memorial[®] for One Night Only - Tuesday, August 13th @ 6:30PM!



Open to the public and included in the price of admission to the Memorial[®], the group will perform an eclectic mix of music from classical to jazz and patriotic favorites immediately followed by the nightly Crazy Horse Memorial[®] Salute to Native American Veterans!

Stay updated on special events, museum highlights and cool photos by liking on Facebook and following on Instagram!



July 30, 2024

CRAZY HORSE, SD- Join us for an exclusive evening dedicated to honoring all United States active duty and retired military with a special performance by Offutt Brass, part of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band. This talented six-piece ensemble from the Offutt Airforce Base in Nebraska will showcase a range of music genres, from classical to jazz to patriotic tunes. Mark your calendars for

Tuesday, August 13th from 6:30-7:30pm on the Veranda Stage at Crazy Horse Memorial®. Then stay after the performance to commemorate with us as we recognize Charles George (Cherokee) in the nightly

Native American Veterans recognition ceremony. As always, these programs are included at no additional cost when you visit the Memorial.

For more information, please visit *www.crazyhorsememorial.org* and follow Crazy Horse Memorial® on all social media and/or contact Amanda Allcock at 605-673-4681 or email

Amanda.Allcock@crazyhorse.org.

About the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation

The Mission of Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation is to protect and preserve the cultures, traditions, and living heritage of the North American Indians. The Foundation fulfills its mission by continuing the progress on CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL®, the world's largest mountain sculpture; acting as a repository for Native American artifacts, arts and crafts through THE INDIAN MUSEUM OF NORTH AMERICA®, and the Museum's Native American Educational & Cultural Center®; and by establishing and operating THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA®.

JOIN US!



YOU'RE INVITED!

Custer Early Learning Grand Re-Opening

Friday, August 16 - 4:00-6:00PM

1315 Bluebell Lane

Refreshments will be served.

Proposed:

Custer Fire District

For more information please join us at our upcoming Open Houses:

Where: 616 Crook Street Leo Harbach Fire Station Custer, SD

All open houses will start at 6:30 pm with a Power Point information presentation, questions to follow July 8th July 29th August 19th September 9th September 30th October 28th

Email questions to: custerfiredistrict@gmail.com

Check out our Facebook page: "Custer Fire District - Proposed Fire Protection District"





Landowner Workshop:

Beaver Dam Analog Structures

Wednesday, August 21 10:00 am—Noon Location: at the old Meeker Ranch

RSVP - call 605-673-5680 by August 14 to register. Free lunch will be provided by the Custer Conservation District.

- Learn about BDAs from SD Game, Fish & Parks biologists
- View existing BDAs
- Construct a new BDA on site
- Eat a free lunch!



Join us for this free workshop on Beaver Dam Analog (BDA) structures. BDAs mimic beaver dams by reducing soil erosion, improving water quality, increasing water availability, and providing wildlife habitat.





South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One-day Class Saturday, Aug. 24th, 2024 9:00am to 4:30pm The Enhanced Permit allows you to carry in 38 states including MN, NE, WI, NV, NH, WA, and SC Class size is limited so register early. For additional information or to register for the class you may contact the instructor at www.sodakian.com, contact us at 605-673-3222 or by e-mail at southernhillstactical@gwtc.net

Trailers-Tractors-Ranch Equipment-Chutes-Mobile Home

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LIVE AUCTION

August 14th, 2024, 3:00pm, at the property.

Property located: 12785 Beaver Creek Rd, Pringle, SD- 4.2 miles East of Pringle, SD on Hwy 385 to Beaver Creek Rd. then 4.4 miles NE on Beaver Creek Rd., adjacent to Wind Cave Park and Cold Springs School



Trailers/Homes: '58 Geer 43' Mobile Home, very clean, well kept, includes axles, tongue, etc., a classic! '53 Columbia 24' camper; '73 Schuster's 16'x8' Gooseneck with hydraulic pump; '93 6'x8' Shop Built Trailer

Implements: Patton 1888 Hoover Avery 118 potato digger, good; 3pt. bale spear; 3pt. Cherokee cement mixer; Massey Ferguson 3pt. blade; EZEE-on Front End Loader; Dearborn 2 bottom plow; ALLIED A720 40' grain auger; 7' field cultivator; Land Pride 5' Rotary Mower; Massey Ferguson MF 41 7' Sickle Mower; New Holland single row Silage Cutter; 5' Drag Harrow.

