

Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

The 9th Annual Tesla Rally is THIS WEEKEND! We are excited to say that we have almost 60 Teslas that have already registered for the event.

We'd like to invite you to check out the Teslas in the Chamber parking lot on Friday afternoon and grab a space on Mt Rushmore Road Saturday at 4 pm for the Tesla procession up to Crazy Horse Memorial.

We certainly couldn't do this event without the help of our many **amazing sponsors!** A big THANK YOU to the following businesses:

- Black Hills Parks & Forests Association
- Freeman's Electric Service, Inc.
- Begging Burro/Pounding Fathers/ Mt Rushmore Brewing Co
- Black Hills Energy
- Custer Hospitality
- Chalet Motel
- Craig Reindl of Western Skies Real Estate
- French Creek RV Park
- Gold Pan Saloon
- Ketel Thorstenson
- LFC Veterinary Service LLC
- Pizza Mill
- South Dakota Outdoor Shop

We also have a lot of fun items that were donated for the swag bags that each driver will receive. Thank You to each of these businesses for helping to welcome all the Tesla drivers:

- American Family
- Lewis Realty
- Black Hills Parks & Forest Association
- Black Hills Power Bikes and Boutique
- South Dakota Outdoor Shop
- 1880 Train
- Art Expressions
- Deep Creek Art Gallery
- Zane Zuther



9TH ANNUAL

TESLA

Rally

CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

ROADSTER

Black Hills Parks & Forests Association
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MODEL X

Begging Burro Mexican Bistro
Black Hills Energy
Mount Rushmore Brewing Co.
Pounding Fathers Restaurant

MODEL S

Custer Hospitality

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**SOUTH DAKOTA
OUTDOOR
SHOP**



Zane Zuther

**Thank you
Swag Bag
Sponsors**



**BLACK HILLS
PARKS &
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**Deep Creek
Art Gallery**



Dawn Murray
Executive Director

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The 100th Gold Discovery Days Anniversary cups have arrived! If you would like to sell them at your business, they are \$2.50 each. Pick them up at the Custer Chamber.

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DISCOUNTED LABORATORY WELLNESS SCREENINGS

For the month of May

Offerings include:

Wellness Fair Profile, Vitamin D 25-hydroxy, Vitamin B12,
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Screen,
A1C and High Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein (CRP)

Custer Hospital and Clinic

Call for an appointment: 605-673-9400

Lab Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cash and credit only; no insurance will be processed.

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

May 19-21

Tesla Rally

May 25

Ribbon Cutting for the Community Garden

On the school campus on Sidney Park Rd
(near the ball field)

10:00am

June 9-11

5th Annual Off-Road Rally

WEEKLY HUMOR



CHAMBER HAPPENINGS



Ribbon Cutting

Community School Garden

On the school campus on Sidney Park Rd.
(Near the ball field)

**Thursday, May 25
at 10am**



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

2023 CUSTER CHAMBER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



We are so excited to put one of our new members Rose Haven Senior Living in the spotlight!

Rose Haven Senior Living just celebrated their one-year anniversary under the ownership of Joseph and Amanda Merkle. A unique option for senior care, Rose Haven features a multi-generational model of living.

Following a leading from the Lord, Joseph and Amanda along with their four young girls (now five) left their home in New Jersey and answered the call to fulfill a growing need for elderly care.

The Merkles live on site to provide quality care and to rejoice in the beauty of the interactions between multiple generations. A warm and welcoming environment make your loved one feel right at home as they become an extension of their family. Schedule a time to stop by to hear more of their testimony, tour the facility and assess if Residential Senior Living may be a fit for you or your loved ones. Give them a call at 605-673-2714 or <https://www.custersd.com/Rose-Haven-Senior-Living> for more information.

