

Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

IS IT A SERVICE ANIMAL OR PET?

THE SOUTH DAKOTA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION often hears from shop and restaurant owners who have questions regarding allowing customers to bring animals into their business. The questions become more frequent during the summer hospitality season. Clerks and waitstaff see just about everything: customers who come in with a tiny dog, a cat, a bird, a lizard, or even a snake and say it is a service animal and that they are legally permitted to bring it into the business. Business owners want to do the right thing but are often unsure what qualifies as a service animal, and what to do in these situations. Here are some basics:

- Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), only two types of animals can be classified as a service animal: dogs (all breeds) and miniature horses.
- While having a miniature horse as a service animal may sound odd, they are typically just 24 to 34 inches in height, are strong and can push and pull heavy objects. They may offer mobility assistance and may also be a good option for people who are allergic to dogs.
- A service animal – whether a dog or a miniature horse- must have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the animal must be directly related to the person's disability.
- A service animal's training does not have to be provided through a professional service dog training program. People with disabilities have the right to train their service animal themselves.
- If a person brings a dog or miniature horse into your business and says it is a service animal, you can't ask for

documentation.

- The ADA doesn't require service animals to be certified, and there's no official federal documentation for service animals.
- Service animals are not required to wear an ID tag, vest, harness, or other apparatus that says they're a service animal.
- A business is only allowed to ask a person two questions if the individual says their dog or miniature horse is a service animal:
 1. Is this a service animal required because of a disability?
 2. What work or task has the animal been trained to do?
- You CAN'T ask what type of disability the person has, and you can't require the dog to demonstrate the tasks it has been trained to perform.
- Food service establishments must allow individuals to bring their service animal into the business, including accompanying their handler to and through self-service food lines. This is the case even if state or local health codes prohibit animals on the premises.
- Hotels can't assign designated or "pet-friendly" rooms for guests with service animals.
- Hotels can't charge a cleaning fee for guests who have service animals. However, if a guest's service animal causes damage to a guest room, the hotel is permitted to charge the same fee for damages as charged to other guests.
- The ADA does require service animals to be under the control of the handler at all times. A business can ask someone to remove their service animal if the animal is not housebroken, or if it is out of control and the person can't get the animal under control.
- Under South Dakota law, people who are training service animals are allowed control of the handler at all times. A business can ask someone to remove their service animal if the animal is not housebroken, or if it is out of control and the person can't get the animal under control.
- Under South Dakota law, people who are training service animals are allowed to bring service animals in training into a public accommodation, including retail, restaurant, and lodging establishments. A "service animal in training" would be any dog that is undergoing individual training to provide specific disability-related work or service for an individual with a disability. Dogs would have to have completed basic obedience training and be housebroken to qualify.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND COMFORT ANIMALS

Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animal are terms used to describe animals that provide comfort just by being with the person. Providing emotional support or comfort is not a task related to a person's disability. Since they haven't been trained to perform a specific job or task, they don't qualify as service animals under the ADA. However, the ADA makes a distinction between psychiatric service animals and emotional support animals. For example, if the dog has been trained to sense that an anxiety attack is about to happen and is trained to take a specific action to help avoid the attack or lessen its impact, that would qualify as a service animal.

EMPLOYMENT SITUATIONS

Different rules apply to employees in a workplace. Employers may, for example, have to consider an animal other than a dog or miniature horse. In addition, reasonable accommodation requirements may mean accommodating an employee by allowing them to bring an emotional support animal to work.

Visit <https://adata.org/service-animal-resource-hub/work.>)

MORE INFORMATION

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- FAQ: ada.gov/resources/service-animals-faqs
- Webinar: SDRA co-hosted a webinar on this topic in 2021. The recording is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-uBgd-I1WE>
- Rocky Mountain ADA Center: 1-800-949-4232 | info@RockyMountainADA.org

OTHER ASSISTANCE

If you have questions regarding employment of people with disabilities or serving customers with disabilities, you may also call Kimberly Ludwig, Business Specialist with the South Dakota Department of Rehabilitation Services at (605) 626-2313 or email kimberly.ludwig@state.sd.us.

