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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

Happy Halloween!!!

Join us downtown this afternoon 4-6pm for Merchants' Trick-or-Treat! We have 49 participating merchants this year and thanks to the City were able to block off North 6th Street for out-of-town friends to set up on! AND don't forget, State Farm and S&B Motors

have a Halloween Car Show and Trunk-or-Treat on 6th St.





Dawn Murray Executive Director

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The time has come to start planning for next year's Chamber mixers!

Here are a couple of things to remember about the Chamber Mixers. You must be a member to host a mixer and you are welcome to cohost with your friend's businesses. We would love it if our new members would take part in hosting some of next year's mixers. Make sure to give others an opportunity if they want it. So talk to your friends and business partners and reach out if interested.

Contact Dawn Murray at: dmurray@custersd.com or (605)- 673-2244 to set your date

Wildlife Loop Road in Custer State Park Temporarily Closed

PIERRE S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) today announced that starting October 21, 2024, the east side of the Wildlife Loop Road in Custer State Park will be closed to vehicle traffic. This closure is necessary to facilitate the replacement of the bridge over French Creek. Barricades will be located at the French Creek Trailhead turnoff and the Wildlife Station Visitor Center.

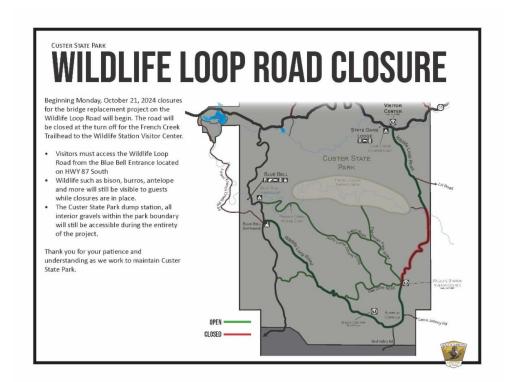
The closure will allow for the safe and efficient completion of the bridge replacement project, which is expected to enhance the park's overall safety and visitor experience.

Visitors will still be able to access the west side of Wildlife Loop Road via the Blue Bell entrance on Hwy 87 South. This will enable continued enjoyment of the park's scenic drives, wildlife viewing, and outdoor recreation opportunities. The Custer State Park dump station, all interior gravels within the park boundary, and the Wildlife Station Visitor Center will still be accessible throughout the project.

Weather-dependent, the east side of Wildlife Loop Road is expected to reopen upon completion of the bridge replacement project planned for mid-December.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to maintain Custer State Park.

For up-to-date information on park closures and construction projects, please visit our website at custerstatepark.com or contact Custer State Park directly at *custerstatepark@state.sd.us*.



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

October 31

Custer Chamber Merchant's Trick or Treat

downtown Custer 4 pm-6 pm

November 16

Firecracker Formal The Custer Beacon 8 pm-midnight

November 21

Custer Chamber Mixer Bradeen Auction 5-7 pm

December 6

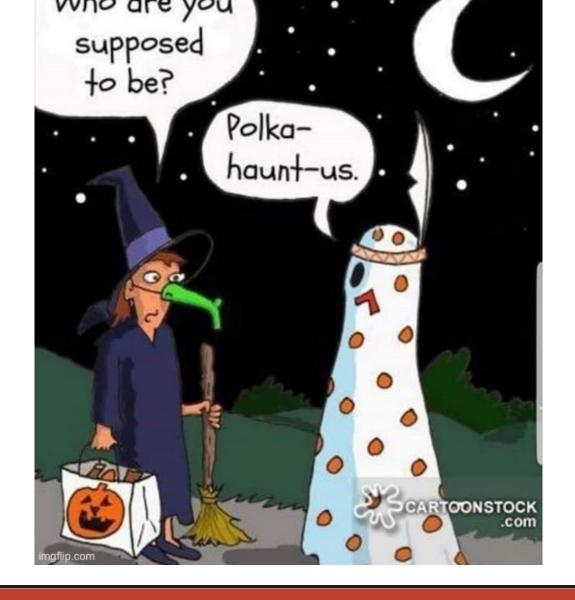
Custer Christmas Parade 5:30 pm

December 12

Custer Chamber Mixer VFW Post 3442 5 - 7 pm

WEEKLY HUMOR

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CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



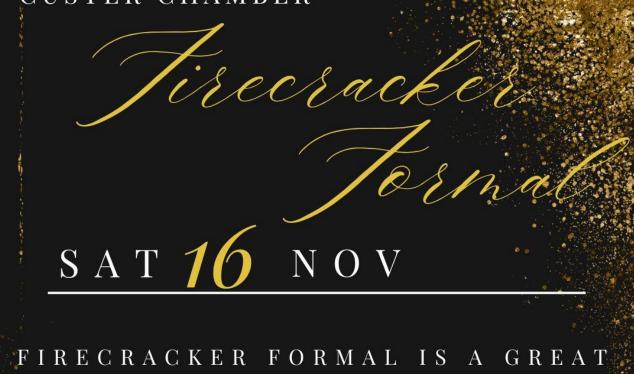


We are now accepting nominations of positive, enthusiastic and involved individuals for the Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

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

Printable Nomination Form





FIRECRACKER FORMAL IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOWCASE YOUR RESTAURANT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A DINNER FOR TWO SPECIAL AT YOUR RESTAURANT PLEASE LET US KNOW.

benefit for Custer fireworks fund



Chamber Mixer

Hosted By:



November 21st from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Held At Bradeen Real Estate and Auctions 9 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer, SD 57730

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

Custer & Hill City Chamber Memers

Sign up TODAY to participate in the Community Christmas Cash Drawings.

