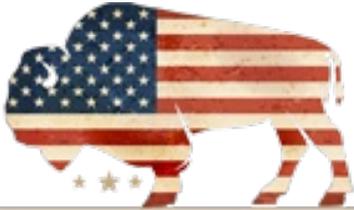


Buffalo Bytes



USTER

Minutes, Not Miles, From Adventure

USTER CONNECTIONS

The Custer Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the veterans who so bravely risked their lives and sacrificed for our country. We are thankful for your service so that we could all enjoy our freedom. Your bravery and the risks you took will not be forgotten.

I thought this was a good time for each of our staff to write about a veteran or veterans in their family. Keep reading to learn more about the military members that are extra special to the Custer Chamber staff.

Pat - I have had a veteran in my family from day one. My grandfather was in WWI and I know he never would talk about it. I do remember hearing he was listed as missing in action for a spell. My brother was in the National Guard for several years. I married a veteran that was in Korea and wouldn't talk much about that until he was selected to go on an Honor Flight to Washington DC. After that trip I could ask questions and he would answer sometimes. I am so thankful for our freedom from all veterans and service personnel of today.

Dolsee – I have several members of my family that have served in the military. Notably, my Grandpa Art was an Air Force pilot who ended up landing in the surf on Waikiki shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. They chose not to belly land on the sand since they didn't know if the plane would catch fire, and couldn't land at the base as it was already on fire. He had been accompanying a training flight from Hamilton Field in San Francisco, and had planned to stop in Hawaii for fuel. So, when they landed, they had no fuel or guns.

My grandpa was totally too cool for his time. My mom and I recently went through old slides my grandpa had taken starting in the 1950's with a 35mm he purchased in Japan. We found one of Mt Fuji that he had taken from his airplane while he was stationed in Japan! The note written on the

side/picture said, "Mt. Fujiama. That is a wing tip tank in the foreground."

Dawn – Many of my relatives have served in the military over the years. My Grandfather joined the Navy during WWII at age 17, where he served as a signal man aboard the USS Case. He told us stories about how he earned extra money or cigarettes on the ship by using his sewing abilities to hem other sailor's uniforms. My husband's grandfather also served in the Navy during WWII. At one time when coming in to port in the US, he received a kiss for Liz Taylor. My Dad served in Vietnam, my husband was a Navy Corpsman serving with the Marine Corps during Dessert Storm and Somalia and my son joined the Marines when he graduated high school.

Fred - Wil Baumann, Seaman 1st, served April, 1943 to March 1946

After the start of the war, Dad enlisted in the Navy on April 8, 1943, at the age of 20. He very seldom spoke about his time in the Navy or what went on in those years. As a kid growing up, I recall overhearing the grown-ups chatting about the war times during my 'big ear' moments.

When he enlisted, Dad wanted to go into diesel mechanics and had been told they were needed in the Navy. That was the last time the Navy ever mentioned acknowledgement of his choice.

After boot camp at Farragut Naval Training Station near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Dad was sent to Pearl Harbor for his first duty assignment and attached to a WW1 vintage submarine tender recently returned from deployment in the eastern Pacific, serving as a floating machine shop and supply depot for the Pacific submarine fleet. New from basic training, his was grunt work. When not moving new supplies into holds, it was chipping paint and re-painting, or moving supplies out of holds and onto the boats.

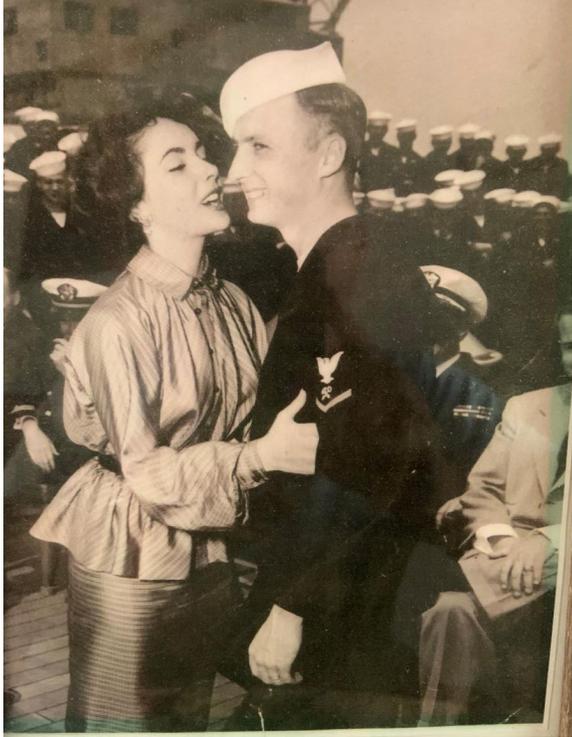
To read more about Fred's dad, Wil Baumann, [click here](#) for the full writeup.



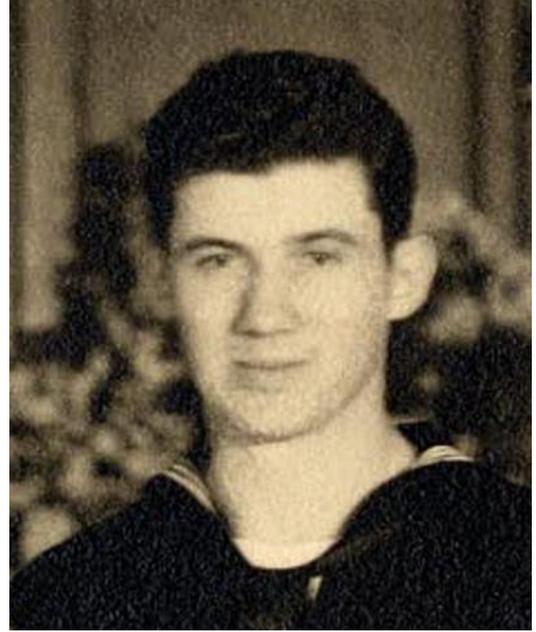
Dolsee's grandpa's picture of Mt Fugi



Dawn's grandpa, Charles Kayl



Liz Taylor with Dawn's husband's grandpa, Robert Murray



Fred's dad Wil Baumann

Weekly Inspiration

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Gratitude

turns what we have into
enough, and more.
It turns denial into
acceptance, chaos into
order, confusion into
clarity... it makes sense of
our past, brings peace for
today, and creates a vision
for tomorrow.

