# Buffalo Bytes



#### Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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#### **CUSTER CONNECTIONS**

What amazing weather we had for open house weekend in Custer State Park! (and the Tesla Rally) Downtown Custer has really been bustling lately! I'm sure all of you have noticed the many out-of-state vehicles that have been driving and parking throughout town. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you once again, that it's important to leave the parking spaces in front of your businesses (and your neighbor's business) open for visitors. Below is a note from the City of Custer highlighting the importance of leaving downtown parking spots open and where staff members can park instead:



#### A note to all downtown Business Owners:

We all enjoy and depend on our visitors. It is in everyone's best interests to accommodate and help them feel welcome. Please help them access our businesses by keeping our main street parking spaces available.

Please ask your employees to park in the back, or alley side of your property. If your property does not have this option, parking is also available at the Community Center parking lot (Old Grade School) or on Washington Street.

Fellow business owners and all of our customers will thank you.



Dawn Murray Executive Director

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Chamber Staff**

Dawn Murray Executive Director dmurray@custersd.com

Jamie Dean Administrative Assistant jdean@custersd.com

Fred Baumann Information Associate fbaumann@custersd.com

Amy Brazell Information Associate abrazell@custersd.com

Pat Hattervig Information Associate The 100th Gold Discovery Days Anniversary cups have arrived! Pick them up at the Custer Chamber.

#### 2023 Board Of Directors

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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: <u>abrazell@custersd.com</u>. Items need to be received by Wednesdays at noon in order to be added to weekly Buffalo Bytes. Thank you!

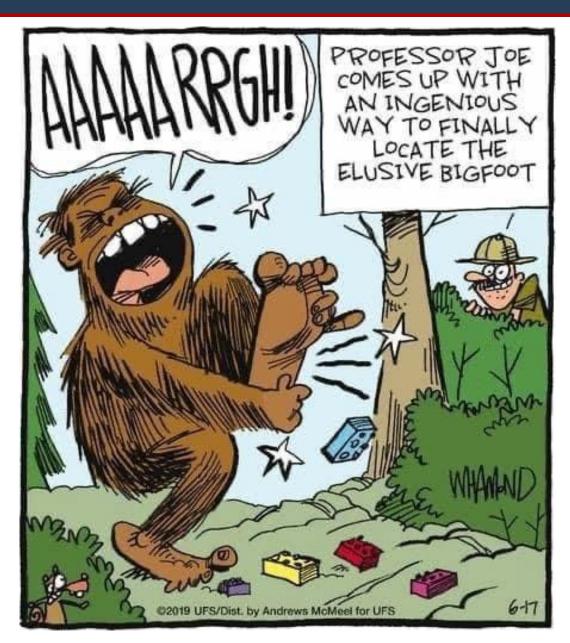
#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 25

Ribbon Cutting for the Community Garden On the school campus on Sidney Park Rd (near the ball field) 10:00am

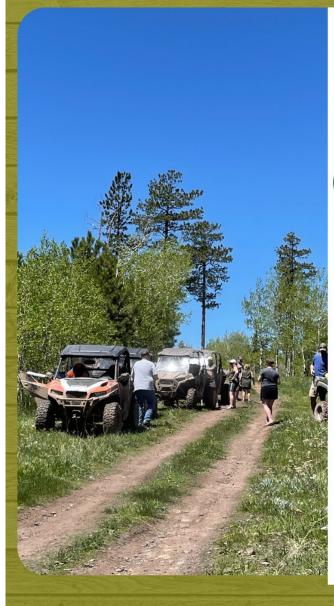
> June 9-11 5th Annual Off-Road Rally

#### WEEKLY HUMOR



#### CHAMBER HAPPENINGS





**THANK YOU SPONSORS!** 

# Sponsor the Custer Off-Road Rally June 9-11

PREMIER- \$500+ RAZOR- \$250 RANGER- \$150 MULE- \$75

Email Dawn at dmurray@custersd.com

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Approximately 100 students in the Custer School District have been identified as students in need. If you or your business would like to sponsor wristbands to be given to local students please contact the Chamber at 605-673-2244 or info@custersd.com



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#### **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

#### **2023 CUSTER CHAMBER**

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

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

Chamber of Commerce

# New Members

French Creek Supply- Napa Auto Parts 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 Life Weavings Expressions Garcia Family Clinic-Bella Rejuvenation US Flag Pole Guy JandJ Hospitality Southern Hills Screen Printing The Church at Custer

