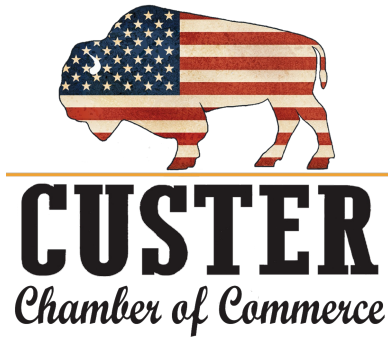


Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

Years ago, businesspeople joined the chamber because it was expected. It was just something you did. These days membership isn't automatic but it's still a valuable investment in your business. In addition to networking events and ribbon cuttings, the chamber offers a lot of benefits that you can't do for yourself, and chamber benefits can save you a lot of money. If you're like most business owners, you could really use some cost savings these days.

Before we go into exactly what the chamber can do for you and your business, it's important to note that chamber membership is not like a gym membership that comes with one entry and the occasional ability to bring a guest. Chamber member benefits apply to all your employees and each of them has full access. Smart businesses share this information with their employees and even add events and learning opportunities to the company newsletters and/or intranet/employee portal. Many market these benefits as an extension of their own, which can help you give your employees opportunities that may not be in your budget. Here are some of those highlights:

Chamber Membership Perks for You and Your Employees

1. **Learning opportunities.** The chamber offers many learning opportunities throughout the year. Some are conducted by staff, while others are led by community experts. Topics vary but are always centered around information that benefits businesses. Past topics include hospitality training and social media training. Check out our calendar for this year's offerings.
2. **Increased backing.** One voice in a sea of many gets drowned out easily. But when multiple voices are insisting upon the same thing, leaders are more apt to listen. When you join the chamber, you add your voice to the strength of the chamber and together we can cohesively help protect your interests. The chamber has a powerful voice, and we can speak for you in a persuasive way.

3. **Powerful credibility and a sense of community.** Many people see chamber membership as an indication of trustworthiness. It shows you care about the community and are here to make a difference. These days that's appealing to people. They want to do business with organizations that share their views and values.

4. **A group with shared interests.** Everyone knows that the chamber provides excellent opportunities for networking and increasing your business. But the other thing that makes these networking events (and all chamber events) more appealing is that everyone there has a business focus as it applies to our community. You will quickly discover many commonalities that make connecting easier. In addition to possible sales opportunities, you may discover partnership possibilities and other ways to mutually fulfill your goals.

5. **Affordable advertising opportunities.** If your ideal market is business professionals, the chamber offers a host of affordable advertising opportunities. From newsletters to banner ads, event sponsorships to speaking opportunities, the chamber can not only place you in front of your target market but also does so in a way that helps you cut through the marketing noise of other platforms.

Chamber membership may no longer be the automatic activity that it once was but it is an excellent way to position yourself in the community, establish respect, and get the assistance you need to grow and thrive.

[Christina Metcalf](#)



Dawn Murray
Executive Director

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Amy Bailey, President

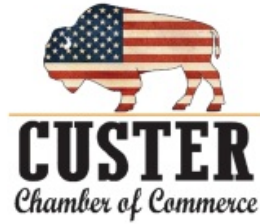
We will be out
of the office Friday,
Jan. 27 from
9:30am-12:00pm

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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!

2023 Sponsorship Opportunities



Sponsorship Opportunities 2023



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Gold Discovery Days Banner Sponsorship Form

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 26

Chamber Mixer at Dacotah Bank

5pm-7pm

February 16

Chamber Mixer at Custer Dental Studio

5pm-7pm

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

WEEKLY HUMOR



CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



Chamber Mixer

January 26, 2023
5pm-7pm

CUSTER
Black Hills - South Dakota

Hosted by: Dacotah Bank

35 S 6th St.

**Mixers are a great way to meet, mix and mingle.
Please come enjoy refreshments and bring a friend!**



*Save
the
Date*
**6th Annual
Custer Restaurant Week**
February 27 - March 4
2023



SATURDAY

MARCH 4TH

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

From 9am-3pm

**CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL
1645 WILD CAT LANE**



Trade Show



Reserve your space NOW

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

2023 CUSTER CHAMBER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANN AND SHADY REST MOTEL!

THE SHADY REST MOTEL IN CUSTER TOOK
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THIS AWARD HONORS BUSINESSES,
COMMUNITIES, OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT
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EXPECTATIONS. ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE A
SOUTH DAKOTA GREAT PLACE DESIGNATION
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD. SHADY REST
MOTEL WAS RECOGNIZED AS A MUST-STAY
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THE CLEANLINESS OF THE PROPERTY.