Tractors: 8N Ford Tractor, good rubber; Ford 4500 3-cylinder diesel tractor w/loader & 755 CI9-390 Backhoe; 12" Backhoe bucket; Murray 11 garden tractor; tractor tire chains



Farm & Ranch: (2) 2500 Bushel Sioux grain bins, to be removed by buyer; 6' squeeze chute; 5' calf chute; (2) 9' Big Valley gate; 4' Big Valley gate; 5¹/₂' Big Valley gate; (2) 12' Big Valley gate; (6) 10' Cow Country panels; (4) rolls of snow fence; Cattle oiler; round bale feeder; cement block; 500 gal. fuel tank; Shop made fuel tank on stand; 100lb. propane bottles; Hastings creep calf feeder; 500 gal. propane tank; stock tank heater; Ral gun pellet injector; chrome table & chairs; vintage side tables;

Colonial Oak 36D parlor stove; t-post, chicken wire; R11 insulation; 1" 100' roll of water pipe; Heavy Duty #9 wire rolls; (16) cans Mobil 10 weigh grease; shop fluids; window screen; woven wire; Dewalt 7730 Radial Arm Saw; wood doors; Homelite chainsaw; car parts; tires; new kitchen cabinets; several 100' of cross fencing; steel posts & wire, to be removed by buyer and much more.

Terms & Conditions: Payment by cash, credit card (+3.75%), in State bankable checks. Selling As-Is, No Warranties.

Owners:

Deanna J. Viktora

Estate



605-673-2629 • Custer, SD www.bradeenauction.com Watch/Call for details on the Viktora Estate absolute land auction, 70+ sought after acres, adjacent to Wind Cave Park and the Cold Springs School!

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Original Art-Prints-Signed Artwork-Posters-African Collectables

AUCTION High Plains Western Heritage Center, Spearfish, SD

ONLINE BIDDING OPENS Friday · August 23rd -

Closing Tuesday · August 27th, 2024, 5:00 PM

Property located at High Plains Western Heritage Center, 825 Heritage Dr. Spearfish, SD.

Artwork, paintings & posters including: Originals from Mike Songstad, J. Mather, Lou Schmeltzer, Christen Green, Lorna Moore; Larinda Burress, McKelvie, Letti Lister; H.P. Pelton, Limited Edition, Signed & numbered prints including: Ken Schmidt, Joe Grandee, Ray Johnson, Ole Larsen, CW Anderson, Gordon Schnabel, Robert Conely, John Kelly, Joe Grandee, Ray (Padre) Johnson, Cat Deuter, Sis Krueter, D.C. Lamphere, Joe Grandee, Mick Harrison, & more; Photographs, Prints, Posters including: CM Russell, Herbert Wesley Amiott, J. Raven, Russ Madson, Mick Harrison, Black Hills Range Days 1945, Black Hills Round Up 1944, Black Hills Round Up 1932, 125th Ann. Mandan Rodeo Days, World Champion Cowboys, Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, Stetson Hats Promotion Card Poster and so many more.

African Collectibles from the Fred C. Johnston African Artifact Collection from early 1900's including: wooden statues, knives with sheaves, pipe, musical instruments, horns, hooves, claws, skulls, baskets, cord, comb, flint, metal implements, quirt, spears, harpoon, quiver of arrows, plus many more interesting pieces of African history.

Auctioneers Note: You will be impressed with the quantity and quality of this offering. 100% of the proceeds from the auction will be used for Capital Improvements at HPWHC. This is a great opportunity to purchase some beautiful collectables while helping a worthy cause! Make plans to participate in this exciting event! See <u>www.bradeenauction.com</u> to view this great collection.

Property Inspection: Property will be available for inspection on Friday August 23rd through Tuesday August 27th during regular business hours at the High Plains Western Heritage Center or see the detailed descriptions & photos in the online catalog.