~ Melody Beattie

A Special Announcement! Collaborating for the Holidays!

We're announcing an exciting special holiday advertising opportunity created by HomeSlice Media and endorsed by the Custer and Hill City Chambers for our respective members.

Chambers for our respective members.

2020 Board Of Directors

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Mixer Schedule



**Upcoming
2020
Chamber Mixers**

November 19 - Bradeen Real Estate

December 17 - Crazy Horse Memorial



Area Meetings

Custer Economic Development

Monthly Meetings

2nd Wednesday at 7 am
Black Hills Energy Building
25153 Little Teton Rd

Community Meet & Eat

Monthly Meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 5 pm - 7 pm

This program is designed to drive traffic and visitation to our Southern Hills communities for the holiday shopping period between Small Business Saturday, November 28th and Christmas, and increase attendance at local holiday events such as Christmas parades and participation in Community Christmas Cash.

HomeSlice Media Representative, Alex Faini, will reach out to our members with more information and details. We hope that this program will be a valuable addition to your own individual marketing programs.

If you have any questions please contact:

**Dolsee Davenport at ddavenport@custersd.com or
605-673-2244**

or

Alex Faini at alex.faini@thehomeslice.com

Custer City Council

Monthly Meetings

1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 pm

City Hall Council Chambers

Lions Club

Monthly Meetings

2nd Thurs. at noon

4th Thurs. at 5:30 pm

Pizza Works

Custer Rotary

Custer Meetings

Mondays at 12 pm

Custer Senior Center



Presented by Hill City and the Custer Chambers and HomeSlice Media Group!

WHY:

Local businesses struggle with putting enough of a marketing budget together to be effective. Rather than underserve your potential customers - HomeSlice, Custer, and Hill City will run one large broadcast schedule promoting shopping in your communities and promoting your events.

HOW IT WORKS:

Local businesses can enter this program by committing \$250 dollars to the Christmas Coop program. HomeSlice Media will match those dollars and collectively the Southern Hills will have a broadcast media strategy that works together.

LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPOTS RESERVED!



Client Run Dates

Client Signature

Account Executive Date



Cash schedules MF 6a-7p • Match schedules M-Su 6a-Mid. This station does not discriminate in the sale of commercial time, and will not accept advertising which, in its sole opinion, is purchased with an intent to discriminate unlawfully on the basis of race, gender, or ethnicity. The advertiser hereby certifies that its purchase of commercial time is not made for an unlawful discriminatory purpose, including specifically that it is not based upon a decision to place advertising on a station on the basis of race, gender, or ethnicity.

CHAMBER HAPPENINGS





*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.

Nomination Form

Host a Chamber Mixer

2021 Dates Available

January 28

February 18

December 16



**Call us at 605-673-2244 or email info@custersd.com
to schedule your Mixer!**



CHAMBER MIXER!



November 19
5pm-7pm

at Bradeen Real Estate and Auctions
14 W Mt Rushmore Rd



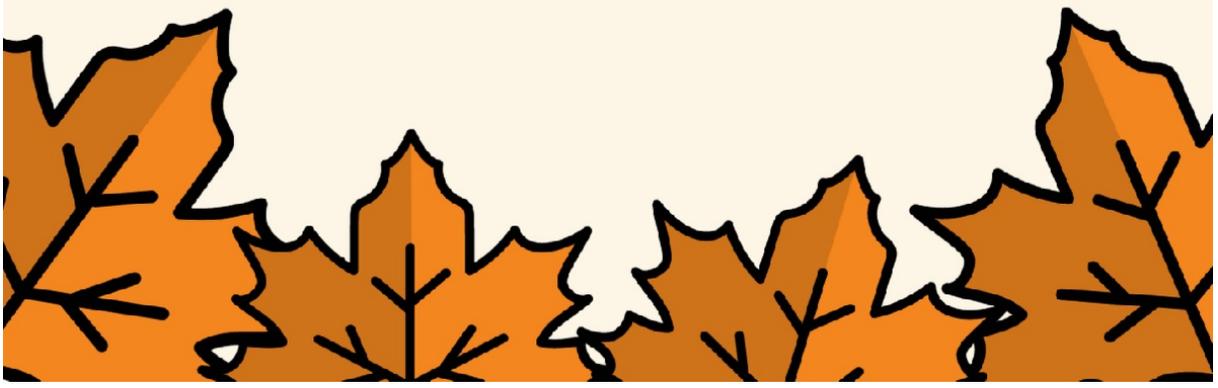
**Mixers are a great opportunity to
Meet, Mix & Mingle. Please come socialize, enjoy
refreshments and bring a friend.**





DUE TO THE UPCOMING
THANKSGIVING
HOLIDAY

BUFFALO BYTES WILL BE SENT ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH.
ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THAT WEEK'S
NEWSLETTER WILL NEED TO BE RECEIVED
BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT 5PM.
EMAIL DAWN AT
DMURRAY@CUSTERSD.COM



The Custer Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that we are a drop off location for Select-A-Gift donations this year!!!

Donations can be dropped off Monday- Friday 9am - 4pm.

Yes It's Happening!!

Yes, It's Happening!!

SELECT-A-GIFT



To help protect all participants, changes have been made to the program.

We can only accept monetary donations this year. We regret that we cannot accept any pre-purchased gifts, however, gift recipients will be able to choose their gift! Gifts will be purchased by the Select-A-Gift Committee.

How to Donate?

