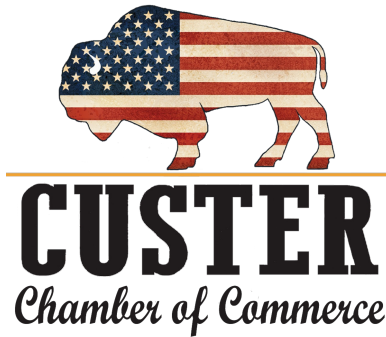


Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

It's that time of year again...yes, it's the Sturgis Rally, but it's also time for membership renewals to the Custer Chamber of Commerce. If you're reading this, you're probably currently a member of the Custer Chamber and we hope you'll renew your membership for 2024. You may have even received your renewal paperwork in the mail already. Keep in mind that the deadline to join/renew is set for October 13 so we can get your business/organization included in our annual publications.

Speaking of publications...you will be contacted soon about buying ads in the Southern Hills Vacation Guide and the Custer Magazine. Please know that these are the 2 magazines that we hand out the most in our office.

A couple of years ago we shared an article from the Atlanta Area Chamber of Commerce called, "What is the Point of Chamber Membership." It had a lot of good information about what a Chamber is and what they do for their community. Today, I'd like to share with you again one section of that article that really is still relevant today, *"If you ask us 'what's the point of joining the Chamber' we can rattle off a list of things we will do for you/your business, and I will explain that in some ways, we are like a gym membership-- the more ways you choose to use your membership, the more benefit you will see. No two people will use the exact same combination of equipment, because we recognize that different members are seeking different results. Overall, like a gym, a Chamber cultivates a healthier community."*

Reasons to Join Your Chamber of Commerce

1. Membership brings credibility to your business – you can increase positive perception among consumers when you're identified as a member of a chamber of commerce.
2. Increase your visibility in the community – As a member of the chamber, you will be listed in the chamber

newsletter, have a listing on the Chamber website and have opportunities to advertise by sponsoring events.

3. Create networking opportunities – Chambers have numerous committees and serving on one provides networking and professional development opportunities. There are also several chamber mixers throughout the year which are great opportunities to network with attendees/prospective business contacts.
4. Make business contacts – Make new contacts and create opportunities to expand your business by meeting new potential customers through Chamber events, committee involvement, ribbon cuttings, and publications.
5. Receive chamber newsletters (Buffalo Bytes) and information – Newsletters provide member information, interesting opportunities, community calendar and details about up-and-coming chamber events.
6. Acquire customer referrals – Every day, your local chamber receives calls from travelers, or potential visitors, and staff policy is to recommend those businesses and organizations that are chamber members.
7. Chamber events – Chamber events provide members with opportunities to meet potential customers and clients. Events also keep people coming to our community which helps all area businesses.
8. Promotion and publicity – With a chamber membership you can reach potential clients through member exclusive advertising. On occasion, the chamber receives requests from the media to speak with our members. There are also multiple chamber publications that are printed each year and mailed to prospective visitors.



Dawn Murray
Executive Director

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lydia Austin- CSP Liaison
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Mickelson Trail Trek Hospitality Night Sponsors Needed \$100

Thursday, September 15

The Chamber hosts a welcome
banquet for over 600 bicyclists.

Contact Dawn at dmurray@custersd.com

To have things added to Buffalo Bytes, please send to Amy: abrazell@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 4-13

Custer Cruisin'

August 18

Custer Crazy Days

August 19

Community Wide Rummage Sale

September 3

Studebaker Car Show
10am-3pm on 6th Street

WEEKLY HUMOR



CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

CUSTER COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Aug. 19th





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

To have your business featured in our Member Spotlight, please contact Amy Brazell at abrazell@custersd.com



Jim Frank & Colleen Hennessy

Southern Hills Title, Inc

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Mile High Garden Club

AREA EVENTS

HAWK WILD AT THE CENTER!

HAWG WILD AT THE CENTER!

8/2 - 8/11 9-5pm.

