

Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

This weekend kicks off Christmas in Custer!!

On Saturday, December 2nd, Bring the kiddos ages 0-10 to the Custer elementary School North Playground at 9:30 for our 2nd annual Candy Cane Hunt. Then stop in to the Chamber booth 10am- 12pm at Santa's Village in the Custer High School Gym and pick up your Scavenger Hunt Game Card. Play by visiting the participating Custer Merchants and recording on your card where (what business) you found each picture at. Turn the completed cards in to the Chamber office, located at 615 Washington St, for your chance to win a GIANT stocking filled with prizes donated by local merchants. Many of the Custer Businesses will be having open houses and staying open late so make sure to stop in and visit them. Then the 34th Annual Custer Christmas Parade will be held at 5:30pm in downtown Custer. Immediately following the parade, Parade Marshals, John and Diana Carson will flip the switch and light up the Juanita Memorial Tree in Way Park. We hope you'll all make plans to join us in kicking off the holiday season!

And don't forget to get signed up for the Community Christmas Cash drawings. The drawing dates will be December 1st, 5th, and 15th and we'll be giving away \$1000 in Christmas Cash that can be spent in both Custer and Hill City. The more times you sign up the better your chances!

We want to take this time to thank our many sponsors of the out Christmas events. Without you, we could not do what we do.

THANK YOU SPONSORS

SANTA

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Custer State Park

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Custer Heating & AC
Golden West Telecommunications
Nielsen Enterprises, LLC
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Pacer Minerals, LLC
South Dakota Outdoor Shop
Southern Hills Title
VFW Post #3442

ELF

Black Hills Federal Credit Union
Custer Dental Studio
Gold Pan Saloon
Kitchens by Karla
Pizza Mill
Starr Insurance

ORNAMENT

Chalet Motel
Craig Reindl of
Western Skies Real Estate
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2023 CHRISTMAS IN CUSTER

Printable Ballot



Dawn Murray
Executive Director

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Leah Noem- BID Board Liaison

SNOW REMOVAL

Here's the Scoop



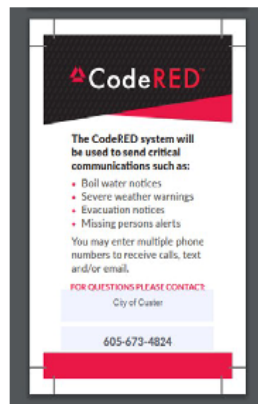
Snow and ice permitted to gather and remain upon the sidewalks of the city is dangerous to the safety of its citizens and others using the sidewalks.

CMC 12.04.040

The central business & highway commercial districts shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk by 9:00 a.m.

If you have an awning in front of your building please make sure the snow is removed between the front posts of the awning and the curb.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR CODE RED



Go to custer.govoffice.com

Signing up for Code Red will alert you when sidewalks need to be cleared and other important information.

PARKING IN THE WINTER MONTHS

Any time two inches or more of snow fall in the city, there shall be deemed to be a snow alert, and during such alert it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to park on the public streets and alleys within Custer between the hours of midnight and eight a.m., or until such time as the snow has been removed from the particular street or alley. CMC10.16.140

Private driveways are the property owners responsibility.



*This is provided as an informational document. For more specific and formal information please refer to the Custer

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

November 24-December 15

Community Christmas Cash
Custer and Hill City businesses

December 2

Christmas Parade
5:30pm
Mt Rushmore Rd

December 2-8

Christmas Scavenger Hunt
Downtown Custer

December 14

Chamber Mixer
5pm
Mt Rushmore Brewing Company
Hosted by: Highmark Credit Union

WEEKLY HUMOR



@OFFICIALSHOEBOX

CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

Don't forget to sign up for Custer Cash while you are out and about shopping! You don't want to miss out on winning FREE money!!





GET SINGED UP FOR CHRISTMAS CASH!!



2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

CASH DRAWINGS

December 1 - (6) \$50 winners

December 8 - (6) \$50 winners

December 15 - (4) \$100 winners

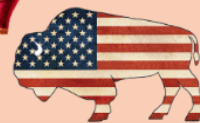
SIGN UP AT THESE PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES EACH WEEK!

Custer Businesses

A Walk in the Woods
Adventure Rentals
Art Expressions
Aspen+Pine Realty
Black Hills FCU
Black Hills Power Bikes
Calamity Jane's Coffee Shop
& Grill
Carson Drug
Chamber Office
City of Custer
Claw Antler & Hide Inc
Common Cents
Custer Ace Hardware
Custer Beacon
Custer County Candy Co.
Custer County Chronicle

Custer County Library
Custer Dental Studio
Custer Do it Best
Custer Senior Center
Custer VFW
Custer's Last Stop
Dacotah Bank
Deep Creek Art Gallery
First Interstate Bank
Gold Pan Saloon
Good Karma
Highmark Credit Union
Jenny's Floral
Lynn's Dakotamart
McGas
Miner's Cup
Old Pine Social
Our Place