Please decorate and put your Christmas Cash boxes out on or before November 29th. The Hill City & Custer Chambers will collect the slips weekly, call the winners and distribute the prizes.

1st Drawing Dec 6th 2nd Drawing Dec 13th 3rd Drawing Dec 20th



To participate contact the Custer Chamber 605-673-2244 or via email, dmurray@custersd.com
Or



Hill City Chamber 605-574-2368 or via email, director@hillcitysd.com By November 13, 2024







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

Acupuncture 4 Health Addiction Recovery Centers of the Black Hills 7. 8. Adventure Rentals 9. Aflac-Carol Perrigo 10.Al Cornella Refrigeration 11.ALPHA Builders, LLC 12. Altitude Gifts & Sweet Shoppe 13. American Family Insurance-Ronni Calvird Agency, Inc 14. American Legion Post 46 15.Art Expressions Gallery of Custer 16.Aspen +Pine Realty 17. Aspen Federal Credit Union 18.Bakers Bakery 19.Bavarian Inn 20.Bear Country USA, Inc 21. Beecher Rock Vehicle Storage 22. Begging Burro Mexican Bistro and Tequila Bar 23.Best Western Buffalo Ridge Inn 24.Big Pine Campground 25.Black Hills & Badlands 26.Black Hills Balloons 27.Black Hills Burgers & Pizza Co 28.Black Hills Candle, LLC 29.Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial 30.Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc 31.Black Hills Energy 32.Black Hills Federal Credit Union 33. Black Hills Parks & Forests Association 34.Black Hills Pizza Hut 35.Black Hills Playhouse 36.Black Hills Power Bikes Rentals and Boutique 37. Body of Christ Ministry 38.Bradeen Real Estate & Auctions, Inc 39. Branch Construction Services, LLC 40.Buffalo Ridge Camp Resort 41.Buglin' Bull 42.Busy Ewe Farm & Fibers 43. Calamity Peak Lodge 44. Carr Electric Company, LLC 45.Carson Drug 46.Certified Folder Display Service, Inc 47.Chalet Motel 48. Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home 49. Chapel in the Hills 50. Charley and Norma Najacht

51.Chief Motel

52. Christy Chamberlain & Bob Reich 53. City of Custer 54.Claw Antler and Hide Inc 55.Coca-Cola Bottling Company 56.Colleen Hennessy and Jim Frank 57. Comfort Inn & Suites 58. Craig Hindle Construction 59.Crazy Horse Memorial 60.Crossroads Church 61.Custer Ace Hardware 62. Custer Ambulance Service 63. Custer Area Arts Council 64.Custer Beacon, LLC 65. Custer Chiropractic 66. Custer City Masonic Lodge #66 **67.Custer County Airport** 68. Custer County Candy Company 69. Custer County Chronicle (SHP Holdings, LLC) 70. Custer County Conservation District 71. Custer County Democratic Party 72. Custer County Library Foundation 73. Custer County Republicans 74. Custer Dental Studio 75. Custer Golf Corp/ Rocky Knolls Golf Course 76. Custer Heating and Air Conditioning 77. Custer Lions Club 78. Custer Lutheran Fellowship 79. Custer Mile High Garden Club 80. Custer Mountain Cabins & Campground 81. Custer Mt. Rushmore KOA 82. Custer Piecemakers Quilt Guild 83. Custer Rotary Club 84. Custer Senior Center 85. Custer State Farm 86.Custer State Park 87. Custer Subway 88. Custer Wolf, The 89.Custer YMCA 90. Custer's Gulch RV Park & Campground 91.Dacotah Bank 92.Dakota Dream Bed and Breakfast & Horse Hotel 93. Dakota Greens- Custer Greenhouse & Nursery, Inc 94. Dakota Photographic 95.Days Inn 96.Deep Creek Art Gallery 97. Diane Dennis

98.D0	n & Ariayne Barmore
99.Do	uble Diamond Ranch
100.	Eagles Landing Lodge
101.	Econolodge Custer
102.	Edward Jones- Mark Koch
103.	Edward Jones-Kris Zerbe
104.	enCore Energy Corp
105.	Evergreen Media
106.	Feel Good Café
107.	First Choice Lock and Key
108.	First Interstate Bank
109.	Floors and More Cleaning and Restoration
110.	Four Mile Old West Town and Campground
111.	Fred and Wendy Hlvala
112.	Freedom Hills Wealth Management
113.	Freeman's Electric Service, Inc.
114.	French Creek RV Park and Campground
115.	French Creek Supply- NAPA Auto Parts
116.	French Creek Tree Fellers, LLC
117.	Frontier Photo
118.	George S Mickelson Trail
119.	Gold Camp Cabins, LLC
120.	Gold Pan Saloon/ Calamity Jane Coffee
121.	Gold Valley Camp
122.	Golden West Telecommunications
123.	Good Karma Jewelry
124.	Green Owl Media & Photography
125.	Grizzly Gulch LLC
126.	H & R Block
127.	Harney Peak Chapter, NSDAR
128.	High Mountain Outfitters
129.	Highmark Credit Union
130.	Hills Inn, The
131.	Hjem A.M.
132.	Holiday Inn Express & Suites
133.	Homestead Carpet Care
134.	Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream
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136.	Image 360 (formerly Signs Now)
137.	J & M Lawn Care LLC
138.	
139.	Jam Heating and Cooling LLC
140.	Jenny's Floral
141.	Jewel Cave National Monument
142.	Jim and Patti Lee

143.