**VENDOR BOOTHS INCLUDE: LEATHER WALLET,
JERKY, DIPS AND SPREADS, ARTWORK, JEWELRY,
HANDBAGS, LIFEWAVE X39 AND
MORE.**



**8/4 - 8/5 LUNCH 11AM UNTIL SOLD OUT:
HAM SANDWICH W/CHEESE, HOMEMADE COLESLAW,
RICE CRISPIE TREATS, LAYS CHIPS, AND A BOTTLE
OF WATER - \$12.00**

**538 Mt. Rushmore Rd., Custer, SD 57730
PH: 605-673-2708 www.custerseniorcenter.org**

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**OVER THE
HEDGE**

AT THE CUSTER CITY POOL

WHO: Kindergarten Swimmers (without an adult) - Adult
Swim Test and Age Restrictions Apply.

WHEN: Friday, August 18, 2023

COST: FREE

TIME: 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Movie Starts at 6:30 pm

LOCATION: CUSTER CITY POOL

***RAIN DATE: 19 AUGUST 2023**

Swim or bring your own inflatable, lawn chair or blanket to the pool and watch a movie while you float in the pool or lounge poolside!

FREE! 100 person limit.

Get your tickets NOW at the Custer YMCA Log Building!

- Grilled Hamburger Meal Provided
- Concessions Available

Entry Fees
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South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One Day Class

Saturday Aug 19th 2023

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**

You can also call the shop at 605-673-3222 or email us
southernhillstactical@gwtc.net



PRAIRIE SONGS

FEATURING:

HUMBLETOWN & THE CLOVER FOLD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 | 6PM
GREAT PLAINS ZOO
SIOUX FALLS, SD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 | 7PM
THE CUSTER BEACON
CUSTER, SD

FIND YOUR TICKET HERE:
SDPB.ORG/TICKETS



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LEGION AUXILIARY INFORMATIONAL MEETING



BECOME A MEMBER



Who: male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of military members who served honorably.

Why: support veterans, military, and their families. Help to advance the mission of The American Legion. Scholarships, girls state, promote youth and support community

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

10:00 AM

Post 46 Meeting Room located at
527 Montgomery Street, Custer, SD.



605-673-2244

REGISTER NOW



dawnmurray68@gmail.com

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5:30 PM

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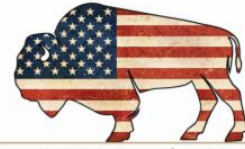
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

STUDEBAKER

Event



**45TH ANNUAL
SHOW**



CUSTER
Black Hills

FREE CAR SHOW



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
DOWNTOWN CUSTER, SD
10AM - 3PM**

**VOTE FOR
YOUR
FAVORITE
VEHICLE**



COLD SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



CELEBRATION OF OWNERSHIP



**September 10, 2023
12:30 to 2:30**

**Sloppy Joes, Beans, Chips,
Dessert, Drinks**

Free will donation

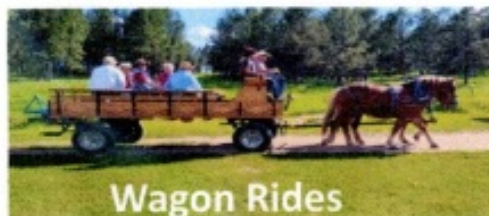
Music by Southern Rail Drifters

EVERYONE WELCOME

FUN FOR ALL AGES



**Corn Hole toss contest
\$5 entry fee winner
splits pot.**



Wagon Rides



**Pie Eating Contest \$10 entry
fee winner splits pot.**



**\$1 per ticket or
12 tickets for \$10**



Directions from Custer: 385 south to Beaver Creek Road, Beaver Creek Road to Flynn Creek Road, Flynn Creek Road to 1st driveway on right.

