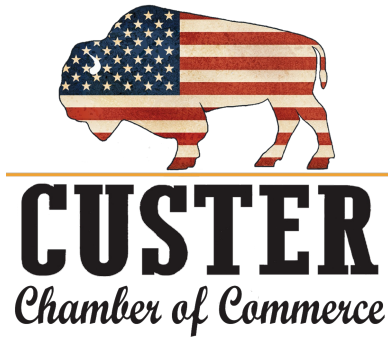


# Buffalo Bytes



Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

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## CUSTER CONNECTIONS

Don't forget that membership renewals are **due October 13<sup>th</sup>** in order to be included in two of our most important membership benefits – the Southern Hills Vacation Guide and Custer Magazine.

**Southern Hills Vacation Guide** – This publication, produced by Chamber member Evergreen Media, includes information on lodging, attractions, tours, shopping, restaurants, and much more for the Southern Black Hills communities of Custer, Hot Springs, Hill City, and Keystone. 90,000 are printed yearly and mailed to vacationers inquiring about the area, as well as handed out in the area and available for download on our website.

**Custer Community Directory** – 30,000 of these are given out to locals and are used as their “go to” community directory. They are also mailed to those interested in moving to the area and available for download on our website. All members are included, along with other helpful information about Custer. This publication is produced by our Chamber member, Southern Hills Publishing.

*Your Custer-area magazine!*  
Everything you need to know about  
Custer, Custer County, and beyond!



## 2024 Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Business and Membership Directory

Your Custer Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau is producing the 2024 Chamber Business and Membership Directory with helpful features for chamber members, Custer visitors and potential residents. This beautiful, full-color directory will include great photography, a community profile, a calendar of special events, accommodations, attractions, restaurant listings and a complete categorical directory of all chamber members in full magazine-size layout.

We'll print 15,000 copies of this directory, which will be distributed to prospective visitors and residents who call our community seeking information about traveling to the region, or relocating their home or business to the Custer area. In addition, thousands of copies will be distributed at our Visitor Information Center and at chamber businesses such as local motels, restaurants and campgrounds. **This will be our primary economic development and business recruitment piece!**

If you'd like to distribute your message to thousands of potential customers who will visit Custer or are inquiring about living here, just give the folks at Southern Hills Publishing a call at 605-343-2217. Don't miss this opportunity. Thanks for your continued support.

Amy Bailey  
Chamber President

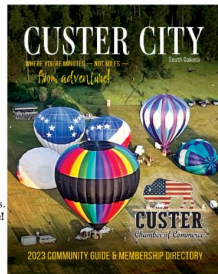
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We'll be happy to compose your ad for you AT NO EXTRA CHARGE. All camera ready ads should be e-mailed to [custerads@gwcc.net](mailto:custerads@gwcc.net) in the appropriate size at 300 dpi. Acceptable formats are JPG or PDF files.



Advertising Rates Full-Color Ad	
Full page ad	\$1600
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Quarter page ad	\$575
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Premium pages are back page, inside front, inside back page, and page 3 and are an additional \$100.  
**DEADLINE: Oct. 20, 2023**

For Space Reservations, Call Kate Najacht at 605-440-1248  
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## SOUTHERN HILLS VACATION GUIDE

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Ad design is included in your purchase with three proofs, free of charge, for revisions. Revisions after the third proof: \$15/proof.  
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**Dawn Murray**  
Executive Director

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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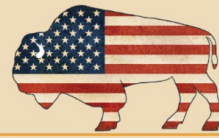
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## 2023 Board Of Directors

Amy Bailey - President  
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Michelle Fischer - Treasurer  
Amanda Allcock  
Craig Reindl  
Diane Dennis  
Corey Virtue  
Bobbi Schmidt  
Miranda Boggs

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Mark Naugle - School Liaison  
Lydia Austin- CSP Liaison  
Leah Noem- BID Board Liaison



**CUSTER**  
Chamber of Commerce

*We are now accepting nominations of  
positive, enthusiastic and involved  
individuals for the  
Custer Area Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors*

If you would like to nominate an individual, please  
complete the Nomination Form attached below.

[Printable Nomination Form](#)

## SOUTH DAKOTA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION

HOSPITALITY • RETAIL • TRADES



### South Dakota Minimum Wage Increases January 1

Effective January 1, 2024, South Dakota's minimum wage for non-tipped employees will be **\$11.20 per hour**, up from \$10.80 per hour in calendar year 2023.

For tipped employees, the hourly minimum wage for calendar year 2024 will be no less than **\$5.60 per hour**, up from \$5.40 in calendar year 2023.

The changes were posted today on the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) website.

The state's minimum wage is adjusted annually as a result of an initiated measure approved by South Dakota voters in 2014. Increases in the state minimum wage rate are based on the national cost of living index. State law requires the rate to be rounded up to the nearest five

cents. With limited exceptions, South Dakota's minimum wage applies regardless of the age of the employee, the number of hours worked each week, or length of employment.

For more information, visit the [DLR website](#).