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





Welcome

New Members

Pounds, Pugs, & Hugs LLC
Fred & Wendy Hlava- Business & Property Development
The Hills Finest
Rose Haven Senior Living
JAM Heating and Cooling
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS
Jon Gindhart, DC, PC
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Southern Hills Screen Printing
The Church at Custer

AREA EVENTS



SOUTH DAKOTA



GAME, FISH AND PARKS



Enjoy Free Fishing and Free Park Entrance For Open House Weekend

Join us this weekend to celebrate the start of summer! It's our annual Open House and Free Fishing Weekend, and park entrance is free and no fishing license is required (limits still apply).

Saturday is also National Kids to Park Day! Children across the country are encouraged to explore the outdoors in their neighborhood and parks.

This weekend is a great opportunity to visit the parks, and participate in your favorite outdoor activity. Many parks have campsites available (and some camping cabins and modern lodging)!

[Click For More Information](#)



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**A Bible-centered, faith-based
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The H.O.P.E. Addiction Recovery Program is a resource to help you find the answers for some of your greatest challenges. While many of life's problems are incredibly complicated, there is a source that has the answers we can trust. You may not consider yourself a believer in God at this time and that is okay. The answers you will find here are not just for Christians - they apply to every person on earth.



**A complete curriculum that will show you
the truth about your addiction and
equip you to succeed.**

The fact that you are interested in this program means that you need answers that your life experience has not provided. It would be our great joy to share with you the resources you need to break free from the bondage and live a life of true freedom.



**A non-residential program so your life can
continue while you break free.**

If you need a live-in residential program, speak with your local director for more information on availability.

LET US HELP.

H.O.P.E.

Helping Others Put off Entanglements

FRIDAYS@7PM

FOR HELP, CALL:

605.673.2498

12230 Aviation Way
Custer, SD 57730



Weekly Addiction Program

mountainviewbaptistcuster.com



THE BIG ROCK A



THE BIG ROCK 4 CUSTER, SD

May 20th, 2023 • 8am - 11 am

registration tables at Harbach Park/Big Rock Skywalk Trail

*The Best Ruckin' Event
in South Dakota!*

**40 lb pack • 5 miles
125 floors • over a mile high
5,650 ft Elevation**

for more info contact: jay4liberty@yahoo.com

This free community event is generously sponsored by:



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Custer, SD





South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One Day Class

Saturday May 20th . 2023 9:00am to 4:30pm

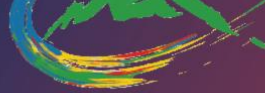
The Enhanced Permit allows you carry in 38 states including
MN, NE, WI, NV, NH, WA, and SC

Class size is limited so register early.

For additional information or to register for the class you may
contact the instructor at www.sodakian.com or contact us at

605-673-3222 or by e-mail at

southernhillstactical@gwtc.net



The 2023

\$5
AT THE DOOR

AIR GUITAR CHAMPIONSHIP

\$500
CASH
PRIZE!



SAT. MAY 20 | 7:30 PM



US★AIR
GUITAR

An Official US Air Guitar Regional Competition

SIGN-UP TO COMPETE AT: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/CUSTERAIRGUITAR](https://tinyurl.com/custerairguitar)

WINNER ADVANCES TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL FINALS!

SPECIAL EVENT: NEED HELP CREATING YOUR AIR GUITAR CHARACTER?

CREATE-YOUR-CHARACTER EVENT
SUNDAY MAY 7 | 2:00 PM



OLD PINE SOCIAL
757 MT. RUSHMORE RD, CUSTER



South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One Day Class

Sunday May 21st. 2023 9:00am to 4:30pm

The Enhanced Permit allows you carry in 38 states including MN, NE, WI, NV, NH, WA, and SC

Class size is limited so register early.

For additional information or to register for the class you can e-mail the instructor at echo.ft.sd@gmail.com or call the shop at 605-673-3222 or e mail us southernhillstactical@gwtc.net



Everyone in Custer is invited!

Harbach Park

5/24 and 5/25

5:30-until dark

FREE
Cotton Candy
Popcorn
Sno Cones
Bounce Houses

FREE
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Chips
Drinks

Food, Fun & Free!



