

Buffalo Bytes



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CUSTER CONNECTIONS

Don't forget that membership renewals are **due by October 9th** 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. All tourism-based members are included.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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September 2020
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Hello, Industry Friends and Happy September!

We hope this email finds you well and gearing up for the fall shoulder season. The cool statewide temperatures this week, and the snowfall in the Black Hills on Tuesday, remind us that autumn is indeed around the corner. With the changing of the season, we are excited to host visitors this weekend to the Sanford Invitational in Sioux Falls, the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup at the end of the month, and pheasant hunters in October. Please be sure and join us in giving a warm welcome to all of our guests!

Before we get to our latest research, we want to share that Governor Noem announced on Wednesday that she will be providing \$400 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to assist South Dakota's small businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find some [details about the program here](#). The application process will open on Monday, October 12th and close on Friday, October 23rd. Grants may be awarded up to \$100,000 per qualifying business. When we get more details about the program and the application process, we will get those to you right away.

Here are highlights from the [bi-weekly COVID-19 Research Report](#):

- GREAT NEWS to begin with: South Dakota led the nation in travel searches this past week, increasing by 11% from the same week in 2019. Nationally, searches were down 53% compared to last year.
- September month-to-date, South Dakota is up +1% for road trips when compared to 2019.
- This past Labor Day weekend, Mount Rushmore National Memorial experienced the largest increase in visitation since August 10th.
- For the week ending August 29th, national travel spending is down -43% year-over-year. Spending in South Dakota was down -26%.
- As seen in the Arrivallist data presented on slide 12 in the report, May 22nd marked a critical turning point for travel to South Dakota. Visitation really began to pick up in our state at that time and continued to grow throughout the summer.
- 49% of Americans who traveled this summer said their trip inspired more confidence that they can travel safely right now.
- 39% of Americans expressed a likelihood of staying in a hotel while 28% plan to stay in a vacation home or condo.
- Of all jobs lost during the pandemic, 34% of them have been in the leisure

and hospitality industry.

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Mixer Schedule

and hospitality industry.

- The perception of travel activities as unsafe is the lowest it has been since June 15th.
- Fall travel expectations improved from 30% the previous week to 36%.
- 47% of Americans believe their companies will begin traveling for business sometime after April 2021.

Thank you to our research partners for providing this information: [H2R Market Research](#), [Tourism Economics](#), [Destination Analysts](#), [STR](#), [U.S. Travel Association](#), [Arrivalist](#), [Miles Partnership](#), [MMGY Travel Intelligence](#), [ADARA](#), and [Longwoods International](#).

Now, more than ever, we must be diligent in keeping our businesses, your employees, and our guests safe and healthy while they are in South Dakota. Please reference our health and hygiene [resource page on SDVisit.com](#) to view tips on health and hygiene protocols.

As always, please let us know if we can be of any assistance in the days and weeks ahead. I can be reached at James.Hagen@TravelSouthDakota.com. Have a great weekend!

All our best,

Jim and Team

[Jim Hagen](#)

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[Learn More](#)



For Immediate Release

September 9, 2020

Contact: [Ian Fury](#)

**Governor Noem Outlines Framework for \$400 Million
in CARES Act Funding for South Dakota Small
Businesses**

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
Custer Community Church

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

Businesses

PIERRE, S.D. - Today, Governor Kristi Noem laid out a framework for up to \$400 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to assist South Dakota's small businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"South Dakota is in a good spot as we rebound from COVID-19, but some of our small businesses were still hurt by this pandemic," said **Governor Noem**. "These folks are the lifeblood of our communities and economy. When I asked folks to adjust their way of life to help us flatten the curve, South Dakotans exercised their personal responsibility and responded. That adjustment significantly impacted the day-to-day operations, customer traffic, and supply chains of a number of small business owners across our state. It's my hope that this proposal will help folks stay open and overcome the unprecedented times we've faced these last several months. I'm looking forward to discussing it with the legislature."

Under Governor Noem's proposal, businesses would qualify for this grant if they are located in South Dakota, have at least \$50,000 in gross revenue in 2019, and have had a reduction in business of at least 25% between March and May as a result of COVID-19. The calculation for "reduction in business" can be found [here](#).