To have things added to Buffalo Bytes, please send to Jamie: [jdean@custersd.com](mailto:jdean@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

### October 26

Chamber Annual Dinner at the Custer State Park Barn  
5:30pm-8:30pm

### October 31

Merchants' Trick or Treat  
4pm-6pm

### November 16

Chamber Mixer  
5pm-7pm  
Custer Beacon

## WEEKLY HUMOR





## CHAMBER HAPPENINGS





## SCARECROW DECORATING CONTEST

Decorate your own scarecrow!

Deadline for registration: Fri., Oct. 13th  
Judging will take place: Mon, Oct. 16







The Custer Area Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors & Staff  
cordially invite you to attend the  
2023 Annual Chamber Membership Banquet



Thursday, October 26th at Custer State Park Event Barn

Social Hour 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Award Presentations

Adjourn 8:30 pm

## Custom Buffet Dinner featuring:

### Creamy Spinach Chicken

Pan- Seared Chicken Breast with Creamy Spinach Parmesan Cream Sauce.

### Crusted Salmon

Almond Crusted Salmon with Dijon Hollandaise Sauce.

### Beef Bourguignon

Cut of beef simmered in Burgundy wine, beef stock, carrots, potatoes, mushroom and herbs.

### Served with:

Wild Rice Mélange, Roasted Brussel Sprouts and Mixed Greens with Roasted Beets,  
Toasted Spicy Pecans, Feta Cheese, and Honey Citrus Vinaigrette.

### Dessert

Chocolate Mosaic Layered Cake



\$40/person *RSVP by Tuesday, October 17.*

Cancellations after Oct. 17th will be billed.

To register, call the Chamber at

673-2244 or email [dmurray@custersd.com](mailto:dmurray@custersd.com)

Make your reservation today!

# Merchants' Trick-or-Treat on Halloween



**Tuesday, October 31st  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Get your business signed  
up now!**

**Sponsored by:  
Custer Area Chamber of Commerce  
605-673-2244 - [info@custersd.com](mailto:info@custersd.com)**



**FREE**

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# FREE MEMBERSHIP MARKETING MEETING



**THURSDAY**  
**9 NOVEMBER**



**TIME**  
**10:00 AM**



**CRAZY HORSE  
MONUMENT**

EVERGREEN MEDIA  
&  
THE CUSTER CHAMBER



**CUSTER**  
*Chamber of Commerce*



Get signed up here!



# Host a Chamber Mixer

**2024 Dates Available**

## December 19



**CALL US AT 605-673-2244 OR EMAIL  
DMURRAY@CUSTERSD.COM TO  
SCHEDULE YOUR MIXER!**

Chamber mixers are a great way to mix, mingle and network with your fellow Custer Chamber Members. Get signed up today to host yours in 2024.

\*To ensure everyone gets a fair chance we ask that members who have hosted a mixer in 2023 let other Chamber Members have a turn.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

To have your business featured in our Member Spotlight, please contact Jamie Dean at [jdean@custersd.com](mailto:jdean@custersd.com)

# Thank you

## for renewing your Chamber Membership

"Dave's World Tours" & Shuttle Services

1880 Train

1881 Courthouse Museum

21 Electric

21 Electric, LLC

A Walk in the Woods

Acupuncture 4 Health

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

Black Hills Aerial Adventures

Black Hills Area Community Foundation

Black Hills Burger & Bun Co

Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial

Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc

Black Hills Energy

Black Hills Federal Credit Union

Black Hills Playhouse

Black Hills Power Bikes Rentals & Boutique

Black Hills Reptile Gardens

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

Camp Bob Marshall

Carson Drug

Chalet

Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home  
Chapel in the Hills  
Chief Motel  
Christy chamberlain & Bob Reich  
City of Custer  
Claw Antler and Hide, Inc  
Coca-Cola Bottling Co  
Common Cents  
Craig Hindle Construction  
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  
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Custer Lions Club  
Custer Lutheran Fellowship  
Custer Mountain Cabins & Campground  
Custer Mt Rushmore KOA  
Custer Rotary  
Custer Senior Center  
Custer State Farm  
Dacotah Bank  
Dakota Greens - Custer Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.  
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Diamond Spur Events Center  
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Double Diamond Ranch  
Eagles Landing Lodge  
Edward Jones- Mark Koch  
Elk Have Vacation Cabins  
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  
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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  
Hidden Lake Campground  
High Mountain Outfitters  
Highmark Credit Union  
Hill's Inn  
Hillside Handyman  
Hjem AM  
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  
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Lee, Patti & Jim  
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Life Weavings Expressions  
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McGas LLC  
Mickelson Trail Affiliates, LLC  
Miner's Cup  
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Mountainview Baptist Church  
Mt Rushmore Brewing Company  
Murray Auto Repair LLC  
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Naomi Haraldson  
Nelson's Oil and Gas  
New Trails Ministry Inc  
Nielsen Enterprises, LLC  
NXTLAW PC  
Operation Black Hills Cabins  
Our Place  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Outlaw Ranch  
Pine Rest Cabins  
Pizza Mill  
Pleasant Valley Farm & Cabins  
Prairie Hills Transit  
Premier Family Eyecare  
Purple Pie Place  
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  
Rush Mountain Adventure Park  
Rushmore Photo & Gifts, Inc  
Sander Sanitation Service  
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Shady Rest Motel  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
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South Dakota Outdoor Shop  
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Sprockets Fun Foundry  
Star Ridge Advertisement  
Starr Insurance  
Steele Collision and Glass  
Steve and Yolanda Davis  
Stockade Lake Cabins  
Stone Décor and Supply  
Subway  
Sunset RV Park  
Sunshine Storage  
Tallgrass Landscape Architecture, LLC  
Tanglewood Estate  
Tennyson Investments  
The Blind Guy of the Black Hills, LLC  
The Cruisin' Canvas