Presented by:

the
Church
at Custer

**We want the
community to
come help us kick
off Summer!**

**FRIDAY NIGHT
GLOW**

SHOW *and* SHINE

Friday, May 26th

6:00 PM-7:30 PM

S&B Motor Parts

700 Mt. Rushmore Road



**Join us for a good old-fashioned Show & Shine.
Bring your classic down to S&B to show off
what you have been working on all Winter.**

**The smoker will be rollin' and we will be
servin' up delicious food for the whole family.**

**All proceeds will go to support the
students attending the HOSA
National Conference**



Crazy Horse Memorial® 75th Anniversary Celebration Weekend Scheduled June 2-4, 2023

May 7, 2023-CRAZY HORSE, SD

Sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski knew he would be creating something special when Lakota leader, Chief Henry Standing Bear, requested he carve a memorial to honor North American Tribes. Lakota warrior Crazy Horse was chosen by the elders to embody all Native heroes. The vision of these men truly began coming to life with the first blast on Thunderhead Mountain June 3, 1948 and is still carried forward through the mission of Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

Crazy Horse Memorial CEO, Whitney A Rencountre II states, “We would like to recognize our founders, Chief Henry Standing Bear and Korczak Ziolkowski, who formed a partnership to establish a memorial to educate the world about the 570+ tribes of North America. Gratitude is given for the hard work of the Ziolkowski family and to the Crazy Horse Memorial Board of Directors, our donors, our dedicated staff, as well as to those who have supported the important work of Crazy Horse Memorial through the years. We invite everyone to join us June 2-4, 2023 at Crazy Horse Memorial for our public 75th Anniversary celebration.”

Beginning Friday, June 2nd, the weekend will be packed with extraordinary guests and performances. Weekend highlights include: Friday performance by The Bluestone Project; 37th Annual Spring Volksmarch on Saturday in partnership with the KOTA Territory Care and Share; Sunday begins at 10:00am with an all Veteran Recognition by Chairman Lengkeek, keynote speaker, Olympic gold medal winner, Billy Mills, an array of Native performers, and concludes with a scheduled Lakota helicopter flyover. After a brief intermission, Sunday afternoon will be filled with special dance and musical performances outside. Hand Games Championships, presentations on the Dewey Beard and Crazy Horse family histories, and Q&A panel discussions will be held inside.

The public is invited to celebrate all weekend with Crazy Horse Memorial. Food will be available in Laughing Water Restaurant, Snack Shop, and food service vehicles in the parking lot areas. Living Treasures artists will be available for hands on activities 10:00am-6:00pm Saturday and Sunday in the Native American Educational and Cultural Center, plus the Legends in Light laser light show begins at 9:30pm nightly. To learn more about Crazy Horse Memorial's 75th Anniversary Weekend Celebration, plan a visit, or make a contribution, call 605-673-4681 or visit crazymemorial.org. Follow Crazy Horse Memorial on all social media or reach out to Amanda Allcock

or visit crazyhorsememorial.org. Follow Crazy Horse Memorial on all social media, or reach out to Amanda Allcock at amanda.allcock@crazyhorse.org for the latest news and events.

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 by carving a 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®; establishing and operating THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA®.

ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN AND FAMILY BUBBLE PARADE



Hustle for the House



Saturday, June 3, 2023
Old Storybook Island Shelter
Rapid City, SD

8:15 AM Check-in begins for the 5k Fun Run
9:00 AM 5k Run begins
10:00 AM Entertainment, raffle drawings, kid's game zone, & food trucks
12:00 PM Family Bubble Parade



Register Here

SIGN ME UP!

Pre-register & more info at:
www.rmhc-sd.org

to get shirt & RMH socks

\$30 Adults • \$20 under 12

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BYOB!
Bring your own bubbles!