John and Diana Carson

144 John and Marci Oconnell

- Jon Gindhart, DC, PLLC 145. Jorgensen Log Homes Inc 146. JQ Clothing Co 147. K & S Stagecoach Stop 148. **K2** Masonry & Concrete, Inc 149. 150. Ketel Thorstenson, LLP **Kieffer Sanitation** 151. 152. Kitchens by Karla **Lampert Properties** 153. **Lasting Impressions Unlimited** 154. Laurie Arthur, Inc. 155. 156. Lenny Merriam CPA, CFE, PLLC Lewis Realty/ KW Black Hills 157. 158. LFC Veterinary Service, LLC Living Outreach Church 159. 160. LJ's Recovery & Transport, LLC Lynn's Dakotamart 161. 162. Maria's Mexican, LLC 163. McGas Propane LLC Mickelson Trail Affiliates 164. Miner's Cup LLC 165. 166. **Moccasin Springs** Monument Health- Custer Hospital/Clinic 167. Mount Rushmore National Memorial 168. Mountainview Baptist Church 169. Mt Rushmore Brewing Co. 170. Murray Auto Repair LLC 171. Naomi Haraldson 172. **NARFE** 173. Nelsons Oil & Gas 174. **New Trails Ministry** 175. 176. Nielsen Enterprises, LLC 177. **NXTLAW** Operation Black Hills Cabin 178. Our Place 179. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church 180. 181. **Outlaw Ranch** Overland America Corp 182. 183. **PDQ Construction**
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Lodge, Rock Crest Lodge, CSP Jeep Tours)		
194.	Reptile Gardens	
195.	Road Runner, Inc	
196.	Rock Solid Enterprises, LLC	
197.	Rocket Motel, LLC	
198.	Ronald McDonald Charities	
199.	RP Lumber Co Inc	
200.	Rush Mountain Adventure Park	
201.	Rushmore Photo & Gifts, Inc	
202.	Rushmore Vacation Rentals	
203.	Sander Sanitation Service	
204.	Sentinel Federal Credit Union	
205.	Servall Uniform and Linens	
206.	Sew What?	
207.	Shady Rest Motel	
208.	Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church	
209.	Simon Contractors of South Dakota Inc.	
210.	Skogen Kitchen	
211.	Sousleys HillBilly Barbeque Catering	
212.	South Dakota Outdoor Shop	
213.	Southern Hills Animal Clinic	
214.	Southern Hills Law, PLLC	
215.	Southern Hills Tactical	
216.	Southern Hills Title, Inc	
217.	Spokane Creek Cabin and Camp	
218.	Sprockets Fun Foundry	
219.	Star Ridge Advertisments	
220.	Starr Insurance	
221.	Steele Collision	
222.	Steve & Yolanda Davis	
223.	Stockade Lake Cabins	
224.	Stone Décor and Supply	
225.	Studt Construction, Inc	
226.	Sturgis Mustang Rally	
227.	Sunset RV Park	
228.	Sunshine Storage	
229.	Super 8	
230.	Sylvan Rocks Climbing School and Guide Service	
231.	Tallgrass Landscape Architecture	
232.	Tanglewood Estates	
233.	Tennyson Investments, LLC	
234.	The Blind Guy of the Black Hills, LLC	

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The Cruisin' Canvas

237.	Thomas Home Improvement
238.	Travel Custer
239.	United Way of the Black Hills
240.	US Flagpole Guy of the Black Hills
241.	USDA Forest Supervisor Office
242.	Valhalla Legal, PLLC
243.	VFW Post 3442
244.	Vineyard Black Hills
245.	Western Skies Real Estate
246.	Wind Cave National Park
247.	Windsong Valley Gardens
248.	Workplace Disability Network of the Black Hills
249.	World Fossil Finder Museum
250.	Xanterra
251.	Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills

The Mammoth Site

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Pain & Movement Solutions
ZenBusiness
Sweet Clover and Sage Salon
Splish Splash Car, RV, and Dog Wash
HR Matchbook
Custer Valley Efficiency Living
Western Tire Chain, LLC
John Boy's Texas BBQ LLC
Edward Jones-Jared Slagle
Rise- Custer
DGR Engineering

Glen Erin Horse Camp Custer's Rendezvous Rapid Fire Protection Black Hills Bronco Adventures Sage Creek Grille

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



2024 Custer Chamber

Member Spotlight

Sweet Clover & Sage Salon



Address: 14 W Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer SD 57730 Phone: 605-503-2985

We would like to spotlight one of our new members *Sweet Clover & Sage Salon*. Here are some words for the lovely staff there.

"Sweet Clover and Sage offers an elegant salon experience to the southern Black Hills. We are dedicated to providing exceptional massage, hair, and barbering services along with premium retail to maintain your salon results at home. Bridal party hair and make-up services are also available. We look forward to seeing you soon!"

AREA EVENTS







IMPACT Leadership Development

If you missed the opportunity to sign up but you would still like to participate, please email or call us!

Join us for individual sessions or the remainder of the class.

Our next class is October 24th from 4-8 pm! We offer a per-class rate.

Oct 24th, Nov 7th, 14th & 21st Laughing Water Restaurant, Crazy Horse Memorial













- o October 25
- Witches Night Out Party
 - o October 30
- Girl Friends' Weekend
 - \circ November 1 + 2 + 3
- Ribbon Cutting
 - November 2 @ 11am
- Friendsgiving
 - November 21
- Pink Friday Sale Event
 - November 22 + 23 + 24
- Black Friday
 - November 29
- Small Biz Saturday
 - November 30
- Old Tyme Christmas Sale
 - December 6+7+8

CLASSIC CAR







BREAKFAST GATHERING

1ST Saturday of The Month

Meet Your Fellow Democrats!