The Custer Beacon  
The Mammoth Site  
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  
Wind Cave National Park  
Windsong Valley Gardens  
Workplace Disability Network of the Black Hills  
World Fossil Finders Museum  
Xanterra, Mt Rushmore  
YMCA of Custer



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

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## AREA EVENTS



Custer County Courthouse Art Gallery

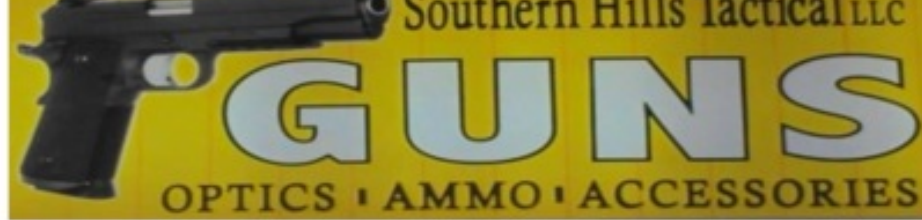
420 Mount Rushmore Road, second floor

Through January 1, 2024

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

Endorsed by Custer Area Arts Council.





## **South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class**

**This is a One Day Class**

**Saturday Oct 14th, 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](mailto:echo.ft.sd@gmail.com)**

or call the shop at 605-673-3222 or e-mail us [southernhillstactical@gwtc.net](mailto:southernhillstactical@gwtc.net)

**YOU'D BE INVITED!**

# YOU'RE INVITED!

## BADGER CLARK DAY

Custer State Park

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 14TH

11 AM & 1 PM

Mark your calendars for Badger Clark Day at Custer State Park! We will have two special screenings of the new documentary **Badger Clark: Poet Among The Pines**. Plus activities and artifacts at the Visitor Center and Badger Hole.



[SDPB.ORG/EVENTS](http://SDPB.ORG/EVENTS)







