

Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

It's that time of year again...the Sturgis Rally and Custer Cruisin' will be officially starting tomorrow.

I am sure that this year like most others, we will see a large increase in motorcycle traffic in Custer this week. 6th Street near the Chamber is already closed to traffic and vendors are setting up. The center lanes of Main Street are once again dedicated to motorcycle parking. Extra stoplights have been set up around the area to help manage the flow of traffic as well.

With this in mind, we urge you to prepare for the influx of visitors and traffic. Motorists are encouraged to exercise caution, watch the roads, drive defensively, and be mindful of increased traffic. Also, remember that the added traffic means it will take longer to get where you're going. So, be sure to allow a little extra time for your daily commute. By working together, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

For more information on the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and its events, please visit [Sturgis Motorcycle Rally](#).

We are so excited that once again this year General Custer will be on Mt Rushmore Rd from 11am- 1pm to welcome visitors to our town. He and a few friends will be at the stoplight waving and taking photos Tuesday – Thursday.

We hope to see you out and about next week enjoying everything our area has to offer at this time of the summer!

Dawn Murray



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Jaure family of Custer has recently suffered the loss of Miranda Jaure.

Skylair and Miranda both work as teachers and coaches at the Custer School District. Miranda leaves behind her husband and 3 daughters.

We are reaching out to the Custer businesses to see if you would consider donating a gift card to make food options a little easier for the family as they navigate this change in their lives.

Thank you
Custer Wildcat Wrestling

If you are willing, please drop off donations at the Custer Chamber Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 4-13

Custer Cruisin'

August 19

Community Wide Rummage Sale

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



PDQ Construction Inc

Homeopathic Clinic of the Black Hills
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TC Horsecamp LLC
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Mile High Garden Club
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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,
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**8/4 - 8/5 LUNCH 11AM UNTIL SOLD OUT:
HAM SANDWICH W/CHEESE, HOMEMADE COLESLAW,
RICE CRISPIE TREATS, LAYS CHIPS, AND A BOTTLE
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**538 Mt. Rushmore Rd., Custer, SD 57730
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CO-OP DAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

SAFETY DEMOS: 11:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.



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REGISTRATION AT
47 S. 2ND STREET
Tuesday August 8th, 2023
11:00 - 1:00 pm

CUSTER CRUISIN' MAYOR'S RIDE



**First 50 Participants
will Receive a
T-Shirt,
Custer Cash &
Dinner.**

**\$200.00
for Best Hand**

**Registration Fee
\$30.00 Per Rider
\$25.00 Passenger**

*All proceeds will go to
the Custer YMCA
Children's Center*



Custer County Republicans



The Custer County Republicans will meet Tuesday, August 8, at 5:30pm, in the Pine Room at the Custer County Library Annex. Since the release of the movie "Sound of Freedom" many people have asked about the topic of trafficking children and adults, and especially in our area. Sheriff Mechaley will be here to give us some insight to that.

Please come and learn! Our meetings are open to any interested parties, and all Custer County Republicans are encouraged to attend.

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

Check us out on Facebook at CusterCountySDRepublicans.





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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CUSTER COUNTY

CUSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ART GALLERY

420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor
Custer, South Dakota



**Showcasing the photography of
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THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023
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CELEBRATION OF OWNERSHIP