Property Settlement & Pickup: All items must be settled for and picked up Thursday August 29th between 12:00 noon & 5:00pm No Exceptions. Shipping available see terms.

See complete details & photos on www.bradeenauction.com

Owners:

High Plains Western

Heritage Center, Spearfish, SD



TERMS & CONDITIONS: ONLINE ONLY AUCTION. NO BUYER PREMIUM! Complete detailed photos, descriptions, terms & registration at www.bradeenauction.com.

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Southern Black Hills - Custer SD

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ABSOLUTE AUCTION

ONLINE BIDDING CLOSES THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5th, 24 – 2:00 PM MDT

Property located at 949 Ponderosa Street, Lot 3, Custer SD

Selling at Absolute Auction, without minimum or reserve will be a 2004 Redman New Moon 16' x 80' manufactured home on an attractive rented lot in NE Custer City, SD. This comfortable 1280+- sq. ft. home includes a deluxe 13'x14' master bedroom with large bath, garden tub and a newly installed custom installed). Also inmarble type walk in shower (\$10K+ cludes 2 additional bedrooms, 2nd full bath, as well as a spacious kitchen & living room. Other features include vaulted ceilings, central air & propane heat, new refrigerator, a gas range & stacking washer/dryer, 14'x18' deck and more! New asphalt shingles and siding were replaced in 2021. The home is served by Custer City water/sewer/garbage. The spacious oversized corner lot features a large back yard with shade trees, privacy fenced on 2 sides, in Ponderosa Mobile Home Park. located east of the Custer Schools football/athletic field.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Absolute Auction, selling without minimum or reserve! Bidding by Online only Auction format only. Register at www.bradeenauction.com. Successful bidder shall deposit 15% irrevocable earnest money



within 24 hours of the close of the online auction, with the balance due upon closing, on or before Sept. 20th, 2024. Property sold without buyer contingency of any kind. Have financial arrangements secured prior to bidding. Selling 2004 Redman Manufactured home only, no real estate included. Home may remain upon signing a lease, or buyer may remove the home, at buyers expense, by Friday September 27, 2024 without additional rental fees. Move-In-Ready, immediate possession available upon full settlement. Auctioneers, Brokers, and their associated staff are representing the seller's interest in this transaction. All information was derived from sources deemed reliable; however, neither Seller nor the Auctioneers/ Brokers are making any guaranties or warranties, actual or implied. Property selling "As-is where is", without warranty of any kind. Inspect to the extent deemed necessary both on and off premise and use your own judgement when bidding. Announcements made at auction take precedence over any prior printed or oral representations.

Inspection: Auctioneers/Brokers will be at the property on Thursday August 22nd and 29th from 3 to 5 PM or call 605-673-2629 for appointment, MLS Lock Box installed contact your local Realtor. **Broker Participation is encouraged**, call for details, required form and deadline.

Auctioneers note: Take time to tour/inspect this 2004 Redman Home. The home may remain on the rental lot, OR move to your location. As you are aware, affordable housing is difficult to find in the Black Hills. Do your homework, and place your bids ONLINE, where YOU set the price! Auctioneers will be at the property from noon through the close of bidding on Sept. 5th to answer questions or to help with the bidding process. Remember, this home sells without reserve! Register early to bid at <u>www.bradeenauction.com</u> Contact Bradeen Auctions early to place your bid if you are unable to bid online! See complete terms, photos & details at <u>www.bradeenauction.com</u>.

Owners: Jack Kitchen

Custer, SD





"Catholics Returning Home"

AN OPEN DOOR FOR RETURNING CATHOLICS

St. John the Baptist, Custer St Anthony of Padua, Hot Springs St. James, Edgemont

Welcome!

- * Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore?
- * Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the church?
- * Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
- * Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

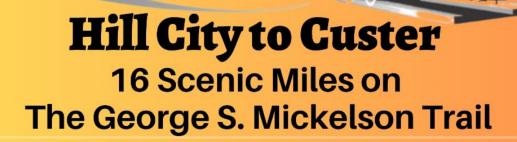
No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Informal listening sessions begin:

| Date: | Saturday, September 7, 2024 & continuing for 6 weeks |
|--------|--|
| Time: | 10:00 - 11:30 AM |
| Place: | St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Custer |

Sponsored by the local Catholic Parishes listed above. For more information call Lynda Davis, (605) 745-3988

September 14, 2024



Black Hills

starts at Tracy Park in Hill City ends in Custer at: Mt. Rushmore Brewing Company \$85 registration includes:

Lunch at Mt. Rushmore Brewing Company Live Music with Brent Morris • Event Beer Glass

event details & registration: MickelsonTrailAffiliates.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give us a call for a free quote today!





T&M offers a wide range of services, if you do not see a service you'd like a quote in listed, give us a call to inquire 19/10

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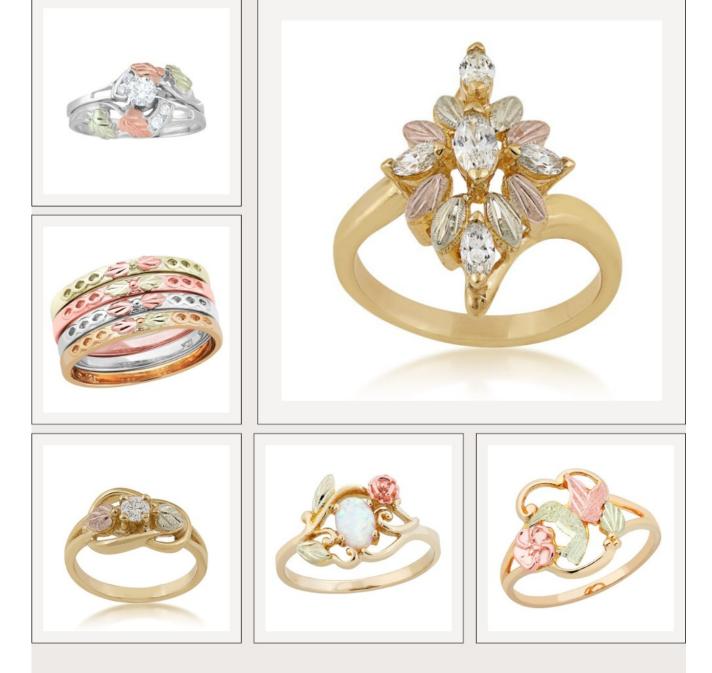






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NEWS FROM THE STATE

JULY 2024 SDVISIT.COM



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, July 30th, 2024 CONTACT: Katlyn Svendsen, Global Media & Public Relations Representative, Travel South Dakota

Hello, Tourism Industry Friends!

I'm having difficulty wrapping my head around the fact that July is almost over. With the summer Olympic Games underway in Paris, the rumble & roar of motorcycles being heard in the distance, and the school year starting in three weeks, this has been the quickest summer in recent memory. We hope you are well and keeping busy giving our visitors an experience unlike any other.

I was fortunate to be in the Black Hills last week and stop at Crazy Horse Memorial and in Custer. I spoke with a couple of visitors from Los Angeles who shared what an incredible time they were having in our state. It's been a challenging summer with road construction, hot temps and smoky skies (as of late), and Americans not traveling in the numbers predicted by many experts this past spring. Despite these obstacles, THANK YOU for hanging in there and for your hard work to give our visitors the best time possible.

Here a few items we want to share with you:

- As Shakespeare once wrote, "Parting is such sweet sorrow". We are sad to announce that two team members are leaving our ranks. Jacey Ellsworth, our incredible Agritourism Manager & Industry Outreach Representative, and Mandy Lemmel, our wonderful Welcome Center Manger, will be pursuing new career opportunities. You can read more about their future plans further down in the e-newsletter. We are going to miss these two talented and amazing friends and colleagues and wish them nothing but the very best in the years ahead.
- 2. We have 28 partners who are participating in our inaugural*Rally Rush* outreach to welcome bikers to the 84th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. We can't wait to see what activities your communities and businesses are undertaking to let our Rally attendees know how much we appreciate them being here.
- 3. We are already receiving nominations for the annual tourism awards that are presented at the tourism conference. It's great to see. Be sure and check out all the awards and online nominations forms *here*. The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday**, **November 26**.
- 4. And speaking of the tourism conference, we are way ahead of the curve with our planning! Sponsor and exhibitor information will be shared in September, so be on the lookout for these opportunities.
- 5. We are currently working on three exciting projects: a new scenic guide print piece, a new inspiration guide (which will also be translated into French, German and Italian) and a complete overhaul of *TravelSouthDakota.com*. The scenic guide will be ready by the end of the year, and the inspiration guide and revamped website will debut next spring. We can't wait to share all of these items with you when they are complete.