The proposed application period for the program would open on October 12 and close on October 23. Grants would be rewarded once all applications are received. Following the initial reward period, a second allocation of funds would be considered if additional funds are still available. Under current federal law, all funds must be distributed by December 30, 2020. Grants would be awarded up to \$100,000 per qualifying business.

To learn more about this framework and the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic in South Dakota, please visit [COVID.sd.gov](https://www.southdakota.gov/covid19).

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CHAMBER HAPPENINGS

WE'RE NOW ACCEPTING

**NOMINATIONS
FOR THE
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
AWARDS BANQUET**

October 15, 2020
Sylvan Lake Auditorium

**Government Employee
Community Team/Service
Individual of the Year
Lifetime Achievement
Extra Mile
Business of the Year**

Nominations Due September 27, 2019

Nomination Form

*The Custer Area
Chamber of Commerce,
Board of Directors & Staff
cordially invite you to attend the
2020 Annual Chamber Membership Banquet*

Thursday, October 15th at Sylvan Lake Auditorium

Social Hour 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Award Presentations

Adjourn 8:30 pm

SALAD

Mix Greens Topped with Roasted Corn, Poblanos, Cucumber,
Goat Cheese with Avocado Vinaigrette

ENTREE CHOICES

Grilled Sirloin Topped with Red Wine Mushroom Demi,
Hash Brown Casserole and Sautéed Fall Vegetables and Greens

or

Roasted Airline Chicken Breast with Cheesy Potato Vegetable Hash,
Citrus Herb Cream Sauce and Toasted Almond Garnish

or

Black Bean and Quinoa Bowl with Roasted Kale, Sautéed Fall Vegetables,
Avocado Cream Sauce and Fire Roasted Salsa

DESSERT

Grilled Peach Crumble Topped with Marachino Whipped Cream

\$30/person RSVP by Monday, Oct. 5th.

Cancellations after Oct. 9th will be billed.

**To register, call the Chamber at
673-2244 or email dmurray@custersd.com**



2020 Annual Chamber Membership Awards Banquet

Sponsors Needed

*Sponsoring this event is an
opportunity to showcase your
business and show your
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*Your sponsorship will be announced
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*If you are interested in being a sponsor, contact
Dolsee at ddavenport@custersd.com or 673-2244*

13th Annual Stuff-A- Truck



The 13th Annual Stuff-A- Truck event will be held September 21- October 1.

This annual event is a joint effort of the Custer Chamber, the Custer School District and the Storehouse. The Storehouse is our local food pantry.

This year there are specific food items needed to fill over 200 Christmas Baskets for needy families in Custer County. Please see the list below if you can help:

Instant potatoes

Cranberry sauce

Jello—large boxes, not sugar-free

Canned fruit—mandarin oranges, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail

Boxed Pie Crust

Pie Filling

Monetary donations to assist with the purchase of turkeys and hams are also greatly appreciated.

Items can be dropped off at the Custer Chamber, located at 615 Washington St, Monday through Saturday 10am - 4pm.



MERCHANTS' TRICK-OR-TREAT

downtown Custer | October 30, 4pm-6pm

The votes have been counted and the results are in!!

This year the Annual Merchants' Trick-or-Treat will take place on Friday, October 30 in downtown Custer from 4pm-6pm