Saturday, November 2nd - 9:15 AM

Laughing Water Restaurant

Crazy Horse Memorial

Please RSVP via email by Friday, 11.01.24



See You Saturday!

Email: ccsddp21info@gmail.com
PO Box 5065 Custer, SD 57730

Facebook:

@custercountydemocratsofsouthdakota





South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One day Class

Saturday Nov. 2nd 2024 9:00am to 4:30pm

The Enhanced Permit allows you 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 e mail us southernhillstactical@gwtc.net

59TH ANNUAL CUSTER STATE PARK BISON AUCTION

CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA Con Live Public Auction

Saturday November 2th, 2024

10:00 AM MST

Held at Custer State Park Visitor Center – Buffalo located at CSP Corrals

Selling 472 +/- Head: 83 mature bred cows; 15 bred heifers; 39 yearling heifers; 100 heifer calves; 160 bull calves; 40 yearling bulls & 25 – 2 yr. old bulls.

Note: This is a Live Public Auction with simulcast online bidding available to pre-registered bidders.

See were bradenauction com for details OP Custor State Park at

605-255-4515. If bidding online, register and pre-bid early; note the 10:00 AM MST auction time!

Custer State Park has been the industry leader in providing top-quality, disease-free Bison for over half a century. Most of North America's great herds have roots right back to CSP...plan to participate in this exciting annual event!

"Auctioneers of the Great American Bison"





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

The 1881 Courthouse Museum and Custer County Historical Society invite you to attend their November guest speaker event featuring Dolly Evans.



Dolly Wood Evans, a fifth-generation Pringle resident, will share the rich history of her family, who originally settled on homestead land in Pringle.

Dolly and her late husband, Harry, owned and operated Evans Post and Pole near Pringle, and she continues to preserve her family's legacy there.

She will share her stories, photos, and memories of Pringle's early days. She'll be joined by Jack Kirk, who will highlight the historical significance of the Lime Kiln—a fixture of Pringle's heritage that continues to operate today.

This event is free and open to the public.



Select-A-Gift

Daniella Francis

Renefit Eventi

Silent Auction 5:30-7:15

Gift Cards, Baskets & More!

Moccasin Springs Mary Kay Allure Spa Bath & Body Works Horatio's Dimock Buglin' Bull Custer Wolf Calamity Jane's 1880 Train Bear Country Mangiamo's Alpine Inn BH Jerky Our Place and Much More!

Live Auction 6:30 pm

Rush Hockey Tickets
Burning Beetle Prints by Cait Irwin
Dahl Chainsaw Carvings
Load of Gravel from Mark Nielsen
Black Hills Balloons Ride
Lasagna & Cheesecake by Shelly E.
Tent Camping Package
Strider Bike & Scheel's GC
Dining & Experience Packages
and SO MUCH MORE!

Live Music!!

Music by Hanna & Kristyn

5:30 - 6:30

Sponsored by: Jenny's Floral



LIVE AUCTION & Games

6:30 - 7:20

Auctioneer: Heath Lowry

The Wilt Brothers

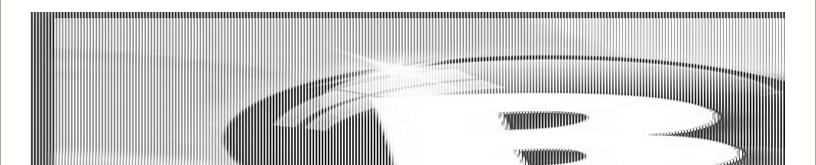
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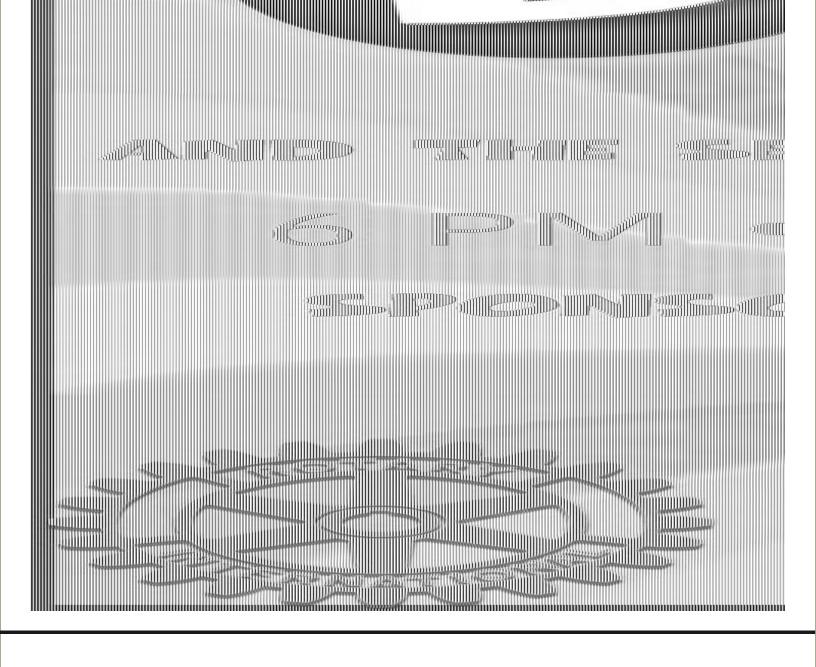
Sponsored by: Aspen + Pine Realty



November 2, 2024 5:00 – 10:00pm @ The Custer Beacon

\$10 Suggested Entry Donation (kids under 16 are free). All proceeds go toward Christmas gifts for lower-income residents of Custer County.





