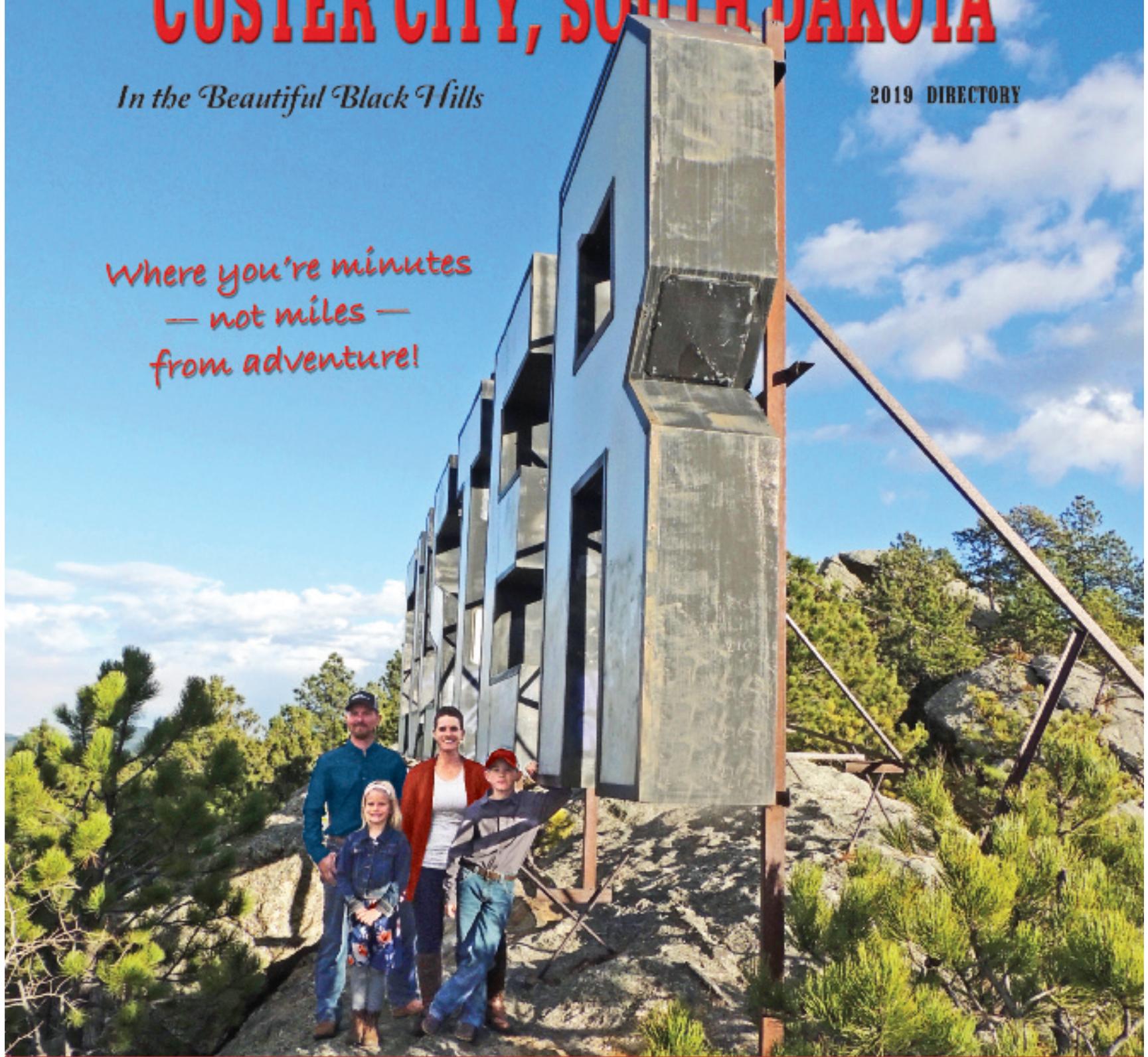


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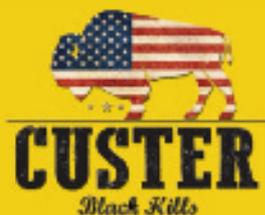
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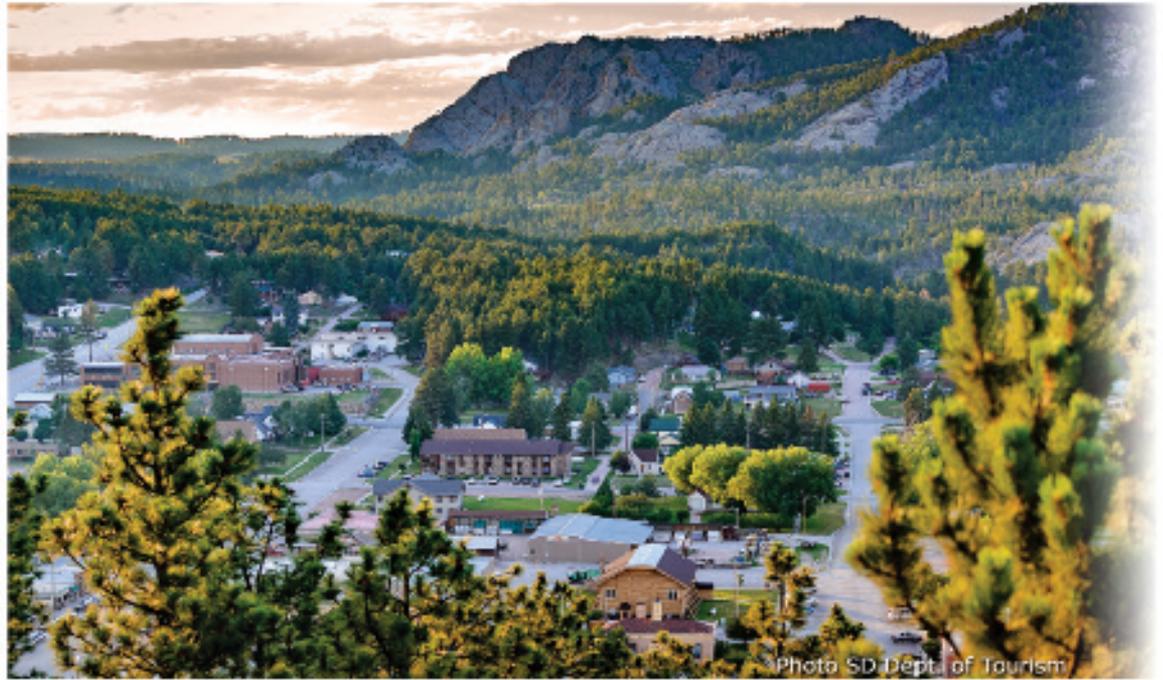


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Welcome from all of us living in the beautiful city of Custer, S.D. We invite everyone to come and spend some time in Custer City and experience the magnetic draw of the Southern Black Hills region.

In 1874, gold was first discovered in the Black Hills just one mile from the current city of Custer City. In 1875, Custer became the first city in the Black Hills. People rushed to Custer to find their treasure. Little did they know that the place itself is one of the greatest treasures.

The city of Custer has a population of 1,956 and it is in the middle of 1.2 million acres of Black Hills National Forest. The Custer area has something to offer everyone. Most things that might interest you about living in the Black Hills, such as Mt.

Rushmore National Memorial, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park, Black Elk Wilderness, Norbeck Wildlife Preserve, Jewel Cave National Monument, Wind Cave National Park and Black Elk Peak (the highest point between the Rockies and the Pyrenees Mountains), can be found just minutes from your doorstep. The Black Hills feature unique rock formations known for their beauty, hiking and world-class rock climbing.

Year-round activities are plentiful. Our restaurants and lodging are some of the best known in the entire Black Hills. Make plans to spend some time in the city of Custer; join us in our backyard and make it your own.