ABOUT THE SOUTH DAKOTA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION:

We believe in South Dakota Businesses. We believe that small businesses are the fabric of our communities, that helping small businesses makes South Dakota communities strong, and that supporting South Dakota businesses provides opportunities for the next generation. With the support of over 4,000 members, we turn those beliefs into actions, offering timely information, unmatched advocacy, and money-saving services.

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2023 Board Of Directors

Amy Bailey - President



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.

John Stahl - Vice President
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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!

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





Visit our website

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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



Welcome

New Members

PDQ Construction Inc
Homeopathic Clinic of the Black Hills
Stage Stop Trading Post
Custer's Last Stop
Peaceful Meadows
TC Horsecamp LLC
Tegan Franz Photography
Mile High Garden Club
French Creek Supply- Napa Auto Parts
Pounds, Pugs, & Hugs LLC
Fred & Wendy Hlava- Business & Property Development
The Hills Finest

AREA EVENTS



Children's
Miracle Network
Hospitals

MIRACLE TREAT DAY
JULY 27, 2023

Put your money where the
miracles are.

When you buy a Blizzard Treat on Miracle Treat Day, Dairy Queen will
donate \$1 or more to

Children's Miracle Network at Monument Health.
100% stays local helping kids!



On Thursday, July 27, Miracle

Treat Day, you can serve a dose of hope for kids like Jack and Barrett by purchasing a BLIZZARD Treat at participating Dairy Queen locations. One dollar or more will be donated to Monument Health, your local member of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Children's Miracle Network hospitals are at the frontlines when it comes to protecting the health of future generations. Thanks to you and DQs in the Black Hills for helping change kids' health and change the future!

[Learn More](#)

We Have a Visitor!

We have a visitor!



Lynn Gray

Local artist Lynn Gray joins our art collective for a short time offering her unique painted, stained and embellished gourds. Stop by and see her creations.

July 24th - Aug 25th

**Chat with Lynn at our Artist Reception
Saturday, July 29th, 6-8 PM**

Refreshments Served



***Art Expressions
Gallery and Gifts***

17 N 5th St, Custer, SD 57730

Custer Mile High
Garden Club

17th ANNUAL
Avis Hespen Garden Tour
Sunday, July 30, 2023
1-3:30 P.M.

PROGRAM AND MAPS AVAILABLE
At Jenny's Floral,
36 N. 6th St.,
Custer Chamber of Commerce,
615 Washington Street.

Refreshments following FREE tour at
Dakota Greens – Custer Greenhouses &
Nursery, Inc., 25086 Shamrock Road.



MONDAY, JULY 31 AT 1 PM

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH CENTER**

EARLY LEARNER

COLLABORATIVE

PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN WHAT THE CUSTER EARLY
LEARNER COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DOING AND
PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE FOUR SUBCOMMITTEES--
IMPROVING ACCESS TO CHILDCARE, CUSTER EARLY
LEARNER SURVEY, BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT, OR FAMILY
RESOURCE HUB.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO [REGISTER](#),
CONTACT NORA.SMOLNISKY@K12.SD.US





Custer County Democrats

Tuesday August 1st

11:30 am

Monthly Meeting

Program Room

Custer County Library

Grab some lunch

And

Join Us.

HAWG WILD AT THE CENTER!

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

**VENDOR BOOTHS INCLUDE: LEATHER WALLETs,
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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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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



FOOD FUN FRIENDS



**Black Hills
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"Sing In The Hills From Here"



Featuring Several Black Hills Artists

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*Steve Linde and friends *Uncle Ray Hadlock
and surprise guests...*

Open up a chair and enjoy the music!

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<https://www.busyewefarmfibers.com/>



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



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.



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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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COLD SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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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

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 organization located in Sioux Falls SD, California, and South Carolina. As many of you may know, Big Paws is

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.