# **WHO LET THE DAWGZ OUT SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

**Silent  
Auction &  
Costume  
Contest!**

**11AM, OCT. 14 @ HS FOOTBALL FIELD**

**Age Brackets:** Youth, Teen, & Adult

**Attire:** Costumes/Cleats

**Registration Deadline:** October 11

**Price:** \$50 per team; \$15 per person - 5 Max. Per Team

**Donations:** Email [Hannah.rehmeier@k12.sd.us](mailto:Hannah.rehmeier@k12.sd.us)

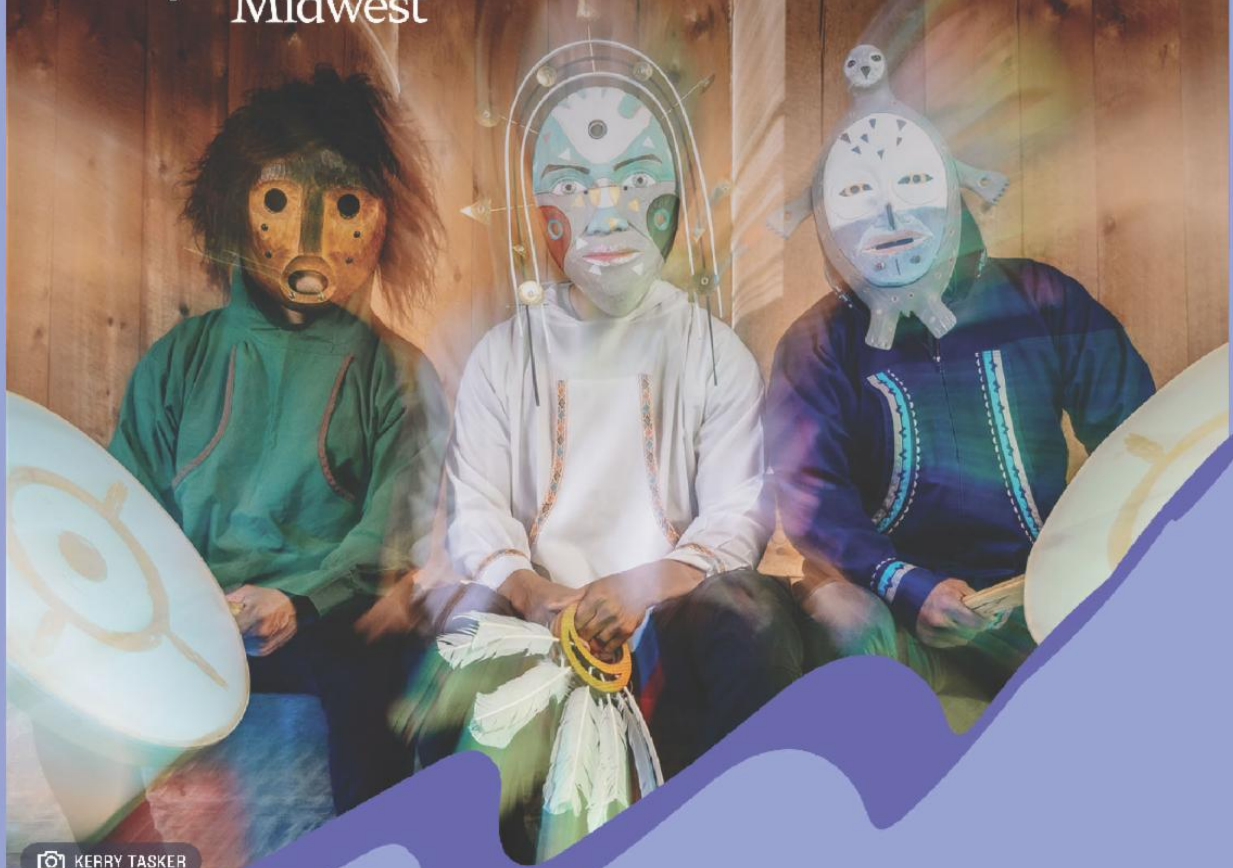


**For more information or to register, scan the QR Code**



Arts  
Midwest





KERRY TASKER

## ARTS MIDWEST WORLD FEST

# Pamyua

Yup'ik | Alaska

Celebrate Native Americans' Day on Oct. 9 at Crazy Horse Memorial® and join us for a reception for the band Oct. 11 at 6:00 pm at the Custer Beacon.

PRESENTED BY CUSTER AREA ARTS COUNCIL  
AT CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL THEATER

Saturday, October 14, 3:00 pm | Free! Community Concert

Pamyua showcases Inuit culture through their music and dance performances, sharing indigenous knowledge and history. Their style derives from combining traditional melodies reinterpreted with contemporary vocalizations and instrumentation. Learn more at [artsmidwest.org/worldfest](https://artsmidwest.org/worldfest).

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A program of Arts Midwest, the 2023 World Fest artist tours are generously supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. Arts Midwest is also generously supported by the Illinois Arts Council Agency, Indiana Arts Commission, Iowa Arts Council, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, Minnesota State Arts Board, North Dakota Council on the Arts, Ohio Arts Council, South Dakota Arts Council, Wisconsin Arts Board, 3M, Crane Group, and individual donors and partners.

# Custer Humane Society Fund Raiser

**October 14, 2023**

**at Crazy Horse Memorial**

**Silent Auction plus  
Live Auction at 6:00pm**



**Dinner,  
Salad &  
Dessert**

**4:30 to 6:00pm**

**Adults \$12<sup>00</sup>**

**Kids \$6<sup>00</sup>**

**~ Many Door Prizes ~**



**LEGION AUXILARY**



# MEETING



## BECOME A MEMBER

Who: male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of military members who served honorably.

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



**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 18, 2023  
5:30 PM**

Post 46 Meeting Room located at  
527 Montgomery Street, Custer, SD.



605-673-2244



dawnmurray68@gmail.com



Elevate, recharge, & fuel your business journey at the 12th Annual Women's Business Summit!  
Location: The Box Events Center | 631 Watiki Way, Box Elder SD

Date: October 19, 2023  
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

The full-day experience boasts our keynote speakers, our popular business showcase, the graduation of our Women in Leadership 2023 class, and themes in emotional intelligence, psychological safety, and customer and employee loyalty strategy to help everyone be personal and polished in the entrepreneur and intrapreneur environment.

We are thrilled to celebrate women making a difference in our communities, supporting women-owned small businesses all while connecting with each other.

For more information

**FIRST INTERSTATE CUSTER AREA FUND**

**Please Join Us**

**Friday, October 20, 2023**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**South Dakota Outdoor Shop**

**632 Mt. Rushmore Road—Custer**

*Meet & Greet your local Advisory Council*

*Learn about local grant opportunities*

**BBQ, Chips and Beverages will be served**

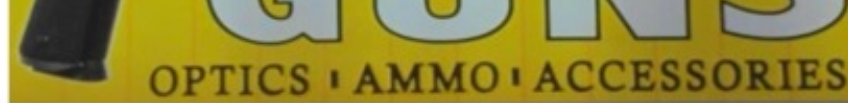
**Questions:**

**Donna Cullum 605-718-8392**

**Curtis Tyler 605-718-8391**

**No RSVP Necessary**





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Or contact us at 605-673-3222 or by e-mail at  
[southernhillstactical@gwtc.net](mailto:southernhillstactical@gwtc.net)







# **Custer County Democrats**

## *Coffee & Breakfast Gathering*

### **Meet Your Fellow Democrats!**

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> — 9:00 AM

**Laughing Water Restaurant**

*Crazy Horse Memorial*



### **Silent Auction**

2x Jalan Crossland Concert

@ *Custer Beacon 10.28.23*

***Looking Forward To Seeing  
Everyone On Saturday!***

We cordially invite you to our 10th annual 'Gallantly Forward Gala' on Saturday, 21 October 2023, at The Monument in Rapid City.