Corbin Herman
Custer City Mayor



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Where Legends Come Alive



The popular refrain, "Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam, where the deer and the antelope play, where seldom is heard a discouraging word and the skies are not cloudy all day," could well have been written about Custer County, South Dakota.

It was gold that brought the first settlers to Custer County, as they followed the wagon tracks of the 1,000-strong 1874 Expedition led by Lt. Col. George A. Custer. But it has other, less tangible lures enticing residents to the area today: spectacular scenery, a wide variety of recreational opportunities, world-class attractions, a healthy environment, a sense of community and an indefinable essence which is often described as an aura of spirituality.

Surrounded by 1.2 million acres of the

Black Hills National Forest, Custer City has three city parks, ball fields, horseshoe pits, volleyball and tennis courts, community swimming pool, nine-hole public golf course, disc golf course, skateboard park and aerobics/activities at the YMCA.

As one Custer High School graduate, who now lives and works in Texas, said, "I miss the Hills very much. The air is so different from anywhere else. It makes you feel more alive, and every day you wake up in the Hills, there always seems to be this scent of freshness or newness, like a new experience or adventure to be found. It's almost magical, and in a lot of ways it's just downright sacred. I was so fortunate to grow up in such a great place within a good community."

For those of us who are fortunate enough to live and work here, it truly is the gold at the end of the rainbow.

Community Profile

County Seat: Custer City (established 1875)
 Oldest City in the Black Hills
 Elevation: 5,318 Feet
 Average Temp: High: 56F Low 32F
 Average summer temperature: 62.2 degrees
 Average winter temperature: 29.2 degrees
 Avg. Coldest Month: High 37F Low 15F (January)
 Avg. Warmest Month: High 80F Low 54F (July)
 Average Precipitation: 19.68"
 Average Growing Season: May - September

Demographics	City	County
Population (2018)	1,956	8,446
Median Age	47.7	53.9
Median Household Income (2018)	\$42,550	\$52,891

Leading Employers

Regional Health Custer Hospital	200
Black Hills National Forest	130
Custer School District	167
Custer County	71
Lynn's Dakotamart	45
Crazy Horse Memorial	220 (summer)
Custer State Park	105 (summer)
Custer Hospitality	150 (summer)

Labor Management Relations

South Dakota is a right to work state.
 Percentage of workers organized
 All workers 0%
 Manufacturing 0%

Taxation

Sales Tax
 State - 4.5% Local 2% B&B - 1%
 Tourism 1.5%

Tax Structure

City Mill Levy Tax: Owner occupied 5.95 per 1,000
 % of Full Value Assessed: 100%

Education

Custer School District (605) 673-3154
 Pupil: Teacher Ratio 13:1
 Elementary: 1 school, enrollment 341
 Jr./Sr. High School: 1 school, enrollment 350
 Hermosa: 1 school, enrollment 204

Water

City of Custer 605-673-4824
 Source: Well

Wastewater

City of Custer 605-673-4824
 Type of treatment: Lagoon-primary

Government

Type of Local Government: Mayor & City Council
 Sheriff's Office: 18 (including reserves)
 Fire Department Personnel: 25 Volunteers
 Fire Insurance Rating: Class 5 city
 5Y outside city limits
 City Zoning Ordinance: Yes
 County Zoning Ordinance: No
 Percentage of City Paved Streets: 95%
 Ambulance Service: 21 members

Housing

Average monthly rent for 2 bedroom house: \$700-\$750
 Average monthly rent for 2 bedroom apartment: \$750-\$850
 Average cost of homes (purchase price): \$140,000 city; \$163,500 county

Skogen a Rampant Success



For Eliza and Joseph Raney, Skogen Kitchen has become an overnight and rampant success. In just over a year and a half, Skogen Kitchen has established itself as not only one of the best restaurants in the Black Hills, but also, according to some diners, the world. When compared with Michelin-rated restaurants in Europe, one couple proclaimed Skogen was better.