2 Large Auctions

Blake Batchelder – Rapid City, SD Property located: 3640 Cambell St. Rapid City, SD

ONI INF AUCTION

ONLINE AUCTION

ONLINE BIDDING Closes 4:00pm, Wednesday, October 30th Settlement/Pickup is Friday, November 1st, 10am-3pm

Featuring 2016 Featherlite 22ft. x 8.5ft. V-Nose Enclosed Car Trailer, Fully Loaded, Custom Built for Blake, used twice!!! Also, Cushman utility cart, Compressors, '95 Carter GTR Interceptor; Many new Featherlite Doors; windows; parts; Mercedes Sedan, needs engine; 2 Yamaha Jet Skis & Trailer and much more!

Valley Sweeping Inventory Reduction: Including Fiat Allis 545B Wheel Loader, good; Caterpillar AP200 Paver, Labounty quick tach metal shear; pickups; trailers; sheds; bucket truck and more!

LIVE PUBLIC AUCTION

Thursday, November 7th at 10:00am 3640 Cambell St. Rapid City, SD

Featuring trailers; parts; insulation; shop tools; and hundreds of lots yet to be listed. Bring your trailers & plan to be at this Live Auction.

Auctioneers Note: These auctions represent 30+ year accumulation by Blake Batchelder. There are MANY unique and quite usable items in this collection - plan to attend these 2 Fun Auctions!!

See complete details & photos on www.bradeenauction.com

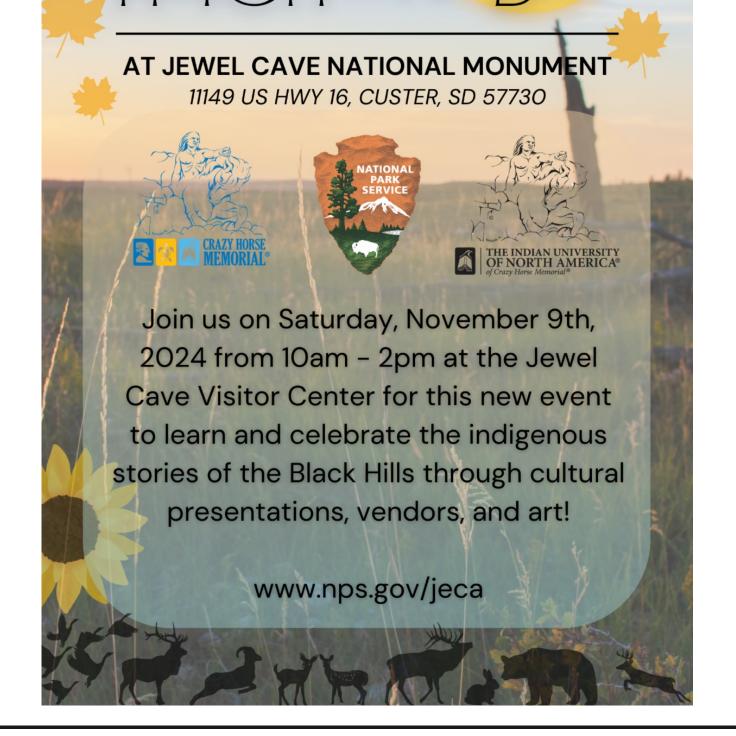
Owners:

Blake Batchelder Rapid City, SD





NATIVE AMER ICAN HER ITAGE DAY



Turkey & Pie BINGO

Play for your chance to win a Turkey or a Pie

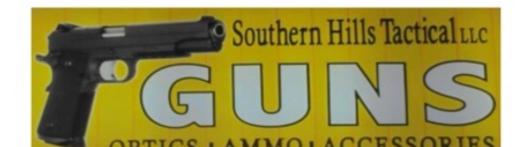
Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:00 – 4:00pm

BINGO - \$1.00 per round per card

Slice of Pie \$4

Custer High School Commons 1645 Wildcat Ln, Custer, SD 57730





OFFICS AMMO ACCESSORIES

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Crazy Horse Memorial® to host Tourism Forum with South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance

Oct. 23, 2024 - CRAZY HORSE, SD

Crazy Horse Memorial® is partnering with South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance (SDNTA), to host a tourism forum at the Memorial on November 13, 2024. The summit, titled Tourism Beyond Borders, will focus attendees on contemplating how all tourism organizations and professionals within South Dakota can be stronger partners with one another.

The day of events will feature networking opportunities, roundtable discussions, and presentations from regional tourism professionals, SDNTA representatives, and Crazy Horse Memorial staff. A working lunch will be provided to attendees and the event is planned from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Attendance to the summit is free and public are encouraged to attend, but an RSVP is required. Potential attendees can RSVP by calling Crazy Horse Memorial at 605-673-4681 or emailing *tourism@crazyhorse.org*.

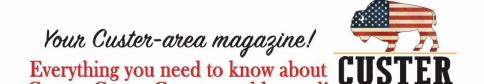
The summit will take place after a quarterly SDNTA Board meeting, part of which is also open to the public and will be hosted at the Memorial on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. More information about the quarterly Board meeting can be found at www.sdnativetourismalliance.org.

Click here to RSVP

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*[®].