#### AREA EVENTS

#### **2023 Cultural Programs Events Calendar**

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May 25 - September 30: Daily Native American Performers & Storytellers

11:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm Veranda Stage

May 26 - September 30: Native American, all Veteran Recognition Nightly, begins 1/2 hour before Legends in Light® laser show, Veranda

May 1 - September 30: Artist in Residence Artist Talk, Wednesdays at 12:30pm and daily studio time, Native American Educational and Cultural Center®

May 12 - September 22: Mahkoche Kin: The Land 10:00am and 2:00pm on the following Fridays: May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25,

May 29 - October 7: Living Treasures, Hands-On Projects

10:00am - 6:00pm the following weeks: May 29-June 4, June 3-9, July 2-8, July 30- Aug 5, Sept 3-9, Oct 1-7, Native American Educational and Cultural Center®

June 15 - July 27: Talking Circle Speaker Series 6:30pm the following days: June 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, Mountain View Room

June 16 - 18: Gift From Mother Earth Art Show and Sale 8:00am - 5:00pm each day; Art show and sale, Indian Museum of North America®

June 2 - October 9: Special Performances on Veranda Stage

June 2 - The Bluestone Project: Band playing from the catalogues of The Doors, Gin Blossoms, Aaron White, 6:30pm June 26 - Cary Morin: Singer/Songwriter, 7:30pm

August 5 - Bearsheart Family: Hoop, Fancy, and Jingle Dance, 6:30pm September 6 - Duncan Family: World Champion Hoop Dancers, 7:30pm October 9 - Native American Day, all day



12151 Avenue of the ChiefsCrazy Horse, SD 57730-89004 miles North of Custer on Hwy 16/385www.crazyhorsememorial.org605-673-4681



DO YOU FEEL LIKE THERE IS

#### **NO FREEDOM** FROM ADDICTION?



A Bible-centered, faith-based addiction program.

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.



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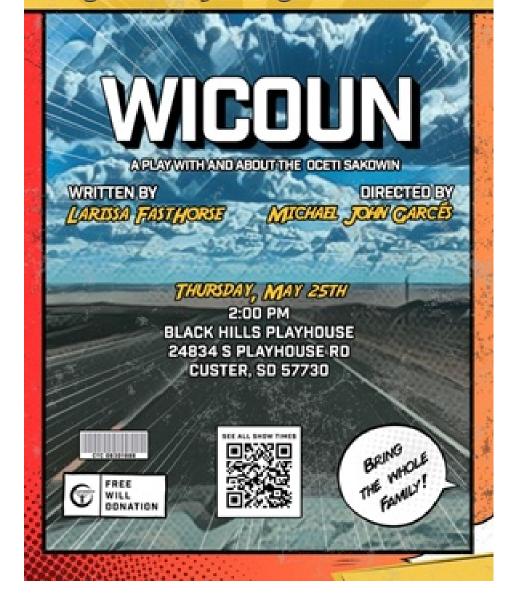


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**Weekly Addiction Program** 





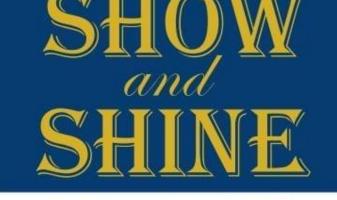


This is a remarkable new play by the hottest new playwright in the country right now! Currently represented on Broadway with her award winning *Thanksgiving Play*, we are proud to present the premiere performance of her new play with and about the Oceti Sakowin, directed by Michael John Garces at the Black Hills Playhouse.

Wicoun is by free-will offering and will be presented outdoors near Haberman Hall. Come out and meet the playwright and cheer on her new production. THURSDAY, MAY 25 AT 2:00 PM.

But that's not all! On Saturday, June 3rd at 2:00 PM, our company will perform the audition pieces that got them hired! This 90-minute cabaret style performance is a MUST SEE. Songs, clever monologues, and lots of great fun! Come spend an afternoon getting to know our company! Tickets are \$19.00 and passholders receive a \$4.00 discount! The full season opens on June 9th, and tickets for all 4 of our shows are going fast. The link below will take you to the ticketing page, where you can grab your tickets for any of our shows! <a href="https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=bhp">https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=bhp</a>

FRIDAY NIGH



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.