Get your business signed up today



Thank you
for renewing your
Chamber Membership

“Dave's World” Tours

1880 Train

1881 Courthouse Museum

A Walk in the Woods

Acupuncture 4 Health, Inc
Adventure Rentals
Aflac Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Alpha Builders, LLC
American Legion Post #46
Ameriprise Financial
An English Touch Day Spa
Art Expressions
Arthur, Laurie
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Black Hills Aerial Adventures, Inc
Black Hills Area Community Foundation
Black Hills Balloons
Black Hills Bungalows
Black Hills Electric Coop
Black Hills Energy
Black Hills Federal Credit Union
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Buglin' Bull Restaurant & Sports Bar
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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
Community Education of the Black Hills
Custer Ambulance Service Inc
Custer Area Arts Council
Custer Car & Pet Wash
Custer County Chronicle
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 Heating & Air Conditioning
Custer Mountain Cabins & Campground
Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer Seventh-day Adventist Church
Custer U-Haul
Dacotah Bank
Dakota Cowboy Restaurant
Dakota Greens - Custer Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc.
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Edward Jones- Jim Meyer
Edward Jones-Kris Zerbe
Elk Haven Vacation Cabins
Elk Ridge Park
First Interstate Bank
Fort Welikit Campground
Freeman's Electric Service, Inc
French Creek Campground & RV Park
Garland Lee Goff Attorney at Law
Gold Pan Saloon
Golden West Telecommunications
Good Karma Jewelry
Green Owl Media & Photography
Green Real Estate & Investment Group, LLC- Sherri Lockhart
Grizzly Gulch Adventure Golf
Harney Peak Chapter, NSDAR
Hartwick, Jackie
Heart of the Hills Catering
Heaven's Gate
Hennessey, Collen & Jim Frank
Hidden Lake Campground & Resort
Highmark Credit Union
Hills Inn
Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream
HUB International Limited
Jorgenson Log Homes, Inc
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McGas LLC
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Mickelson Trail Affiliates
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PAMS Getaways
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Pizza Mill
Pizza Works
Pounding Fathers
Prairie Hills Transit
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Lake Lodge, Blue Bell Lodge, Blue Bell Trail Rides and Jeep Tours, Rockcrest)
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Rocket Motel
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Roost Resort
Rush Mountain Adventure Park
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South Dakota Outdoor Shop
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Tall Grass Landscape Architecture
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The Custer Wolf
The Purple Pie Place
The Roost Resort
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Wicked Espresso/ Little Wicked Inn
Keating Resources
Star Ridge Advertisments
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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

AREA EVENTS



Quarantine Cruise

Quarantine Cruise

The Final Chapter

Friday, September 18th

6:00 PM– 8:00 PM

Join us for one last cruise down main
before the weather turns and all of
our sweet rides hibernate for the
winter.



Meet at S&B at 6:00 PM and
we will cruise Main together.

Heart of the Hills Catering Company
will be whipping up Smoked Brisket
Sandwich meals.



Don't have a motor you want to run
up and down main? Bring a chair
down to Custer State Farm and enjoy
an evening of Classics and good food!

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ART SHOW & SALE



20 Original Artists

Native & Western -Style Art

Live Music Fri./Sat. 10:30 AM

September 18-20, 2020

Fri./ Sat. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sun. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

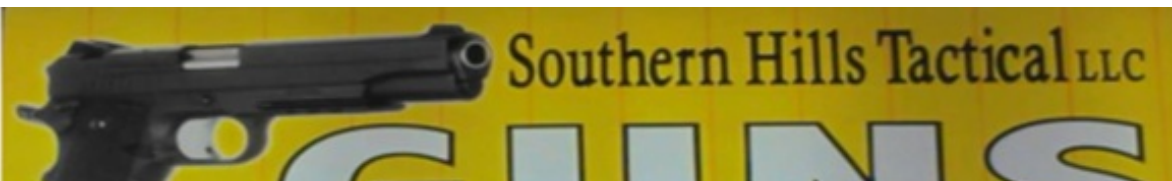
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South Dakota Enhanced Conceal Carry Class This is a ladies only

Saturday Sept 19th 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

The Enhanced Permit allows you to carry in 38 state including MN, NE,
WI, NV, NH, WA & SC

NM is currently under review.

Class size is limited so register early.

For additional information or to register for the class contact us at
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Sloppy Joe Lunch

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Custer Senior Center*

September 24th



\$8.00

11am to 1:00pm

Meal Includes:

Sloppy Joe

Baked Beans, Chips, Pickle, Brownie

and Lemonade



Bake Sale



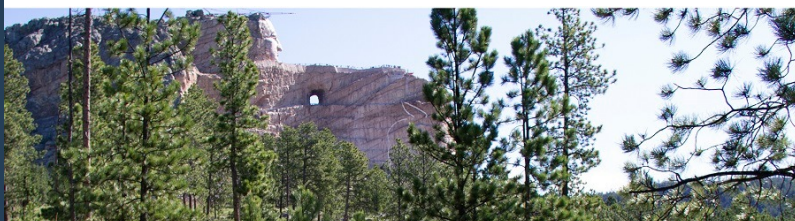
9:00am to 1:00pm

Meal available for take out or dine in.