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Custer, Custer County, and beyond! Chamber of Commerce

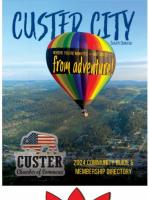
2025 Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Business and Membership Directory

Your Custer Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau is producing the 2025 Chamber Business and Membership Directory with helpful features for chamber members, Custer visitors and potential residents. This beautiful, full-color directory will include great photography, a community profile, a calendar of special events, accommodations, attractions, restaurant listings and a complete categorical directory of all chamber members in full magazine-size layout.

We'll print 15,000 copies of this directory, which will be distributed to prospective visitors and residents who call our community seeking information about traveling to the region, or relocating their home or business to the Custer area. In addition, thousands of copies will be distributed at our Visitor Information Center and at chamber businesses such as local morels, restaurants and campgrounds. This will be our primary economic development and business recruitment piecel

If you'd like to distribute your message to thousands of potential customers who will visit Custer or are inquiring about living here, just give the folks at Southern Hills Publishing a call at 673-2217. Don't miss this opportunity. Thanks for your continued support.

Amy Bailey Chamber President





Full page ad \$1650 Half page ad \$875 Quarter page ad \$600 One eighth page ad \$450

Premium pages are back page, inside front, inside back page, and page 3 and are an additional \$100. DEADLINE: Oct. 25, 2024

To Page Size
7.708" wide x 10.139" tall
With bleed (8.875" wide x 11.305" tall)

We'll be happy to compose your ad for you AT NO EXTRA CHARGE. All camera ready ads should be e-mailed to custerads@gwtc.net in the appropriate size at 300 dpi. Acceptable formats are JPG or PDF files.

For Space Reservations, Call Kate Najacht at 605-440-1248 or email Kate at chroniclewriter2@gmail.com

Southern Hills Publishing Inc. • PO Box 551 • 522 Mt. Rushmore Rd. • Custer, SD 57730

Custer Community Directory – 15,000 of these are given out to locals and are used as their "go to" community directory. They are also mailed to those interested in moving to the area and available for download on our website. All members are included, along with other helpful information about Custer. This publication is produced by our Chamber member, Southern Hills Publishing.





Southern Hills Vacation Guide – This publication, produced by Chamber member Evergreen Media, includes information on lodging, attractions, tours, shopping, restaurants, and much more for the Southern Black Hills communities of Custer, Hot Springs, Hill City, and Keystone. 90,000 are printed yearly and mailed to vacationers inquiring about the area, as well as handed out in the area and available for download on our website.





SWAGS \$25 (Horizontal) Long Swag (5' to 6') \$80.00





*To order call: 605-673-5977
or contact a Garden Club Member you may know.

*Orders must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 19th

*Pick-up or Delivery on or before Nov. 26th

Funds support Custer Library gardening programs and resource material, scholarships, and area gardening projects: Black Hills Playhouse, Custer 1881 Courthouse Museum, Custer County Fair Horticulture Program, Gold Discovery Days Flower Show, Summer Garden Tour.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Custer State Park Announces Trail

Upgrades and Temporary Closures

Pierre, S.D.- The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks today announced the start of a significant trail upgrade project aimed at enhancing the visitor experience and preserving the natural beauty of Custer State Park.

To facilitate these improvements, portions of the Sylvan Lake Shoreline Trail will be temporarily closed, while the entire Sunday Gulch Trail will be closed starting September 9, 2024, and continue into the spring of 2025.

For more information about the trail upgrades or the Sylvan Lake Master Plan, please visit custerstatepark.com or contact Lydia Austin at Lydia.Austin@state.sd.us

We are proud to announce

CONNOR WEISSER, D.O.

has joined the Family Medicine Team in Custer.

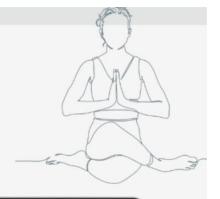
Now accepting new clinic patients.

Call 605-673-9400 to schedule an appointment.

CUSTER HOSPITAL AND CLINIC 1220 Montgomery St., Custer, SD 57730











Clarissa Mae INSTRUCTOR



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NEW NOVEMBER HOURS

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NEWS FROM THE STATE

South Dakota_

OCTOBER 2024 SDVISIT.COM







Hello, Tourism Friends!

Can you hear the shouts of "Rooster!!" echoing from the fields?

Pheasant hunting season has officially begun in South Dakota, and from all accounts, it was an incredible opening weekend. As we have shared previously, pheasant numbers are phenomenal this year. We are expecting a banner harvest of birds. THANK YOU to our many partners who are participating in Rooster Rush and welcoming hunters from every corner of the country.

Can you believe November and the holidays are just around the corner? As we get closer to the holidays, you will see some new Forever 605 marketing encouraging our citizens and visitors to shop local. Stay tuned. Also, in a few weeks, we are excited to roll out year two of our winter campaign. We have a flurry of activity within the department and can't wait for the next couple of months to unfold. With that said, here are some key items we want you to be aware of:

- For those who missed the news, we set a new attendance record for this year's Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup! **24,178** visitors from around the globe witnessed the roundup, an event unique in all the world. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all our incredible partners on this milestone.
- Cole Irwin, our Global Travel & Trade Senior Director, just returned from Brand USA's Travel Week in London where he met with more than 40 European tour operators to share why their clients should make The Mount Rushmore State their future vacation destination in the United States. Also, once again this year during Travel Week, we wrapped taxis in London with beautiful South Dakota imagery. Cole reported the taxis were the ONLY mode of transportation at one particular evening event and were a huge hit with attendees.
- We mentioned in last month's newsletter that the 2025 International Roundup tradeshow is coming to Rapid City May 6-9. We would absolutely love to feature as many South Dakota tourism businesses, attractions and cities as possible at IRU 2025. If you are not familiar with what IRU is, please click on any of the highlighted links to learn more. Online registration opened October 1 for sponsorships, exhibitors and attendees. Please reach out to Cole Irwin, Calley Geigle or Kyler Flock on our Global Travel & Trade team with questions.
- And last but not least, don't forget about the upcoming 2025 Governor's Conference on Tourism. Sponsorship and exhibitor information has been mailed, and so has the attendee flyer. You can head to www.SouthDakotaTourismConference.com to register, view sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, and check out the conference agenda. Plus, another reminder about Tourism Awards nominations. Those are due Tuesday, November 26. The 2025 conference is going to be an incredible event, and we hope you can join us January 21-23 in Pierre!

In the coming days, we'll be traveling to the Black Hills and Badlands Tourism Association's annual meeting in Rapid City as well as the *Agritourism & Adventure Travel Workshop* in Yankton, November 5-7. We hope to run into you at one of these events. And if you need anything from the team, we are just a phone call or email away. Don't hesitate to reach out. Happy Halloween, friends! Wishing you a SPOOKTACULAR end to October! All our best,

Jim and Team

FALL WEBINAR SCHEDULE

Accessible travel, destination storytelling, powwow etiquette, all the Interstate Welcome Center info you could ever want — our fall webinar series is ready to rock your Tuesdays. Here's what we have in store for the rest of 2024. Learn more and watch previous webinars at *SDVisit.com*.

Starting on September 10 and going forward, all webinars will take place at 11 a.m. CT / 10 a.m. MT. Please contact *Bailey Tysdal* with any questions.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

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PRESS RELEASE



The Black Hills Playhouse and DakotAbilities Present Two Performances This October

The Snow Queen Pt. 1 Premieres October 24 and 25!

For Immediate Release

Sioux Falls, SD — Black Hills Playhouse Education, in collaboration with DakotAbilities, invites the public to experience two special performances of *The Snow Queen Pt. 1* on October 24 and 25 at 1:00 PM, hosted at the

Longfellow Center in Sioux Falls. These performances are part of The Expanding Stage, a transformative Black Hills Playhouse Education program that empowers individuals of all ages and abilities through inclusive theatre.

Black Hills Playhouse teaching artists bring energy, laughter, and creativity to DakotAbilities, working closely with adults with disabilities. This groundbreaking theater program offers participants the chance to explore their creativity, build communication and performance skills, and gain confidence in expressing themselves through the arts. Each participant's input shapes the final performance, making it a truly collaborative and personalized experience.

Rehearsals are currently underway for the fall production, The Snow Queen, Part 1, which will be followed by Part 2 in December. These productions provide a platform for participants to shine on stage, supported by family, friends, and the broader community.

"DakotAbilities feels privileged to work with the Black Hills Playhouse in supporting people with disabilities to participate in theater. Deb, the Black Hills Playhouse artists, and the DakotAbilities support staff have unlocked an

Dvorak, Director of Day Services.

Both performances are free and open to the public. However, seating is limited, and the shows often fill up quickly, so early arrival is recommended to secure a spot. For more information about The Expanding Stage and the Black Hills Playhouse, visit www.blackhillsplayhouse.com/expandingstage.

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About the Black Hills Playhouse

The Black Hills Playhouse is committed to creating theatre that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes the human experience in all its diversity. They seek to collaborate with, employ, share the stories of, and engage individuals of all backgrounds and experiences to foster a healthy environment for opportunity and growth through the power of performance art.



The Black Hills Playhouse Has Announced Season 79, The Impossible Must Be Possible

You can now read show descriptions for next summer's season at the Black Hills Playhouse *here*.

For Immediate Release

South Dakota — The Black Hills Playhouse has officially announced Season 79, *The Impossible Must Be Possible*, which will premiere in the summer of 2025. Season 79 features four productions total, two of which are musicals. The Black Hills Playhouse is proud to present *Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express* running June 8 - 22, 2025, *Legally Blonde: The Musical* running June 29 - July 13, 2025, *Waitress: The Musical* running July 20 - August 3, 2025, and *The Book of Will* running August 10 - 16, 2025.

This season features stories of facing the impossible and showcases diverse narratives of triumph, resilience, and the pursuit of dreams. Each production offers audiences a chance to experience the profound emotional journeys of characters who challenge the odds and find a way forward.

Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express June 8 - 22, 2025

Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time

of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer.

An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer-in case he or she decides to strike again.

Legally Blonde: The Musical June 29 - July 13, 2025

Book by Heather Hach Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe, Neil Benjamin

Follow the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal! Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Waitress: The Musical July 20 - August 3, 2025

Book by Jessie Nelson

Music and Lyrics by Sara Bareilles

Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker, is stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. Faced with an unexpected pregnancy, Jenna fears she may have to abandon the dream of opening her own pie shop...until a baking contest in a nearby county and the town's handsome new doctor offer her a tempting recipe for happiness. Supported by her quirky crew of fellow waitresses and loyal customers, Jenna summons the secret ingredient she's been missing all alongcourage.

The Book of Will August 10 - 16, 2025

By Lauren Gunderson

Without William Shakespeare, we wouldn't have literary masterpieces like Romeo and Juliet. But without Henry Condell and John Heminges, we would have lost half of Shakespeare's plays forever! After the death of their friend and mentor, the two actors are determined to compile the First Folio and preserve the words that shaped their lives. They'll just have to borrow, beg, and band together to get it done. Amidst the noise and color of Elizabethan London, The Book of Will finds an unforgettable true story of love, loss, and laughter, and sheds new light on a man you may think you know.