Pizza Hut
Pizza Mill
Premier Family Eyecare
Quilted Buffalo
Sentinel FCU
South Dakota Outdoor Shop
Southern Hills Family
Medicine
Starr Insurance
State Farm
Subway
The Buglin' Bull
The Custer Wolf
The Shed at Dakota Greens
The Wellness Way Hill City
Vector Design & Print
Western Skies Realty



CUSTER
Chamber of Commerce

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**Custer Area
Chamber
of Commerce**
and

**Hill City
Chamber
of Commerce**



HILL CITY

HEART OF THE BLACK HILLS™

Hill City Businesses

Addie Camp
Alpine Inn
ArtForms
Beef Jerky Experience
Black Hills Bistro
Black Hills Institute /
Everything Prehistoric
Country Store at Three Forks
Dakota Stone
Discount Bargain Barn
Gold Diggers
Grace Gallery & Gifts

Granite Sports
Gypsy Rose Studio
Heart of the Hills Antiques,
Firearms & Collectables
Heart of the Hills Exxon
Heart of the West Conoco
High Country Guest Ranch
Hill City Cafe
Hills City Dental
Hill City Hardware
Hill City Subway
HippieRockStar Boutique, Wine & Beer Bar

Jewel of the West
Jon Crane Gallery
Krull's Market
Mangiamo! Pizzeria
Miner Brewery
Perky Pine Cafe
Prairie Berry Winery
Stage Stop Leather & Gifts
The Farmer's Daughter
The Wellness Way Hill City
Turtle Town

Chamber Mixer



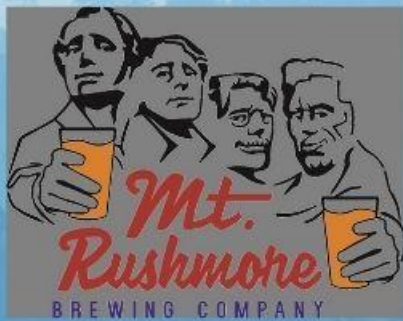
Hosted by: Highmark Credit Union

December 14

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.



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



Located at:

Mt. Rushmore Brewing Co.

140 Mt Rushmore Rd



Be sure to VOTE

**Custer Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors
2023-2025**

Get your ballots turned in by December 12

[Meet the Candidates](#)

[Printable ballot](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



"Dave's World Tours" & Shuttle Services

1880 Train

1881 Courthouse Museum

21 Electric, LLC

A Walk in the Woods

Alphabet Life, Etc., LLC

Abundant Life Fellowship of Custer
Acupuncture 4 Health
Adventure Rentals
Aflac- Carol Perrigo
Al Cornella Refrigeration
Alpha Builders, LLC
Altitude Gifts & Sweet Shoppe
American Family Insurance-Ronni Calvird Agency
American Legion Post #46
Ameriprise Financial
Art Expressions of Custer
Aspen+Pine Realty
Baker's Bakery & Café Inc
Barmore Enterprises
Bear Country USA, Inc
Beaver Lake Campground
Beecher Rock Vehicle Storage
Begging Burro Mexican Bistro and Tequila Bar
Big Pine Campground
Bill & Linda Young
Black Hills Aerial Adventures
Black Hills Area Community Foundation
Black Hills Balloons
Black Hills Burger & Bun Co
Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial
Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc
Black Hills Energy
Black Hills Federal Credit Union
Black Hills Parks & Forests Association
Black Hills Playhouse
Black Hills Power Bikes Rentals & Boutique
Black Hills Reptile Gardens
Black Hills Towing
Blind Guy Custom Window Covering
Body of Christ Ministry
Bradeen Real Estate and Auctions, Inc.
Branch Construction Services, LLC
Buffalo Ridge Camp Resort
Buglin' Bull
Busy Ewe Farm & Fiber
Calamity Jane Coffee House & Mercantile
Calamity Peak Lodge
Camp Bob Marshall
Carson Drug
Certified Folder
Chalet Motel
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Chapel in the Hills
Charley and Norma Najacht
Chief Motel
Christy chamberlain & Bob Reich
City of Custer
Claw Antler and Hide, Inc
Coca-Cola Bottling Co
Common Cents

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Craig Hindle Construction
Crossroads Church
Crazy Horse Memorial
Custer Ace Hardware
Custer Ambulance Service, Inc
Custer Area Arts Council
Custer Car & Pet Wash
Custer Chiropractic, PC
Custer City Masonic Lodge #66
Custer County Airport
Custer County Candy Co
Custer County Chronicle
Custer County Conservation District
Custer County Democratic Party
Custer County Library Foundation
Custer County Republicans
Custer Dental Studio
Custer Do It Best Hardware
Custer Golf Corp/Rocky Knolls Golf Course
Custer Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc
Custer Hospitality (Super 8, Econlodge, Best Western, Comfort Inn, Holiday Inn Express)
Custer Lions Club
Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Custer Mountain Cabins & Campground
Custer Mt Rushmore KOA
Custer Mt Rushmore KOA
Custer Rotary
Custer Senior Center
Custer State Farm
Custer's Gulch RV Park & Campground
Dacotah Bank
Dakota Dream Bed & Breakfast & Horse Hotel
Dakota Greens - Custer Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.
Days Inn
Deep Creek Gallery
Diamond Spur Events Center
Diane's Custer Vacation Rentals
Double Diamond Ranch
Eagles Landing Lodge
Edward Jones- Mark Koch
Edward Jones-Kris Zerbe Office
Elk Haven Vacation Cabins
EO Bungalows
Evergreen Media
Faith Lewis Real Estate Inc
Feel Good Hospitality (Bavarian Inn, Feel Good Café)
First Choice Lock and Key
First Interstate Bank
Floors and More Cleaning and Restoration
Four Mile Old West Town and Campground
Fred & Wendy Hlava
Freedom Hills Wealth Management
Freeman's Electric service, Inc
French Creek RV Park