Directions from Hot Springs: Take 385 towards Wind Cave then take 87 (the road in wind cave) then take Beaver Creek rd. (near Rankin ridge) to Flynn Creek rd. First road on right to the Schoolhouse

www.facebook.com/CSHSSD



THE CUSTER AMERICAN LEGION

POST 46 PRESENTS



FLAG RETIREMENT

Program

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

5:00PM

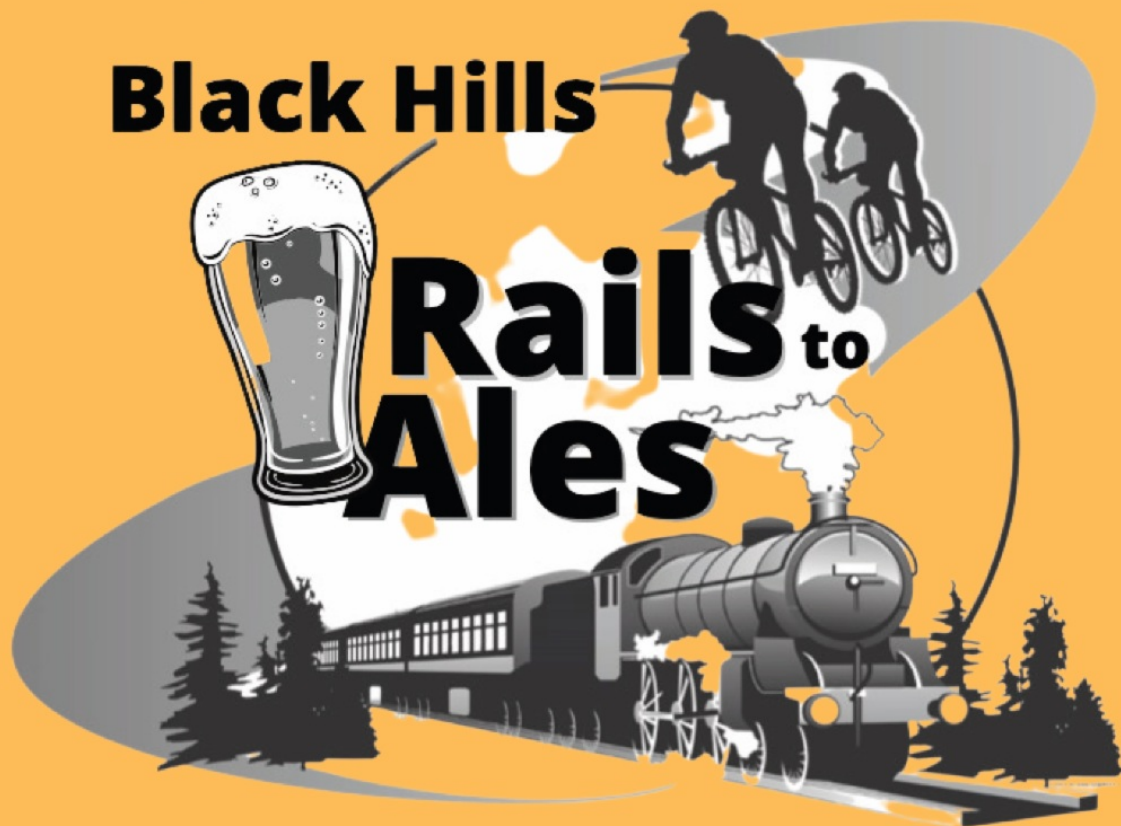
Veterans Memorial Park



The American Legion will hold an
American Flag retirement program
in honor & memory of the first
responders & citizens who gave
everything on 9/11.



September 23, 2023



Hill City to Custer

16 Miles on The George S. Mickelson Trail

starts at Tracy Park in Hill City ends in Custer at:

Mt. Rushmore Brewing Company

registration includes: Lunch • MT Day Pass

Live Musical Entertainment • *Event Beer Glass

***first 50 registrants**

event details & registration: MickelsonTrailAffiliates.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1881 Courthouse Museum

in Custer, SD



**summer volunteer
opportunities**

**CUSTER COUNTY
COURTHOUSE ART**

CUSTER HOUSE ARTS GALLERY

420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor

Custer, South Dakota



**Showcasing the photography of
Kimberly Nelson.**

THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023

Endorsed by Custer Area Arts Council



Dear dog and animal loving people,

I want to take a moment to give a heartfelt shout-out to all of you for your incredible support. Throughout the month of July, Hounds Pugs and Hugs LLC managed to raise a staggering \$721.00 for Big Paws K-9, a non-profit organization located in Sioux Falls SD, California, and

Veteran-Owned-&-Operated



South Carolina. As many of you may know, Big Paws is the place where Daisy, my service dog and I received our training, and I cannot express how grateful I am for the impact they've had on our lives.