Please join us as we unite to raise awareness about our warriors' profound challenges: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

The gala event will feature a social hour, dinner, program, silent/live auctions, and engaging music by the Starfellows (2 Brothers -1 Piano). We have the privilege of hosting former U.S. Army Sergeant Corey Culy, who will courageously share his journey of war, the

difficulties encountered upon returning home, and his relentless battle with PTSD. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with event ceremonies kicking off at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance. If you can't attend, we ask that you consider sponsoring a veteran in your absence or donate an item for the silent/live auctions.

Sergeant Colton Levi Derr battled the hidden enemy of PTSD and fell to suicide on April 28, 2012. During his deployments to Iraq and

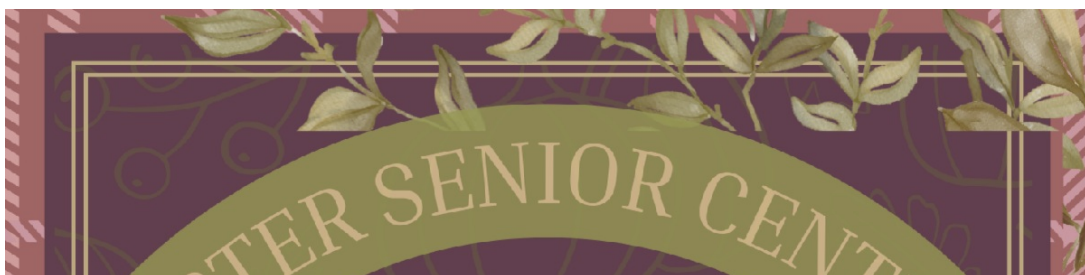




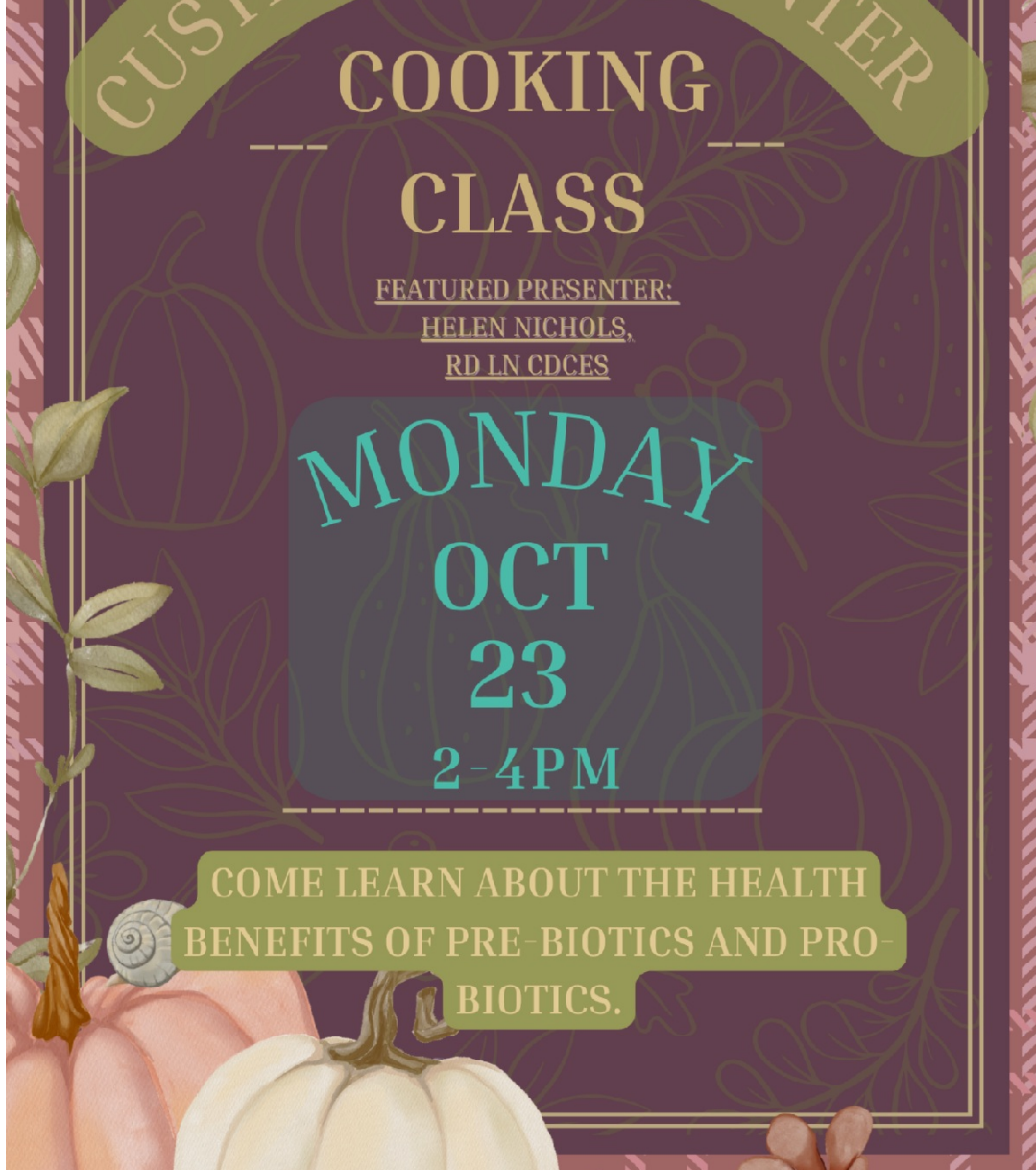
then to suicide on April 28, 2012. During his deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, Colton completed over 500 combat missions. His military leadership nicknamed him 'Delta Derr' because they had never seen a tougher soldier. Sentiments shared by his soldiers recognized him as a leader, mentor, and brother to all. Though he battled PTSD during his final deployment, Colton kept the struggle to himself and appeared dauntless to his brothers. It's intolerable that 20+ veterans fall to suicide every day. Founded in 2012, SCLDF is steadfast in our three-fold mission: Veteran Advocacy, Assistance, and Public Awareness of the battles our heroes face when they come home. Remember, the battle does not end when the war ends. Please join the fight and support our warriors.