<u>All proceeds will go to support the</u> <u>students attending the HOSA</u> <u>National Conference</u>









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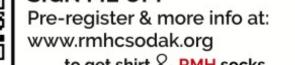
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#### Saturday, June 3, 2023 **Old Storybook Island Shelter Rapid City, SD**

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

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#### 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



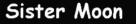
**Benefitting Regional Projects** Supporting Women & Girls

#### 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





SATURDAY, JUNE 3,2023 2PM-10PM THE CUSTER BEACON **3RD & WASHINGTON ST.** CUSTER, SD

Beacon Kitchen opens at 2:00 PM

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Film, Art & Music Festival Saturday June 3, 2023 | The Custer Beacon

New-Selfie Corner!

#### WE THANK OUR SPONSORS:

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

# LUNA FEST

Welcome to the 2023 season of LUNAFEST®! We're proud to amplify the inspiring short films by this year's selection of women and gender nonconforming directors. Our featured filmmakers are from all walks of life and range from poets to conservationists and activists to educators. LUNAFEST believes that sharing diverse stories can spark conversation, connection, and change. In a span of 90 minutes, these films tackle universal themes of friendship, bravery, and community—while also breaking down barriers and celebrating the importance of finding joy. Get ready to #PlayAPart and see the world through a new lens.



RECLAIM YOUR WATER: NATASHA SMITH (5:00)

As a member of the Ebony Beach Club, Natasha Smith surfs, skates, and makes her own waves.

Filmmaker: Faith E, Briggs (Portland, OR)



MISS CHELOVE: FROM JAVA TO THE STREETS OF D.C. (15:00)

As she paints a mural, artist Cita Sadeli (aka MISS CHELOVE) opens up about her life, her cultural heritage, and how she fell in love with graffiti in the 1980s. Filmmaker: Sara T, Gama (Reston, VA)



#### MORE THAN I WANT TO REMEMBER (14:30)

After her southeastern Congo village is bombed, 14-year-old Mugeni sets out on a remarkable solo journey across the globe, determined to reunite with her lost loved ones and lift up the Banyamulenge people. Filmmaker: Amy Bench (Austin, TX)



#### SYED FAMILY XMAS EVE GAME NIGHT (11:00)

All cards are on the table when Noor, a queer Pakistani Muslim woman, brings her Puerto Rican girlfriend, Luz, home for the first time on the family's annual game night. Filmmakers: Fawzia Mirza and Kausar Mohammed (Glendale, CA)



SWIMMING THROUGH (15:30)

Amid a brutal Chicago winter and the global pandemic, Deirdre, Helen, and Jennefer's friendship grows as they commit to a daily sunrise plunge together in Lake Michigan. Filmmaker: Samantha Sanders (Chicago, IL)



#### PETE (7:00)

The true story of Pete Barma explores gender identity, Little League Baseball, the people who inspire change by being themselves, and the superheroes who champion that change.

Filmmakers: Bret Parker and Pete Barma (San Francisco, CA)



#### THIS IS BETH (17:00)

As celebrated rock climber Beth Rodden grapples with her body image, she rediscovers the love of her sport... and herself. Filmmaker: Jen Randall

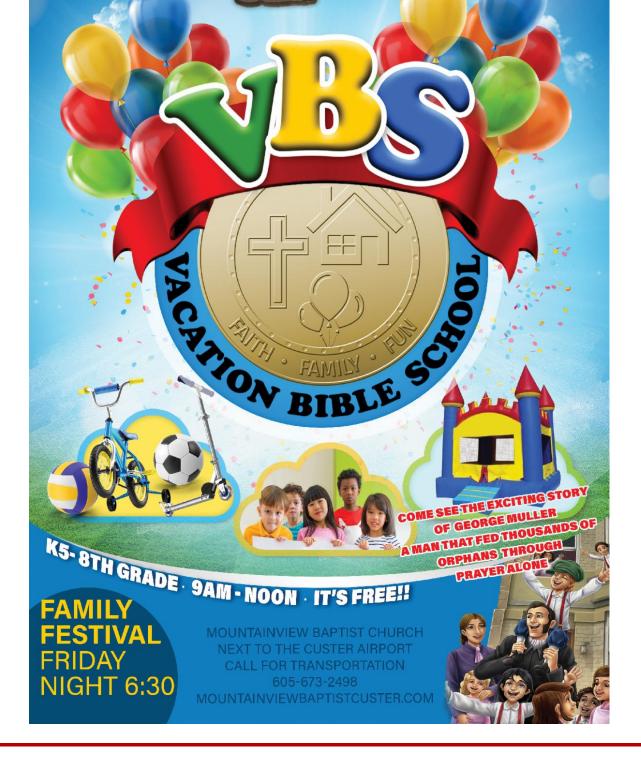
(Squamish, British Columbia)