Every month, I strive to bring awareness to and raise funds for a different non-profit organization. This August, I am truly excited to be supporting Deployed Service Members through a project that aims to send them care packages.

As an Air Force Veteran who served overseas, I vividly remember the joy and comfort those packages brought me during my time in Germany. Now, it's our turn to show our gratitude and support to these brave men and women serving and protecting our great country.

Allow me to introduce you to the non-profit organization Soldiers Angels, located at 2895 NE loop 410 Suite 107, San Antonio TX, 78218. If you visit their website, www.SoldiersAngels.org, you will find a link called "Care Package Support." Here, you can make donations to contribute to the care packages that will be sent to our heroes. Together, let's make a difference and bring a little piece of home to those who need it the most.

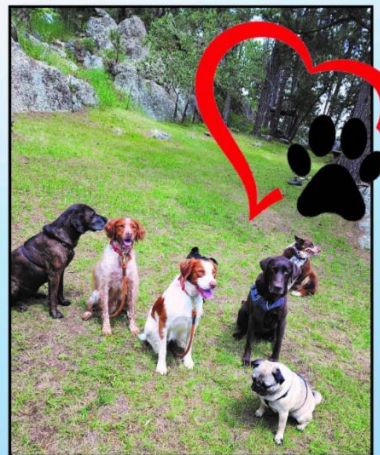
Lastly, I want to remind you that when it comes to taking care of your beloved pets, from the majestic buffaloes to the most stubborn chihuahuas, a parrot, silly goats, or lazy pot belly pigs, you can always count on me. Feel free to reach out to me at 605-880-0655; I'll be more than happy to provide them with the love and attention they deserve. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your unwavering support and compassion towards animals and our military heroes. Let's continue to make this world a better place, one act of kindness at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Gena Keller, Air Force Veteran,
Hounds Pugs & Hugs, LLC
kellerpugpug@gmail.com



Hounds, Pugs & Hugs LLC

Gena Keller
605-880-0655



632 Mt.
Rushmore Road



Tuesday Night Social Runs

**Come join us every Tuesday night in
Custer for a 3-4 mile social run and
drinks afterward**

All ages and abilities welcome
including walkers. (Must be 21 to
drink alcoholic beverages)

We will meet at the South Dakota
OutDoor Shop in Custer at 5pm every
Tuesday until Labor Day

NEWS RELEASE

7/19/2023

First Interstate Custer Area Fund is Accepting Grant Applications

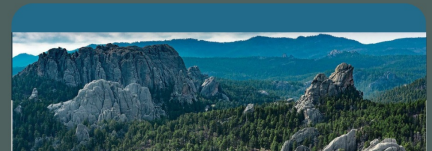
The First Interstate Custer Area Fund is accepting applications for grants from qualified 501 (C) 3 Organizations in the Custer area thru September 12, 2023. Recipients will be selected and grants funded during the Month of October 2023.

Disbursements by the local board of directors are determined according to the needs of the community. Past disbursements from 1999 to date have totaled \$209,560 and have benefited a variety of local projects, historical organizations, and the arts and humanities.

If your non-profit organization would like to be considered in the disbursement of funds, please complete the First Interstate Custer Area Fund application form and return it to any board member or mail the form to:

First Interstate Custer Area Fund, 648 Mt Rushmore Rd, Custer, SD 57730, Attention: Donna Cullum. Completed applications can also be emailed to Donna.Cullum@fib.com.

Grant applications forms are available from any local board member, please call: Jenny Behlings 673- 5436, Don Kraus 673-2072, Curtis Tyler 673-2215, Donna Cullum 673-2215, Nathan Wiederholt 673- 2716, Bobbi Schmidt 605-450-9956, or Misty Fish 673-4848.



**FIRST
INTERSTATE
CUSTER AREA
FUND**

The deadline for completed applications for the annual disbursement of funds will be September 12, 2023. The funds will be disbursed during the month of October 2023.