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



Welcome

New Members

Southern Hills Screen Printing
The Church at Custer

Quilted Buffalo
LJ's Recovery & Transport, LLC

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Allure Spa

AREA EVENTS

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
Jan. 6th | Jan. 13th | Jan. 20th | Jan. 27th

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Custer County Historical
Society Presents:

More than Hiking: Get Outside and Find Your Forest

Featuring: Bradley Block

Saturday • February 4 • 2:30pm

Pine Room – Custer County Annex

447 Crook St. in Custer



Valentine Sweetheart

BINGO

42

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**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 5
2:00–5:00pm**

VFW

**ANYONE CAN PLAY—
ALL AGES WELCOME!**

VFW AUXILIARY BENEFIT





Elders' Wisdom Children's Song

Monday, February 6, 2023

*2:00 pm at the Hermosa Gym
6:30 pm at Custer High School
Theatre*

Custer School District's 4th grade students
present a celebration honoring three
members of our community.

Honorees:

*Diane Bishop
Donna Kothe
Gary Lipp*

Free Admission

Reception following program



Custer County Republicans

The Custer County Republicans will meet Tuesday, February 7, at 5:30pm



The Custer County Republicans will meet Tuesday, February 7, at 5:30pm, in the Pine Room at the Custer County Library Annex. We will be reviewing some bills presented in the Legislature this session, and also have a presentation from American Contingency regarding preparedness for emergencies. 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.



Celebrate National Pizza Day with **1/2 Price Pizza**



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Thursday, February 9th, 2023
4pm-7pm

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Limit Two Pizzas per Order

Dine-In or Carry-Out Only

Custer State Park Presents a

LOVER'S

LOVER'S LEAP HIKE

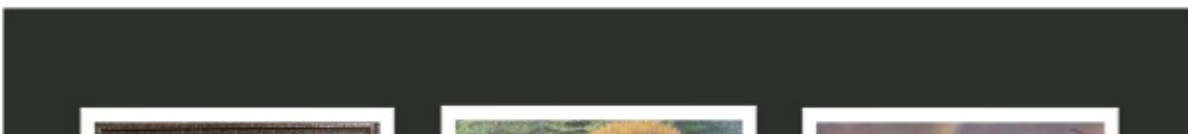
On Saturday, February 11 and 12, two guided hikes will be offered at 1:00 p.m. along the Lover's Leap Trail within Custer State Park. The hikes will depart from the Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center and will take approximately three hours to complete.

This hike is rated at a moderate level with some hills and rocky terrain.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND CAN BE
MADE BY CALLING 605.255.4515**



ANNOUNCEMENTS





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



Does your business do business with the tourism industry? Black Hills & Badlands Corporate Members provide essential business-to-business services to our members and are a pillar to the Black Hills and Badlands tourism industry. Show your support and become a Corporate Member today.

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& BADLANDS **SD**
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Valentine's Day SALE



25% OFF BLACK HILLS GOLD

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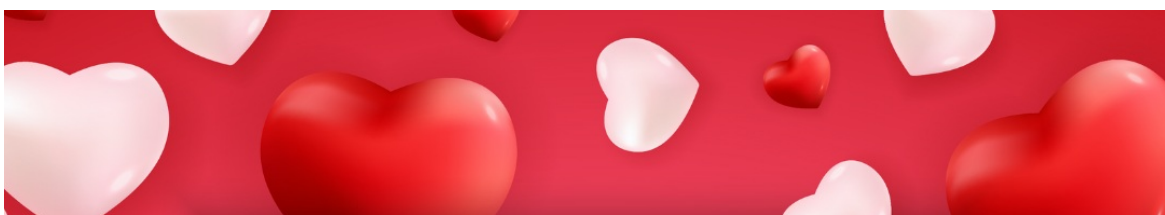
20% OFF METAL WALL ART & BUTTERFLIES