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Gateway Mortgage Group

#### 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.



Aspen+Pine Realty 260.433.3732 jenny@aspenandpinerealty.com



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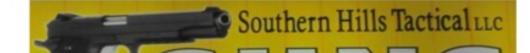


#### South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

#### This is a One Day Class Saturday June 17th 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** Contact us at 605-673-3222 or by e-mail at

southernhillstactical@gwtc.net





South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

#### This is a One Day Class Saturday June 24th 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** Call the shop at 605-673-3222 or email us southernhillstactical@gwtc.net

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS







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# **VALUE APPROX.** \$10,000 WINNER WILL BE DRAWN

## **OCTOBER 2, 2023**

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase raffle tickets; all values are Scan QR Code to purchase 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** 

#### GALLER I

#### 420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor

Custer, South Dakota

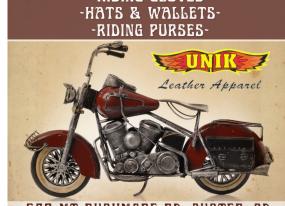


#### Showcasing the photography of Kimberly Nelson. NOW THROUGH JULY 31, 2023 Endorsed by Custer Area Arts Council









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#### **NEWS FROM THE STATE**

Travel South Dakota May 2023 SDVisit.com



Dear Tourism Friends and Industry Partners,

I want to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for helping us celebrate <u>National Travel & Tourism Week</u> (<u>NTTW</u>). We saw amazing outreach because we all joined forces in moving TRAVEL FORWARD.

We want to extend a very special thanks to our great friends at Storybook Land in Aberdeen; the Children's Museum of South Dakota, McCrory Gardens and Visit Brookings in Brookings; Crazy Horse Memorial® near Custer; The Mammoth Site in Hot Springs; The World's Only Corn Palace in Mitchell; the Pedestrian Bridge in Fort Pierre: The Farr House in Pierre: The Monument. The Rushmore Hotel and Main Street Square in Rapid City:

Denny Sanford PREMIER Center, Washington Pavilion, Arc of Dreams and Falls Park in Sioux Falls; Woodburn Hall at Black Hills State University in Spearfish; the Buffalo Chip and Rush-No-More Campground in Sturgis; and the DakotaDome and Sanford Coyote Sports Center in Vermillion for lighting their respective attractions in red (the official color of NTTW) to put a spotlight on the week and the importance of tourism within every community across our state.

We'd also like to give a special thanks to the entire industry for creating social media posts, conducting interviews with local media, writing op-eds, sending dedicated emails, and attending Travel South Dakota's annual Spring Hospitality Training. We also want to thank the South Dakota Retailers Association for partnering with us on this year's training.

Governor Noem joined in the celebration as well, holding a press conference at Reptile Gardens on Wednesday before heading out to visit many of our Great Places for the remainder of the day. She remains our industry's #1 supporter, and we were thrilled to have her join us in celebrating NTTW this year!

Here are some fun NTTW highlights we want to share with you:

- Governor Noem recorded a video message to the industry.
- Governor Noem signed an Executive Proclamation recognizing National Travel & Tourism Week in South Dakota.
- Some NTTW media highlights can be found on SDVisit.com.
- Photos from the Great Places that lit up red in celebration of NTTW.
- Photos from the Spring Hospitality Training with Betsy Allen-Manning in Hot Springs, Spearfish, Rapid City, Ft. Pierre, Sioux Falls, Watertown and Yankton.
  - Click here for Betsy's printable bookmark featuring the four personality styles she discussed in the training.

THANK YOU again for being such tremendous friends and partners. Through all our efforts to move TRAVEL FORWARD, we can anticipate great things this summer and fall. If we can be of any assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

All our best, Jim Hagen Secretary of Tourism

#### PRESS RELEASES



Forest Service U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Black Hills National Forest

#### **Forest Service News Release**

Media Contact: Scott Jacobson, Public Affairs Officer (605) 440-1409 <u>scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov</u> https://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills/

#### Become a Junior Forest Ranger ~ Summer Programs at Pactola Visitor

#### Center

**Custer, S.D., May 24, 2023**— For the first time in many years, the Black Hills National Forest is offering <u>Junior Forest Ranger Programs</u> at the Pactola Visitor Center.