Hustle Sponsors



Rapid City, Spearfish,
Sturgis, & Box Elder

Bubble Sponsors



All Proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota

In Honor and Memory of Super Kuper and all the families of Ronald McDonald House

ZONTA WOMEN'S FILM, ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL

LUNAFEST CUSTER 2023

SHORT FILMS BY & ABOUT WOMEN

2:30 AND 8:30 PM SHOWINGS

HOSTED BY THE ZONTA CLUB
OF THE SOUTHERN BLACK HILLS



*Benefitting Regional Projects
Supporting Women & Girls*

Artists & Artisans **2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Paintings, Jewelry, Wood Ornaments
Stained Glasswork, Handcrafted Leather
Botanical Eco Prints on fibers made into many
items- journals, clothing.. Wall Art Inlay/Mosaics
Many Handpainted Items in dotted Mandala-style
Writer/author Painted Rocks & painting activity
and much more.....

Musicians

4:00- 8:15 PM

Morning Dew-
Amelia & Adelaide Morgan
Kathy Corbett
Custer Ukulele Troupe
Cory Tomovick
Avery Christiansen, Sadie Moore
& Hanna Honors

Sister Moon



SATURDAY , JUNE 3,2023

2PM-10PM

THE CUSTER BEACON
3RD & WASHINGTON ST.
CUSTER , SD

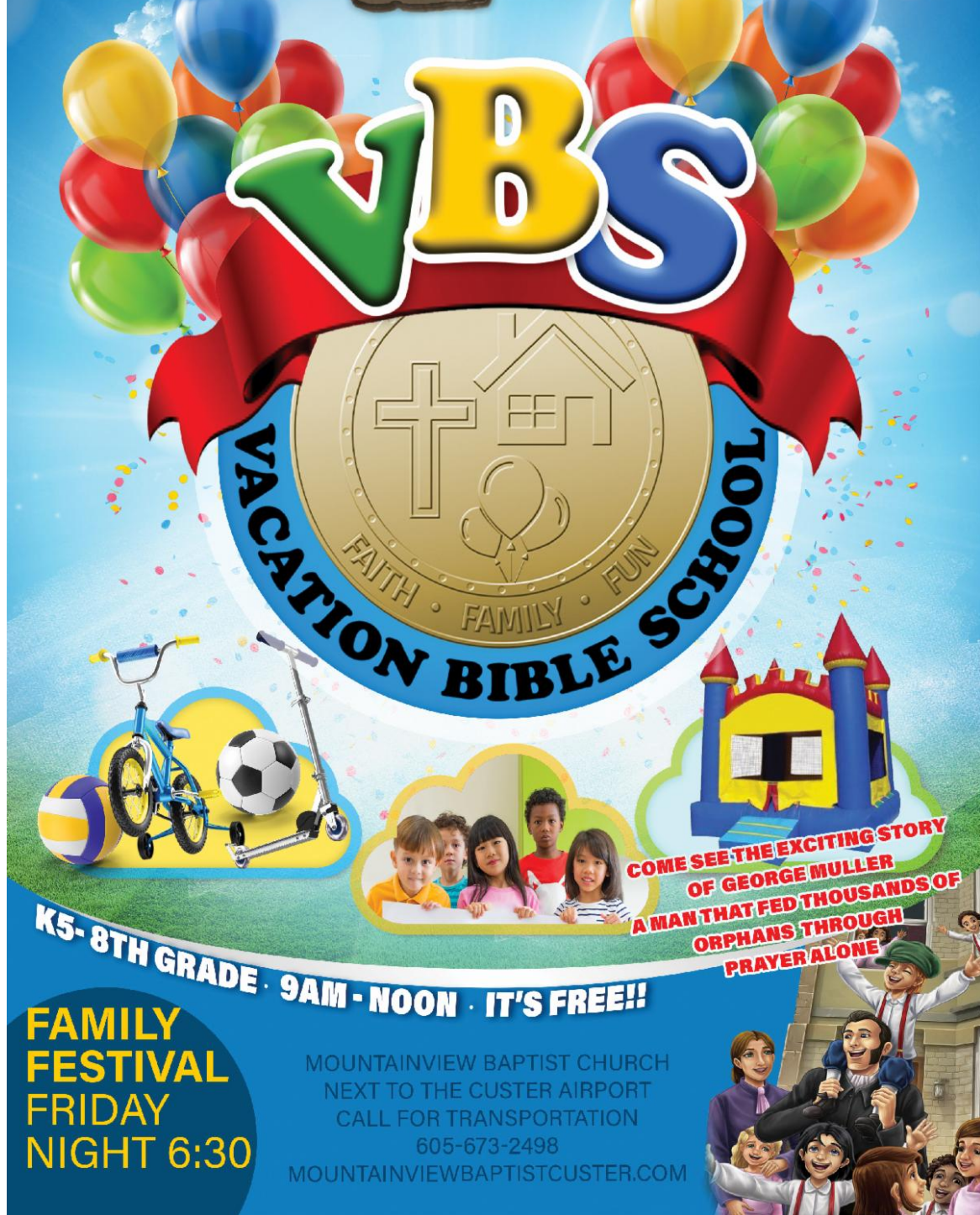
Beacon Kitchen opens at 2:00 PM

New-Selfie Corner!

WE THANK OUR SPONSORS:

The Custer Beacon, The Custer County Chronicle, Custer Area Art Council
Lewis Realty, Peg Ryan, South Dakota Coalition Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence
DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) WEAVE (Women Escaping a Violent Environment)



A vibrant poster for Vacation Bible School (VBS). At the top, the letters 'VBS' are rendered in large, colorful, 3D block letters (green 'V', yellow 'B', blue 'S') with white outlines, set against a background of colorful balloons (red, yellow, blue, green, orange) and confetti. Below the letters is a large, circular gold coin. The coin features a cross, a house, and a heart, with the words 'FAITH', 'FAMILY', and 'FUN' around the bottom edge. The text 'VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL' is written in a blue banner across the middle of