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

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

Free will donation

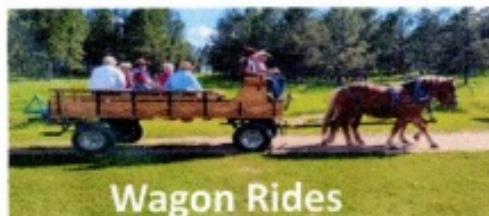
Music by Southern Rail Drifters

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**

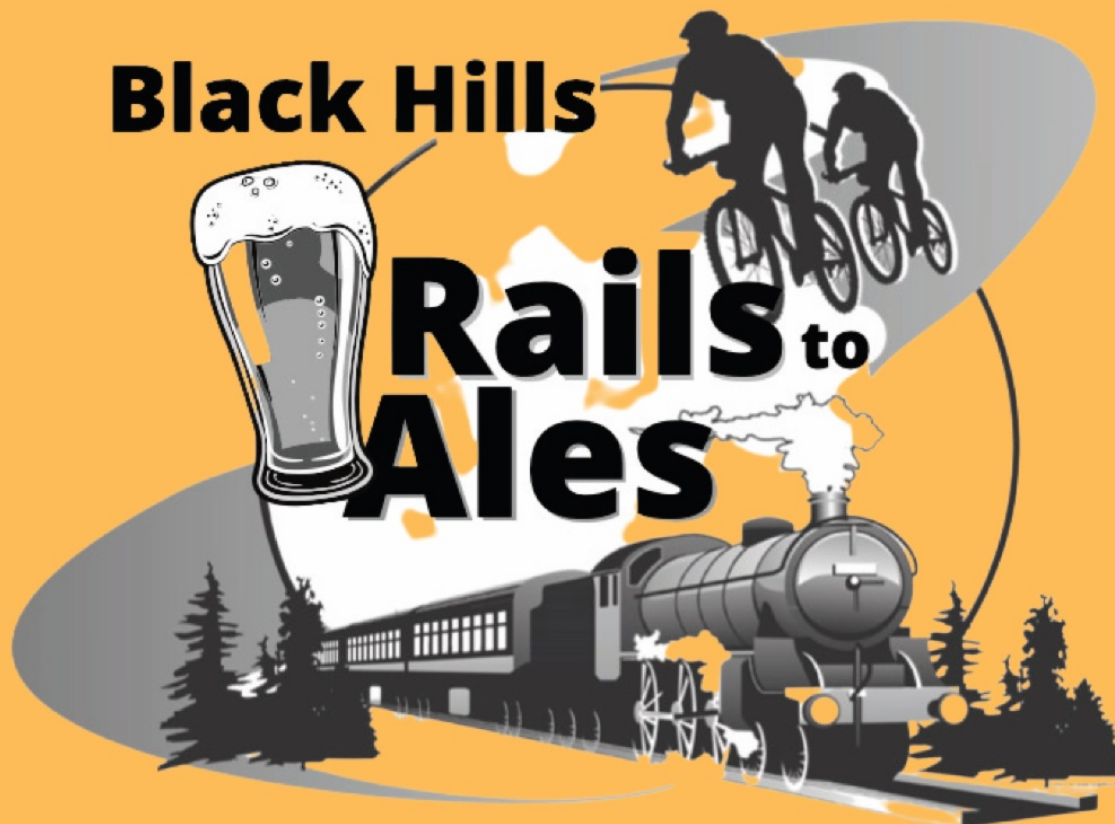


Directions from Custer: 385 south to Beaver Creek Road, Beaver Creek Road to Flynn Creek Road, Flynn Creek Road to 1st driveway on right.

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

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

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

Veteran-Owned-&-Operated



organization located in Sioux Falls SD, California, and 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.

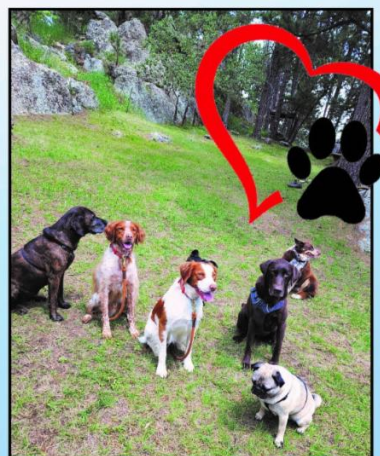
Lastly, I want to remind you that when it comes to taking care of your beloved pets, from the majestic buffaloes to the most stubborn chihuahuas, a parrot, silly goats, or lazy pot belly pigs, you can always count on me. Feel free to reach out to me at 605-880-0655; I'll be more than happy to provide 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

BLACK HILLS PARKS & FORESTS ASSOCIATION

South Dakota Centennial Trail



Virtual Hike Challenge 2023



blackhillsparks.org/news-events/calendar/south-dakota-centennial-trail-hike-challenge/

**REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!**

**HIKE 128 MILES
NOW - Labor Day**

**EARN A FINISHER'S PATCH,
STICKER, & SPONSOR SWAG BAG**



There's still time to register!