Call 673-2708

Autumn Volksmarch is a "GO!"

Dates of the Marches: Saturday, September 26th and
Sunday September 27th.



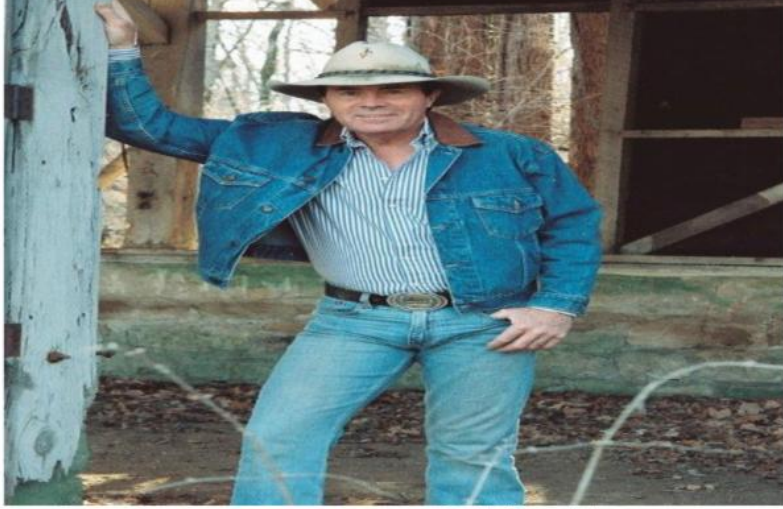


All Hikers must register and registration will be open from 8 AM to 1 PM both days. There will be no early registration. Hikers must be off the trail by 4:00 pm each day and pets are not permitted on the trail.

Visit <https://crazyhorsememorial.org/visit/special-events/volksmarch/> for more information.

CUSTER VFW POST #3442 September Events





HE'S BACK AGAIN..... JJ Kent
Doesn't get better than a Friday night with JJ
Sept 11th 7-10pm

Join us for the party of the year! **Bobfest 7!** Our very own celebration of Life! Every year we get together to celebrate Buddy Bobby Plaisted's Birthday in style! Bike and Rod Run, starts at Custer VFW! Then.... big meal! Bonfire! Free camping! And live and loud Rock music with the "Shameless" band. Free will Donation goes to our Heart for Heat, keeping those in need warm with propane and Electricity! Be there!
Starts at Custer VFW at 9am
end at Silver Dollar in Hill City
For more questions call (605) 574-4417




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September 26th 7-11pm



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Custer Community Blood Drive

FRIDAY, OCT. 2
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10:00 AM SCREENING

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3RD AND WASHINGTON, CUSTER SD 57730

TICKETS: \$10 suggested donation \$10

TICKET INFORMATION:

ONLINE

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunafest-custer-sd-tickets-113726041652>

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For ticket information, visit us at lunafest.org



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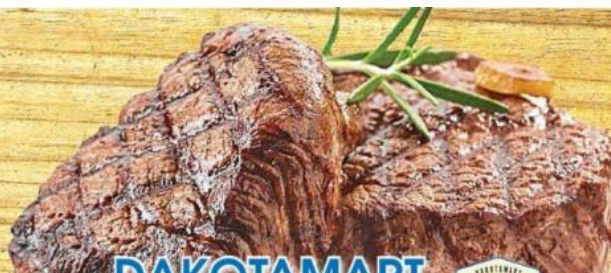
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Small Business Basics

Are you an existing business owner? Are you starting a new business?

**Just exploring a business idea? If so, Small Business Basics
has information vital to your success!**



WHEN: Tuesdays, 5:30pm-8:30pm
Oct. 20; Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8

WHERE: Custer, SD

COST:

- FREE for Custer Area Economic Development Corp. members
- \$60/person – nonmembers

MEALS: A light meal served at each session; included in registration fee.

Bring your laptop if you have one!

Join us for this six-session series and learn more about...

