

Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

Custer is the place to be next week!

Monday starts the 6th Annual Custer Restaurant Week which takes place February 27-March 4. We have 16 participating restaurants this year which is the most we've ever had since the event began. Check out all the menus on our website, follow us on social media, and start making your plans for several delicious meals next week! Be sure to get a copy of the Custer County Chronicle this week as there is an insert with all the menus and entertainment options for the week.

Also, next week is the Custer Trade Show on Saturday, March 4th. We have a lot of great vendors already registered, and several of them are new to this event. The admission is a free will donation to the Civil Air Patrol, and concessions will be served throughout the day. Plus, it's all happening during Restaurant Week so there's several reasons to get out of the house and enjoy the day!

*Please note that this year's Trade Show will take place at the Custer High School located at 1645 Wildcat Lane.

Thank you to all of our great Restaurant Week Sponsors and prize donors



Thank you Sponsors



Thank you Prize Sponsors



Dawn Murray
Executive Director

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2023 Board Of Directors

Amy Bailey - President
John Stahl - Vice President
Michelle Fischer - Treasurer

Amanda Allcock

Legislative Cracker Barrels Hill City & Custer

Hill City:

In the Super 8 Conference Room from
1 to 3 p.m.
· Saturday, February 25

Custer:

At the Custer Senior Center from
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
· Saturday, February 25



Photo courtesy Travel South Dakota

Amanda Alcock
Craig Reindl
Diane Dennis
Corey Virtue
Bobbi Schmidt
Miranda Boggs

Julie Jenniges - City Liaison
Mark Naugle - School Liaison
Lydia Austin- CSP Liaison
Leah Noem- BID Board Liaison

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

February 27-March 4

6th Annual Custer Restaurant Week
At participating restaurants throughout Custer

March 4

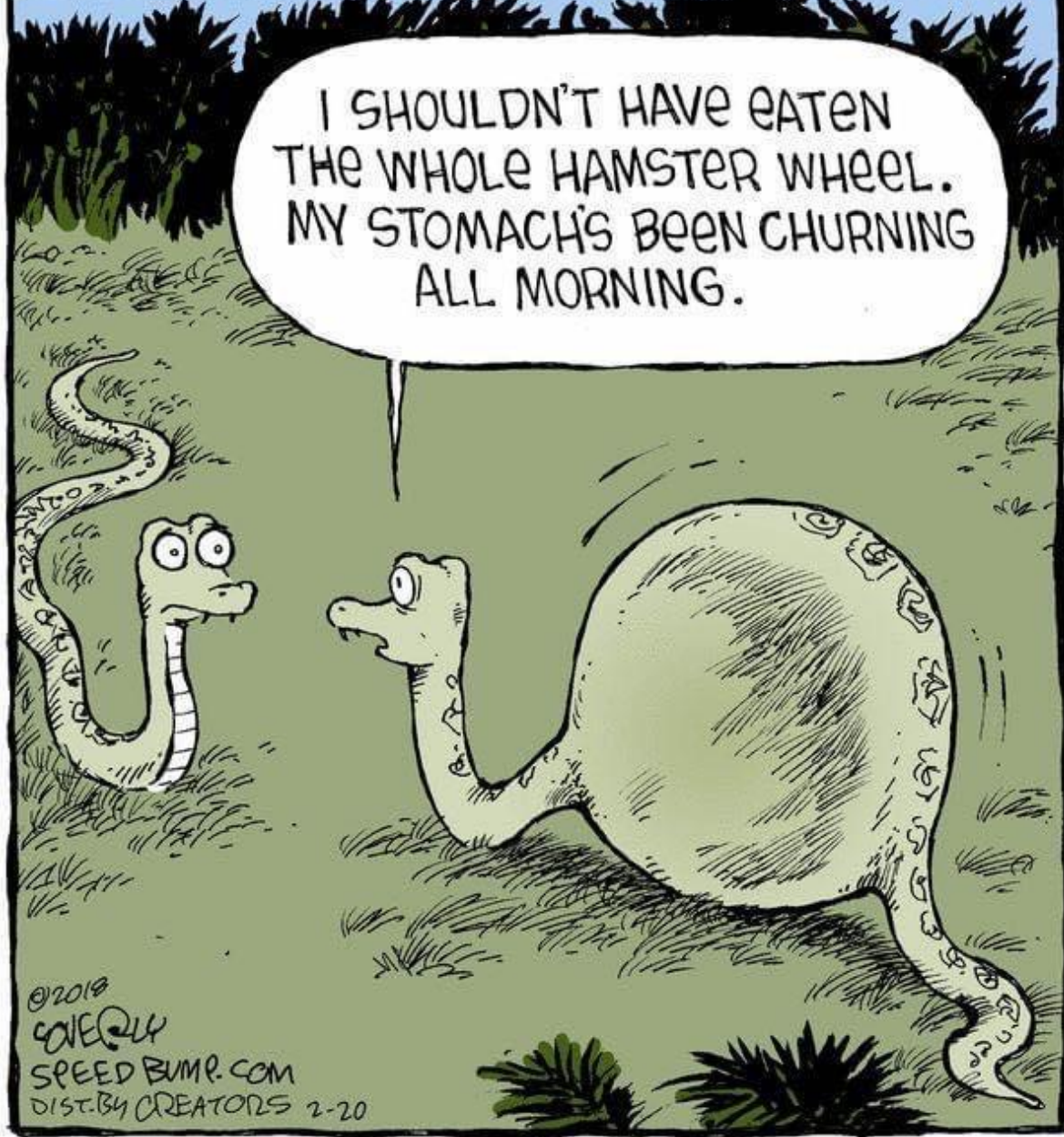
18th Annual Custer Trade Show
Custer High School (1645 Wildcat Lane)
9am-3pm