20% OFF PURSES

20-30% OFF SELECT CLOTHING

20% OFF TURQUOISE & WHITE BUFFALO

507 MT RUSHMORE RD. CUSTER, SD



A promotional banner for Good Karma Jewelry's Valentine's Day Sale. The background is a vibrant pink with numerous red and white hearts of various sizes. At the top center is a wooden-textured logo for 'GOOD KARMA JEWELRY' with 'Custer, SD' in smaller text below it. Below the logo, the text 'VALENTINE'S DAY' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath that, the word 'Sale' is written in a large, elegant, red cursive script. Further down, the offer '25% OFF + FREE DOMESTIC SHIPPING' is displayed in bold black capital letters, with the dates '1/6-2/14' centered below it. At the very bottom, the website address 'WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/GOODKARMAJEWELRYSD' is written in bold black capital letters.

GOOD KARMA JEWELRY
Custer, SD

VALENTINE'S DAY

Sale

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NEWS FROM THE STATE



2022 VISITOR SPENDING IN SOUTH DAKOTA YET AGAIN SETS ALL-TIME RECORD

PIERRE, S.D. – Visitor spending in South Dakota set an all-time record in 2022.

Tourism officials were closely monitoring the 2022 numbers following the extreme record-setting year of 2021. According to the annual study conducted by Tourism Economics, visitors to South Dakota spent 4.7 billion dollars, an increase of 8% over 2021. This surpasses all previous records, even exceeding 2021's surge of travel spending that was up 30% over 2020.

South Dakota welcomed 14.4 million visitors, an increase of 0.6% over 2021.

"South Dakota values freedom and offers something for everyone. That – combined with the tireless work of our citizens – is why we continue to break tourism records," said Governor Kristi Noem. "This industry provides a strong and stable flow of dollars contributing to South Dakota's record revenues, helping to build the strongest economy in America."

The tourism industry remains essential to South Dakota's economy, providing an indispensable source of job creation and household income to thousands. 56,826 jobs in South Dakota were supported by the tourism industry, which generated 2.1 billion dollars of income for those families.

"Tourism in South Dakota is a job-creating, revenue-generating machine that plays a vital role in supporting the state's economy year after year," said Jim Hagen, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism. "The revenue from South Dakota's tourism industry helps support critical infrastructure and emergency services that South Dakotans depend on."

In 2022, tourism generated \$361 million in state & local tax revenue, an increase of \$16 million over 2021. Without tourism in South Dakota, each household would pay an additional \$1,011 in taxes each year.

To view the full 2022 Tourism Economics report, visit SDVisit.com.

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

MEDIA NOTES:

- Key stats:
 - Visitor spending reached 4.7 billion dollars, an increase of 8% over 2021, and a new record
 - 14.4 million – number of visitors that came to South Dakota, an increase of .6% from 2021
 - 5.2 million – the number of hotel room nights booked in 2022
 - 9.5 million visitors to South Dakota's state parks and 2.1 million visitors to Custer State Park in 2022, both numbers represent a decrease.
- All data reflects calendar year (January – November) 2022 numbers over 2021 unless otherwise noted.
- Source: Tourism Economics, STR, GF&P



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, Jan. 20, 2023

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

Tourism Industry Members Honored at Governor's Conference on Tourism

PIERRE, S.D. – On Thursday, January 19, the Department of Tourism honored tourism industry members and businesses from across South Dakota for their loyalty, commitment, and passion for the state's tourism industry. Governor Noem presented various awards to recipients from across South Dakota.

The Rooster Rush Cacklin' Community Award was presented to the community of Miller for going above and beyond to make in-state and out-of-state hunters feel welcomed. Miller hosted events and giveaways that entertained hunters, engaged business owners, and boosted the community's economy.

In its second year, the Governor's Tourism Rising Star Award was presented to Shelby Solano* with Visit Rapid City. This award recognizes an individual who has worked in the tourism industry for two to four years and is excelling in their career and whose work is demonstrating a bright future in the tourism industry. Solano was recognized as being upbeat, easy to be around, and deeply committed to providing a world-class visitor experience in Rapid City.