French Creek Supply, Inc
French Creek Tree Fellers, LLC
Frenchy's Hideaways
Frontier Photo
Garland Goff, Attorney at Law, LLC
George Mickelson Trail
Gold Camp Cabins LLC
Gold Pan
Golden West Telecommunications
Good Karma Jewelry
Green Owl Media & Photography
Grizzly Gulch Adventure Golf
H & R Block
Harney Peak Chapter of DAR
Heather's Top-Notch Cleaning
Hidden Lake Campground
High Mountain Outfitters
Highmark Credit Union
Hill's Inn
Hillside Handyman
Hjem AM
Home Slice Media Group
Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream
Hounds Pugs and Hugs
Jackie Hartwick
JAM Heating and Cooling
Jenny's Floral
Jewel Cave National Monument
Jim Frank & Colleen Hennessy
John & Diana Carson
Jon G Gindhart, DC, PC
Jorgenson Log Homes Inc
K & S Stagecoach Stop
K2 Masonry & Concrete
Ketel Thorstenson, LLP
Kieffer Sanitation
Kitchens by Karla
Kleemann House
Lampert Properties
Lasting Impressions Unlimited Inc (LIU)
Laurie Arthur, Inc
Lee, Patti & Jim
LFC Veterinary Services
Life Weavings Expressions
Lifeways Inc
Living Outreach Church
LJ's Recovery & Transport
Lynn's Dakotamart, Inc
Marci & John O'Connell
Maria's Mexican LLC
McDonald Chiropractic
McGas LLC
Mickelson Trail Affiliates, LLC
Miner's Cup

Moccasin Springs, LLC
Mount Rushmore National Memorial
Mountainview Baptist Church
Mt Rushmore Brewing Company
Murray Auto Repair LLC
Naomi Haraldson
NARFE
Nelson's Oil and Gas
New Trails Ministry Inc
Nielsen Enterprises, LLC
NXTLAW PC
Old Pine Social
Operation Black Hills Cabins
Our Place
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Outlaw Ranch
Pacer Minerals, LLC
Pine Rest Cabins
Pizza Mill
Pleasant Valley Farm & Cabins
Prairie Hills Transit
Premier Family Eyecare
Purple Pie Place
Rabbit Bicycle Rental & Repair
Regency CSP Resorts (*State Park Game Lodge, Sylvan Lake Lodge, Legion Lake Lodge, Blue Bell Lodge, Blue Bell Trail Rides and Buffalo Jeep Safari Tours and Rockcrest*)
Road Runner, Inc
Rock Solid
Rocket Motel
Rockin R Rides, Inc
Ronald McDonald House Charities
Rose Haven Senior Living
Rush Mountain Adventure Park
Rushmore Photo & Gifts, Inc
Rushmore Vacation Rentals
Sander Sanitation Service
Sentinel Federal Credit Union
Servall Uniforms & Linens
Sew What?
Shady Rest Motel
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Signs Now
Simon Contractors of SD, Inc
Skogen Kitchen
Sousleys HillBilly Barbeque and Catering
South Dakota Outdoor Shop
Southern Hills Animal Clinic
Southern Hills Family Medicine
Southern Hills Law, PLLC
Southern Hills Screen Printing
Southern Hills Tactical, LLC
Southern Hills Title, Inc
Spokane Creek Cabins & Camp
Sprockets Fun Foundry
Star Rides Adventure

Star Ridge Advertisement
Starr Insurance
Steele Collision and Glass
Steve and Yolanda Davis
Stockade Lake Cabins
Stone Décor and Supply
Studt Construction, Inc
Subway
Sunset RV Park
Sunshine Storage
Sylvan Rocks Climbing School and Guide Service
Tallgrass Landscape Architecture, LLC
Tanglewood Estate
Tennyson Investments
The Blind Guy of the Black Hills, LLC
The Church at Custer
The Cruisin' Canvas
The Custer Beacon
The Custer Wolf
The Mammoth Site
The Quilted Buffalo
Thomas Home Improvement
Travel Custer
Under Canvas, Inc
United States Forest Service Supervisor's Office- BH National Forest
United Way of the Black Hills
US Flagpole Guy of the Black Hills
Valhalla Legal, PLLC
VFW Post 3442
Vineyard Black Hills
Western Skies Real Estate
Wicked Espresso/ Little Wicked Inn
Wind Cave National Park
Windsong Valley Gardens
Workplace Disability Network of the Black Hills
World Fossil Finders Museum
Xanterra, Mt Rushmore
YMCA of Custer
Zonta Club of the Southern Black Hills