the coin. Below the coin, there are illustrations of a blue bicycle, a soccer ball, a scooter, a group of five diverse children holding a sign, and a yellow and blue inflatable castle. A red banner with white text reads: 'COME SEE THE EXCITING STORY OF GEORGE MULLER A MAN THAT FED THOUSANDS OF ORPHANS THROUGH PRAYER ALONE'. At the bottom left, a blue circle contains the text 'FAMILY FESTIVAL FRIDAY NIGHT 6:30'. Below this, a blue banner reads 'K5- 8TH GRADE · 9AM - NOON · IT'S FREE!!'. To the right of this banner, the text 'MOUNTAINVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH NEXT TO THE CUSTER AIRPORT CALL FOR TRANSPORTATION 605-673-2498 MOUNTAINVIEWBAPTISTCUSTER.COM' is displayed. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a man in a top hat and a group of children.

&
Aspen + Pine Realty

Presents

Home Buying Seminar-June 6th

Get informed & ask questions!

- Home Buying Process
- How to get qualified
- What Credit scores are needed
- Financing Options
- Down payment & Closing Cost Assistant programs available.
- Local Market Stats

Come for Pizza & Drinks at 5:15 pm and class will go from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
325 Mount Rushmore Road, Custer SD

Please RSVP to Jenny, Lisa or Angelia by June 2nd.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE C. EDDIE CLAY LEGACY FUND



- 44 caliber Sharps Rifle "Old Reliable" Model 1874
- McClellan Cavalry Saddle 1904 model
- Bison skull (donated by 777 Ranch and Prairie Edge in Rapid City, SD)
- Bison hide

RAFFLE TICKETS

1 FOR \$10
3 FOR \$25
7 FOR \$50
15 FOR \$100



VALUE APPROX.
\$10,000

WINNER WILL BE DRAWN

OCTOBER 2, 2023

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)



Scan QR Code to purchase
raffle tickets today!

Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase raffle tickets; all values are approximate; raffle begins April 1, 2023 at 8:00 am MST and ends October 1, 2023 at 11:59 pm MST; drawing will be held via Facebook Live on October 2, 2023 at 12:00 pm MST on Facebook Live; winner will also be contacted directly.