The Ruth Ziolkowski* Outstanding Hospitality & Customer Service Award is given annually to four industry members, each representing one of the four tourism regions in South Dakota. This award recognizes tourism industry professionals who provide remarkable service to visitors and whose work demonstrates an outstanding spirit of hospitality. These awards were given to Ann Thompson with Affordable Adventures in Rapid City, Lisa Marotz* with McCrory Gardens in Brookings, Lori Owens with Drifters Bar and Grille in Pierre, and Troy Magnuson* with the Mitchell Area Chamber of Commerce in Mitchell.

"It's folks like these that are the foundation and future of tourism in South Dakota," said Jim Hagen, Secretary of the Department of Tourism. "Their passion, drive and leadership are what make South Dakota's hospitality second to none."

The Peter Norbeck Excellence in Tourism Innovation Award was given to the community of Freeman and the South Dakota Chislic Festival. This award represents an industry partner for their innovative thinking in making their destination, business, event, or attraction even more appealing to visitors.

"What started as a small festival to celebrate South Dakota and its cultural heritage has become a huge success," said Hagen. "The event has garnered state, regional and national attention, growing in size every year and drawing visitors to the small community of Freeman to experience our state's official food – chislic."

The A.H. Pankow Award recognizes a representative of the media for showing superior interest in and coverage of South Dakota's tourism industry. This year's award went to KELOLAND's chief photographer, Kevin Kjergaard*. Kjergaard received this award for his passion and talent of wildlife videography. Kjergaard has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning Show segment "Do Nothing for Two Minutes" 14 times.

The Shady Rest Motel in Custer took home the George S. Mickelson Award. This award honors businesses, communities, or organizations that exceed visitors' customer service expectations. All entrants must be a South Dakota Great Place designation to be eligible for this award. Shady Rest Motel was recognized as a must-stay stop, highlighting staff friendliness and the cleanliness of the property.

The Ben Black Elk Award is a prestigious honor recognizing an individual who makes outstanding contributions to the state's visitor industry. This year's award was given posthumously to Julie Schmitz Jensen, who passed away in 2022.

"Most of us knew Julie for her incredible impact on the tourism industry as the Executive Director of Visit Rapid City," said Hagen. "Her involvement in the community and our industry was extensive. While Julie has left this life, her legacy and impact will live on for generations."

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- For high resolution, downloadable images of the award winners, please use this [Dropbox link](#).
- Laura Schoen Carbonneau, president of the Glacial Lakes & Prairies tourism association board, accepted the Rooster Rush Cacklin' Community Award on behalf of the community of Miller.
- Tourism board member John Brockelsby accepted the award on behalf of Julie Jensen's family.

- *Ziolkowski (jool'-KUFF-ski)
- *Solano (so-LAHN-oh)
- *Marotz (mah-ROHTZ)
- *Magnuson (MAG-nuh'-suhn)
- *Kjergaard (KEER'-gard)



Department of Tourism
January 2023
SDVisit.com



YOU'RE INVITED

Join us Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. Central/9 a.m. Mountain for the "Insights into the South Dakota Visitor" webinar featuring the Director of Research Accounts at MMGY Travel Intelligence, Sindy Diab. Sindy will discuss South Dakota's visitor profile.

What: Insights into the South Dakota Visitor

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 10 a.m. Central/9 a.m. Mountain

Presented By: Sindy Diab

Cost: Free!

We'll Discuss:

- Average Length of Stay
- Size of Travel Party
- Average Spend Per Visitor/Travel Party

- Average Spend Per Visitor/Travel Party
- When They Travel Here
- Primary Purpose of Trip
- Top Origin Cities
- Trip Satisfaction
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Please register ahead of time. This webinar will be hosted by Travel South Dakota via Zoom. Contact Industry Training & Legislative Relations Manager, Bailey Carlsen, with any questions.

[REGISTER NOW »](#)

How to Connect

This webinar will be available via Zoom. For most participants, joining the webinar will be as simple as clicking the link provided in the confirmation email. If you are uncertain if you can connect, you can read about the system requirements on the Zoom website.