Very respectfully,  
Haley Austin Derr, President

Please get in touch with us to donate auction items, purchase tickets, or discuss sponsorship opportunities  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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# TODDLERS & PARENTS FROLICKING FUN

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**Parent's are required to remain on site with their child.**  
**This is an unguided program.**

**WHO:** Toddlers 1-4 years old  
**WHEN:** **WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY**  
**WHEN:** November 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29  
**WHEN:** December 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30  
**TIME:** 10:30 – 11:30 am  
**FEE:** **FREE - YMCA MEMBERS**  
**FEE:** **\$5 FAMILY - PARTICIPANTS**  
**LOCATION:** CUSTER YMCA  
644 Crook St  
Custer SD 57730  
605-673-5134  
<https://rcymca.org>  
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For more information contact: [Connie@rcymca.org](mailto:Connie@rcymca.org)



# Open Bluegrass Jam





# EVERY WEDNESDAY

## 6:30p - 8:30p

Beginning October 4th! See you there!

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## NEWS FROM THE STATE

*South Dakota*

Travel South Dakota  
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## YOU'RE INVITED

Travel South Dakota is excited to bring the [Inbound Insider: Steps to Success](#) program to Sioux Falls and Rapid City. This FREE educational program was designed by Alon Tourism Solutions and the International Inbound Travel Association. This seminar is designed for any destination marketing organization, hotel, attraction, sightseeing tour, or tourism-related business interested in welcoming international visitors to their destination. Attendees will garner valuable insights into creating, pricing, and marketing an international-ready product that's sellable through channels provided during the course.

The Sioux Falls event will take place from 9 a.m. – noon on October 23 at the Outdoor Campus East, while the Rapid City event will take place from 9 a.m. – noon on October 24 at the Black Hills Visitor Information Center. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on the day of each event. Please RSVP [here](#) by October 18 to guarantee your spot. For additional information, contact Cole Irwin at [Cole.Irwin@TravelSouthDakota.com](mailto:Cole.Irwin@TravelSouthDakota.com) or 605-773-3301.

**REGISTER NOW >>**

If you register by October 18, your business will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a free registration for the April 2024 [International Roundup](#) tradeshow in Casper, WY, or for the 2025 event in South Dakota! The International Roundup was created by the South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming state tourism offices to bring in more than 40 tour operators from our key overseas markets to increase international visitation to our region.

Goldman Sachs created a program called 10,000 Small Businesses, which is designed for business owners who are ready to take the next step for their business. They are looking for applicants who are passionate about growing their business and creating jobs in their communities. Classes are delivered both in-person and online and *all costs are covered by the Goldman Sachs Foundation*.

This program is FREE to the businesses, and they plan to accept 30-40 small businesses across South Dakota. Those who apply should:

- be a small business owner or co-owner
- have business revenues of over \$75,000 in the most recent fiscal year
- be in operation for 2+ years
- be a business with 2+ employees (including the owner)

See flyer highlighting the program below.

Applications are due December 1, with the classes beginning February 28-March 1 and ending May 14-17 (curriculum is listed on the attached flyer). The application can be found at



## Small Business. Big Impact.

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses has helped entrepreneurs across the country grow their business for over a decade by offering a practical business training program, access to capital providers, and personalized support services.