- Session 1** Entrepreneurship – Planning for Success
Beginning Your Business Plan
Business/Legal Structure
- Session 2** Sales/Use/Excise Taxes
Human Resources
More Business Planning
- Session 3** Marketing / Social Media Marketing
Pricing Products and Services
- Session 4** Customer Service
- Session 5** Business Networking
Innovation Meetings for Your Business
- Session 6** Financial Statements
Financing Options

This is your opportunity to complete or update your business plan and develop valuable contacts with organizations that can help you in business!

REGISTER by THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 2020.

Payment due at registration. No refunds.
A minimum of 12 people must be registered to offer this class. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-business-basics-tickets-120068499113>

For help with registering:

Tanya Olson 605-673-3167 OR
custeredc@gmail.com

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ARTIST RESIDENCE

THE INDIAN MUSEUM OF NORTH AMERICA®

September Artist:
Tracy Harrison
Oglala Lakota

- *Dreamcatchers*
- *Artist talks to the public every Wednesday at 12:30 PM MST*
- *Located in the Cultural Center*



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New Burning Beetle Book, 1st Edition — Limited Availability!
Order deadline for pre-Christmas delivery: Sept. 30, 2020
7 years of the Burning Beetle in one big book. The ideal gift!

This book is a beautiful 8x10 hard cover in full color. 234 pages with more than 500 photos! Variety shows, artists and performers, torchlight marches, bug crawls and THE BURN are all documented. If you've been to the Burning

Beetle, you are probably in this book! This pre-sale will allow you to get books in time for Christmas. This is a fundraiser for the non-profit Custer Area Arts Council. All proceeds go to CAAC projects including the Burning Beetle event. Get your friends together to order 3 or more and save \$25. per book. Orders will ship in November.

Order and other information including a video of the book are available on the Custer Area Arts website. <https://www.custerareaarts.com/burning-beetle-book>



To purchase

PRESS RELEASES





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Custer State Park Scarecrow Garden

Scarecrow set up: Oct. 22 – 23, 2020

Scarecrows on display: Oct. 24 – 31, 2020

Info/Reservations: (605) 255-4515

Custer State Park is hosting its inaugural Scarecrow Garden to celebrate the changing of seasons!

The Scarecrow Garden is an opportunity for local businesses, civic organizations and individuals to display a scarecrow at the Custer State Park Visitor Center. Participants must supply and design their own scarecrow and are encouraged to design scarecrows that promote their business or organization.

A space must be reserved before the scarecrow is set up. Space is limited; please reserve your scarecrow spot by Friday, Oct. 2, 2020. Scarecrows may be set up Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 23 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Park Office at (605) 255-4515 for more information.

There is no fee to participate in the Custer State Park Scarecrow Garden, however, a park entrance license is required to enter the park.

Visitors may vote on their favorite scarecrow in the Visitor Center starting Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 through Halloween, Oct. 31, 2020. After votes are tallied, the most popular scarecrow will be announced via Facebook and a prize package will be awarded to the winner.

For more information please contact the park office at (605) 255-4515 or email Emily.Hiatt@state.sd.us



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<http://www.mammothsite.org>

September 8, 2020

Contact: Bethany Cook, Public Relations Coordinator

The Mammoth Site Annual Meeting

The Mammoth Site of Hot Springs, SD Inc. Annual Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020, virtually for:

- a. Electing such board members whose terms may expire and to fill vacancies on the board;
NOMINATIONS BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Three-year terms expiring in 2023:

John Pence, Robert Preuss, Anna Merrill, Amy Spears, and Trish Ladner.

Whereas there were no additional nominating petitions filed by September 18, 2020, the above-named nominees will be elected at the annual meeting.

- b. To transact such business as may properly be brought before the meeting;

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: ANNA MERRILL
Secretary

Due to COVID-19, The Mammoth Site will have the Annual Meeting virtually this year using Zoom. A link to the meeting will be shared via email. If you wish to attend the meeting virtually, you can request a Zoom link by sending an email to news@mammothsite.org. We will only be able to host 100 guests online.

Please RSVP by September 18, 2020, to receive your meeting link. For more information, please contact Bethany Cook at news@mammothsite.org or 605-745-6017.