The Junior Forest Ranger (JFR) program is an exciting way for young people to explore and learn about the Forest. The JFR program uses Forest Service science and practices to encourage children 7 through 13 to enjoy and appreciate nature. JFR motivates children to explore the natural and cultural world and embrace their responsibility to it.

"These family friendly programs are perfect for adventurous forest explorers," said Michele Schleuning, Pactola Visitor Center Information Assistant. "Pack a lunch and plan to spend an educational early Saturday afternoon overlooking the beautiful Pactola Reservoir."

Each program <u>(see Flyer)</u> is from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and conducted by visitor center staff and volunteers.

June 10 - (National Get Outdoors Day) Sensing the Forest: There are many ways to learn about the forest using all our senses. Join Forest staff for a fun experience as we "sense" the outdoors and make nature journals to keep track of your forest experiences throughout the summer. Did you know ... National Get Outdoors Day, held each year on the second Saturday in June, is a nationwide event coordinated by the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable and the US Forest Service.

**July 15 - Animal Outhouses:** Scientists often learn about wildlife by looking at their droppings? Dissecting owl pellets is a fun and interesting way to learn about food chains, habitats, and how scientists collect and use data. Bring your little Forest Rangers to the visitor center for a fun story and then explore an owl pellet like a wildlife biologist.

**August 5 - Fire in Nature:** Learning to be fire-aware to prevent wildfires is an important part of keeping the forest safe. Did you know that the Forest Service also uses fire as a way to keep the forest healthy? Spend a Saturday afternoon at the visitor center and learn how fires are used

for various management activities ... and also learn how to help prevent forest fires. Participants will also receive Smokey Bear swag.

August 19 - (National Track Trails Day) Animal Hide and Seek: Animals have many ways to disguise themselves. This makes them very good at being able to play hide and seek. Join Forest staff to learn how and why animals use camouflage, then take part in making your own camouflage vest.

The Forest continues to work with a group of volunteers and partners in 2023 to create a Junior Forest Ranger

Program specific for the Black Hills National Forest. Using funding assistance from our cooperative partner, <u>Black</u> <u>Hills Parks & Forests Association</u>, and the design talents of our educational volunteers, the project is geared toward the development of a multi-page activity booklet and specially designed badge. The summer programs are helping the Forest learn more about participant (and parent) expectations.

NOTE: The <u>Pactola Visitor Center</u> is located along Hwy 385, about 14 miles north of Hill City, SD near the Pactola Reservoir. The facility opens for the season on Friday, May 26 and is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the Black Hills National Forest, visit <u>http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills</u>. For additional programming information on the Forest, please visit <u>http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/blackhills/visitorprograms</u>.

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#### Forest Service Road near Keystone to be Closed Temporarily

Rapid City, S.D., May 22, 2023— Black Hills National Forest officials will temporarily close National Forest System Road (NFSR) 353.2c, otherwise known as "Government Park," approximately 2 miles east of Keystone, SD on highway 40, for 30 days.

The road will be closed from June 1, 2023, and will remain closed until July 1, 2023.

- The closure order prohibits motor vehicle use on the road except for:
  - 1. Persons with a special use authorization from the Forest Service specifically exempting them from the order,
  - 2. Any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer or any member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

The area is part of an active grazing allotment during the month of June. The purpose of the closure order is to protect the vegetation and forage used by livestock for grazing along NFSR 353.2c from the effects of motor vehicles parked or driven on the road shoulder.

For more information on the Black Hills National Forest, visit <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills/</u>.

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#### Mount Rushmore National Memorial News Release

For Immediate Release – May 23, 2023 Contact: Earl Perez-Foust Phone: (605) 574-3115 Email: <u>earl\_perez-foust@nps.gov</u>

#### Summer Operations Begin Memorial Day Weekend

**KEYSTONE, SD** — Beginning May 26, visitors to the Memorial will have a variety of programming and trip planning tools at their disposal. The park has updated its <u>digital calendar</u>, <u>Summer</u> <u>Programming</u>, and <u>Operating Hours</u> webpages to reflect upcoming activities and building hours for visitors to enjoy. The Visitor Center and Information Center will be open from 8am until 10pm, and the Sculptor Studio will operate from 8am until 8pm through mid-August. The <u>NPS App</u> is also available for visitors to use when planning their trip.