March 16

Chamber Mixer at Lewis Realty
5pm-7pm

WEEKLY HUMOR





CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

Experience the taste of Custer

February 27th -
March 4th

Black Hills Burger & Bun
Buglin' Bull
Calamity Jane Coffee Shop & Grill
Custer Beacon
Custer Deli
Custer Wolf
Hjem A.M.
Horatio's
Laughing Water Restaurant
Maria's Mexican Restaurant
Miner's Cup
Our Place
Pizza Hut
Pizza Mill
Skogen Kitchen
Subway





SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

From 9am-3pm

**CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL
1645 WILD CAT LANE**

Trade Show



Reserve your space NOW

Reserve Now





Chamber Mixer



MARCH 16, 2023
5-7PM

HOSTED BY LEWIS REALTY

14 MT RUSHMORE RD.

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



The Custer Chamber will be hosting the 9th Annual Sound of Silence Tesla Rally, May 19-21. We are anticipating 75-100 drivers in attendance along with their passengers. We already have over 30 participants registered for the event and it's still three months away.

This is an event that brings many people to town at a typically slower time of year, and it's a great opportunity to bring attention to your business. When the registrants check-in for the event, each attendee is given a swag bag that includes information about the event and free stuff from local businesses.

If you would like to include some "swag" please contact Dawn at dmurray@custersd.com.

SOME swag ideas include:

- Hand sanitizer (*super popular right now!*)
- Coupons/Gift Cards to your business

You could also offer a discount if they show their Tesla Rally name badge -include info about this in the swag bag

- Snacks with your information attached
- Sample of your product
- Reusable water bottles
- Branded notebooks/notepads

Keep in mind that each driver is also given \$10 in Custer Cash and they're looking for a place to spend it – give them a reason to spend it at YOUR business!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

2023 CUSTER CHAMBER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**LET US SPOTLIGHT YOUR
BUSINESS! PLEASE SEND A FEW
WORDS AND PICTURES TO BE
FEATURED IN BUFFALO BYTES
AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**