BHPFA is hosting our second virtual fundraiser to help further our non-profit mission of supporting wonder and exploration through stewardship of your public lands.

Members \$25

Non-Members \$55

Price includes finisher's patch, sticker, swag bag from challenge sponsors, and a complimentary membership for non-members.

2021 T-shirts and medals available for \$15 while supplies last!

Hike 128 miles anywhere and any way you choose!
Each time you hike, bike, swim, etc.
you'll advance along your journey!

Due to trail changes the distance of the Centennial Trail was updated from 111 to 128 miles in April, 2021.

Remember, wherever you choose to travel, practice Leave No Trace and protect the environment you enjoy!

**For questions about the virtual hike
contact: bkeizer@blackhillsparks.org**

**605/745/7020
BlackHillsParks.org**

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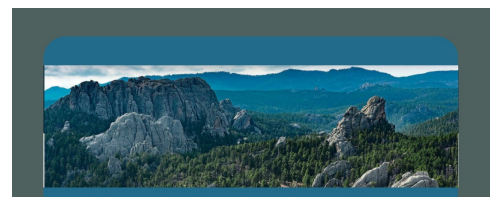
7/19/2023

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.

FIRST INTERSTATE CUSTER AREA FUND

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.

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.





American Legion

Auxiliary Unit

Coming to Custer

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

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For more information email
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Ascorbic Acid (low dose) \$150

Low dose vitamin D drip with identical benefits and results as the high dose Ascorbic Acid IV. This drip is more suitable for elderly and individuals sensitive to high dose ascorbic acid.

Amino Acids \$200

Increase lean muscle mass, improve metabolism, and burn fat with the amino acids drip comprised of essential amino acids and L-carnitine. This drip improves recovery, muscle synthesis, and athletic performance.

Glutathione (Add on) \$25

Glutathione is an add on option to any drip. Enjoy luminous skin, fight chronic illnesses by replenishing glutathione levels (chronic fatigue, arthritis, Parkinson's disease, and cancer), restore and repair the liver, decrease inflammation, and slow aging with glutathione.

Hang 10 \$160

Hungover no more with the Hang 10 drip designed to eliminate the toxin accumulation from a night on the town! The Hang 10 improves hydration and eradicates the toxins causing individuals to feel lethargic, dizzy, and dehydrated. Kick the headaches from a night of drinking to the curb.

Hydrogen Peroxide \$150

Naturally fight bacterial and viral infections with the hydrogen peroxide drip. Hydrogen peroxide is the body's natural defense system for fighting infection and improving overall health. Increase oxygenation of the blood, decrease the buildup of cholesterol, decrease blood pressure, improve lung function, and improve back disorders, arthritis, and asthma.

Myers' Cocktail \$160

A blend of essential amino acids and vitamins, this drip relieves pain, boosts immune responses, and helps fight physical ailments such as acute fatigue, asthma, muscle spasms, sinus inflammation, hyperthyroidism, cardiovascular diseases, migraines, upper respiratory infections, and allergies. Fight off the negative effects of chronic stress, fixes hormone imbalances, and improves depression.

Myers' Cocktail & Glutathione \$185

Combine effects of the Myers' Cocktail and the Glutathione add on.

Shredder \$150

Known as the weight loss infusion, the shredder boosts metabolism, mobilizes fat, improves natural energy levels, and improves lean muscle mass. Comprised of L-carnitine, amino acids, and vitamins, this drip provides your body with the nutrients needed to improve athletic performance while helping improve overall body composition.

Zen Aura \$150

Relax and unwind with the Zen Aura drip. This drip improves cell health, brain function, digestion and appetite, all while providing a boost in energy levels. Zen Aura is suitable for individuals with cardiovascular disorders, anxiety, depression, and chronic stress.

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www.garciafamilyclinic-bellarejuvenation.com





Volunteers Needed!

If interested in becoming a volunteer
here at the 1881 Courthouse Museum,
please contact either Melissa or Oonagh
at (605)673-2443.

Or email us at
1881courthousemuseum@gwtc.net

**CUSTER COUNTY
COURTHOUSE ART
GALLERY**

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Custer, South Dakota



**Showcasing the photography of
Kimberly Nelson.**

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NEWS FROM THE STATE

South Dakota

Travel South Dakota

July 2023

SDVisit.com





Hello, Tourism Friends!