**CUSTER COUNTY
COURTHOUSE ART**

GALLERY

420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor

Custer, South Dakota



**Showcasing the photography of
Kimberly Nelson.**

NOW THROUGH JULY 31, 2023

Endorsed by Custer Area Arts Council

NEWS RELEASE

4/20/2023

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.



**NEW
HOURS**

MONDAY - SUNDAY
10AM - 8PM

507 MT RUSHMORE RD. CUSTER, SD



WE CARRY MOTORCYCLE GEAR

- LEATHER VESTS & JACKETS-
- RIDING GLOVES-
- HATS & WALLETS-
- RIDING PURSES-



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507 MT RUSHMORE RD. CUSTER, SD

NEWS FROM THE STATE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Mon., May 15, 2023

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

South Dakota Residents Overwhelmingly Support Tourism

PIERRE, S.D. – When it comes to supporting the tourism industry, South Dakotans are leaps and bounds ahead of other states, according to a recent survey.

During National Travel & Tourism Week, Governor Kristi Noem touted the great amount of support that South Dakota residents have for the tourism industry.

Travel South Dakota partnered with Longwoods International in December 2022 to conduct a research study designed to better understand how residents of the state interact with and think about tourism. The results show tremendous support for the industry, with South Dakota's results ranking among the highest of any state during the study's four years of existence.

"Every day, South Dakotans witness and recognize the power of tourism in their state," said Governor Kristi Noem. "Tourism supports jobs, eases the tax burden, and allows us to continue to introduce our Great Faces and Great Places to new and returning visitors every year."

The report found that:

- 8 in 10 residents surveyed think tourism is good for the state, and they believe South Dakota benefits from a strong tourism industry.

- 7 in 10 residents care about the success of the tourism industry in The Mount Rushmore State and believe the positive benefits of tourism far outweigh any negative impacts.

- 7 in 10 residents surveyed support tourism growth and believe tourism should be encouraged in South Dakota. This shows that the development of tourism-related businesses and activities is strongly supported by residents.

"The resident is the most important stakeholder in every destination, and our study shows that, overall, a strong majority of South Dakotans approve of, appreciate, and understand the economic and quality of life benefits that tourism brings to the state," said Amir Eylon, President & CEO of Longwoods International.

Using regional and national benchmarks, the national study showed that a larger share of South Dakota residents support tourism and its development, growth, and positive attributes than their national and regional counterparts.

The survey was taken by South Dakota residents across all regions of the state. The sample was not biased to the industry, as 93% of respondents to the survey do not have anyone in their households employed in the tourism and hospitality industry. A full report of the resident sentiment survey can be found on [SDVisit.com](https://sdvisit.com).

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.

Media Notes:

Source: Longwoods International

The full resident sentiment report can be found here: https://sdvisit.com/sites/default/files/2023-05/Travel-South-Dakota_Resident-Sentiment-Study_March2023.pdf

PRESS RELEASES

Mount Rushmore National Memorial News Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: Earl Perez-Foust, earl_perez-foust@nps.gov, 605-574-3115

Public input sought on draft air tour management plan for Mount Rushmore National Memorial

KEYSTONE, SD — The National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are seeking public feedback on a draft Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) and associated environmental assessment that are being proposed for Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

The agencies encourage anyone with an interest in or concern about air tours over Mount Rushmore National Memorial to review and comment on the draft ATMP and environmental assessment. The proposed plan would not authorize any air tours above or within 0.5 mile of the boundary of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. There were on average 3,914 air tours per year over Mount Rushmore National Memorial reported from 2017 – 2019.

Public feedback can be submitted through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website starting May 16, 2023 through June 16, 2023. The NPS and FAA will consider comments to help inform the final ATMP for Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The project website is available at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MountRushmoreATMP>.

“We encourage anyone who is interested in air tours over Mount Rushmore National Memorial to share their thoughts on the proposed plan,” said Michelle Wheatley, the park’s Superintendent. “The draft plan is based on extensive analysis and consultation with Tribes and other parties, as well as response to public comments from our September 2022 Scoping Newsletter. The purpose of the ATMP is to ensure that park resource values, including natural sounds, visitor experiences, wildlife, and other natural and cultural resources, are protected.”