NEWS FROM THE STATE



Travel South Dakota
August 2023
SDVisit.com



Hi, Industry Friends,

We wanted you to be aware that the email you will be receiving soon from Coraggio is legitimate. We strongly encourage you to participate in the survey, as your answers are crucial to helping plan the next steps for the VIA. Tom Biegler, Chief Executive Officer and President of Regency Hotel Management and President of the South Dakota Visitor Industry Alliance, has asked that we share the message below with you. We hope you'll read and participate. Thanks!

All our best,

Jim Hagen

Secretary of Tourism

***Hello,

The South Dakota Visitor Industry Alliance (VIA) will soon undergo a planning process with the goal of reinvigorating its vision and mission and developing a two-year strategic roadmap. The purpose is to ensure the organization provides the greatest possible value to its members and the broader tourism industry statewide. The VIA has partnered with Coraggio Group (www.coraggiogroup.com) and Travel South Dakota (the Department of Tourism) to help lead this project, which will be kicking off soon and is expected to be complete in the early fall.

In preparation for this important work, I would like to invite you to participate in an online survey which will take about 15 minutes to complete. Please be on the lookout for an email and survey link from **Sam Brigham** at Coraggio Group in the coming days.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and for all you do to support the continued success of South Dakota's tourism industry. If you have any questions, please contact me at tbiegler@regency-mgmt.com or Marv Anne Boyd at

PRESS RELEASES



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Wind Cave National Park
26611 U.S. Highway 385
Hot Springs, SD 57747

605-745-4600 phone
www.nps.gov

Release Date: August 8, 2023

For Immediate Release Contact:

Tom Farrell, tom_farrell@nps.gov, 605-745-1130

Wind Cave tours canceled due to elevator repairs rangers offer additional alternative programs



HOT SPRINGS, S.D. – Cave tours at Wind Cave National Park have been suspended pending elevator repairs. Replacement parts are on order and tours could resume in early September.

“We believe this current repair will get us back up and running until there is a total replacement of the elevator system in 2024,” said Park Superintendent Leigh Welling. “While we wait for these repairs, there is still plenty to do at the park. Rangers are giving a variety of programs throughout the day beginning at 9 a.m. with a talk at the Natural Entrance and ending at 8:30 p.m. with our evening program at the Elk Mountain Campground.”

The visitor center remains open with rangers offering free interpretive programs throughout the day. Talk locations are at the downstairs map in the visitor center, at the tipi on the front lawn and at the Natural Entrance. There will be hour-long hikes of the Prairie Vista Trail beginning from the visitor center at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., weather permitting. These hikes will explore the prairie ecosystem and its wildlife. Bring water, good hiking shoes, and dress for the weather.

Throughout the day rangers will be staffing a Jr. Ranger table helping young visitors earn their Jr. Ranger badge. The park store, run by the Black Hills Parks and Forests Association, a nonprofit partner supporting park education efforts, remains open with a variety of products for sale.

The park has 30 miles of hiking trails including a hike to the park’s highest point, Rankin Ridge, a one-hour, one mile hike with views extending to the Badlands on a clear day. Driving through the park provides viewing opportunities for a range of wildlife.

Updates to cave tour status will be posted on the park’s website at www.nps.gov/wica and Facebook page.





Keeping customers safe: Black Hills Energy offers 5 tips to avoid hidden risks

RAPID CITY, SD. – August 7, 2023 – It’s an activity on the rise in summer months that many homeowners and businesses do, but they’re unknowingly putting themselves and others in a dangerous situation. Digging without locates could result in costly fines, damage to property, or result in harm to yourself and others.

That’s why Black Hills Energy is working with communities to recognize Aug. 11 as 811 Day, an opportunity to urge residents to call 811 at least two business days prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked. Summer months are heightened times for working outside and hit lines, making it incredibly important for everyone to focus on being safe.

“Our most important responsibility is the safety of our customers, employees and the communities we serve. That includes safe digging any time of year,” said Michael Pogany, General Manager of South Dakota operations. “On Aug. 11 and throughout the year, we remind homeowners and professional contractors alike to use the free 811 service before digging to reduce the risk of striking an underground utility line. As we continue to rely on important utilities to keep us connected and safe, calling 811 or visiting www.sdonecall.com is really the only way to know which utilities are buried in your area so that you can dig safely.”