Welcome

New Members

Red Sands Ridge
Black Hills Realty
Custer Piecemakers Quilt Guild
All Net Connections
Grooming by Brenna
Gold Valley Camp
Black Hills Candles
Black Hills Family Vacations
Hillcrest HVAC and Appliance Pros
Reed's Chimney Sweeping, Handyman & Caretaking
Jubilee J Photography
Willow Creek Child Care
Broken Boot Dispensary
Growing Roots, Inc
Homestead Carpet Care
Lenny Merriam CPA, CFE, PLLC
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

AREA EVENTS



LOOKING FOR A *Special Gift?*

STOCKING STUFFER
2 tickets | \$68
+\$8 processing fee

SECRET SANTA
4 tickets | \$130
+\$8 processing fee

SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOP
8 tickets | \$256
+\$8 processing fee

SHINING STAR
16 tickets | \$505
+\$8 processing fee

**SAVE UP TO 20% ON TICKETS DURING
OUR HOLIDAY SALE UNTIL DEC. 31**



BLACKHILLSPLAYHOUSE.COM



CHRISTMAS *S*ALE



Clothing
UP TO
60% OFF



**Accessories
and Decor**
20% OFF



Bike Rentals
50% OFF

BLACK HILLS POWER BIKES RENTALS & BOUTIQUE
1029 MT RUSHMORE RD STE A CUSTER, SD 57730

All donations will go to the Custer Area Arts Council



NOVEMBER 30TH @ 6PM

OPEN TO ALL

The Custer Beacon 551 Washington St,
Custer SD 57730

To sign up Text Emma Brashear @ (605)-517-1619

PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND TALENT
BRING YOUR OWN PROPS

28th BOMB WING AT ELLSWORTH AFB

RAIDER

RAIDER HOLIDAY CHEER

DONATIONS

Bakery/Restaurant Cookies

(No homemade baked goods)

Individually Wrapped Goods

- Granola Bars
- Trail Mix
- Chips
- Crackers

COLLECTION DATES

Sam's Club

Sunday, November
12th, 19th, 26th
12pm-2pm

DROP OFF

28th Bomb Wing Headquarters

Ellsworth AFB

Dakotah Bank

Downtown Location

Wings and Rings

SW RC Location

Black Hills Community Bank

Downtown Location

Sentinel FCU

South RC Location

Timmons Box Elder

**COLLECTING UNTIL
NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023**



For more information: raiderholidaycheer@gmail.com

HAVE FUN LET LOOSE MAKE FRIENDS



Disney Character Themed Skate CUSTER YMCA

The Custer YMCA is hosting monthly Skate Nights! Drop your kids off for a night of fun in a safe, semi-structured environment. Come just as you are, or dress to impress for the current themed Skate!

- Develop Stability, Balance, Hand & Eye Coordination—Great Exercise!
- Fun Atmosphere • Costume Contest at 7pm
- Concessions Available

WHEN: FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2023

FEE: YMCA Members: Free Admittance, \$1 Skate Rental
Non-Members: \$2 Admittance, \$2 Skate Rental

TIME: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

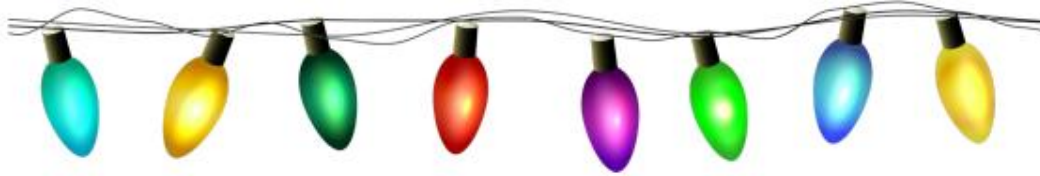
LOCATION: CUSTER YMCA
644 Crook Street, Custer SD 57730
605.673.5134 // <http://www.rcymca.org>



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VFW Auxiliary

Christmas Bazaar



December 2nd—9am—2pm

Custer VFW—Downstairs

Lunch offered 11am—1pm

By the VFW Auxiliary #3442

Get some Christmas Gifts or Goodies



If interested in having a table, contact Carrie at 605-517-0287





SANTA'S VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR

**Join us for the 18th Annual
Santa's Village Craft Fair!**

When: December 2nd

Time: 9-4

**Location: CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL GYM
1645 Wildcat Ln**

**Vendor space is available!
Call today to reserve your spot!
605-673-2222**

**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**Custer Senior
Center**

Center Open House

Saturday, 1-4pm

December 2

538 Mt. Rushmore Road

Featuring:

- Sandstone Singers
- Metro Gnomes
- & other musical groups
- Art display by Tami Showers
- Light refreshments

Open To The Public.

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1881 Courthouse Museum

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Join us for a festive journey back in time at the
1881 Courthouse Museum's Holiday Open House!

Date: December 2nd

Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: 411 Mt. Rushmore Rd. Custer, SD

Step into the enchanting world of Grandma's Kitchen, where Christmas trees sparkle with nostalgia and the spirit of the season comes alive. Each tree decorated with historic, handwritten recipe cards.