Before December 1st

Put cash or check (made out to Custer Ministerial Alliance) in an envelope and drop it off in the boxes at:

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

And at Custer Chamber of Commerce, Family Dollar, First Interstate Bank, Highmark Federal Credit Union or Dacotah Bank

Or mail checks to: Select-A-Gift, PO Box 366, Custer, SD 57730.

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

Attention

Custer & Hill City Chamber Members

Sign up **TODAY** to participate in the
Community Christmas Cash Drawings.

Please decorate and put your Christmas Cash
boxes out **on or before November 27**. The Hill
City & Custer Chambers will collect the slips
weekly, call the winners and distribute the prizes.

1st Drawing Dec 4th

2nd Drawing Dec 11th

3rd Drawing Dec 18th

Make sure people put their name and phone number on the slips.



To participate contact the Custer Chamber 605-673-2244
or via email, dmurray@custersd.com

Or

Hill City Chamber 605-574-2368
or via email, director@hillcitysd.com

By November 20, 2020





**31ST ANNUAL
CUSTER
CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

*Saturday, December 5th
at 5:30pm*

[Click here for parade registration](#)

AREA EVENTS

Custer County Library



Virtual STORY-TIME

Fall Schedule

October 16th: Halloween part 1

Take and Make kit: Spooky ghost!

October 30th: Halloween part 2

Take and Make kit: Scratch art Pumpkin!

November 20th: Thanksgiving

Take and Make kit: Gobble Gobble!

Story-time videos will be posted to the Custer County Library Facebook page at 10am on the above dates. Take and Make kits will be available at 11am, after the Story-time video airs. We hope you will watch and read with us!



Girlfriends'



Girlfriends' Weekend

HOT WEEKEND

Time in Hill City!

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2020

Shopping ~ Specials ~ FUN ~ Prizes ~ Entertainment ~ FUN ~ Lodging Discounts

Girlfriends' Get Ready for
a **HOT** Time in Hill City!!



Look for more information
and updates on
hillcitygirlfriends.com



Friday Night 7pm
Fashion Show
At High Country Guest Ranch
Heavy hors d'oeuvres served

Saturday Night 7pm
Comedian/Hypnotist
Rusty Z
At Naked Winery 

**Real Hypnosis...
Real Comedy...
Real Funny!**



Sunday Brunch 10am
At Mangiamo 
Motivational Speaker
Helen Usera

*November
6-8, 2020*

 TICKETED EVENT: purchase tickets at EVENTBRITE.COM

I Want You



... veterans, your families, and
the community to attend the

**26TH Annual
Custer School District**

Veterans Day Program

Wed., Nov. 11 • 11 am • Veterans Park

What is a Veteran?

**A Veteran - whether active duty, discharged,
retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one
point in his or her life, wrote a blank check
made payable to our nation, the
United States of America, for an amount
"up to and including their life."**

Custer American Legion Post 46



Custer County



Custer County 2020 Veterans/Armistice Day Activities

Updated: 28 October 2020

Date	Firm	Time	Day	Event	Lead	OIC	Location
CUSTER CITY							
28OCT-12NOV	Yes	All Day	Var	Hometown Hero Banners	Custer City	B. Raber	Avenue of Flags
09NOV	Cane	9:00 am	Wed	Poppy Sales	Legion 46	M. Mills	Lynn's Dakotamart
11NOV	No	8:00 am	Wed	Flag Retirement/Raising	CSD	S. Arseneault	Custer Jr/Sr High School
11NOV	No	8:00 am	Wed	Flag Retirement/Raising	CSD	S. Arseneault	Custer Elementary School
11NOV	Cane	10:47 am	Wed	Veterans Day Dinner	LSI	T. Adam	Custer Jr/Sr High School
11NOV	Cane	10:50 am	Wed	Veterans Day Dinner	LSI	T. Adam	Custer Elementary School
11NOV	Cane	11:00 am	Wed	Veterans Day Ceremony	VFW 3442	R. Hamm	Combined with CSD Program
11NOV	Cane	12:00 pm	Wed	Veterans Day Potluck Lunch	VFW 3442	R. Hamm	VFW #3442 Post Home
11NOV	Yes	11:00 am	Wed	Veterans Day Program	CSD	S. Arseneault	Veterans Memorial Park
11NOV	No	11:00 am	Wed	Veterans Canteen	Dem/Rep	Boots/Oakes	Custer Armory Lunch Rm
11NOV	No	4:00 pm	Wed	Veterans Visit	Cub Scouts	N. Anderson	Wedgewood Assisted Living
	No	4:30 pm	Wed	Veterans Visit	Cub Scouts	N. Anderson	Custer Senior Care Center
HERMOSA							
11NOV	Yes	7:45 am	Wed	Flag Raising	Legion 303	R. MacDonald	Hermosa School
11NOV	Cane	Morning	Wed	Veterans in Classroom	Legion 303	R. MacDonald	Hermosa School
11NOV	Cane	11:11 am	Wed	Moment of Silence	Legion 303	R. MacDonald	Hermosa School
11NOV	Cane	11:11 am	Wed	POW/MIA Ceremony	Legion 303	R. MacDonald	Hermosa School
11NOV	Cane	Lunch	Wed	Veterans Day Dinner	LSI	T. Adam	Hermosa School
11NOV	Cane	2:30 pm	Wed	Veterans Day Program	Hrm School	D. Smith	Hermosa School
11NOV	Cane	3:15 pm	Wed	Heroes Reception	Hrm School	D. Smith	Hermosa School
11NOV	Yes	5:00 pm	Wed	Community Chicken Noodle & Chili Soup Feed	Legion 303	B. Kelly	#303 Hermosa Post Home

Printable Copy





Please join us for...