Eliza and Joseph met while working at a restaurant in California. After dating for a while, they made the decision they wanted to return to the Midwest (Eliza is from Minnesota) and chose three locations they wanted to explore before deciding: Texas, Chicago and the Black Hills.

Joseph visited the Black Hills first and the couple never made it to the other two locations. This was to become home and it was clear to him. They moved eight months later and Eliza found a job at Black Hills Burger & Bun, while Joseph began working at Sage Creek Grille.

The couple knew that if Joseph was to continue his career (and yes, he had taken the complete culinary career path, attending culinary school and working in restaurants) as a chef, they would have

to open their own restaurant so he could have the autonomy to do what he wanted as a chef. And Skogen was born.

Nine months after moving to Custer, and with tremendous support from many local businesses, Eliza and Joseph had two soft openings for their new restaurant, inviting members of the community and friends to come try out Joseph's food. Needless to say, they were a success.

Word spread fast and before they knew it, their little restaurant was thriving and people were driving hours just for a meal there. It's grown so much that in order to continue to offer the level of service they want, they've had to make reservations mandatory. Joseph's food, Eliza says, is only as good as the service they can offer and they want everyone who dines there to have not just a good or great experience, but an exceptional one.

The food itself is progressive. A complex blend of local, upscale and common ingredients, as well as blending distinct cuisines, ensures entrees like no other. Traditional and contemporary ingredients, styles and cuisines often mingle on one plate, with everything from foie gras to Corn Nuts to sausages made from lo-

cally-raised goats ... and pretty much everything in between.

Eliza and Joseph say without the support of the community to see them through the often-tough winter months, they wouldn't be where they are today. And yes, people are driving to Custer from Mitchell just to eat at Skogen Kitchen, but there are also plenty of locals who are dining there regularly because they, too, know the food Joseph is making something special.

In addition to the community, they are deeply appreciative of their employees, calling them "amazing." Eliza said it's crucial they are happy, so both she and Joseph are at the restaurant for every single shift. This offers their employees both the direction and support they need.

Being present as business owners also affords them the opportunity to speak with every single diner who enters the restaurant. Eliza tries to visit every table, both learning the customers' stories as well as sharing their own. And this, in turn, weaves their fabric into the community and region even more.

"It's been beyond what we ever could have imagined," Eliza said. "And there is no other place we would rather be."

A Natural Playground



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When it comes to recreation, Custer County offers opportunities for everyone, no matter what their interests, age or abilities. Covering an area 125 miles long and 70 miles wide, Custer County boasts pine-clad cliffs, clear running streams and reservoirs, sheer granite peaks and rolling prairies.

Outdoor enthusiasts will find 1,300 miles of blue-ribbon streams, more than 350 miles of trails, 11 reservoirs and two national scenic byways in the National Forest. Exceptional outdoor recreation in the area includes fishing, hunting, boating, rock climbing, mountain biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, hiking, wildlife viewing, photography and rock hunting.

Central to the county is Custer State Park, the second-largest state park in the United States. The park encompasses 71,000 acres and accommodates the largest publicly-owned bison herd in the world which ranges freely throughout the park. Visitors to the park can enjoy scenic drives, fishing, swimming, hiking, camping and relaxing in the four mountain lodges. The sheer granite spires of the Needles are popular among rock climbers, while the gently winding Wildlife Loop Road and annual Buffalo Roundup provide less strenuous recreation.

The Black Hills National Forest is home

to 7,242-foot-high Black Elk Peak, the highest point east of the Rocky Mountains.

Wind Cave National Park also boasts free-ranging bison herds, nature trails and has the sixth-longest cave in the world.

Hunting includes pheasant, gray partridge, dove, rabbit, squirrel, ruffed grouse, geese, mountain lion, deer and elk (firearm and archery), antelope (firearm and archery), turkey, prairie dog, coyote and fox.