Don't miss your chance to win fabulous prizes, including a copy of Paul Horsted's latest book - Exploring with Custer 4th Edition! Indulge in homemade cookies and refreshments served in the courtroom. Explore the museum, adorned with delightful holiday decor, and immerse yourself in the rich history of Custer County.

For history enthusiasts and shoppers, our bookstore will be open – the perfect opportunity to find unique gifts for everyone on your list! Mark your calendars, bring your friends and family, and make this holiday season truly special.





**ANNUAL CUSTOMER
APPRECIATION
HOLIDAY
PARTY**

**DECEMBER 2ND
4:30PM - 7:30PM**

**JOIN US FOR SNACKS,
HORS D'OEUVRES & REFRESHMENTS.
RAFFLES & DISCOUNTS ON
IN STORE PURCHASES.**

507 MT. RUSHMORE RD. CUSTER, SD

Saturday, Dec. 2 - 7:30 pm

Get Your Groove On!

70's Dance Party



Featuring DJ Colt 45



KOOL & THE GANG

Bee Gees

The Beatles



If You Dig It,
Boogie on Down
for a Hip Night
of 70's Dress-Up
& Dancing!

CCR

ABBA

Elvis

QUEEN

Fleetwood Mac

LED ZEPPELIN

The Eagles

AC/DC

Bread



Reece Smith's Senior Project

INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN

LAW ENFORCEMENT?

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Join us Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm in the Pine Room
(Located in the Custer Co. Library)
for a career exploration panel with the following guest speakers:



Ben with Wind Cave National Park
Eric Nelson with Forest Service
Jim Ganser with SD Game, Fish & Parks
Matt Tramp with Custer Co Sheriff's Department
Shann Barrick with SD Highway Patrol



SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

FREE Event!

SDDEMS

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 5th, 2023
11:30 am

**Get up to date on state Democratic
Party activities and how to gear up
for the 2024 elections.**



Speakers:

Dan Ahlers - State Executive Director

Jessica Meyers - State Vice Chair

Toni Diamond - State Secretary



Light Lunch at 11:00, Please RSVP - csddp21info@gmail.com

Custer County Library - Pine Room
447 Crook St



Custer County Republicans

The Custer County Republicans will meet Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30pm, at Custer's Last Stop on main street Custer (Old Pizza Works). We will have a short business meeting, and then share in festivities and socializing. If you would like to join in a gift exchange, we will host a "grab bag" exchange and you

you would like to join in a gift exchange, we will host a "grab bag" exchange and you should bring a wrapped gift under \$25, either thoughtful or funny is OK. 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.



Cookie



Candy Walk

Why Bake? Perfect gifts
for family and friends.

\$9 per pound

Custer Senior Center

Thursday, Dec. 7th 9AM to 1PM

538 Mt. Rushmore Road, Custer

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CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS
2023



The 31st Annual Christmas for Kids event will take place at the Custer High School on Saturday December 9th, 2023 Noon-3:00 P.M.

All children residing in Custer County, ages 0-10years, are welcome to attend this free event but must be registered.

Registration via email at custerchristmas4kids@gmail.com, registration will start on Thursday November 16th and end on December 2nd.

A reply email will confirm your registration and let you know what time to arrive. Kids and parents will enjoy lunch, holiday games and crafts and kids visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

If you would like to donate to this event to assist with our toy purchases, or have any questions, please contact Corey or Jana Virtue at custerchristmas4kids@gmail.com or at 605-673-2396.



South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class

This is a One day Class

Saturday Dec. 9th 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 e mail us southernhillstactical@gwtc.net

Santa Claus is coming to...
Custer!

PHOTOS with SANTA

Come take photos with Santa and enjoy some free, family-friendly Christmas activities.



**Saturday, December 16th
1PM-3PM**

**Steele Collision
1025 Crook Street, Custer, SD**



- Ornament Decorating
- Cookie Decorating
- Face Painting
- Christmas Games
- Photos with Santa himself



LJ's
Recovery + Transport
— LLC —



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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

1st Annual Bag Exchange





LET THE GAME BEGIN!

Bring a Handbag gift wrapped worth \$25.00 or more to participate in the 1st Annual Bag exchange event.

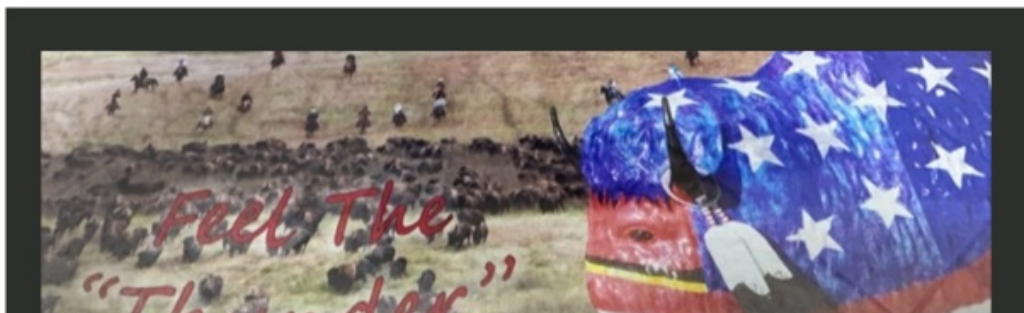
Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