Elk Mountain School's Annual Veteran's Day Program

Thursday, November 12, 2020

2:00 PM at Elk Mountain School



United
Way



ROUND 'EM *Up!*

UNITED WAY OF THE BLACK HILLS
Southern Hills Campaign Packet &
Donation Collection Week
November 16th - 20th

**DELIVER YOUR UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN PACKET
OR DONATION TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON
TUESDAY, NOV. 17TH**

**Custer Chamber | Hill City Chamber |
Hot Springs Chamber**

We will be accepting campaign packets and donations until Dec. 31st, 2020.
If you are unable to deliver your packets or donations by the date listed above,
please contact our office at (605) 343-5872, to coordinate your donation pick-up

OTHER WAYS YOUR BUSINESS CAN PARTICIPATE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16th - 20th:



SMALL BUSINESS 'ROUND UP' WEEK

Round up change from transactions to donate to United Way of the Black Hills



ROUND UP SONG FLASH MOB!

Help us build the momentum by recording your business performing the "Round up" dance. Share it on your social media to encourage donations! A dance demonstration can be found on our Facebook event page "Round'em Up"

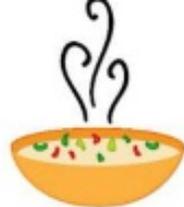


SHOW SOME SOCIAL MEDIA SPIRIT!

Share a video about why you or your organization donates to United Way of the Black Hills, be sure to tag our Facebook page so we can share your spirit!

For more information regarding this event and activities, please contact United Way of the Black Hills at (605) 343-5872

Soup & Pie



Lunch



Bake Sale

CUSTER SENIOR CENTER

Thursday, November 19th

11:00am to 1:00pm

\$8.00

Three Soups

Chicken Noodle

Potato

Chili



Homemade Bread, Pie and other Desserts

Bake Sale 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Beverage included.

Everyone is welcome!

Take-out Available, Call 673-2708

Santa's Village

Custer YMCA Child Development Center Gift and Craft Fair



November 21st 9am to 4pm

Custer High School Gym

1645 Wildcat Ln.



Time to get your Holiday Shopping done for Christmas 2020.

With over 30 gifts available be sure to get your raffle tickets

If you are a vendor, there is still time to get on our list.

Call The Custer YMCA Child Development Center 605-673-2222

Bring your camera's to get a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 1-3

Thank you very much to this years sponsors and for all the gifts





*CUSTER SENIOR
CENTER*

**HOLIDAY CRAFT
FAIR**

Join us for a fun day of crafts and treasures at the Custer Senior Center! Several vendors will be participating. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

538 Mt. Rushmore Road
Custer, S.D. 57730



SD Day of Giving

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Save The Date

December 1, 2020

Mark
Your
Calendar!



HELLO!



CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS 2020

The annual Christmas for Kids Event
will take place at the



will take place at the
Custer City High School on
December 12, 2020, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Registration via email will begin November 1st.
custerchristmas4kids@gmail.com

This year we will be doing things a bit different with this event. We will be limiting the number of participants that are in the building at any given time to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Masks are encouraged but not required.

- Registration required via email from November 1st – November 30th.
- All Custer County children, ages 0-10 years, are welcome to attend this free event but must be registered!
- **A reply email will be sent the week of December 1st and will confirm your registration and let you know what time to arrive.**
- Lunch, Christmas Games, Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus & Presents!

If you would like to donate to this event, please contact Dani Schade at custerchristmas4kids@gmail.com or 605-673-2663.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WAKE + INDULGE



INTRODUCING
*Breakfast
Skillets*

Breakfast Now Served DAILY*! | Full Breakfast Menu
Delicious New Breakfast Skillets

*M-F 9AM-11AM, Sat.-Sun. 9AM-1PM | Sleeping in? lunch also served daily 11AM-4PM

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Between Hill City and Custer on Hwy 16/385 • (605) 673-4681 • Open Year-Round

from Dr Joy at Monument Health:

Everyone,

I am reaching out to you today to enlist your help. Although negotiating through this pandemic has been difficult

I am reaching out to you today to enlist your help. Although negotiating through this pandemic has been difficult for everyone, the past couple of weeks have been especially hard on our frontline caregivers, as they deal with record numbers of COVID-19 patients. The marketing team at Monument Health thought it would be awesome if we could reach out to communities and organizations around the Black Hills and ask if they would take a moment to send some encouraging and uplifting videos to help brighten everyone's spirits. It doesn't have to be anything long or fancy, just a few words will do and will be so appreciated. Also, please feel free to forward this to any other organizations that might want to participate in this.

Here are some tips and instructions for completing your videos:

Here is the Dropbox link for the community to share your thank you/heartfelt messages:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/eGs66prHALIhtfa2z3xt>

See below for a few tips when shooting and sending your video:

- Shoot videos horizontally.
- Submit the video to the Dropbox link directly from the phone it was shot with.
- The video can be of a group or individual, just please only send one video to represent your organization.
- Thank you's/positive words/inspiring or heartfelt messages are all encouraged.
- Please keep the video to under 20 seconds. 5-10 seconds long is ideal.
- Please wear masks if you are videoing in a group.
- When submitting your video, make sure you identify the organization you are representing.

Videos need to be submitted by Friday, Nov. 6.

I thank you all, in advance, for your assistance with this! I hope everyone has a great weekend! It looks like it's going to be a good one!

Earlier this summer, South Dakota Outdoor Shop owners, Bobbi and Jeremy Schmidt, set up a donations-only coffee bar with proceeds going to Search & Rescue. This raised more than \$1700 which they presented to the Search and Rescue Friends' Group Tuesday (Oct. 27). In the photo are Jeremy and Bobbi, presenting the check to Friends of Custer County Search & Rescue President Patti Lee with SAR Director Rick March looking on.





Every year Evergreen Media tries to accrue more offers from the surrounding communities. A strong Custer section leads to more visitors! It is a great, free, opportunity to gain exposure from both the locals as well as tourists.