Now, we are expanding, bringing this best-in-class training program to predominantly rural states across America. We encourage small business owners from South Dakota to apply today. Classes are delivered in-person and online. All costs are fully covered by the Goldman Sachs Foundation.



Starting now

in *South Dakota.*

### South Dakota

Applications Due	December 1
Class Begins	February 28 - March 1
Class Ends	May 14-17

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### Curriculum

Orientation In-person	February 28 - March 1
Growth and Opportunities Online	March 4
Financial Statements Workshop Online	March 11
Money and Metrics Online	March 18
You Are the Leader Online	April 1
It's the People Online	April 8
Marketing and Selling Online	April 15
Operations & Processes Online	April 22
Being Bankable Online	April 29
Action for Growth In-person	May 14-17

## Small businesses are a critical part of rural economies.

This expansion of 10,000 Small Businesses means that we're creating opportunity for entrepreneurs everywhere. Beginning in 2023, we will embed a 10,000 Small Businesses training team in states across the country.



### Eligibility

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is designed for business owners who are ready to take the next step for their business. We look for applicants who are passionate about growing their business and creating jobs in their communities and who generally meet these criteria:

Small business owner or co-owner

Business revenues over \$75,000 in the most recent fiscal year

Business in operation for 2+ years

Business with 2+ employees (including the owner)

# PRESS RELEASES



Forest Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



## Beretta and Johnson Gulch Roads to be Temporarily Closed for Safety

**Rapid City, S.D., Oct. 10, 2023** – Black Hills National Forest officials will temporarily close National Forest System (NFS) Road 366.3 (Beretta Road) and NFSR 674 (Johnson Gulch) in the Mystic Ranger District, October 17 – October 19, 2023, from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily for safety.

These two roads located 3 and 5 miles north-northeast of Keystone, SD and are popular target shooting areas. The closures are to protect Forest Service employees from shooting activities while they conduct field work including engineering surveys and timber prep marking in this area.

“We are asking for the public’s assistance to avoid this area for 3 short days during the week from Oct. 17-19 to help ensure the safety of our employees working on critical forest road and timber projects in the area” said Jim Gubbels, Mystic District Ranger.

The closure order prohibits motor vehicle use on the roads except for:

\*Persons with a special use authorization from the Forest Service specifically exempting them from the order,

\*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.

A map of the area and the closure order are posted online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/blackhills/notices/?cid=STELPRDB5117120>.

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

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**U.S. Department of the Interior**

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**26611 U.S. Highway 385**  
**Hot Springs, SD 57747**

**605-745-4600 phone**  
**[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)**

## Wind Cave National Park News Release Release

Date: 10/4/2023 For Immediate Release Contact: Tom Farrell, [tom\\_farrell@nps.gov](mailto:tom_farrell@nps.gov), 605-745-1130

**Wind Cave elevators repaired ahead of Native Americans' Day Tours resume Wednesday, October 4 HOT SPRINGS, S.D.** – Cave tours at Wind Cave National Park are resuming Wednesday, October 4, ahead of the upcoming three-day weekend, which will culminate in the park's Native Americans' Day celebration Monday, October 9.

“We are very happy to offer cave tours again and look forward to hosting people this Monday who want to see the cave and experience some of the art and living culture of our Native American communities,” said park Superintendent Leigh Welling. “Tours resume this Wednesday with the first tour beginning at 9 a.m. and the last tour going in at 3 p.m.”

Native Americans' Day events kick off in the Visitors Center Auditorium at 9 a.m. on October 9th with a welcome from Superintendent Welling, followed by remarks from National Park Service Native American Affairs Liaison, Dorothy FireCloud. Others on the morning schedule include metalsmith Jhon Goes in Center, and award-winning fashion designer Tosa Two Heart. The dedication of the sculpture “Č̣ḥanglěška-Waḳħ̣aŋ”, or “Sacred Hoop,” will occur in the lobby at 11:30 a.m. with artist Kelly Looking Horse.

Activities move outside at 1:30 p.m. with world-renowned hoop dancers Starr Chief Eagle and Jasmine Bell. At 3:30 p.m. Emmy Her Many Horses, a Sicangu Lakota author, musician, and actress will conclude activities with a presentation entitled “Classical, Traditional, Ancestral: What Makes it Native?”

The winter cave tour schedule begins Sunday, October 15, with tours of the Garden of Eden at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This is an hour-long tour with 150 stairs on it. There will be an hour and a half long Fairgrounds Tour at 1 p.m. with 450 stairs on it.

The cave temperature is 54 degrees year-around and a light coat or sweater is recommended along with good walking shoes.