Black Hills Energy reminds you:

1. Call or Click Before You Dig. Always “Call or Click Before You Dig” at least two working days in advance to have utility lines marked. You can call 811 toll-free or schedule online at www.sdonecall.com.
2. At no charge to you, utility locators will respond within two business days to mark the approximate location of buried utility lines at your site with color-coded paint or flags.
3. Mark Your Planned Excavation Site. Using white spray paint, stakes, or flags, mark the area around your planned excavation site before you call. “White-lining” helps the utility locator understand your plan and reduces the chance of project delays if the utility locator must return to locate additional areas.
4. Respect the Marks. Always dig with care and use a shovel within 18 to 24 inches of any utility lines as opposed to using heavy equipment. Just a nick can create a weak spot that may develop into a gas leak, cause an electrical or internet outage or result in injury.
5. Don’t Rely on Old Line Locate Marks. If you don’t dig within 10 days of having utility lines marked, contact South Dakota 811 again. At no charge, utility locators will gladly return to re-mark the lines as quickly as possible. Never rely on outdated information.

When calling 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to South Dakota 811, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, or planting a tree are examples of digging projects that need a call to 811 before starting. Requests can also be made online at www.sdonecall.com at no cost to you. Professional utility locators will arrive at the digging site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines with flags, spray paint or both.

Every few minutes, an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first contacting 811. Striking a single line can result in injury, repair costs, inconvenient outages, and fines. For every digging project, no matter how large or small, call or click 811 – it’s free, it’s safe, and it’s the law. Visit www.sdonecall.com or www.blackhillsenergy.com/safety and click on “Call 811 before you dig” for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

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Media Contacts:

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(605) 399-5180

Lynn.kendall@blackhillsenergy.com

24-Hour Media Assistance:

888-242-3969

About Black Hills Energy

Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) is a customer focused, growth-oriented utility company with a tradition of improving life with energy and a vision to be the energy partner of choice. Based in Rapid City, South Dakota, the company serves 1.3 million natural gas and electric utility customers in eight states:

Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. More information is available at www.blackhillscorp.com and www.blackhillsenergy.com.



Forest Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Black Hills National Forest | Forest Recreation Management (FRM)



Songbird of the Black Hills



Songbird of the Black Hills Labor Day Weekend Sing-Along Event

Saturday, September 2 / 7:00 p.m.
Sheridan Lake Campground

When nature and music join forces, inspiration flows. These are the elements that have motivated the Songbird of the Black Hills (Sally Svenson) to write her songs. Through her music, she delights in sharing her love of this diverse region with others.

Sally has spent over four decades exploring and experiencing the Hills with all its varied habitats and vistas. She served as the Custer State Park (CSP) naturalist for eighteen years. Sally spent an additional sixteen summers in CSP as an entertainer at the Blue Bell Chuckwagon. The inspiration for new songs continues to flow.

You are invited to join the Songbird of the Black Hills for a late-season evening of campfire music featuring the Black Hills stories behind her original songs (sing-along tunes included).

Under permit from the Black Hills National Forest, Forest Recreation Management (FRM) operates most of the campgrounds and developed recreation sites on the Forest during the summer months. In an effort to engage its late-season campers, vacationers, and local outdoor enthusiasts, FRM is sponsoring the Labor Day Weekend musical program at Sheridan Lake Campground.



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Montgomery Furniture Receives Acts of Excellence Award from the South Dakota Hall of Fame

For immediate release: July 25, 2023

MADISON, SD—On Saturday, July 22, 2023, South Dakota Hall of Fame Board Directors Gerry Likness and Dr. Loren Tschetter presented Montgomery Furniture with an Act of Excellence Award.

Acts of Excellence awards are reserved for those extraordinary individuals and organizations who are serving their communities in meaningful ways. Montgomery Furniture was considered worthy of the prestigious award for its long history of business in South Dakota and its excellent service.

Before there was a state of South Dakota, there was Montgomery Furniture. For 135 years, this company has served South Dakota families. During that time, the same family has owned the business and has been a significant presence in the business community of South Dakota. Such longevity is truly rare and distinctive.