The NPS is developing an air tour management plan for Mount Rushmore National Memorial in cooperation with the FAA. The agencies are working towards completing the air tour management plan for Mount Rushmore National Memorial by December 31, 2023. The schedule is part of a plan approved by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit for the agencies to comply with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

An important part of the process is the inclusion of American Indian Tribes. The agencies are consulting with Associated Tribal Nations that hold historic and cultural significance to land and resources within the park.

Please visit this [NPS site](#) and this [FAA site](#) for more detailed information about air tour management plans. Links to meeting notifications, recordings, and slide decks (where applicable) will be posted to the NPS site.

www.nps.gov

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](#).

Earl Perez-Foust, *he/him*
Program Manager
Interpretation & Education
Mount Rushmore National Memorial



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Black Hills National Forest Forest Service News Release

Media Contact: Scott Jacobson, Public Affairs Officer

Black Hills National Forest Campgrounds and Seasonal Gates Scheduled to Open

Custer, S.D. May 15, 2023— Black Hills National Forest seasonal gates are scheduled to open today, Monday, May 15, and campgrounds will open Friday, May 19 for first-come first-serve camping.

Advanced reservation camping begins Wednesday, May 24. Seasonal closed roads and trails are identified on the current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and will all open today, Monday, May 15.

Please remember that even if a road or trail is open, driving on soft surfaces or where rutting has been observed should be avoided until drier conditions prevail. Roads and trails in the hills may be unsuitable for driving until they dry out from recent moisture. The Forest encourages all riders to observe Tread Lightly principles and especially avoid sensitive areas during spring-like conditions.

Additional tips include being considerate of others on the road or trail. Learn the basics of trail etiquette, and practice proper stewardship while riding in the Black Hills. And perhaps most important, respect private property by keeping speeds and dust low around homes and nearby ranches. Damaging forest roads and lands is against the law. The legal and financial consequences can be steep, and damages done to the land can take years to repair.

A Motorized Vehicle Use Trail Permit is required for any motor vehicle traveling on motorized use trails in the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota. Permits may be purchased directly from Black Hills National Forest offices, many local vendors, ordered online (permits mailed), or from the Black Hills and Badlands Tourism Association Visitor Center, located east of Rapid City off Exit 61 on I-90.

The Forest offers 30 campgrounds with more than 680 individual sites. Many of the campgrounds are operated by a Forest Service recreation service partner, Forest Recreation Management, (FRM) Inc. based in Hill City, SD, under a concession permit. The fees in the Forest campgrounds range from \$16 to \$28.50 per night. Group camping is also available with advanced reservations near Pactola Reservoir and Sheridan Lake. Many campgrounds have on-site hosts who can help provide information about nearby trails and outdoor activities in the area.

While electric, sewer, water hook-ups and showers are not available, most Forest campgrounds have potable water and either flush or vault toilets. The Forest reminds camping enthusiasts that horse camps are designed for stock use. If your party does not need access to a horse campsite, please consider selecting another campground or check for other available options through <http://www.recreation.gov/>. To reserve most Black Hills National Forest campsites, visit <http://www.recreation.gov/> or call Toll Free 1-877-444-6777.

Due to high demand, reservations are recommended and can be made up to 180 days in advance. All boat docks have been installed at Sheridan and Deerfield Lakes, as well as the Pactola Reservoir. The Forest also offers two marina permits, with Pactola Pines and The Marina at Sheridan Lake providing boat rentals, snacks and beverages, picnic supplies, and other summer season amenities. The Forest Service and South Dakota Game Fish & Parks (SDGF&P) are reminding visitors to take precautions to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels from watercraft. Watercraft Inspection/Decontamination (WID) stations will be operated at Pactola Reservoir by SDGF&P. All watercraft encountering a WID station, including non-motorized watercraft (canoes, kayaks, SUPs, and inflatables)

will be inspected. Inspection stations are the first line of defense in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. SDGF&P WID stations are equipped with hot water sprayers (140-120°F) that can kill any residual invasive mussel tissue or other aquatic invasive species. For more information on Black Hills National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills>.