As I write this message, a heat wave is back in the state. It's been muggy, hot, and humid, but you will hear no complaints from me! I love this time of year and will take sunshine and 100+ temps any day.

It has been somewhat of a strange summer for visitation. Although we are trending way ahead of what we consider to be the last normal year before the Covid pandemic hit (2019), things have felt slower this summer compared to the past couple of years. In checking with colleagues in neighboring markets, many are experiencing the same thing. You will want to be sure and check out our latest [Tourism Outlook report](#) as potential visitors are expressing concerns about their pocketbooks and the economy. On one hand, they are excited to travel in the coming months. On the other hand, they are concerned about their bottom lines and the expense of traveling.

In order to ensure we are doing everything we can to entice and inspire trips to our state, we are making very hefty supplemental marketing buys in key drive markets. The supplemental buys will encourage visitation during the last part of the summer and into the fall. This extra marketing boost, which has already begun, will run through October. We are seeing such great engagement with our marketing. The key is getting potential visitors over the hurdle to convert and book their trips. Please know we are monitoring things closely. We are working diligently to put South Dakota top of mind with potential visitors who may be on the fence about taking a quick trip or vacation. We have also worked hard with various partners to entice bikers to the 83rd Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which begins in just a few days. THANK YOU for rolling out a friendly welcome to the hundreds of thousands of bikers who positively impact every corner of our state.

A few items to bring to your immediate attention, and of which you can learn more details about further down in this issue of the Mile Marker:

1. Our [Forever 605 stewardship campaign](#) is performing so well. We are in the final stages of completing our Forever 605 industry toolkit, which will better assist you in plugging into this effort. More to come soon on this exciting development, but keep reading to see some truly amazing numbers!
2. Pheasant hunting season is just around the corner, so be sure and check out details about the [2023 Rooster Rush program](#)
3. We will soon be unveiling our new TAP (Tourism Advertising Promotion) grant program. This new marketing grant program will aid communities, Destination Marketing Organizations, and tourism businesses in promoting special events. These nonmatching grants will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. You should see an email with details about this new effort within the next two weeks.
4. You can now begin nominating industry members online for one of the annual Tourism Awards. Check out details [here](#).

Finally, let me share this email that was waiting in my inbox this morning:

"Have already finished my trip to the Great State of South Dakota and it was awesome. Best vacation I have experienced in my life. There is so much to see in the Black Hills, I ran out of time. But that's a good thing because I will be back. Thank you so much for the guides and maps you mailed me. They were a great help! The people of South Dakota are so friendly, courteous, and helpful, unlike California. A true vacation to remember! Thank you, South Dakota. I would love to move there."

Richard C.

Friends, THANK YOU for the way you treat our guests and for the experiences you provide to them. Emails like this speak volumes about who and what we are as a tourism industry in The Mount Rushmore State. Your work creates

...speak volumes about who and what we are as a tourism industry in The Mount Rushmore State. Your work creates such special memories for visitors and makes our state shine. We are grateful for that and for you. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

All our best,
Jim and Team



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tues., Aug. 1, 2023

CONTACT: Katlyn Svendsen, Global Media & Public Relations Director, South Dakota Department of Tourism, 605-773-3301

Forever 605

New stewardship campaign reminds citizens and visitors to travel respectfully.

PIERRE, S.D. – Travel South Dakota recently launched a new stewardship campaign to encourage visitors and state citizens to travel respectfully, preserve the state’s pristine outdoors, embrace the memorable experiences, shop locally, treat frontline employees with care, and explore all corners of the state.

“Forever 605 is about letting the wild be wild, not overcrowding destinations, and leaving nothing behind but your boot prints,” said James Hagen, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism.”

Travel South Dakota encourages all to take the “605 Pledge” to keep South Dakota a land of pristine rivers, clean trails, and natural beauty. The pledge encourages people to take “Leave No Trace” to the next level by striving to disperse visitors throughout all areas of the state while encouraging off-the-beaten-path experiences.