There is a lot more information about various items in this newsletter, so keep on reading.

head into our shoulder season, our hard work and marketing will inspire visitors to travel to South Dakota this fall. We are doing all we can to make that happen, and we know you are, too. We hope to see you soon!

All our best, Jim and Team

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Media Notes:

For downloadable examples of the creative for the "So Much South Dakota, So Little Time" campaign, click here

PRESS RELEASE



Forest Service U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service News Release Media Contact: Scott Jacobson, Public Affairs Officer (605) 440-1409

scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills/

Proposed Changes to Recreation Fees Identified by the Black Hills National Forest

Custer, S.D., August 5, 2024 – The Black Hills National Forest is proposing changes to recreation fees for facilities, as well as Special Recreation Permit (SRP) fees under the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) Fee Program. These changes include new and increased fees at several fee sites and for motorized OHV use permits. If approved, the proposed fees would be effective in 2025.

"Usage at recreation sites on the Black Hills National Forest has changed over the past 15-20 years," said Shawn Cochran, Forest Supervisor. "An increase of fees is needed to meet public expectations and the increasing demands of recreation activities across the forest."

The proposed fees by site are listed in the below table.

| Site Name: | Current Fee(s): | Proposed Fee(s): |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Black Hills Motorized Trails | Day Fee: \$0 rate per vehicle Week Fee: \$20 rate per vehicle Season/Year Fee: \$25 rate per vehicle | Day Fee: \$10 rate per vehicle Week Fee: \$30 rate per vehicle Season/Year Fee: \$50 rate per vehicle |
| Meeker Cabin | Night Fee: \$0 Group size: 4 | Night Fee: \$50 Group size: 4 |

| Summit Ridge Cabin | Night Fee: \$35 Group size: 10 | Night Fee: \$100 Group size: 10 |
|--|--|--|
| Jenny Gulch Picnic Site | Year-Round: Day Fee: \$0 rate per vehicle | Year-Round: Day Fee: \$5 rate per vehicle |
| Wrinkled <u>Rock</u> <u>Climbing</u> Area | Year-Round: Day Fee: \$0 rate per vehicle | Year-Round: Day Fee: \$5 rate per vehicle |

In 2004, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) which allows the Forest Service to retain funds collected at certain recreation sites and use these funds locally to operate, maintain, and improve the sites and related facilities. At least eighty percent of the revenue from recreation fees remains on the Forest to operate, maintain, and improve facilities. Raising the revenue collected through recreation fees will help the Forest improve infrastructure at campsites and day-use areas and hire additional recreation staff. The resources derived through collection of fees helps provide quality recreation opportunities that meet the modern expectations of visitors and creates a more financially sustainable developed recreation program for the benefit of future generations.

These fee changes will be reviewed by the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) and the Wyoming Recreation Action Team (REACT) for those sites in Wyoming. Committee members represent a broad array of interest groups to help ensure that the Forest Service is proposing reasonable and publicly acceptable new fees and fee changes. The public is invited to comment on the proposed fee changes to the developed recreation program. The comment period is set to end by close of business on November 29, 2024. To ensure that your comments are considered, please send your feedback no later than the above date to Black Hills National Forest, Attention: Bradley Block – Recreation Program Manager, 1019 N 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730 or*bradley.block@usda.gov*. Comments can also be provided online at *https://arcg.is/qyij80*.

Oral comments must be provided in person at the Black Hills National Forest to Bradley Block during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MT) or by calling 605-673-9200 and indicating you would like to provide comments on the proposed recreation fee changes. For more information on the proposed project, visit the Forest website at *https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/blackhills/recreation/?cid=fseprd1198079*.