BLACK HILLS COUPON BOOK

- These coupons are completely FREE
- Each business can provide up to 4 offers
- The book is sold on multiple outlets; online, local events, retail locations, and fundraising groups!
- The books have been a resource for local area fundraising groups to reach their goals for over a decade

Submit Offers: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKcAqo9kuYP4rdlt4BIWALMUx-h0XIWnBhAIX3veF7YgsIUQ/viewform?gxids=7757>

BLACK HILLS
COUPON BOOK

Coupons

FREE

\$5+ Value Coupon(s)*
50% Off
Buy One, Get One Free
Buy One, Get One 50% Off

Half Page

\$150

1/2 Page Ad (*Printed in B/W*)
Coupon Offer(s)*
Ad Located Next to Coupon(s)
5 Free Books (\$100 Value)

Full Page

\$350

Full Page Ad (*Printed in Color & B/W*)
Coupon Offer(s)*
Ad Located at the Front (*Color*)
Ad Located Next to Coupon(s) (*B/W*)
10 Free Books (\$200 Value)

*Coupon space is limited. In order to maintain the integrity of the book, offers that are 50% off, BOGO, BOGO 50% off, or \$5+ value will have precedence over other offers.

*Ads are sold in groups of 8 pages; billing will not be applied until all 8 pages are filled.

Interested in Wholesale or Fundraising Opportunities? Let us know!

Call Us: 605.343.7684 Email Us: info@blackhillscouponbook.com





**GOOD KARMA
JEWELRY**

Custer, SD



**NEW
SEASONAL HOURS**

.....
TUESDAY - SUNDAY

10AM - 5PM

EFFECTIVE 11/1
.....

507 MT. RUSHMORE RD

CUSTER, SD

605-673-3047

WWW.GOODKARMACUSTERSTORE.COM

WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/GOODKARMAJEWELRYSD



PIZZA MILL
CUSTER, SD

We Appreciate You!

We are transitioning off a very busy summer season and we would like to thank you all for your business and patience! We are



For your business and pleasure! We are looking forward to bringing on some past restaurant week favorites and serving up your favorites this winter!

We will be open Tuesday's through Saturday's from 11am-7pm!

Happy Fall!

PRESS RELEASES



United States Department of Agriculture



Black Hills National Forest

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Custer, SD 57730
(605) 673-9200

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News Release

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Yamaha's Outdoor Access Initiative Paves way for a Vault Toilet at Custer Peak

Spearfish, SD, October 29, 2020 – Through several years of planning, and a cooperative effort among Black Hills National Forest recreation staff and engineers, Off-road Riders Association (ORA) volunteers, Black Hills Trails volunteers, Outdoor Motor Sports of Spearfish and a grant from Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative, a new vault toilet has become reality at Custer Peak in the Northern Black Hills.

The project was initiated by the Northern Hills Ranger District of the Black Hills National Forest. “After consistently seeing large numbers of visitors at Custer Peak, particularly on OHV’s over several years, we recognized the need for a more permanent restroom facility instead of the temporary porta potties for our visitors,” said Steve Kozel, District Ranger, Northern Hills Ranger District.

Dave Hague, member of the ORA, wrote a grant to request funds from Yamaha’s Outdoor Access Initiative to acquire materials and contract services to prep the site, build and install the vault toilet.

Outdoor Motor Sports of Spearfish wrote a letter of support for the project. Yamaha approved the grant in the amount \$23,000.

ORA administered the funds and handled the acquisition of materials and coordinated contract services from, Boom Concrete of Newell, SD. “This is the culmination of over 2 years of planning, coordinating and executing that was put on hold in 2019 due to the “monsoon summer” that made things so wet and muddy that we couldn’t do much work,” said Hague. “Riders will now have a nice place to stop and take a break on their visit to Custer Peak.”

Black Hills Trail Volunteers provided labor for site prep, the finish dirt and gravel work around the new facility. Engineers from the Black Hills National Forest prepped the site and repaired the road leading up to the site to allow the boom truck to deliver and install the vault toilet. Boom Concrete from Newell, designed, manufactured and installed the vault toilet.

The Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative is dedicated to those who work and play outdoors including, but not limited to, those who rely on off-highway vehicles (OHVs) to ride, camp, hunt or fish.

Supporting the outdoor enthusiast, the Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative’s mission is to provide practical support for efforts that promote safe, responsible use of OHVs, educate the public on proper recreational land use and wildlife conservation practices, and protect appropriate and sustainable access to public lands.

Each quarter, Yamaha accepts applications from non-profit or tax exempt groups (clubs & associations), public riding areas (local, state and federal), outdoor enthusiast associations and land conservation organizations, and communities with an interest in protecting, improving, expanding and/or maintaining access for safe, responsible and sustainable use by motorized off-road vehicles.

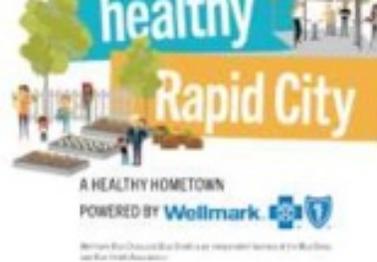
For more information on the Black Hills National Forest call (605) 673-9200 or visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills>.

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(submitted photos)





NEWS RELEASE

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Custer and Rapid City receive 2020 Healthy HometownSM Powered by Wellmark Community Award

Good & Healthy South Dakota awards the community for their health improvement work

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota (Oct. 21, 2020) — Two South Dakota communities — Custer and Rapid City — were each presented with a 2020 Healthy HometownSM Powered by Wellmark Community Award during the Chronic Disease Partners/Better Choices, Better Health[®] Meeting held virtually on Oct. 20, 2020. The award is in recognition for their accomplishments in health improvement initiatives within their respective communities. This is the second year these two communities have received this prestigious award.

"We are pleased to present Custer and Rapid City with the 2020 Healthy HometownSM Powered by Wellmark Community Award," said Laura Jackson, Wellmark chief health officer. "As multi-year award winners, all the cumulative work that has been done within these communities is to be celebrated. And because this work is so important, Custer and Rapid City will also receive \$5,000 to continue the important work of improving the physical, social and emotional well-being of the community."