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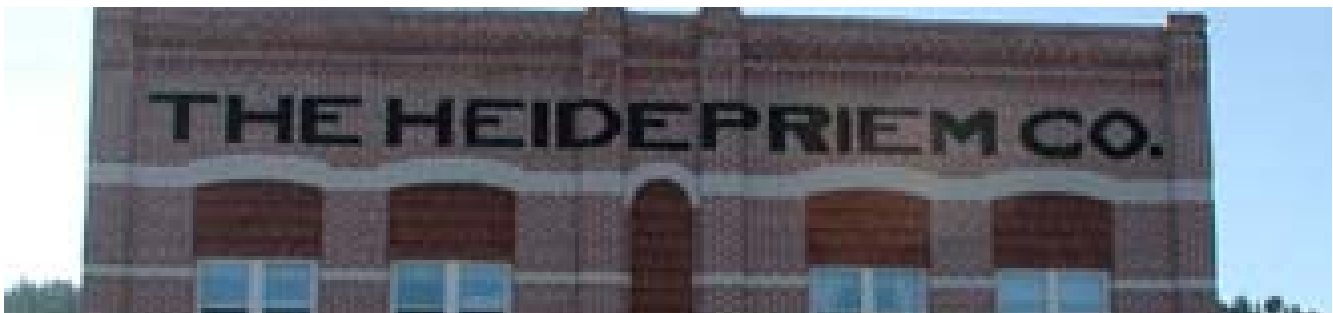
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Jewel Cave Announces Hours for Summer Season

CUSTER, SD – Jewel Cave National Monument is changing its operations to prepare for visitors this summer season beginning Sunday, May 21. The visitor center will be open every day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with cave tours at scheduled times. These hours will continue until Labor Day. On Tuesday, September 5 the visitor center will change its hours to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until October 28. Jewel Cave's Historic Lantern Tours and Wild Caving Tours will begin for the season on Sunday, June 4. The park plans to offer the Historic Lantern Tours daily until Labor Day as staffing allows, and the Wild Caving Tour on Saturdays through mid-August. The monument will also continue to offer the popular Scenic and Discovery Tours. All tours will be available to book in advance on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov), with limited walk-up tours for the Scenic, Discovery and Historic Lanterns Tours being available if staffing allows. Wild Caving Tours will only be available to reserve on recreation.gov. The monument also partners with the Black Hills Parks and Forests Association, which operates a Park Store inside the visitor center. The store will be open on the same schedule as the visitor center and provides visitors with multiple products and services to complement their visit. Details and updates on park operations 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.





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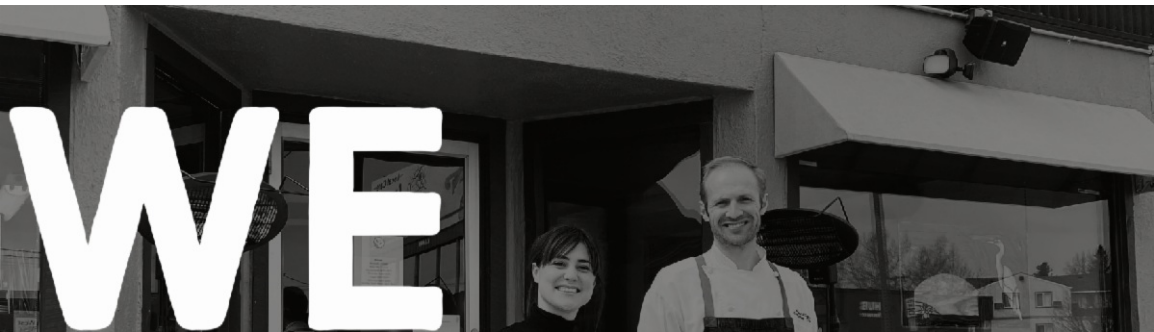
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