The Black Hills Playhouse continues its tradition of delivering high-quality, professional productions in the heart of Custer State Park, attracting audiences from across the region. This upcoming season promises to inspire, uplift, and entertain theatergoers of all ages, offering a summer of unforgettable performances.

Special discounted ticket packages, and passes go on sale for Season 79 in early 2025, with special discounts available for select season passes beginning November 1. For more information on showtimes, ticket pricing, and other details, visit www.blackhillsplayhouse.com.

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Project Update

Friday, Oct. 18, 2024

Current Conditions:

- The contractor is continuing to place layers of gravel material from two miles north of S.D. Highway 44 to the Lawrence-Pennington County line.
- The contractor has begun painting road markings within from Highway 44 to two miles north of Highway 44.
- Users of the roadway can expect delays of approximately 15 minutes and the use of flaggers from two miles north of Highway 44 to the Pennington-Lawrence County line.
- The speed limit has been reduced through the construction area.
- The contractor is applying water to the gravel roadway to control dust as needed.
- The contractor is working Saturdays as needed.







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" to605-566-4041. Subscribers can unsubscribe at any time.



U.S. HIGHWAY 385 CONSTRUCTION

PENNINGTON-LAWRENCE COUNTY LINE TO SHERIDAN LAKE

FREE TEXT ALERTS:











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

Visit Route Reimagined

A free text-in service is being used to communicate major traffic changes.

To subscribe, simply text "US385" to 605-566-4041.

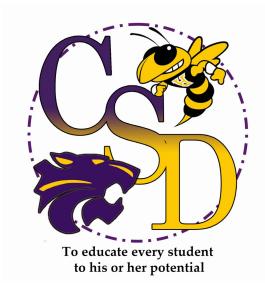
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Custer Senior Center

October Activities



Click here to Check out the Custer School District Information

WEEKLY INSPIRATION





HELP WANTED



APPLYING FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE JOBS





To apply for a job, there are 4 basic steps:

STEP 1: Create an Account on <u>USAJOBS.GOV</u>
 Enter your profile information and create a resume.

HELPFUL RESUME TIPS

 Make your resume includes your specialized experience as it relates to the

- Consider the Helpful Resume Tips.
- Note: Visit <u>USAJOBS' Help Center</u> for more information on Getting Started
- You do not need to create a USAJOBS account to search for jobs, but you do to create an account to apply for jobs.

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.
- Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you could qualify for the position.

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 followup questions or those related to the particular job.
- The agency contact information is listed in the "How to Apply" section of the job announcement.

- USAJOBS.
- Include hours of work or full-time/parttime status for each job you include in the work experience section on your resume.
- Make your resume searchable.

COMMON SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- College Transcripts
- DD-214 (Certificate of Discharge)
- Recent Performance Appraisals
- SF-15 (App for Vet Preference)
- SF-50s (Official Personnel Actions)
- Vocational Certificates/Licenses

THE NPS HIRING EXPERIENCE

- Apply to a Job Announcement
- · Notification of Results sent to Candidate
- Possible Invitation to Interview
- · If Selected, a Tentative Offer Letter
- · Completion of a Background Check
- · A Firm Offer Letter with a Start Date
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- Successful Completion of a Probationary Period (if not previously completed)
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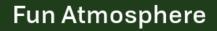




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Job Description: Delivery Driver

Job Description Summary:

The Delivery Driver successfully executes the delivery of propane gas to patron locations, while providing excellent customer service. The Delivery Driver reports to the Service Manager.

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Delivery of propane gas to customers as routed by dispatch.

Other duties as assigned (tank maintenance, assisting service department, basic vehicle maintenance).

Requirements:

Class B license with airbrakes and hazmat (X) endorsement

Education: High school diploma preferred

Willingness to learn company software and procedures

Physical:

Body Positions: Sitting, standing, driving, bending, crawling, climbing

Body Movements: Sitting, standing, driving

Strength: Some lifting is required, up to 100 lbs

Working Conditions: Outside environment, driving and delivering in all weather conditions.

Travel: Daily travel to customer homes and business locations, other company facilities, no overnights.

Hourly Rate: \$24/ hr and up, DOE. Opportunities for overtime and advancement. Other compensation includes health insurance, 401(k) match, and PTO.

Please email your resume to stefany@mcgas.biz or call the office at 605-347-3811.



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Job Description: Service Technician

Job Description Summary:

The Service Technician executes the installation, repairing, and operation of company equipment and appliances, while providing excellent customer service. The Service Technician reports to the Service Manager.

Essential Duties:

Tank delivery and setting

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Install furnaces and heaters.

Requirements:

Hazmat CDL license.

Class B license with airbrakes.

High school diploma preferred.

At least 2 years of commercial driving experience preferred, but not required.

At least 2 years of maintenance/repair experience preferred, but not required.

Excellent problem-solving skills.

Attention to detail.

Ability to collaborate with others in the organization.

Enthusiasm, communication skills, and a passion for safety.

Body Positions: Sitting, standing, driving, bending, crawling, climbing

Strength: Lifting up to 150 lbs

Working Conditions: Outside environment

Travel: Daily travel to customer homes and business locations, as well as

other company facilities. No overnights.

Hourly Rate: \$25-\$35 DOE

Please email your resume to stefany@mcgas.biz or call the office at 605-347-3811.

Be sure to check out the Help Wanted section on our Website:

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