Some noteworthy achievements in Custer include:

- Established a local "bark park" with water access and a picnic table shelter to provide a safe and convenient place for people to entertain their dogs and meet other pet owners.
- Facilitated classes with local students that promoted locally sourced food and taste-testing.
- Enhanced walking and biking crosswalks.

"The Custer Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) – Recreation/Wellness Initiative Team is honored to receive the 2020 Healthy Hometown Powered by Wellmark Community Award," said



BLACK HILLS
**PARKS &
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ASSOCIATION

Black Hills Parks & Forests Association becomes the cooperating association for Scotts Bluff National Monument and Agate Fossil Beds National Monument.

October 21, 2020

For immediate release

Contact: Andrea Fountain, Black Hills Parks & Forests Association bhpf@blackhillsparks.org

Black Hills Parks & Forests Association (BHPFA) is excited to announce their new cooperating partnership with Scotts Bluff National Monument and Agate Fossil Beds National Monument. BHPFA has a presence in the Nebraska panhandle as a non-profit partner for Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands, and these new partnerships will bolster their relationship to the region.

Scotts Bluff National Monument interprets a rich geological and human history, and has served as a landmark for Native Americans to emigrants on the Oregon, California, and Mormon Trails. Agate Fossil Beds National Monument is located about an hour north of Scotts Bluff and is one of the world's most significant Miocene Epoch mammal fossil sites. Agate Fossil Beds interprets a landscape that reflects many influences—from early animals roaming the valleys and hills, explorers settling in the American West, and tribal nations that call the High Plains home.

“The Black Hills and Nebraska Panhandle are blessed with a plethora of public lands sites that tell stories spanning from prehistoric to modern times,” states BHPFA Executive Director Patty Ressler. “There are so many perspectives to these stories— evolution, perseverance and adaptability, geology - just to name a few. BHPFA is thrilled to add Scotts Bluff NM and Agate Fossil Beds NM as partners, helping them relay these important stories to their visitors as we have done in the Black Hills for over 70 years.”

BHPFA is looking forward to supporting Scotts Bluff and Agate Fossil Beds interpretative messages through their retail stores and education programming, to learn more visit www.blackhillsparks.org.

BHPFA is an official non-profit partner of Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Scotts Bluff National Monument, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Black Hills National Forest, Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands and the National Grasslands Visitor Center. BHPFA operates 16 retail stores for these seven agencies. A portion of store proceeds is provided to the partners for educational materials and programs. The 2020 allocation to partners is \$79,300. This significant funding fills gaps left by federal funding shortfalls and allows BHPFA partners to fulfill their critical missions of sustaining and preserving our natural legacies. For more information about Black Hills Parks & Forests Association, check out the website at www.blackhillsparks.org or call 605-745-7020.

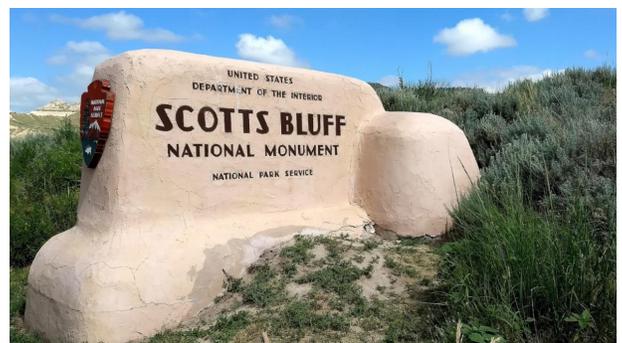




Photo 1 Caption: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument park sign
Photo by: Marcus Heerd



Photo 2 Caption: Scotts Bluff National Monument park sign
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October 21, 2020

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NEWS RELEASE

The Mammoth Site Celebrates Giving Tuesday with South Dakota Gives.

Save the Date for December 1, 2020

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities. The Mammoth Site is honored to partner with South Dakota's Day of Giving.

We would like to announce an exciting new project at The Mammoth Site. We will be working on Botany and Geology Walkways. These walkways will provide an outdoor educational area to enhance the experience at the Site which will focus on STEAM. These new walkways will give our visitors a deeper understanding of the Ice Age as they travel back in time. The Botany and Geology Walkways will allow The Mammoth Site to expand our education, research and outreach. The Day of Giving is an opportunity for you to invest in the future of The Mammoth Site with its Ice Age Discoveries.

Our fundraising goal for this project is \$30,000 to help build these new educational experiences. Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020, is an opportunity for you to invest in the future of The Mammoth Site and our discoveries. We cannot do it without your generosity.

To learn more about The Mammoth Site's participation in South Dakota's Day of Giving visit our website mammothsite.org or call 605-745-6017.

The Mammoth Site is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization and Accredited Museum.

"In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, sex, familial status, sexual orientation, and reprisal." (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 11

Chamber Office Closed

Veterans' Day

November 19

Chamber Mixer

Bradeen Real Estate and Auctions

5pm-7pm

November 26-29

Chamber Office Closed

Thanksgiving

November 27

Community Christmas boxes go out

December 5

Custer Christmas Parade

5:30 pm downtown Custer



Welcome

New Members

Aspen+Pine Realty
Heather's Top Notch Cleaning
Payfurther, LLC
Rock Solid Enterprises, LLC
Diane's Custer Vacation Rental
Wicked Espresso/ Little Wicked Inn
Keating Resources
Star Ridge Advertisements
World Fossil Finders Museum LLC
AJ's Ore Car Saloon
Central Hills Crane Service
Custer's Last Chance RV Park & Campground
LaMonte's Auto Sales & Rentals
Addiction Recovery Centers of the Black Hills
P & C Custom Interiors, LLC



Thank you
for renewing your
Chamber Membership

"Dave's World" Tours
1880 Train
1881 Courthouse Museum
A Walk in the Woods
Abundant Life Fellowship
Acupuncture 4 Health, Inc