“We know that our state’s tourism offerings enhance the quality of life for South Dakotans and visitors,” Hagen continued. “By strengthening communities and taking good care of this place we love, our beautiful scenery and opportunities to create meaningful experiences can be enjoyed for generations to come.”

The pledge can be found online at Forever605.com. After signing the pledge, the user will be sent a Forever 605 sticker and entered for a chance to win additional prizes.

Travel South Dakota has produced a webinar and a resource page on their industry-focused website, SDVisit.com, on how South Dakota entities can engage with the Forever 605 program and share with their communities & visitors. For more information on how local South Dakota businesses can get involved, visit SDVisit.com/Forever-605.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Travel South Dakota and the South Dakota Arts Council. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.



South Dakota Department of Labor & Regulation
123 W. Missouri Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501
dlr.sd.gov

For Immediate Release: Tuesday, July 25, 2023
Media Contact: [Dawn Dovre](#), 605-773-3101

Labor Department Offers Next Workforce Knowledge Session

PIERRE, S.D.—The Department of Labor and Regulation is offering the next free Workforce Knowledge Series for businesses and organizations. The online summer session on Labor Market Information will be Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 11:30 a.m. CDT via Microsoft Teams.

“The session will cover the labor force data most widely used by employers and how to easily find it online,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “This can be an essential resource to use in recruitment and retention efforts.”

Advanced registration is required by clicking on the Register Now button on the [Event Calendar Entry](#). You will be prompted to enter your mySD single sign on credential.

After registration is completed, an invitation with a link to the Microsoft Teams session and a separate calendar invite will be emailed.

The goal of the Workforce Knowledge Series is to share DLR’s knowledge on a variety of employment topics to assist with recruitment and hiring challenges. Contact a [Job Service office](#) for further details or with questions.

PRESS RELEASES



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Black Hills National Forest | Forest Recreation Management (FRM)



Songbird of the Black Hills



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 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.



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Fuel the Growth Economic Development Course Returns to BHSU-RC

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The economic development course “Fuel the Growth – 2023: Advancing Economic Development in Communities” is back at Black Hills State University-Rapid City for its third year.

Economic development professionals, board members, community leaders, businesspersons, and elected officials are invited to register for the Fuel the Growth - 2023 course that will be held Sept. 12-14, 2023. Fuel the Growth - 2023 is hosted by Black Hills State University (BHSU) and the Rushmore Region Economic Development Alliance. Sponsors include the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development (SD GOED), Black Hills Energy, West River Foundation, Elevate Rapid City, and Spearfish Economic Development Corporation (SEDC).

“Economic development is a multidisciplinary field that requires a broad range of skills, including project management, community engagement, data analysis, and marketing,” noted Kory Menken, executive director of Spearfish Economic Development Corporation. “Fuel the Growth provides the knowledge and tools needed to make informed, data-driven decisions that are grounded in best practices. Attending Fuel the Growth is not only an investment in individual professional development, but the economic growth of our communities and region.”

“The Fuel the Growth” course will afford Economic Development professionals the opportunity to develop skills and deepen their knowledge of economic development while developing valuable connections not only throughout South Dakota, but also within the region,” added Andrew Buks, instructor of management at BHSU.

The two-and-a-half day training event will be led by economic development experts and utilize presentations, panel discussions, and case studies to address 10 key topics in economic development including business retention and expansion, entrepreneurship, community and real estate development, strategic planning, organizational management, and ethics. In addition to learning from local and regional experts, participants will have an opportunity to engage with and learn from colleagues and other attendees through networking opportunities.

“Being brand new to economic development, the Fuel the Growth course was an excellent program that equipped me with the skills and knowledge I needed to contribute to the growth and development of my

community,” said Kallie Ruland, business retention and expansion manager at Elevate Rapid City. “This course offers high-quality instructors with real world experience and knowledge, comprehensive course materials, and practical learning opportunities. Participants can expect to gain a deeper understanding of economic development strategies and how to apply them to their community or organization.”

Online registration for Fuel the Growth –2023 is now open at BHSU.edu/FueltheGrowth. The registration fee is \$395 per person. Attendees will have an option to make a hotel reservation with Baymont by Wyndham, 4040 Cheyenne Boulevard, for Sept. 12 and 13 in Rapid City at a special event rate by calling (877) 361-2496 before August 12. Please reference itinerary #5136B377547170.