In 1884, George H. Montgomery left Vermont, heeding Horace Greely's advice: "Go West, young man." In 1888, one year before South Dakota became a state, Montgomery reached the area of Alexandria, SD where he established a furniture store and funeral home. The business grew and prospered, and in 1902, Montgomery and his brother-in-law, William Ryburn, built a two-story home in downtown Alexandria which housed the store, a bank, a law office, and Masonic Temple. After Montgomery passed, he left the business in the hands of his son, W.R. Montgomery, and his son-in-law, Gilbert Loomer.

A fire in 1964 destroyed the original building, but the family re-built. That same building houses Montgomery Furniture today. Over the years and generations, the business has expanded across the state with locations in Madison, Howard, Arlington, Sioux Falls, and Mitchell—offering furniture, home accessories, and flooring.

Today, Clark Sinclair and his son, Eric Sinclair of Madison, are co-owners. Eric is the fifth generation of the hardy family who arrived in Dakota Territory, settled, put down roots, and stayed.

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An exhibit featuring Montgomery Furniture and their legacy will be on display at the SD Hall of Fame's Visitor and Education Center in Chamberlain this summer (and throughout the year), along with the other 2023 Act of Excellence recipients.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Laurie Becvar, Ed.D., M.A.

CEO, South Dakota Hall of Fame

605-682-4239

lbecvar@sdhalloffame.org

The South Dakota Hall of Fame is a 501c3 organization designed to Honor, Inspire, and Educate. The Hall's mission is to Champion a Culture of Excellence and the SD Hall of Fame lives out its mission through its programming, including the Acts of Excellence Program. This year, 15 organizations/individuals have been chosen for their Acts of Excellence.

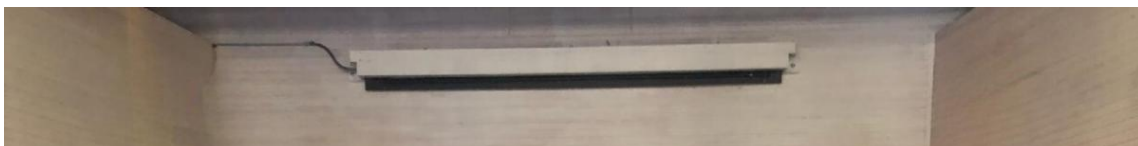




Photo (Left to Right): South Dakota Hall of Fame Board Director Gerry Likness, Clark Sinclair, Connie Sinclair, Eric Sinclair, Neala Sinclair, and South Dakota Hall of Fame Board Director Dr. Loren Tschetter.



Black Hills Parks & Forests Association

Supporting **Wonder & Exploration** for Over 75 Years

Black Hills Parks & Forests Association's 2nd Virtual Fundraiser, encouraging physical activity, challenges all to 128 miles before Labor Day.

For Immediate Release

Contact: Brad Keizer, Black Hills Parks & Forests Association bkeizer@blackhillsparks.org

Join Black Hills Parks & Forests Association (BHPFA) for a virtual fundraiser, the *South Dakota Centennial Trail Hike Challenge*. Between now and Labor Day, September 4, 2023, BHPFA is encouraging public land supporters from around the country to virtually travel the length of the South Dakota Centennial Trail from Wind Cave National Park to Bear Butte State Park. Participants can earn miles by self-supported, non-motorized activities like running, hiking, walking, bike-riding, working out, and swimming from anywhere they choose. After completing an activity, participants can upload their mileage to the challenge's website, where their progress is tracked along an interactive map of the Centennial Trail. There's still plenty of time to register and reach 128 miles before Labor Day.

Registration is required to take a part in this virtual event and can be done online. The cost is \$25 for BHPFA members and \$55 for non-members and includes an event sticker & patch. Non-members will receive a complimentary membership for one year. This fundraiser supports BHPFA's non-profit mission of supporting interpretive programs, educational activities and research efforts to protect and preserve the cultural and natural resources of the Black Hills and Nebraska. Thank you to the generous sponsors who are helping make this event possible. **To learn more and to register visit:** <https://blackhillsparks.org/south-dakota-centennial-trail-hike-challenge/>

BHPFA is an official partner of the National Park Service and USDA Forest Service with the mission to

BHPFA is an official non-profit partner of the National Park Service and USDA Forest Service, with the mission to support wonder and exploration through stewardship of your public lands. This year, BHPFA is providing \$83,000 to their partners for educational materials and programs.