Brown trout, bullhead, rainbow trout, perch, catfish, sauger, small and largemouth bass, brook trout and black crappie can be reeled in from the numerous creeks, lakes, ponds, rivers and dams in the county. Fishing areas include Battle Creek, Beaver Creek, Berner Lake, Bismarck Lake, Center Lake, Cheyenne River, French Creek, Grace Coolidge Dams, Iron Creek, Biltmore (Lakota) Lake, Legion Lake, Stockade Beaver Creek, Stockade Lake and Sylvan Lake.

The 114-mile-long Mickelson Trail, honored as one of the "Best of the Midwest," runs through Custer County with a spur into Custer State Park. There are more than 100 converted railroad bridges and four hard rock tunnels along the trail. Custer State Park and the Black Hills National Forest have a multitude of trails, ranging in difficulty from moderate to strenuous. A popular hike goes to the top of Black Elk Peak, from which one can see

five states. A recently constructed hiking trail goes from the Custer Area Chamber of Commerce up to "Big Rock" overlooking Custer City.

For golfing enthusiasts, a nine-hole golf course, Rocky Knolls, is located just west of Custer. A disc golf course on Pageant Hill is a popular activity. Custer also has a municipal swimming pool. The lakes in Custer State Park are also popular for swimming, paddle boating and/or kayaking.

Horseback riding is popular in Custer County because of the many acres of National Forest land. Many bed and breakfasts and lodges encourage visitors to bring their own horses, but trail rides are also available at Blue Bell Lodge in Custer State Park, Rockin' R Rides at Heritage Village and Hollingsworth Horses.

In the eastern part of the county are the Fairburn Agate Fields where rock hounds search for the prized Fairburn agates, South Dakota's state gem. Custer County offers abundant wildlife in its natural habitat and scenic vistas for photographers.

Custer is a shopper's paradise, so whether it is an American Indian shop, a distinctive, locally-made product, a one-of-a-kind piece of art or an antique unique to the Black Hills, it is just waiting to be discovered in one of Custer's unique shops.

Where Wonders Never Cease



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Much of Custer County is located in either the Black Hills National Forest, which includes 1.2 million acres of public land, or Custer State Park, which encompasses over 71,000 acres of granite peaks, pine forests, rolling prairies and scenic lakes.

The state's largest park is just a stone's throw from Custer City and is home to a herd of 1,300 head of bison and is the main entry to the Black Elk trails.

Just like in the Old West, Custer State Park staff, cowboys and cowgirls saddle up to move the park's 1,300 bison to the corrals on the last Friday of September. Once in the corrals, the animals are sorted by the park's resource personnel. Most are released back into the park, while others remain in the corrals until the annual buffalo auction.

The Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup is open to public viewing. After Buffalo Roundup Day, there are Arts Festival events and activities that take place in the park for three days of fun. The annual Buffalo Roundup Arts Festival starts with a morning pancake feed, ongoing Western and Native American entertainment, fine artwork and South Dakota-made products. You can even try your hand at a "buffalo chip flip." The annual Chili Cookoff also happens during the Roundup, with cooking and public tasting. Visitors can enjoy live entertainment as they stroll the heritage arts and crafts exhibits.

The county is home to two world-famous caves: Wind Cave National Park, which has the sixth-longest cave in the world, and Jewel Cave National Monument, which has the third-longest cave in the world. Regular walking cave tours are available daily, as well as spelunking tours for the more adventurous.

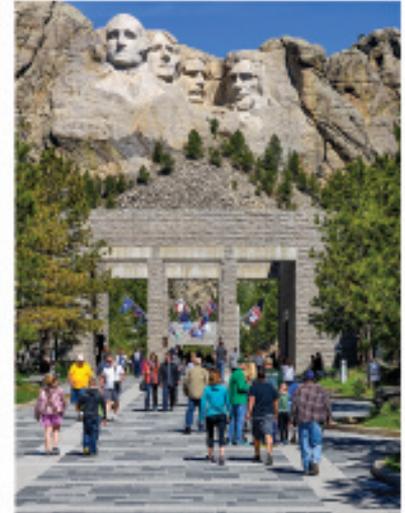
Northeast of Crazy Horse Memorial is another recognizable mountain carving attraction, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, just 20 miles from Custer City. Like Crazy Horse, the national memorial is open year-round. The Shrine of Democracy includes the faces of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. It features a summer night lighting patriotic ceremony.