Once public involvement is complete, the proposed fee changes will be reviewed by the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) and the Wyoming Recreation Action Team (REACT), who will provide a recommendation for a final decision.

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Black Hills National Forest

Forest Service News Release

Media Contact: Scott Jacobson, Public Affairs Officer



Pre-solicitation Notice for Concessionaire Prospectus on the Black Hills National Forest

Custer, SD, July 19, 2024 – A pre-solicitation notice has been issued to potential bidders for the concessionaire prospectus on the Black Hills National Forest, related to the operations and management of Forest campgrounds, day-use areas, picnic sites, and other developed recreation facilities. The prospectus will be advertised in 2025.

The prospectus will solicit proposals from interested parties for one campground concession special use permit to provide high-quality public service in the operation and maintenance of governmentowned recreation facilities. The new permit will replace the current concession permit, which expires December 31, 2025, with the intention that the successful applicant will be awarded the special use permit in January 2026.

The special use permit currently in place includes around 30 campgrounds, 14 picnic areas, 7 boat launches, 4 swim beaches, and multiple fishing areas. The exact number of sites for the upcoming prospectus has not yet been determined.

The Forest intends to host an official tour of the sites included in the prospectus in 2025. However, potential applicants are encouraged to visit sites on their own during the summer and early fall seasons of 2024.

This pre-solicitation notice is issued solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a solicitation, prospectus, or Request for Proposal. Further, the Black Hills National Forest is not seeking proposals at this time and will not accept unsolicited proposals. The U.S. Government will not pay for any information, travel, or administrative costs incurred in response to this presolicitation notice. Responding to this pre-solicitation notice or visiting the area is not required to apply for any future prospectus.

For more information on this opportunity, please contact Bradley Block, Forest Recreation Program Manager, at <u>bradley.block@usda.gov</u> or 605-673-9239.

For more information on the Black Hills National Forest, visit http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills.

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Fire Restrictions in Effect July 23, 2024 For Black Hills National Forest in Wyoming

Custer, S.D., July 22, 2024 — Black Hills National Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran has signed a Stage 1 fire restrictions order for the Black Hills National Forest in Wyoming (WY). <u>Special Order 180</u> (& <u>Map</u>) will be effective Tuesday, July 23, 2024 through December 15, 2024, unless rescinded sooner.

"Persistent long-term drought conditions and recent high temperatures combined with the lack of moisture have dramatically increased the fire danger, said Jason Virtue, Black Hills National Forest Fire Staff Officer. "Conditions are ripe for large fire potential, and people need to be extremely careful in the Forest."

Stage 1 fire restrictions apply to campfires and smoking. Under Stage 1 restrictions, the following acts are prohibited: Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire outside of a permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that the Forest Service has installed and maintained at its developed recreation sites in the WY Black Hills National Forest.

Other restrictions include: (see Exemptions)

- Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Operating a chainsaw without an effective and properly installed and approved spark arrestor.
- Blasting, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame without being in a cleared area of at least 10 feet in diameter and keeping a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher nearby.
- Using an explosive. This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition.

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The Black Hills Playhouse Presents its Last Production of 78th Season with *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

Tickets are on sale Now for This Play, With Only 8 Chances to See It Before It's Gone!

For Immediate Release

Black Hills, S.D. — The Black Hills Playhouse will be wrapping up its 78th season of performances this summer with their last production, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. This play runs **August 11 - August 17** and features 8 performances.

Based on the novel by Mark Haddon, and adapted by Simon Stephens, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* follows the story of 15-year-old Chris, who has an extraordinary brain. She is exceptional at mathematics, but ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. She has never ventured alone beyond the end of her road, detests being touched, and distrusts strangers. Now it is seven minutes after midnight, and Chris stands beside her neighbor's dead dog, Wellington, who has been speared with a garden fork. Finding herself under suspicion, Chris is determined to solve the mystery of who murdered Wellington, and carefully records each fact of the crime. But her detective work, forbidden by her father, takes her on a thrilling journey that upturns her world.