December 17th, 2023 3:00 - 5:00PM

Please RSVP to: custerslaststop.sd@gmail.com
605-673-2621



429 Mt. Rushmore Rd
Custer, SD 57730





Custer County Courthouse Art Gallery

420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor

Through January 1, 2024

**Showcasing Custer County Courthouse
employees and family members.**

Endorsed by Custer Area Arts Council.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be a part of making someone's Christmas merrier

SELECT-A-GIFT





Select A Gift is a community program that has provided gifts to lower income families in Custer county. This program has been around for decades and is the only one that benefits both adults and children. Because of your generous donation adults and teenagers will receive a gift card of \$25. Children will receive a toy from Santa's Toyland the day of gifting on December 16 at Custer Lutheran Fellowship.

How to Donate?

Before December 18th

Mail checks to:

Select-A-Gift, PO Box 366, Custer, SD 57730

(make checks out to Custer Ministerial Alliance with select-a-gift in the memo)

or drop off cash or checks into the red boxes:

Before or after services at: Custer Lutheran Fellowship,
Custer Community Church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,
or Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

And at Custer Chamber of Commerce, First Interstate Bank,
Highmark Federal Credit Union, Dacotah Bank, Custer Beacon or
Custer County building (2nd floor across from county planning office).

Thank you for helping Custer families in need to have a happy Christmas.





*We Offer
Layaway*

FLEXIBLE 30 DAY
OPTIONS

507 MT RUSHMORE RD. CUSTER, SD

11TH ANNUAL BURNING BEETLE

VARIETY



Call for Burning Beetle Variety Show Performers

We are recruiting Variety Show performers for our **11th Annual Burning Beetle** event, **Saturday, January 20, 2024** in Custer, South Dakota!

The day's events include:

- 3:30-5:00 Burning Beetle Variety Show at the High School Theatre
- 5:15 March with torches to Pageant Hill
- 5:30 Burn the Beetle! Fireworks! At Pageant Hill
- 6:00-- Bug Crawl in Custer with music at several restaurants and bars



For the **Variety Show** we hope to feature beetle and environment themed acts as well as talented performers from our area. Original songs, music, dance, readings, air guitar, magic, gymnastics, skits, trick dogs, juggling.... we welcome your special talent! If you know of someone who needs to showcase their talents—either talk to them about the Variety Show or contact us and we'll make the contact. We want the show to have lots of variety, to move right along and be fun! We will be limiting acts to about 5 minutes each. We hope you'll consider joining us for a great event!

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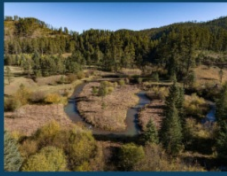
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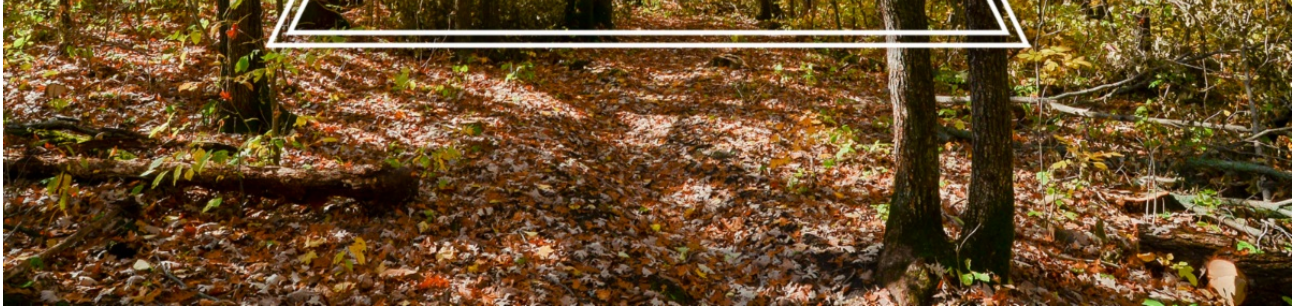
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Hello, Friends!

The holiday season is officially upon us!

How was your Thanksgiving? I hope you had a wonderful time of gratitude and, of course, delicious food! As I reflect on our year, we have SO MUCH to be thankful for, especially the hard work each and every one of you have done to make this a truly successful year in South Dakota. THANK YOU!

Things are in high gear for the Governor's Conference on Tourism in January! We're excited for our best-ever conference on Jan. 16-18, 2024, in Pierre. Note that **early registration** ends on **Dec. 19**. We're so excited to celebrate our year and get inspired for 2024 with all of you. Make sure you get registered and secure lodging. Also, sponsorships are still available. See the conference website for even more information.

We are putting the final touches on our Forever 605 toolkit, and you can expect to hear more information about how you can request one in the coming days. The toolkit further explains our new stewardship initiative and ways our industry can help promote it in their place of business as well as plug into its different facets.