The 114-mile Mickelson Trail stretches the length of the Black Hills, follows an abandoned railroad bed and climbs gently into jagged cliffs and pine forests. It tops out at 6,100 feet but never exceeds a 4 percent grade. Trestle bridges and railroad tunnels add to the trail's charm.

You will also get a taste of the Old West at Four Mile Old West Town Museum west of Custer and at the 1881 Courthouse Museum in downtown Custer.

The Black Hills Playhouse, nestled deep in the forest at Custer State Park, features well-known plays during the summer.

These are just a few of the attractions in the beautiful Black Hills and Custer County!



Where Dreams Come True



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Crazy Horse Memorial is the world's largest mountain carving in progress. Located in the Southern Black Hills, Crazy Horse Memorial is 17 miles from Mount Rushmore National Memorial and five miles north of Custer.

The dream began in 1939 when Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear asked sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski to create a memorial to show that, "...the red man has great heroes, also." The memorial Ziolkowski created is a representation of the Lakota leader, Crazy Horse, riding his horse while gesturing in the distance toward the Black Hills declaring, "My lands are where my dead lie buried."

The official beginning of the massive carving took place June 3, 1948, with the first blast on the mountain. It was Ziolkowski's dream to create a memorial to honor the Indians of North America and that would be carried out and completed by the American people. To this day, the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation does not accept government funding. Work is continued through admission fees and private donations.

The early work on the mountain was done by Ziolkowski, his wife, Ruth, and their 10 children. After Ziolkowski's passing in 1982, the project was carried on by Ruth, who was responsible for the completion of Crazy Horse's face in 1998. She also expanded The Indian Museum of North America® and in 2010, started The Indian

University of North America®, which is accredited by the University of South Dakota.

Ruth passed away in 2014 and left the groundwork of the memorial for her children. They are continuing the dream shared by Standing Bear, Korczak and Ruth with the help of the Crazy Horse staff and the board of directors.

Ziolkowski and Standing Bear designed the mountain carving to be the centerpiece of the greater goal – to bring education and cultural understanding to all people. There is no set completion date for the memorial and it is also to include a Medical Training Center and an expansion of The Indian Museum of North America®.

Once completed, the mountain carving will be 563 feet high and 641 feet long. The face of Crazy Horse stands 87.5 feet tall. By comparison, the heads carved at Mount Rushmore are 60 feet high. The continued focus of the mountain carving is the hand, right shoulder and hairline of Crazy Horse himself and the horse's mane and head. A dedicated, skilled mountain carving crew is removing the rock by hand, using specialized tools, due to the delicate nature of the areas. When you visit, be sure to look closely as the carving continues.

Crazy Horse Memorial is open year-round and is located between Hill City and Custer on U.S. Highway 16/385. For more information, call (605) 673-4681 or visit the memorial's website at crazyhorsememorial.org.