For more information about Black Hills Parks & Forests Association, check out the website at www.blackhillsparks.org or call 605-745-7020.



Custer Senior Center

August Schedule

[Click here to Check out the Custer School District Calendar for upcoming school events!](#)



WEEKLY INSPIRATION



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"No road is
too long when
you have good
company."

HELP WANTED



BLACK HILLS
**PARKS &
FORESTS**
ASSOCIATION

Seasonal Job Opportunities

BHPFA Sales/Information Associate

Wind Cave National Park & Pactola Visitor Center

Seasonal/Hourly

Competitive Salary

Now through October 31st (These dates may vary)

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

- » PROVIDE ACCURATE PRODUCT AND ORGANIZATION INFORMATION
- » GOOD VERBAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS.
- » GOOD INTERPERSONAL SKILLS FOR INTERACTING WITH CUSTOMERS.
- » BE A TEAM PLAYER AND HAVE THE ABILITY OF MEETING ASSIGNED TARGETS.

For full job description & to fill out an application, visit our website at:
blackhillsparks.org/employment

JOIN OUR TEAM!

BE A PART OF PRESERVING EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS

CONTACT US

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Executive Director

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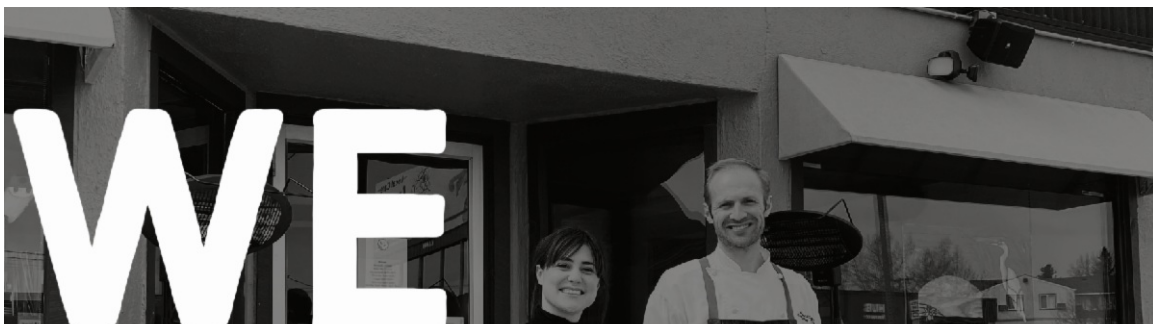
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- ***CUSTOMER SERVICE***
- ***SALES EXPERIENCE***
- ***GREAT PEOPLE SKILLS***
- ***21 OR OLDER***
- ***WILLING TO WORK WEEKENDS & EVENINGS***



CONTACT US:

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507 Mt Rushmore Rd Custer, SD

DISH WASHER

LINE COOKS SERVERS

Looking for a spring/summer
Job? Come join our team!



**Please apply in house: 308 Mt. Rushmore RD
Custer**

Or By Phone: 605-981-9047

Requirements: Must have a Positive Attitude!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

PAID ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

WHERE: CUSTER SENIOR CENTER

TITLE: CUSTODIAN

SCHEDULE: PART TIME

PAY - \$10.80 PER HOUR

THIS POSITION IS PART OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM (SCSEP)

SCSEP is an on-the-job experience and employment program designed to help low-income individuals age 55 and older update their jobs skills, build work experience and confidence, and continue to have economic security and well-being.

Eligibility:

Individuals applying for the SCSEP must meet specific eligibility requirements in order to participate:

- A resident of South Dakota
- 55 years of age or older
- Unemployed
- A limited household income of no more than 125 percent above of the federal poverty level

Participant Benefits:

As a participant of the SCSEP will:

- Earn income – South Dakota Minimum Wage
- Receive training and experience to help develop employment skills
- Receive free annual physical exams
- Have the chance to obtain full- or part-time unsubsidized employment upon completion of program
- Partake in meaningful social and physical activities
- Engage in activities to support independence

Be sure to check out the Help Wanted section on our [Website](#):

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