Once you call into the session, please turn your phone to mute during the webinar. Participants will be able to submit questions by typing them into the messaging functionality during the webinar. There will also be time for Q&A at the end of the session. If you only want to listen and/or run into any problems with logging on to Zoom, phone-only access is an option.

This webinar will be recorded. A link to the recording will be sent to participants following the presentation and will be available on [SDVisit.com](#).

PRESS RELEASES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation
12151 Avenue of the Chiefs
Crazy Horse, SD 57730

2023 Marks 75th Anniversary for Crazy Horse Memorial

CRAZY HORSE, SD (Jan. 6, 2023) — It has been 75 years since the first blast began to reveal the likeness of Lakota leader Crazy Horse in the granite on Thunderhead Mountain in southwestern South Dakota. Over the years, as the sculpture began to take shape, so did the mission of the Memorial.

“We are excited to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Crazy Horse Memorial,” said Crazy Horse Memorial CEO Whitney Rencountre. “We would like to honor the work of all those who have contributed to Crazy Horse Memorial: past, present, and into the future.”

Today the mission of Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation is to protect and preserve the culture, tradition, and living heritage of the North American Indians. The foundation demonstrates its commitment to this endeavor by following these objectives:

- * Continuing the progress on the world’s largest sculptural undertaking;
- * Providing educational and cultural programming to encourage harmony and reconciliation among all people;
- * Acting as a repository for Native American artifacts, arts, and crafts through The Indian Museum of North America and The Native American Educational and Cultural Center.
- * Establishing and operating The Indian University of North America

“Our events throughout the year will be mission-focused and will build on the dream of Crazy Horse Memorial through the work of the Mountain, The Indian Museum of North America, and The Indian University of North America,” Rencountre said.

As part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration, on June 3, 2023 the 37th Annual Volksmarch will be held and admission will be waived for hikers bringing at least three cans of food. On June 4, 2023 the Memorial will hold a public event to honor the 75th Anniversary of the Memorial.

Crazy Horse Memorial has progressed through many changes since the June 3, 1948 dedication of the one-of-a-kind educational and humanitarian project. What began as a dream, turned into a friendship sealed with promise, and continues to unfold as a story unlike any other. Transitioning from the time of Chief Henry Standing Bear communicating the importance of the project, to sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski's unwavering commitment to fulfilling a promise, to matriarch Ruth Ziolkowski's determination to advance the foundation's mission, the story has now entered its fourth era.

Today, Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation is governed by a diverse Board of Directors, which includes Native and non-Native members. The Foundation is led by a CEO, Whitney A. Rencountre II, *Crow Creek Hunkpati Dakota*, and supported by talented staff. The Board of Directors and the leadership of Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation are committed to carry on the Dream. Their passion for progress in all aspects of the Foundation's mission "to protect and preserve the culture, tradition, and living heritage of the North American Indians" is strong as is the desire to keep the promise Korczak made to Standing Bear.

“It is an honor to recognize 75 years of heart poured into this story being carved in stone. Dad said the Mountain Carving is the smallest part of our Mission, which seems like a statement of irony, yet it is one of absolute truth,” said Monique Ziolkowski, Artistic and Historical Advisor to the Crazy Horse Memorial. “The most substantial piece of this project is countless individuals that contribute in various ways to Crazy Horse Memorial and in turn the many lives impacted by Crazy Horse Memorial. We are forever grateful to all of you who have shared of yourselves, in any way, to our story. We are blessed to be on this journey with you.”

To learn more about Crazy Horse Memorial, to plan a visit, and for information about making a contribution, call (605) 673-4681 or visit crazyhorsememorial.org. To stay up to date on the latest news and events, follow Crazy Horse Memorial on Facebook ([/crazyhorsememorial](https://www.facebook.com/crazyhorsememorial)), Twitter ([@crazyhorsemem](https://twitter.com/crazyhorsemem)) and Instagram ([@crazyhorsememorial](https://www.instagram.com/crazyhorsememorial)); and follow The Indian Museum of North America on Facebook ([/innacrazyhorse](https://www.facebook.com/innacrazyhorse)) and Instagram ([@innacrazyhorse](https://www.instagram.com/innacrazyhorse)).

The Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation is dedicated to protecting and preserving the culture, tradition, and living heritage of the North American Indians by continuing the progress on the world's largest sculptural undertaking, the memorial of Lakota leader Crazy Horse; providing educational and cultural programming to encourage harmony and reconciliation among all peoples and nations; acting as a repository for Native American artifacts, arts, and crafts through the Indian Museum of North America and the Native American Educational and Cultural Center; and establishing and operating the Indian University of North America and, when practical, a medical training center for American Indians.





Above: Crazy Horse Mountain and Model
Below: Whitney Rencountre CHMF



Above: Crazy Horse Memorial Korczak & Chief Henry Standing Bear



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The Salvation Army, Riddle's Jewelry Team Up For "Ring for Bling" Giveaway
Giving volunteer bell ringers an incentive to ring some bells for a good cause

RAPID CITY, SD. (January 20, 2023) – The Salvation Army of the Black Hills, in partnership with Riddle's Jewelry announces the winner of the 2022 Holiday Ring for Bling Giveaway.

For the past 3 years, The Salvation Army of The Black Hills has teamed up with Riddle's Jewelry located at 202 E. Disk Drive to incentivize volunteers to sign up to ring bells for the iconic Red Kettle Campaign. Every volunteer bell ringer who completed a 2-hour shift was entered into a drawing to win a diamond pendant necklace valued at \$900, courtesy of Riddle's Jewelry.

Bell ringer Tom Rau, who volunteered to ring bells is our holiday 2022 winner! Tom is a Re/MAX real estate professional in Rapid City and participated in the annual "REALTOR Ring Day", a great way for

REALTORS across the nation to come together in support of a causes near and dear to their hearts. Tom along with other volunteers rang the bells with a smile, wished shoppers a "Merry Christmas" and thanked people for their donations. During the 2022 Christmas Campaign, we had 58 volunteer bell ringers for a total of 383 hours during the holiday season throughout Rapid City and Black Hills areas.

Media is invited to the presentation of the necklace to Tom Rau at Riddle's Jewelry, located at 202 Disk Drive, Rapid City SD at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 23. Kat Stark of The Salvation Army and Jordan

Walter of Riddle's Jewelry will present the necklace and are available for comment.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 25 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,200 centers of operation around the country. In 2021, The Salvation Army was ranked No. 2 on the list of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy. For more information, visit [SalvationArmyUSA.org](https://www.salvationarmyusa.org). Follow us on Twitter @SalvationArmyUS and #DoingTheMostGood.

Wind Cave National Park News Release

Release Date: January 10, 2023

For Immediate Release

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

Wind Cave National Park closes backcountry for elk management operation

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK, S.D. – Backcountry areas of Wind Cave National Park will be closed to hikers from January 17 to February 17, twenty-four hours a day except on weekends. This closure will allow park staff to undertake a management operation to reduce the presence of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in the park's Rocky Mountain Elk population.

Elk will be removed to maintain the population at the park's desired target level. This action is consistent with the range of options presented in the Wind Cave Elk Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement signed in 2009.

Park resource management staff will be taking approximately 40 animals in affected areas of the park during this time. Every animal taken will be tested for CWD. Meat from animals testing negative for CWD will then be donated to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

For the safety of park visitors, the park's backcountry will be closed to allow for the safe removal of animals through this selective reduction of herd density. Backcountry areas will be open on weekends, and the park's Red Valley and Highland Creek Roads will remain open the entire time.

This operation is part of a long-range study being conducted with the USGS to determine if lower elk density levels correlate to lower CWD prevalence rates. This information will help inform federal and state wildlife managers regarding the long-term health of the species.

Photo Caption: Backcountry areas in Wind Cave National Park will be closed intermittently this January and February for management actions to reduce CWD in the park's elk herd. (NPS Photo)

[Alt Text: A snowy hillside with ponderosa pine trees and elk, some standing and some lying down, looking toward the camera.]

www.nps.gov/wica

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 424 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.



Custer Senior Center

January Schedule

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



WEEKLY INSPIRATION





HELP WANTED

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](#):



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