Endless Adventures



CC – Custer City CHM – Crazy Horse Memorial CSP – Custer State Park

Jan. 1: (CSP) First Day Hike – Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center, 10 a.m.
Jan. 12: (CSP) Game Lodge Snowshoe Hike – Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center, 10 a.m.
Jan. 19: (CC) Bark Beetle Blues Bug Crawl – Pageant Hill
Feb. 19: (CSP) Valentine's Lover's Leap Snowshoe Hike – Outdoor Education Center, 9 a.m. & Noon
Feb. 27 – Mar. 2: (CC) Restaurant Week – Custer
Mar. 2: (CC) Custer Area Chamber Trade Show – High School
Mar. 9: (CSP) Sylvan Lake Snowshoe Hike – Sylvan Lake General Store, 10 a.m.
Apr. 20: (CSP) Earth Day Bluebird Box Workshop – Outdoor Education Center, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
May 17 – 19: (CC) 6th Annual Black Hills International Sound of Silence Tesla Road Trip – Custer
May 17 – 19: (CSP) Custer State Park Open House and Free Fishing Weekend
May 18 – Sept. 30: (CSP) Volksmarch Trail open
May 24 – Sept. 29: (CHM) Legends in Light – laser light show after dark weather permitting
May 24 – 27: (CHM) Memorial Day Weekend – admission waived with three cans of food per person
June – Oct.: (CC) Custer Farmers' Market – Way Park (Sat. only)
June 1: (CSP) National Trails Day with guided trail hikes:
 Custer State Park Prairie Trail – Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center, 8:30 a.m.
 Little Devil's Tower Trail – Sylvan Lake General Store, 1 p.m.
 Badger Clark Trail – Badger Hole Historic Site, 4 p.m.
June 1 – 2: (CHM) Spring Volksmarch – 10K (6.2 miles) hike to the face of the memorial
June 6 – Aug 8: (CHM) Talking Circle Speaker Series
June 7 – 9: (CC) 2nd Annual Off-Road Rally
June 14 – 16: (CHM) Gift from Mother Earth Art Show – Native American & Western-style art
June 26: (CHM) Night Blast to honor Ruth Ziolkowski (1926-2014) & Battle of Little Bighorn (1876)
June 26: (CSP) Nature Day Camp Kids' Fishing Day (age 7-12) – Game Lodge Campground, 9:30 a.m.-Noon
July 3 – 4: (CC) Old Time Country Fair (Arts & Crafts) – 1881

Courthouse Museum – Custer
July 3 – 4: (CC) Old Time Country 4th Celebration – Downtown
July 4: (CC) Patriots' Parade – Downtown
July 4: (CC) Custer Fireworks – Pageant Hill
July 19-21: (CC) Gold Discovery Days
July 20: (CC) Gold Discovery Days Parade – Downtown, 10 a.m.
July 24: (CSP) Nature Day Camp (age 7-12) – Game Lodge Campground Playground, 9:30 a.m.-Noon
Aug. 2 – 11: (CC) Custer Cruisin' – Downtown
Aug. 6: (CC) Custer Cruisin' 19th Annual Mayor's Ride
Aug. 8: (CC) Custer Cruisin' Veterans Appreciation Ride
Aug. 14: (CSP) Nature Day Camp (age 7-12) – Game Lodge Campground Playground, 9:30 a.m.-Noon
Aug. 16-17: (CC) Lean Horse 100 Ultra-Marathon – Southern Black Hills
Aug. 17: (CC) City-Wide Rummage Sale
Aug. 31 – Sept. 2: (CHM) Labor Day Weekend – admission waived with three cans of food per person
Sept. 1: (CC) Studebaker Car Show
Sept. 6: (CHM) Night Blast to honor Korczak Ziolkowski (1908-1982) & Crazy Horse's death (1877)
Sept. 14: (CC) Christmas for Kids Benefit Auction
Sept. 20-22: (CC) Mickelson Trail Trek – Begins in Custer
Sept. 26 – 28: (CSP) 26th Annual Buffalo Roundup Arts Festival
Sept. 27: (CSP) 54th Annual Buffalo Roundup
Sept. 29: (CHM) Autumn Volksmarch – 10K (6.2 miles) hike to the face of the memorial
Oct. 6: (CHM) Run Crazy Horse Full & Half Marathons
Oct. 14: (CHM) Native Americans' Day – various programs, performers, activities
Oct. 20: (CHM) Korczak Ziolkowski Remembrance Day – walk to family tomb on mountain
Oct. 25 – 26: (CSP) Halloween Night Hike – Peter Norbeck Outdoor Education Center, 5:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 2: (CSP) 54th Annual Buffalo Auction
Dec. 1: (CC) YMCA Craft Fair
Dec. 1 – Jan. 1: (CSP) Festival of Trees
Dec. 7: (CC) Custer Christmas Parade – Downtown, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 14: (CC) Christmas for Kids