Adventure Rentals
Aflac Blue Cross/Blue Shield
AJ Productions- Allen & Jill Kirkham
Alpha Builders, LLC
American Legion Post #46
Ameriprise Financial
An English Touch Day Spa
Art Expressions
Arthur, Laurie
Baker's Bakery
Barmore Enterprises
Bear Country USA
Beaver Lake Campground
Beesley Law Offices, PC
Begging Burro
BH Burger and Bun Company
Black Hills Aerial Adventures, Inc
Black Hills Area Community Foundation
Black Hills Balloons
Black Hills Bungalows
Black Hills Chemical
Black Hills Electric Coop
Black Hills Energy
Black Hills Federal Credit Union
Black Hills Natinal Forest Service Supervisor's Office
Black Hills Parks & Forest Association
Black Hills Playhouse
Black Hills Towing
Branch Construction
Broken Arrow Campground & Horse Camp
Buffalo Ridge Camp Resort
Buglin' Bull Restaurant & Sports Bar
Calamity Jane Coffee Shop and Grill, LLC
Calamity Peak Lodge
Carson Drug
Carson, John & Diana
Chalet Motel
Chamberlain McColleys Funeral Home
Chapel in the Hills
Claw Antler & Hide Inc
Coca-Cola Bottling Co High Country
Common Cents
Community Education of the Black Hills
Craig Hindle Construction
Custer Ace Hardware
Custer Ambulance Service Inc
Custer Area Arts Council

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Custer Car & Pet Wash
Custer Community Church
Custer County Airport
Custer County Candy Co.
Custer County Chronicle
Custer County Conservation District
Custer County Democratic Party
Custer County Library Foundation
Custer County Republican Central Committee
Custer Crazy Horse Campground
Custer Crossroads Church
Custer Do it Best
Custer Golf Corp/Rocky Knolls
Custer Heating & Air Conditioning
Custer Hospitality
Custer Lion's Club
Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Custer Mountain Cabins & Campground
Custer Mt Rushmore KOA
Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer Seventh-day Adventist Church
Custer State Farm
Custer State Park
Custer U-Haul
Custer's Gulch RV Park & Campground
Dacotah Bank
Dakota Cowboy Inn
Dakota Cowboy Restaurant
Dakota Greens - Custer Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.
Denial SD
Double D Bed & Breakfast
Double Diamond Ranch, LLC
Edward Jones- Jim Meyer
Edward Jones-Kris Zerbe
Elk Haven Vacation Cabins
Elk Ridge Park

Evergreen Media
Fennell Design, Inc.
First Interstate Bank
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Four Mile Old West Town & Campground
Freeman's Electric Service, Inc
French Creek Campground & RV Park
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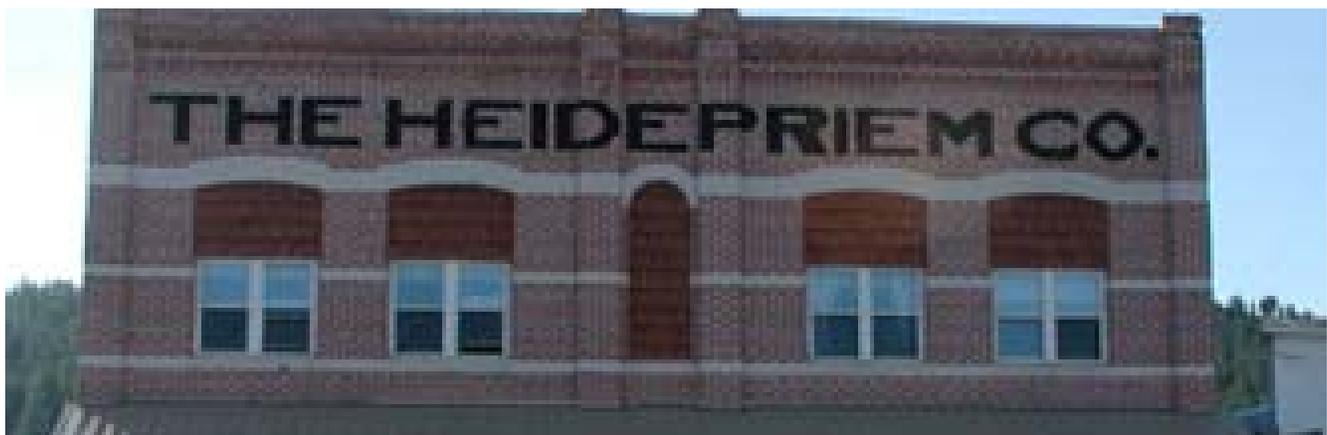
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Green Owl Media & Photography
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Harney Peak Chapter, NSDAR
Hartwick, Jackie
Heart of the Hills Catering
Heaven's Gate
Hennessey, Collen & Jim Frank
Hidden Lake Campground & Resort
High Mountain Outfitters
Highmark Credit Union
Hills Inn
Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream
HUB International Limited
Jenny's Floral
Jewel Cave National Monument
Jorgenson Log Homes, Inc
K2 Masonry & Concrete
Ketel Thorstenson
Kitchens by Karla
Kraus, Don & Karen
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Lifeways
Limestone Services, LLC
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Living Outreach Church
Lost Sock
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McDonald Chiropractic
McGas LLC
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Mickelson Trail Affiliates
Miner's Cup
Mini Needles Art Studio
Moccasin Springs
Monument Health Custer Hospital
Mount Rushmore National Memorial