For more information visit
BHSU.edu/FueltheGrowth



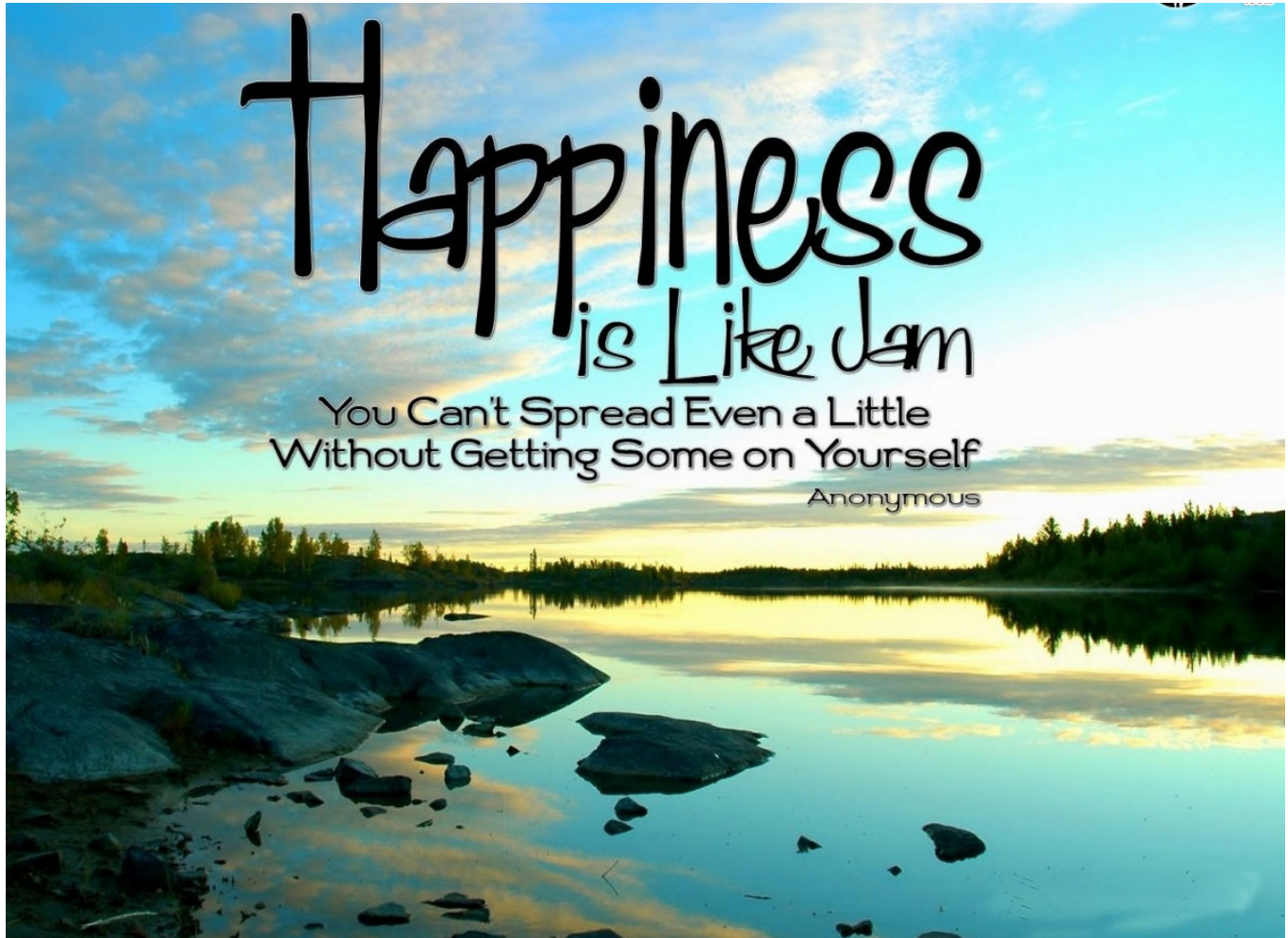
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