As we all enjoy the holiday season, we want you to know how thankful we are for everything you do. Now more than ever, it's important to celebrate gratitude. I hope you can take some time for fellowship and celebration in the coming month. Here's to a wonderful December!

Gratefully,

Jim and Team



Jim Hagen

Secretary of Tourism



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Black Hills Parks & Forests Association invites you to celebrate Giving Tuesday on November 28 & beyond.
For Immediate Release

Contact: Brad Keizer bkeizer@blackhillsparks.org

November 14, 2023

Black Hills Parks & Forests Association kicks off their season of giving and they're asking for your help! Please donate any amount from Giving Tuesday on November 28th through December 31st.

If you've seen a child excited about local nature and wildlife, or you've enjoyed a Black Hills area (Park or Forest) visitor's center; chances are you've witnessed the impact you can make by donating to Black Hills Parks & Forests Association (BHPFA).

This year, BHPFA is encouraging donations on Giving Tuesday and all through the giving season. Funds raised support their education programming in 2024. In addition to generosity of donors, they rely on memberships, store (& online) sales and volunteerism to help support 7 public land partners. You can smile when you see a family learning outdoor stewardship, responsible recreation &/or cultural, historical appreciation as a result of BHPFA;

knowing that you helped provide that opportunity.

When asked about supporting BHPFA, local volunteer, Tara Yonce, shared “This organization is serious about helping the Black Hills area in not only assisting visitors with info about the great natural areas in the region, but their volunteer programs are absolutely amazing!

They provide so many educational programs like learning about local animals, Leave No Trace training, art contests, Indigenous history and everything in between! This organization really strives to help our beautiful National Forests & Parks. When helping to support BHPFA, you will see your donation used in awesome ways.” Giving Tuesday is a day that encourages people to do good. This idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. BHPFA is also part of a local giving initiative, the South Dakota Day of Giving. 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.

If you are interested in supporting wonder and exploration and joining BHPFA’s Giving Tuesday initiative, please visit www.blackhillsparks.org, call 605-745-7020, or mail to 26611 US Hwy 385, Hot Springs, SD 57747.

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2024 Season Passes – One Day Sale Half-Price Sale for Recreation Facilities

Rapid City, S.D., Nov. 17, 2023 — Forest Recreation Management (FRM) will be hosting their annual Half Price Pass Sale for the 2024 season on Friday December 1, 2023.

This one-day sale will be held at The Lions Building on the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City, SD from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The passes will also be available for sale at Black Hills National Forest offices. These passes are for USFS recreation facilities located within the Black Hills National Forest fee areas and should not be confused with South Dakota State Park Passes.

The Premium passes (which includes the Sheridan and Pactola complexes) will be \$20 (regularly \$40), and the

Standard passes (which are for all FRM operated day use areas except the Sheridan and Pactola complexes) will be \$12.50 (regularly \$25). Please pay with cash or check; credit cards not accepted.

Requests made by mail will be honored if postmarked between Dec 1-3. Send to FRM, PO Box 1168, Hill City, SD 57745. Please include a self-addressed return envelope with a check for the appropriate amount.

The number of passes available for purchase per individual is unlimited, making them great gifts for stocking stuffers, gift exchanges and prizes for drawings. No other discounts are accepted with this offer. Those with senior or access passes as part of the America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series can receive this reduced price any time.

“While purchasing a recreation pass at a Forest Service location, consider picking up a Christmas Tree Permit, along with a 2024 Motorized Vehicle Use Trail Permit,” said Bradley Block, Recreation Program Manager, Black Hills National Forest. Block further comments, “The Forest also partners with the Black Hills Parks and Forests Association, which offers stores inside Forest offices that provide Smokey Bear products, souvenirs, and gift ideas for the upcoming holidays.”

Under a special use permit, FRM operates Black Hills National Forest campgrounds and other recreation facilities. FRM has been operating these facilities since 1999. For more information on the 2024 Season Pass - half price sale event, contact Forest Recreation Management at 605-574-4402.

For more information on the Black Hills National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills.

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Christmas Tree Permits Now Available

Custer, SD; November 15, 2023 – This is the time of year to celebrate old and new traditions with family and friends, like venturing into your favorite national forest to harvest your own Christmas tree. Black Hills National Forest Christmas tree permits are now available for purchase either online at Recreation.gov, [from your local Forest Service office](#) or from [private vendors](#) throughout the Black Hills. To purchase a permit online, visit Recreation.gov and search for Black Hills National Forest Christmas Tree Permit. It is important to carefully read the overview and need-to-know information prior to purchasing the permit. Visitors will need to set up or login to a Recreation.gov account to complete the transaction. Each permit is \$10 for any tree, plus a \$2.50 processing fee. Users can purchase up to five permits per account. Online permits are ready to print immediately after purchasing and must be visible as you remove your tree(s) from the Forest.

“As an added convenience, the Forest Service is selling permits through Recreation.gov as an alternative to in-person transactions,” said Scott Jacobson, Black Hills National Forest Public Affairs Officer.

“Whether purchased online, at Forest Service offices, or through an approved vendor, we want to make sure that everyone has convenient access to purchasing Christmas Tree permits.”