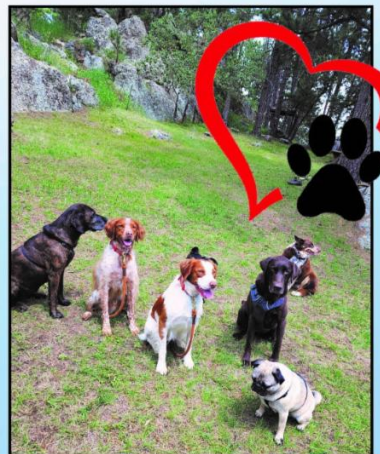
Lastly, I want to remind you that when it comes to taking care of your beloved pets, from the majestic buffaloes to the most stubborn chihuahuas, a parrot, silly goats, or lazy pot belly pigs, you can always count on me. Feel free to reach out to me at 605-880-0655; I'll be more than happy to provide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



BLACK HILLS PARKS & FORESTS ASSOCIATION

South Dakota Centennial Trail

Wednesday, October 20, 2022



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

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NEWS RELEASE

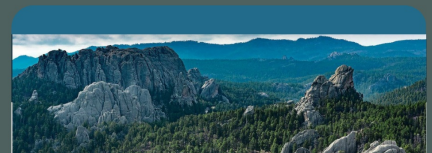
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First Interstate Custer Area Fund is Accepting Grant Applications

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



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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**.

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.

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

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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
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420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor

Custer, South Dakota



**Showcasing the photography of
Kimberly Nelson.**

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NEWS FROM THE STATE



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



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:

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CEO, South Dakota Hall of Fame

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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.



BLACK HILLS
STATE UNIVERSITY

**FOR IMMEDIATE
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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

Jewel Cave National Monument News Release

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Jewel Cave to Host Jr.

Jr. Caver Day
Jewel Cave National Monument

Saturday, July 29th

Caver Day

Custer, SD – On Saturday, July 29th Jewel Cave National Monument will host their 2nd Jr. Caver Day. This free drop-in event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and take place at the Jewel Cave Visitor Center.

Jr. Caver Day will have crafts and activities that celebrate our volunteer caving program, promote cave safety, and allow participants an opportunity to earn their Jr. Caver patch and other prizes. We have invited our Volunteer Cave Explorers to share how the Jewel Cave is explored. A Jr. Caver swear-in ceremony will take place just after 2:00 p.m. to close out the event.

For those interested in cave tours know you can book tours in advance on www.recreation.gov. The park looks forward to hosting Jr. Caver Day and appreciates support from our park partner, the Black Hills Parks & Forest Association, in preparing for this event.

Details and updates will continue to be posted at www.nps.gov/jeca, as well as on social media through Facebook at www.facebook.com/JewelCaveNPS/ and Instagram at www.instagram.com/jewelcavenps.

10 am - 2 pm

Jr. Caver swear-in around 2:15

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Custer Senior Center

August Schedule

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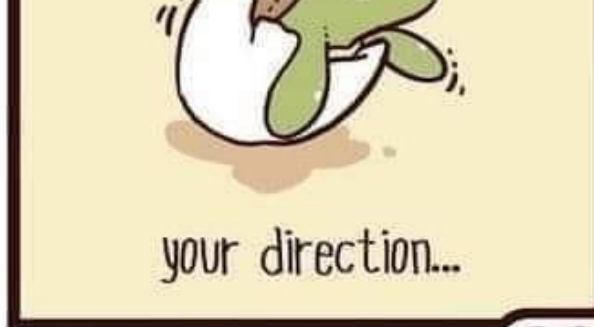


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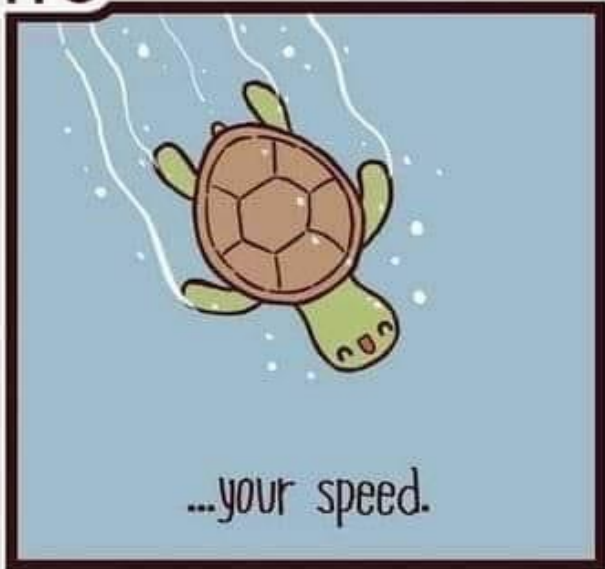


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