Activities range from daily ranger talks, sculptor studio presentations, cultural demonstrations, and the evening lighting ceremony. Rangers also walk the grounds to engage in informal conversations about the significance of the site and to assist with orientation. Park programming has been scheduled to give visitors to the Memorial the flexibility to plan their visit efficiently. Programs are occurring throughout the site at a variety of locations throughout the day. Each day is completed by the renowned lighting of the sculpture accompanied by a ranger talk and a short film. Visitors are encouraged to plan their visit to the Memorial by visiting the park website or inquiring at the Information Center upon arrival to the site. All programs are subject to change due to inclement weather and staff availability.

Interpretive programming is one of the fundamental services provided by National Park Service sites nationwide. Ranger programs provide an opportunity for visitors to connect emotionally and intellectually to their shared national heritage. Visitors are encouraged to explore their personal connections to these sites through their engagement with park staff and other services provided at the Memorial.

For visit planning information, park operations, and to learn more, <u>visit the park website</u>. Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

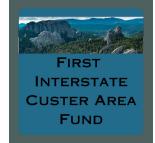
About the National Park Service: More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's more than 400 national park units and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at <u>www.nps.gov</u>.

image alt-text: A concrete walkway with state flags on either side leading to Mount Rushmore. Dozens of people are on the walkway wearing varying summer wear.

Earl Perez-Foust he/him

Program Manager Interpretation and Education Office: 605-574-3115 <u>Mount Rushmore National Memorial</u>

#### 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.

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 bill be September 12, 2023. The funds will be disbursed during the month of October 2023.

#### **Mount Rushmore National Memorial News Release**

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#### 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: <u>https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MountRushmoreATMP</u>.

"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 <u>NPS site</u> and this <u>FAA site</u> 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. <u>www.nps.gov</u>

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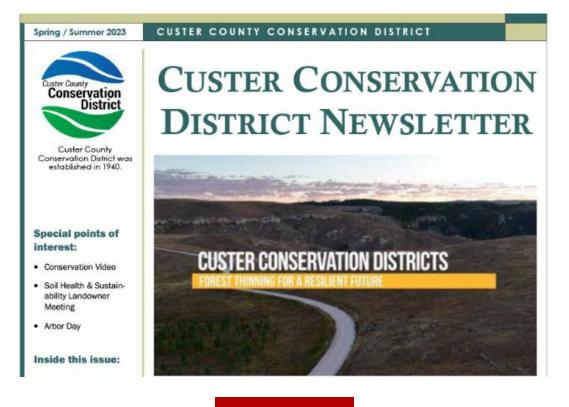
Earl Perez-Foust, *he/him* Program Manager Interpretation & Education Mount Rushmore National Memorial





#### Custer Senior Center

May Schedule

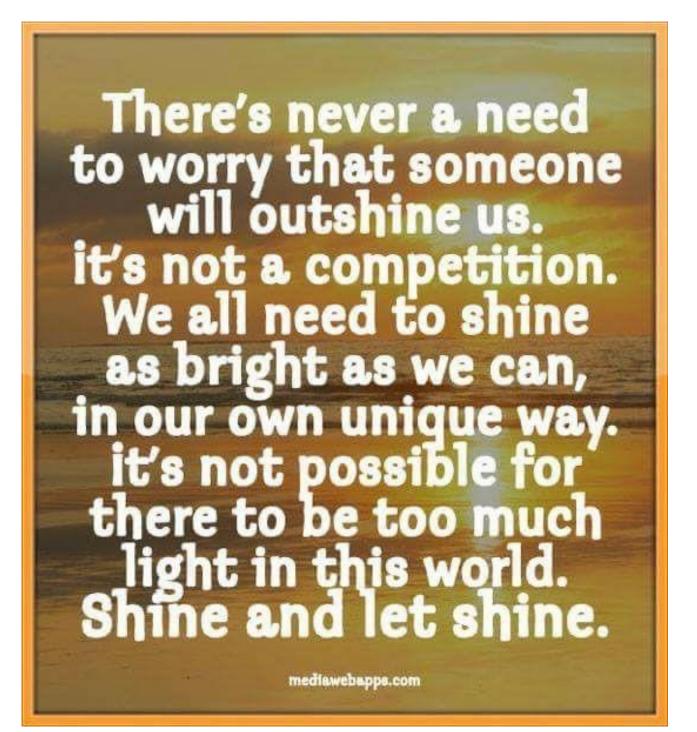


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