The last Pay As You Can performance of the season will be held on **August 10 at 7:30 pm**. Keep in mind that the Pay As You Can performance is the final dress rehearsal for the performers and technicians before the show officially opens. **Plan to arrive early**, as this is expected to be a well-attended preview performance.

An Artist Reception will also be held on August 11 after the 2:00 pm opening matinee. Audience members are invited to enjoy refreshments and appetizers and have a chance to meet the cast and crew who bring this story to life.

Click here for more information, or call our friendly box office staff at 605-255-4141.

*Custer State Park passes are required and can be purchased in the snack bar.

This show is not recommended for audiences under the age of 13

8/1/2024





Project Update

Friday, July 26th, 2024

Current Conditions:

- The speed limit has been reduced to 45 MPH through the construction area.
- Users of the roadway can expect delays of approximately 15 minutes and the use of flaggers from Pactola Dam to 1/2-mile north of Silver City Road.
- Traffic is being diverted on one gravel diversion (a temporary at-grade roadway next to the original road) immediately south of the Pennington-Lawrence County line. A width restriction of 12 feet is in place.

The contractor is working Saturdays until Phase 1 construction is completed.

View Construction Updates

🗌 Road Closures Beginning May 20, 2024 🗌

- The Pactola North Boat Ramp will not be accessible during weekdays from Monday, May 20, 2024 through Friday, June 7, 2024 (accessible on weekends and Memorial Day from the north). After Friday, June 7, 2024, the Pactola North Boat Ramp will only be accessible from the north. Access will be available to the Pactola North Boat Ramp from all directions after Friday, July 12, 2024.
- Access to the Pactola South Boat Ramp will not be impacted during these closures. Boaters can access the South Boat Ramp via Highway 16/Highway 385 or Sheridan Lake Road/Highway 385.
- The posted detour will be S.D. Highway 44 and U.S. Highway 16. Locals may find alternative routes, but the SDDOT recommends travelers exercise caution when using non-maintained roadways.
- Emergency services are aware of these closures and are closely collaborating to provide response coverage.
- Non-closed areas within the project limits (Pennington-Lawrence County Line to Highway 44) will be under construction during closures.

PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION Spring 2024 - Winter 2025

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION:



Pilot car lines and wait times

Large construction equipment



Loose gravel road surface

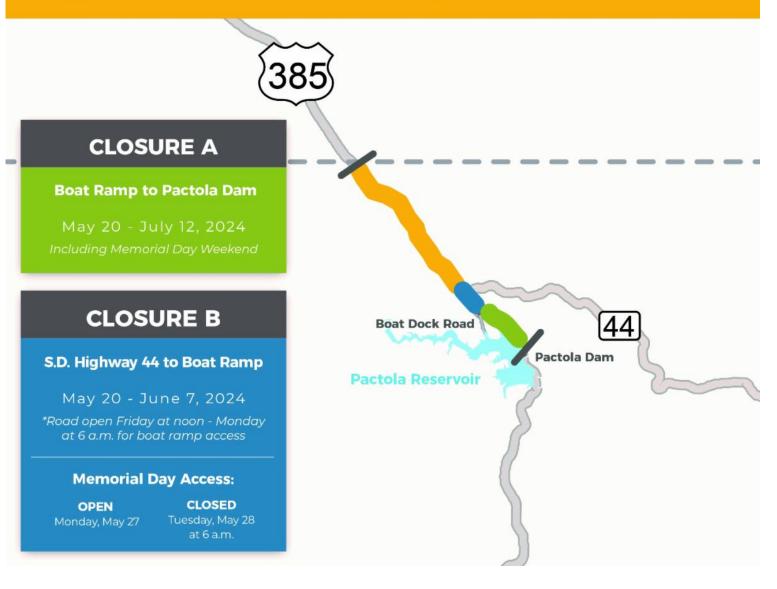


Narrowed driving lanes

Rock blasting



Temporary road closures



] Construction Zone Reminders \Box

- 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.

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Custer Senior Center

August Activities



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WEEKLY INSPIRATION

Train your mind to see the good in everything. Positivity is a choice. The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

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