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



Welcome

New Members

US Flag Pole Guy

JandJ Hospitality

Southern Hills Screen Printing

AREA EVENTS

TRAVEL PROGRAM:

An Experience in Southern Europe

- *A Power Point Program by Lois Wells*
- *WHEN? Tues., Feb. 28 @ 6:30 p.m.*
- *WHERE? Custer Senior Center*
- *With Music by the Metro Gnomes*
- *WHAT? A free event for the public*



(ABOVE)-a picture of restored beauty found in Spain

**Cinnamon Rolls are
back at the Custer
Senior Center!!!!!!**



**Caramel with nuts = \$3 Caramel without nuts = \$3
Frosted = \$2 Plain = \$2**

**Friday | Friday | Friday | Friday
Feb. 3rd | Feb. 10th | Feb. 17th | Feb. 24th**

**538 Mt. Rushmore Rd., Custer
9AM UNTIL THEY'RE GONE!**

**Call and reserve your fresh baked rolls!!
605/673-2708**



GETTING TO KNOW GRAINS

Quinoa

 **Date:** Friday, March 3rd

Where: Custer Senior Center 

 **Time:** 3:30-5:00

Presented by: Helen Nichols,
 **RD LN CDCES** 

Sponsored by the Custer Senior Center



Coffee with a Ranger!

A Meet & Greet Event!

Friday, March 10, 2023

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Pine Room at the Custer County Library

Coffee provided!

*Presented by Jewel Cave National Monument
in collaboration with the
Black Hills Parks and Forest Association
and Black Hills National Forest*



SAVE THE DATE

STATEWIDE

CHILD

CARE

BUSINESS
COLLABORATIVE

ZOOM MEETING

MARCH 15TH 2 P.M. MT / 3 P.M. CT



**JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP
AND
REGISTRATION**

**Wednesday & Thursday, March 22 & 23, 2023
Children from the Custer Area**

**Roundup will be held at the
Custer Elementary School
1415 Wildcat Lane**

Call 673-4483

- WHO:** Children turning 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2023 come at their chosen appointment time. Parents attend also.
- WHAT:** A time to learn about child development and receive an evaluation of your child's strengths and needs. A nurse will be available to check vision and hearing. Please bring your child's updated immunization record and a certified birth certificate.
- WHEN:** March 22 & 23, 2023. Appointments are necessary. Please allow at least an hour.
- WHERE:** Custer Elementary School. Please enter the front of the school facing the high school.
- WHY:** To become acquainted with school staff; to learn what school programs are available, to have your child participate in a developmental "check-up"; to confer with a kindergarten teacher; and to pre-register for junior kindergarten or kindergarten.
- If you have questions or wish to make an appointment, call 673-4483
 - Please pass the word to friends and co-workers with young children.
 - Attendance is important for children eligible to enter Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten in the Fall of 2023.

Thank you for your interest and support!



Save the Date

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The Great Custer Easter Egg Hunt



Friday, March 31st
4PM-6PM



Contact Caitlin for more information
Caitlin@protectcuster.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Custer Hill City

605 IMPACT



Opportunity for Non-Profits to gain volunteers!

This fall a program was made by my fellow graduates of the IMPACT Leadership Development Program, hosted by Custer Area Economic Development Corporation and Hill Custer Economic Development Corporation.

605 IMPACT Community Action was launched as the class project in hopes to better serve our communities.

We will provide you with our Volunteer Roster and help facilitate as many of our volunteers as possible for your event(s).

There is no cost or obligation, as we are acting as a subcommittee to Custer Area EDC and Hill City EDC, to help spread the word of 605 IMPACT.

We are grateful to help our communities with this program!