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## Custer Senior Center

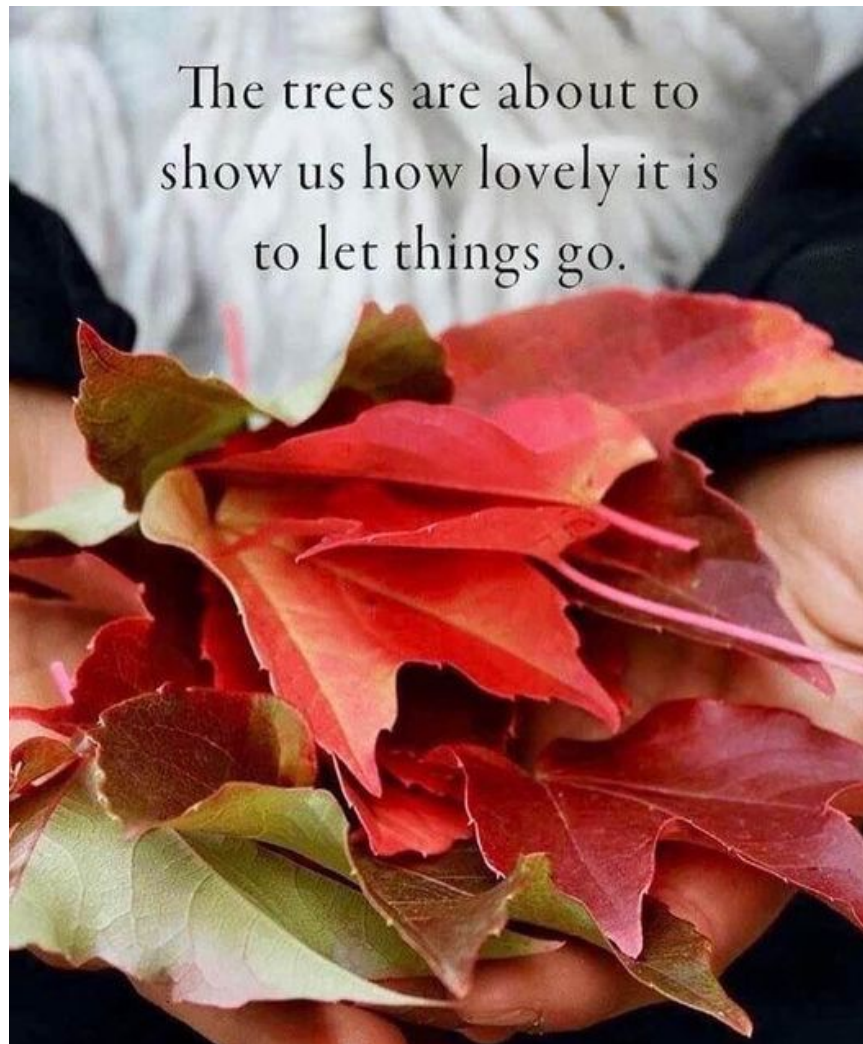
October Schedule

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

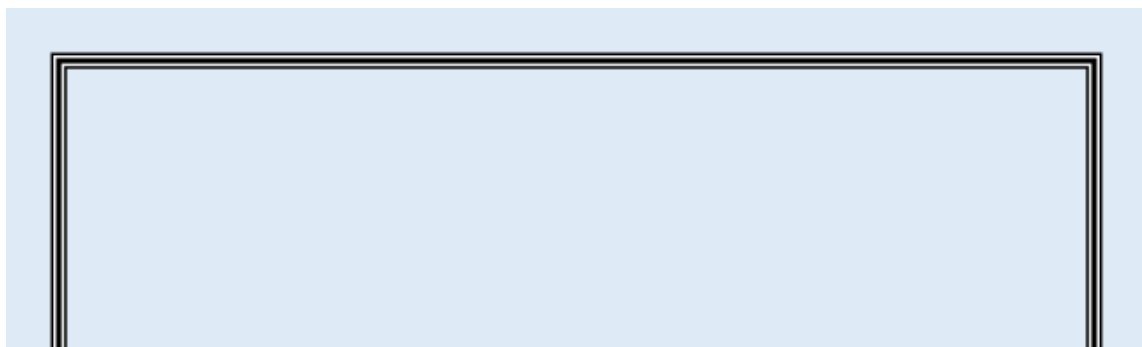




## WEEKLY INSPIRATION



## HELP WANTED



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](mailto: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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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### PAID ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

WHERE: CUSTER SENIOR CENTER

TITLE: CUSTODIAN

## SCHEDULE: PART TIME

PAY - \$10.80 PER HOUR

### THIS POSITION IS PART OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM (SCSEP)

SCSEP is an on-the-job experience and employment program designed to help low-income individuals age 55 and older update their jobs skills, build work experience and confidence, and continue to have economic security and well-being.

#### Eligibility:

Individuals applying for the SCSEP must meet specific eligibility requirements in order to participate:

- A resident of South Dakota
- 55 years of age or older
- Unemployed
- A limited household income of no more than 125 percent above of the federal poverty level

#### Participant Benefits:

As a participant of the SCSEP will:

- Earn income – South Dakota Minimum Wage
- Receive training and experience to help develop employment skills
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- Have the chance to obtain full- or part-time unsubsidized employment upon completion of program
- Partake in meaningful social and physical activities
- Engage in activities to support independence

Be sure to check out the Help Wanted section on our [Website:](#)

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