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Mt Rushmore Brewing Co.
Mt. Rushmore Resort & Lodge at Palmer Gulch
Nelson's Oil & Gas Inc
New Trails Ministry, Inc
Nielsen Enterprises, LLC
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Our Place
Pacer Minerals, LLC
PAMS Getaways
Pine Rest Cabins
Pizza Hut
Pizza Mill
Pizza Works
Pleasant Valley Farm and Cabins, LLC
Pounding Fathers
Prairie Hills Transit
Premier Family Eyecare
Real Estate Center of Custer/ Bradeen Auction
Regency Custer State Park Ventures (State Game Lodge, Sylvan Lake Lodge, Legion
Lake Lodge, Blue Bell Lodge, Blue Bell Trail Rides and Jeep Tours, Rockcrest)
Reptile Gardens
Road Runner, Inc.
Robert Reich & Christine Chamberlin
Rocket Motel
Rockin R Rides
Roost Resort
Rush Mountain Adventure Park
Rushmore Photo & Gifts, Inc
Rushmore Vacation Rentals
S & B Motor Parts
Sander Sanitation
Sentinel FCU
Servall Uniform & Linen
Shady Rest Motel
Shanklin's of South Dakota

Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church
Simon Contractors of SD, Inc
Skogen Kitchen
South Dakota Air & Space Museum
South Dakota Outdoor Shop
Southern Hills Animal Clinic
Southern Hills Tactical, LLC
Southern Hills Title, Inc
Spokane Creek Cabins & Campground

St John the Baptist Catholic Church
Starr Insurance
Steele Collision
Stockade Lake Cabin
Studt Construction, Inc
Subway of Custer
Sunset RV Park
Sunshine Storage
Sword Law Office PC
Sylvan Rocks Climbing School and Guide Service
Syncomm Management Group
Tall Grass Landscape Architecture
Tanglewood Estate
The Custer Beacon
The Custer Wolf
The Purple Pie Place
The Star Lodge of the Black Hills
Thom, Dave
Under Canvas
United Way of the Black Hills
Vector Design and Print
VFW Post# 3442
Vineyard Black Hills
Western Skies Real Estate
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Windsong Valley Gardens
Workforce Diversity Network of the Black Hills
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Zonta of the Black Hills





Custer Senior Center

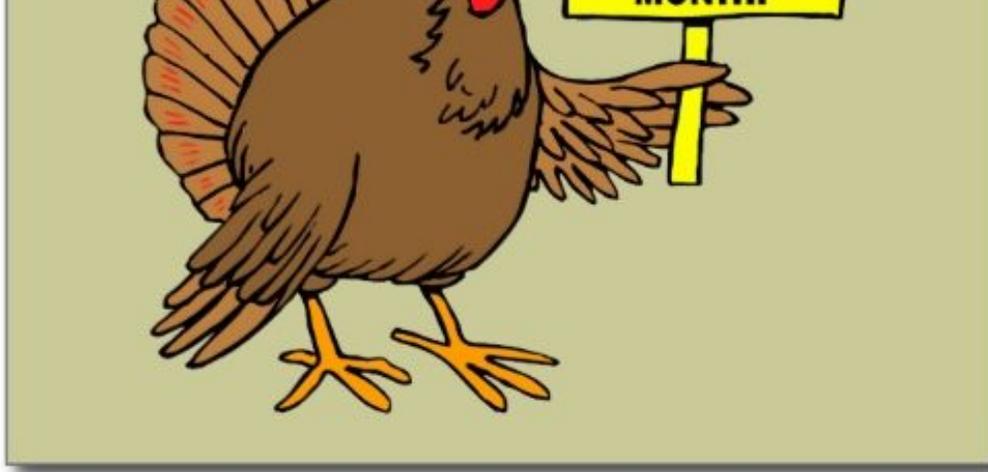
[Click Here for November Calendar](#)

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



HUMOR





HELP WANTED

USDA Forest Service is Hiring for Temporary Jobs

Denver, Colo., Nov. 3, 2020— The USDA Forest Service is hiring for temporary or seasonal jobs across the nation. Temporary positions with the USDA Forest Service are a great way to gain valuable experience, work outdoors, and get exposure to different careers. The positions are in fire, trails, timber, administration, recreation, fisheries and archeology. There are also opportunities to be rehired and compete for permanent positions after completing 24 months of employment as a temporary employee. The application period for fire positions starts November 16, and for non-fire positions starts December 1, on www.USAJOBS.gov.

We look for dedicated individuals from all walks of life, of all abilities, to join our workforce. Apply for our temporary jobs and make a long-lasting impact on the world.

Available Positions:

- Visitor Information Assistant
- Archaeological Technician
- Forestry Technician
- Engineering Technician
- Biological Technician
- And more

Visit the [Forest Service website](#) for locations and additional requirement information. Apply on [USAJOBS](#). For more information, contact Human Resources Management at (877) 372-7248, Option 2.

USAJOBS Application Process

- Apply on www.USAJOBS.gov, November 16 – 26 for fire positions
- Apply on www.USAJOBS.gov, December 1 – 11 for non-fire positions
- Establish a profile and build or upload a resume at the USAJOBS site. Be sure to schedule adequate time to complete this process, as it can be lengthy.
- For assistance, go to: www.USAJOBS.gov/help

For more duty location information, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r2/jobs>.

Monument Health Custer Hospital is accepting applications for full time and as needed Environmental Service Technicians. We offer year round employment with excellent benefits and competitive wages. For more information please contact Lori Seybold at (605) 673-9552 or log onto <https://monument.health/careers> to apply.

Outlaw Ranch is seeking a Facility Manager to start in January of 2021. This position is responsible for the daily upkeep and maintenance of the Outlaw Ranch grounds, buildings, and vehicles. Applicants must have prior knowledge of basic construction techniques, carpentry, plumbing, electrical work. Please send a resume and cover letter to matt@losd.org or to Matt Rusch 12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd. Custer, SD 57730.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church has a custodial position open. 2 days per week for approximately 10 hours per week. Part time with no benefits. Beginning wage \$12.50/ HR., adjustable after 90 day probationary period. Call Parish Center for details and complete job description. 673-4426.

Jewel Cave & Wind Cave have a one year temporary position available visit <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/581168300> for more information.



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