The Forest Service’s Christmas tree cutting program helps improve forest health by thinning densely populated stands of small-diameter trees. Removing these trees from the designated areas helps other trees grow larger and can improve wildlife habitat by creating open areas that provide food.

Many Forest roads are subject to seasonal closures. Free Motor Vehicle Use maps are available online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/blackhills/maps-pubs/?cid=FSEPRD533421> or by downloading the [Avenza App](#).

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Additionally, all 4th graders throughout the United States receive a FREE Christmas tree permit, as part of the [Every Kid Outdoors Program](#). If utilizing the online system at Recreation.gov, enter the voucher or pass number when prompted. Call your local Forest Service office for more information on the Every Kid Outdoors Program.

For more information on Christmas Tree permits, contact the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office at 605-673-9200 or visit us online at:

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



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Jewel Cave National Monument News Release

Release Date: **November 28, 2023**

For Immediate Release

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Jewel Cave receives Open OutDoors for Kids grant

CUSTER, SD – Jewel Cave National Monument has received an Open OutDoors for Kids (OOK) grant from the National Park Foundation to offer virtual programs, classroom visits, and in-person field trips through the 2023-2024 school year.

“This grant will allow Jewel Cave to expand our reach to students in the Black Hills and surrounding areas. Some funding may also be available to Title 1 schools to provide transportation for field trips to the park,” said Chief of Interpretation, Aimee Murillo.

Black Hills Parks & Forests Association (BHPFA), a non-profit partner with the monument will assist with the funding and programs. “BHPFA is looking forward to helping our partner manage these funds and bring more students to the monument. This is a vital tool in Jewel Cave’s outreach programming,” states BHPFA Director Patty Ressler. “We really hope all area schools can take advantage of this opportunity!”

The National Park Foundation’s OOK program builds on a child’s innate wonder and curiosity of the natural world, immersing students in national parks through field trips, classroom engagements, and educational activities.

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



Custer Senior Center

November Schedule

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



WEEKLY INSPIRATION





“Kindness
is like snow-
It beautifies
everything
it covers.”

-KAHLIL GIBRAN

HELP WANTED

JOIN OUR INTERVIEWING TEAM!

MMI-2 International Research is seeking dependable, self-motivated people with strong customer service skills, reliable transportation and a love of the outdoors. If you are looking for temporary, intermittent part-time work, and live in or near Hill City, Custer, Merritt, or Rapid City, South Dakota, this might be a great job for you! Please see below for all the details.

Position Overview:

- Conduct one-on-one, in person, exit surveys with visitors leaving the Black Hills National Forest. This is done by asking a series of pre-set questions from a computer tablet, recording responses in the tablet, and submitting the data electronically at the end of your shift.

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Work schedule:

- Temporary, intermittent, part-time work through September 2024
- 6-hour shifts including a 30-minute paid lunch
- Variable days (including Saturdays/Sundays and possible holidays)
- Flexible schedule

Qualifications and Other Key Requirements:

- Must live in or near Hill City, Custer, Merritt, or Rapid City, South Dakota
- Must be proficient using technology like tablets, cell phones, GPS, e-mail, and Wi-Fi
- Must have strong in-person customer service, ability to work/think independently, and problem solve
- Must be dependable, self-motivated, and possess a strong work ethic
- Must possess a valid U.S. driver's license & have reliable transportation. 4WD a plus
- Must be willing and able to drive to forest survey sites. Distances vary
- Must be willing to work outdoors in varied weather conditions
- Must be willing to work part-time hours and variable shifts including Saturdays/Sundays, and possible holidays
- Must be willing to commit to position through September 2024

Compensation Information: (All shifts are 6 hours and include a 30-minute paid lunch)

- Starting pay is \$125 per shift plus a \$25 fuel allowance per shift for a total of \$150 per shift
- \$225 bonus paid after every 10 survey shifts/days worked
- Paid training

If you think you would be a good fit for this position, email your resume and/or tell us a little bit about yourself. Please note "Hell Canyon/Mystic RD" in the email subject line and send to: info@mmi-2.com

We will not respond to applicants who live outside of the target area.

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Laughing Water Restaurant at Crazy Horse Memorial® is currently searching for a FULL -TIME YEAR-ROUND LINE COOK.

Prior experience in working kitchen line in a fast paced - small restaurant or food service environment is a must.

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Please contact HR@CrazyHorse.org or call (605) 673-4681 for more information!



Laughing Water



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The Custer Senior Center Board of Directors is accepting resumes for the full-time position of Custer Senior Center Director. The primary administrative duties are grant-

request writing, working with the Center's finances, and facility management. QuickBooks or a similar bookkeeping program is advantageous. The position is full-time, 40 hours per week. Insurance and retirement benefits are not available at this time. Year-end bonuses may be earned. For more information and a copy of the position description, please send an email to cscdirvac@gmail.com; or call the Center at 605-673-2708. The Senior Center is a non-profit organization, and is an equal employment opportunity employer.



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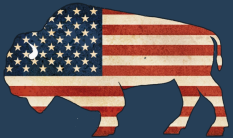
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