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Crazy Horse Memorial Will Host Special Two-Day Edition of Autumn Volksmarch on Sept. 26-27

CRAZY HORSE, SD (Sept. 8, 2020) — Crazy Horse Memorial has announced that it will host its annual Autumn Volksmarch on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27. This expanded two-day event, held in conjunction with the Black Hills Volkssport Association, takes place the same weekend as Custer State Park's Buffalo Round-Up.

The Crazy Horse Volksmarch is a 10K (6.2-mile) organized hike to top of the world's largest mountain carving in South Dakota's southern Black Hills. Each year, Crazy Horse Memorial hosts spring and fall events; this year, due to the unfortunate outbreak of the novel coronavirus, the team cancelled the Spring Volksmarch.

"We're looking forward to bringing the Volksmarch back this month, and doing it safely," said Monique Ziolkowski, chief executive officer. "We will have spacing recommendations for our hikers, along with a variety of safety protocols in place to protect the health of our staff and our guests."

Registration will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days, and hikers must be off the trail by 4 p.m. each day. Pets are not permitted.

Hikers must pay \$3 each to the Black Hills Volkssport Association to participate in the event. Although Crazy Horse Memorial is waiving admission fees for all hikers, a donation of three cans of nonperishable food items per person would be greatly appreciated. The Memorial will donate the contributed food to regional food drives.

Regular admission will apply to visitors who are not hiking. The Crazy Horse Memorial complex will be open at 6 a.m. both days, and breakfast will be available at the Laughing Water Restaurant. The complex will close following the Laser Light Show each evening. On Saturday, Sept. 26, the Laser Light Show will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m., following the Brulé concert and veterans program. On Sunday, Sept. 27, guests can enjoy the Laser Light Show at 7:30 p.m.

To learn more about Crazy Horse Memorial, to plan a visit, and for information about making a contribution, call (605) 673-4681 or visit crazyhorsememorial.org. To stay up to date on the latest news and events, follow the Crazy Horse Memorial on Facebook (/crazyhorsememorial), Twitter (@crazyhorsemem) and Instagram (@crazyhorsememorial); and follow The Indian University of North America on Facebook (/TheIndianUniversityofNorthAmerica) and Instagram (@IndianUniversityCrazyHorse).

The Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation is dedicated to protecting and preserving the culture, tradition, and living heritage of the North American Indians by continuing the progress on the world's largest sculptural undertaking, the memorial of Lakota leader Crazy Horse; providing educational and cultural programming to encourage harmony and reconciliation among all peoples and nations; acting as a repository for Native American artifacts, arts, and crafts through the Indian Museum of North America and the Native American Educational and Cultural Center; and establishing and operating the Indian University of North America and, when practical, a medical training center for American Indians.

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Les Animaux Charity Art Show

Pet Walk and Show Closing

Art Expressions Gallery in Custer, SD is hosting Les Animaux, an animal themed art show to benefit the Battle Mountain Humane Society. There are a number of works hanging in show in various sizes and mediums ranging from jewelry to watercolor. All the pieces are numbered, and we are asking gallery visitors to vote for their favorite by putting donations in a corresponding jar. The piece collecting the most donations will be named People's Choice at our closing reception. All money gathered from these donation ballots goes to our charity. There are two categories for young entries. The Junior category is open to artists through 12-years and Teen for entries from ages 13-18.

Some of the pieces are for sale and a portion of each sale goes to BMHS. A few pieces have been donated to BMHS and 100% of the sale of those items goes to BMHS.

On Saturday, September 12th, Battle Mountain Humane Society will bring some adoptable pets to town for a Pet Walk through several Custer businesses. The Pet Walk is designed to foster the adoption of those pets and to accept donations of Purina dog and cat chow for BMHS. The first Pet Walk stop is Wild Spruce Market on Main Street starting about 10 AM. Around noon the Pet Walk moves to Art Expressions Gallery on 6th Street and at 2 PM the Custer Beacon on South 3rd Street will host the visiting animals. Throughout the day, a station will be set up at Lynn's Dakotamart that will also take pet food donations. If you are in the market for a furry addition to your home or can bring a food donation, please join us.

On Saturday, September 19th, the Les Animaux Charity Show closes with a reception from 4 PM to 7 PM. Representatives of Battle Mountain Humane society will be present with a few more adoptable animals. The BMHS staff awards a ribbon for Best in Show. We will also announce the winner of the People's Choice award which will be the piece that garnered the most money in donations. Following the awards, we will present BMHS a check for the donated total. The award ceremony starts about 5:30 PM.