What we would need from you:

- ~ A list of your events
- ~ The number of volunteers that are needed for each event
- ~ A summary of the duties to be performed at each event
- ~ Contact information of event organizer(s)

Please send your information to the email or address below:

Hill City 605 IMPACT Chair Contact:

Angela Crisman

hillcityedc@gmail.com

P.O. Box 1143, Hill City, SD 57745

Custer 605 IMPACT Chair Contact:

Aleah Witt

aleahwitt@yahoo.com

P.O. Box 128, Custer, SD 57730

Custer YMCA Memos

644 Crook Street

Custer, South Dakota 57730



For Youth Development
For Healthy Living
For Social Responsibility

Feel free to share this newsletter with anyone whom you think may find it useful.

Contact

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Director
e: rex@rcymca.org
p: 605.673.5134

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Program Director
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p: 605.673.5134

Erica Van Horn
Childcare Director
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p: 605.673.2222

Please also find much more information about our programs and ongoing on our Facebook pages and on our website, <https://rcymca.org/locations/custer-ymca/custer-ymca/>

Financial Assistance

If you are unable to pay the full cost of YMCA membership or programs, you may apply for assistance based on your financial situation. Funds for financial assistance are raised through the Y Annual Campaign and come from generous individuals, businesses and the local community.

YMCA Mission

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Welcome! The Custer YMCA wants to get back on the proverbial map. We are going to try to reach the community through this newsletter. This space will be used to outline new programs that are on offer at the Y. We'll also feature snippets of knowledge that are connected to our mission.

The beginning of a new year is traditionally a time to start afresh and set goals. We have a new program at the Y that may be just what you're looking for. Cardio Kickboxing offers a mixture of martial arts and boxing. Check out this total body workout. **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5.00am—6.00am**
The Log Building

Many health insurance companies offer discounts to your employers if their workers can show that they routinely attend the gym or work out classes. Ask your employer today if you can receive help with paying your Y membership. Have them check into this possibility if they have not heard of this before. Buying a Membership to the Y has never been easier and getting a discount is even better!

The Custer YMCA is always looking for volunteers. If you find time in your schedule and you want to help our great organization, please contact either Rex or Connie for opportunities. We'll gladly put you to work!

THANK YOU!

The Custer YMCA Board—Kris Zerbe (President), Janet Boyer, Rick Hudson, Karen Nielsen, Eliza Raney, Tanya Shattuck, Lisa Trana, Rachael Woodhead.





We the People...

Fellow Patriots: *It's all about our freedoms!*

**Show the world your
American Spirit!**

There is no cost for a site assessment and cost estimate, be it for your home or for your business.

For More Information:

Eric Butler, Owner

US Flagpole Guy of the Black Hills

605-517-1703 or

eric@usflagpoleguy.com

God Bless America and all Patriots standing for our Freedom



LUCKY

TO HAVE THE YMCA

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Centerpieces

Shamrock Prize

Celtic Singers

Drink Tickets

Food for Childcare During Event

St. Patty's Day Swag

Bagpipe Player

Venue Rental

Leprechaun Contest Prizes

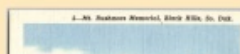
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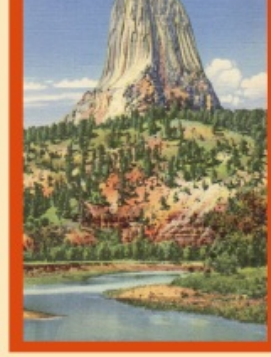
**March 18th - Custer Beacon
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Pledge your sponsorship!

605-673-2222

ART EXPRESSIONS GALLERY OF CUSTER





"Next Time Let's Travel First Class, Alright"

Del in Planes, Trains and Automobiles

8TH ANNUAL

SMALL PIECES

ART SHOW 2023

MAY 20TH THRU JUNE 17TH

YOUTH, TEEN AND ADULT CATEGORIES • ENTRY DETAILS ON ART
EXPRESSIONS FACEBOOK PAGE OR AT THE GALLERY • VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S
CHOICE • CLOSING RECEPTION ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH 4-7 PM



*Art Expressions Gallery and Gifts of Custer
17 North 5th Street, Custer, SD, PO Box 3024*

Small Pieces Art Show Registration Form



Custer County Courthouse Art Gallery

420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor
Custer, South Dakota

Showcasing the artwork of

Lynn Marcy

Now through March 31, 2023

Endorsed by Custer Area Arts Council



NEWS FROM THE STATE

South Dakota

Travel South Dakota
February 2023
SDVisit.com



Greetings, Tourism Partners!

As we shared in previous emails, Governor Noem and the South Dakota Legislature are providing funding for another DMO Marketing Assistance Program through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as part of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA).

Entities that may be eligible for funding under this grant program include convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce, and regional tourism associations. These entities are responsible for actively marketing their city or region to visitors (also referred to throughout the toolkit and legal documents as Destination Marketing Organizations or DMOs).

A few details to keep in mind as you consider applying:

- Per ARPA regulations, these funds are intended to help reinvigorate and stimulate tourism within your city or region. Therefore, these funds will be provided solely for the purpose of marketing. No other uses of the funds will be approved.
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- The amount awarded must be in proportion to the harm or negative impact experienced in your city or region as a result of the pandemic. More information about options for providing proof of harm can be found in the toolkit.
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- In order to apply for funding, your entity MUST be registered on SAM.gov. Please register your organization and obtain a Unique Entity ID (formerly known as a DUNS number). This process can take up to two weeks so we encourage you to begin this process now. To see if your entity has an active Unique Entity ID, visit SAM.gov/search.
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- The deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m. Central Time, Friday, April 28, 2023. Other important deadlines are provided in the toolkit.

If you have any questions after reading the toolkit, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jacey Ellsworth or Calvin Bloemendaal. Their contact information is located within the toolkit and on SDVisit.com.

All our best,
Jim Hagen
Secretary of Tourism

PRESS RELEASES

**Crazy Horse Memorial®: D'DAT featuring DOC NATIVE
to perform on February 25th!**



D'DAT and DOC NATIVE

February 6, 2023 – CRAZY HORSE, SD

D'DAT, a multicultural group fusing Indigenous musical traditions of the native southwest, with jazz, funk, and hip-hop, will be performing at Crazy Horse Memorial® on February 25, 2023, at 4:00pm.

Led by improvisational Diné trumpet artist Delbert Anderson, and consisting of LatinX funk percussionist Nicholas Lucero, and groove bassist Mike McCluhan, D'DAT creates cross-cultural collaboration that gives audiences an exciting and immersive experience.

D'DAT's contemporary Indigenous sound not only attracts listeners but also tells the stories of traditions and personal identity.

D'DAT will be joined on-stage by Doc Native who is a Seminole and Choctaw hip-hop artist, musician, and writer from Hollywood, Florida. Doc Native has been nominated for and has received numerous awards for his music and performances, including most recently Best Live Performance Video from the 2022 Native American Music Awards.

D'DAT and Doc Native come to Crazy Horse Memorial® shortly after the appearance of Git Hoan Dancers (People of the Salmon) at the Memorial who showcase the magnificence of Tsimishian art through song, dance, and story. Crazy Horse Memorial® protects and preserves the culture, tradition, and living heritage of all Indigenous North American cultures, and groups like D'DAT, Doc Native, and Git Hoan Dancers encapsulate this mission while promoting education that encourages harmony and reconciliation among all peoples. Educators and performance groups regularly showcase their talents at Crazy Horse Memorial® throughout the year, especially during the summer months. All programming is included with admission to the Memorial, but seating may be limited so please arrive early.