"This is our fourth year of Les Animaux. Last year we raised \$1800 and gathered several hundred pounds of food for Battle Mountain. Even with this interesting year, we still hope we might surpass that number. Animal themes are popular themes, of course, and the art community in this area knows how much Battle Mountain Humane Society needs this kind of support."

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CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL®: 2020 September Artist In Residence is Tracy Harrison



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September 5, 2020 – Custer, SD

Crazy Horse Memorial® is pleased to announce Oglala Lakota artist, Tracy Harrison, as the Artist in Residence for the month of September. Throughout the month, Tracy will be working in the artist's studio in the Native American Educational and Cultural Center®. She will be presenting an Artist Talk to the public every Wednesday at 12:30 PM.

Harrison lives in Keystone, South Dakota, and creates dreamcatchers using traditional techniques and natural materials such as willow hoops and antlers. During her residency she will be creating a series of dreamcatchers including a special buffalo dreamcatcher that will tell the story of the sacredness and meaning of dreamcatchers to the Lakota people.

For more information, please visit www.crazyhorsememorial.org and follow The Indian Museum of North America® on all social media or contact Lee Rainboth, Cultural Programs Manager, culturalprograms@crazyhorse.org, phone 605-673-4681.

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Crazy Horse Memorial®: Gift from Mother Earth Art Show September 18-20, 2020

August 28, 2020

Crazy Horse, SD– The 30th annual Gift from Mother Earth Native and Western Art Show and Sale will bring thousands of art lovers to The Indian Museum of North America® from September 18-20, 2020.

This year will feature unique works for sale including painting, pottery, photography, pine needle baskets, ledger art, drawings, dream catchers, pottery, silver jewelry, beadwork, and more. Twenty artists from across the country will be juried for cash prizes and awards during this prestigious show. Precautions will be taken to allow for social distancing to keep all exhibitors and visitors safe. Masks are recommended for all visitors to Crazy Horse Memorial®.

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Jewel Cave National Monument News Release

Release Date: **August 28, 2020**

For Immediate Release

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Jewel Cave Announces Off-Season Hours

Visitor Center and Surface Areas are Open

Custer, SD – Jewel Cave National Monument announces its off-season hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, August 30. These hours will be in effect through late September. During this time, the visitor center, surface trails, and picnic areas will be open daily. The Jewel Cave Historic Area will also be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hikers will have access to the one-quarter-mile Roof Trail, an easy walking path around the visitor center. The Canyons Trail offers a 3.5-mile meandering trek through Lithograph and Hell Canyons, eventually passing through the Historic Area and then back to the visitor center. Both trails currently offer an assortment of late-season wildflowers in bloom and opportunities to view wildlife such as whitetail deer, mule deer, and bighorn sheep.

Acting Superintendent Joshua Bernick states, “The fall season is a beautiful time of year to get outside and explore public lands. Because of this, the monument will remain open for late season travelers, as well as local park enthusiasts. Even though the cave remains closed for ranger-guided tours, there are still some recreational opportunities available on the surface.”

The monument also partners with the Black Hills Parks and Forests Association, which operates a Park Store inside the visitor center. The store will also remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and provides visitors with multiple products and services to complement their visit.

Bernick further comments, “We realize that 2020 has been a challenging year for many people. Yet, the monument provides some incredible natural scenery for those seeking some outdoor time, and we feel as though a hike through the pine forest or a picnic with family might help everyone adjust to the fall season.”

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. For those with travel plans to other sites within the National Park Service, updates about NPS operations will be posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus.



Caption: Bighorn sheep inhabit the Hell Canyon area within Jewel Cave National Monument and surrounding Black Hills National Forest. They can sometimes be seen at the Historic Area. NPS Photo / JoAnn Stearns

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September 26-27

Fall Volksmarch

Crazy Horse Memorial

registration 8am-1pm

October 15

Chamber Annual Dinner

Sylvan Lake Auditorium- 5pm

October 30

Merchants' Trick-or-Treat

downtown Custer 4pm-6pm



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