For more information about D'DAT, featuring Doc Native, and many other Cultural Programs offered at Crazy Horse Memorial®, please visit www.crazyhorsememorial.org, or follow The Indian Museum of North America® on all social media platforms. You can also contact our Cultural Programs Manager, Travis Dewes, at 605-673-4681 or [email culturalprograms@crazyhorse.org](mailto:culturalprograms@crazyhorse.org)

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

About the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation

The Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation's mission is to honor, protect, and preserve the culture, traditions, and living heritage of the Indians of North America. 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®



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Badlands National Park
25216 Ben Reifel Rd
Interior, SD 57750

605-433-5361 phone
www.nps.gov/badl

Badlands National Park News Release

For Immediate Release

Release Date: February 16, 2023

Contact: Kris Salapek, 605-433-5230

Badlands National Park to move to cashless fee collection starting March 1, 2023.

Transition to electronic payments reduces transaction times, saves money, and improves accountability.

Interior, SD - Beginning March 1st 2023 Badlands National park will transition to a fully cashless fee system and only accept mobile or electronic payments for entrance and permit fees. Visitors can also purchase Badlands National Park entrance passes in advance by going to Recreation.gov or through the Recreation.gov application. Visitors purchasing from Recreation.gov will have a digital pass they can store on a mobile device or print out, saving time when they arrive at the park. America the Beautiful annual and lifetime passes do still cover the cost of entry into the park, and must be shown in conjunction with proper ID.

Entrance fees are an important source of revenue used to improve the visitor experience in national parks, including road and facility repairs and maintenance, trail improvements, installation of accessible exhibits, visitor and resource protection services, and more. Moving to a cashless system allows parks to be better stewards of visitor dollars by reducing the amount of time park staff spend managing cash, increasing the amount of fee revenue available to support critical projects and visitor services, and improving accountability and reducing risk. More information about visiting the park can be found at our park website: [Badlands National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](http://Badlands National Park (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov))

www.nps.gov

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for more than 400 parks in

the National Park System and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Visit us at www.nps.gov, on Facebook www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice, Twitter www.twitter.com/natlparkservice, and YouTube www.youtube.com/nationalparkservice.



Custer Senior Center

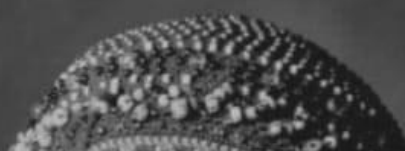
February Schedule


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



WEEKLY INSPIRATION

"Do the



A black and white portrait of Maya Angelou. She is wearing a beaded headband with large white beads, a large hoop earring, and a large ring on her finger. She has her hand near her mouth in a thoughtful or listening pose. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

best you
can until
you know
better.
Then when
you know
better, do
better.”
- Maya Angelou

HELP WANTED

DELL WAGNER

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: CLERK

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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
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Education and Interpretation Intern

Jewel Cave National Monument
Custer, SD

Enhance your public speaking skills by
leading cave tours and staffing a front
desk

Desired Start Date: March 22nd

Hours per week: 16-32 (must work at least 32 hours to receive
park housing)

Pay: Weekly stipend of \$225-\$450 depending on hours worked

Contact: Aimee Murillo, Chief of Interpretation at
aimee_murillo@nps.gov or (605) 673-8330

Museum Director

Custer County Historical Society is seeking an Executive Director to help shape the museum's future & increase the organization's value to the community.



The purpose of the 1881 Courthouse Museum is to collect, preserve, exhibit, research and publish material for the study of history in Custer County and the adjacent Black Hills area. Working closely with the Board of Directors, the Museum Director oversees all aspects of the 1881 Museum's day to day operation. The Museum is open to the public from May through September. Year-round position with reduced hours during the off-season.

For full job description
email 1881courthousemuseum@gwtc.net. EOE
605.673.2443



Trail Crew Intern Positions

For those interested or know others that might be interested, please see the attached vacancy announcement for Trail Crew Intern positions on the Black Hills National Forest.

Trail Crew Position

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



Our Address:
615 Washington Street
Custer, SD 57730

Phone Numbers:
605-673-2244
800-992-9818

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