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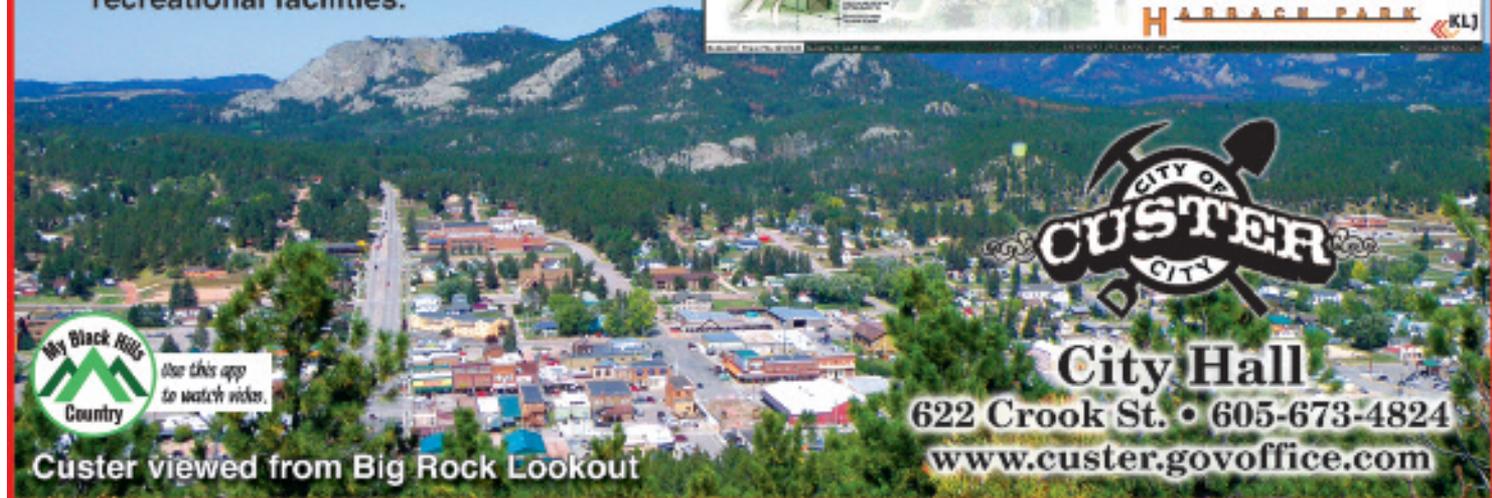
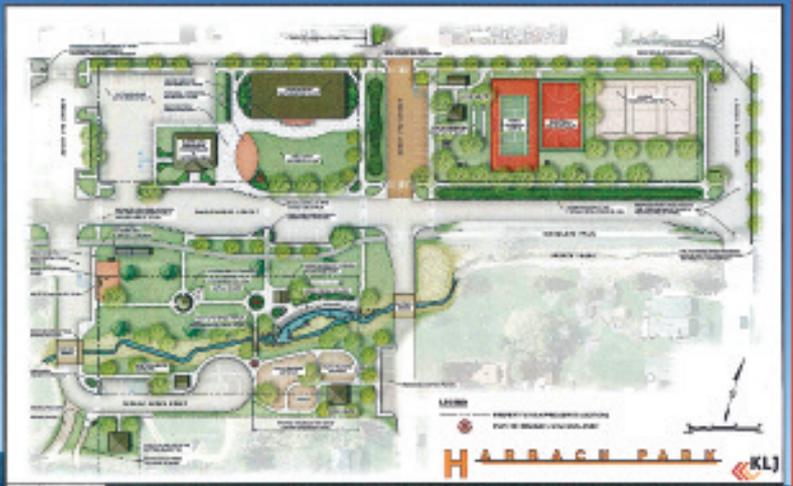
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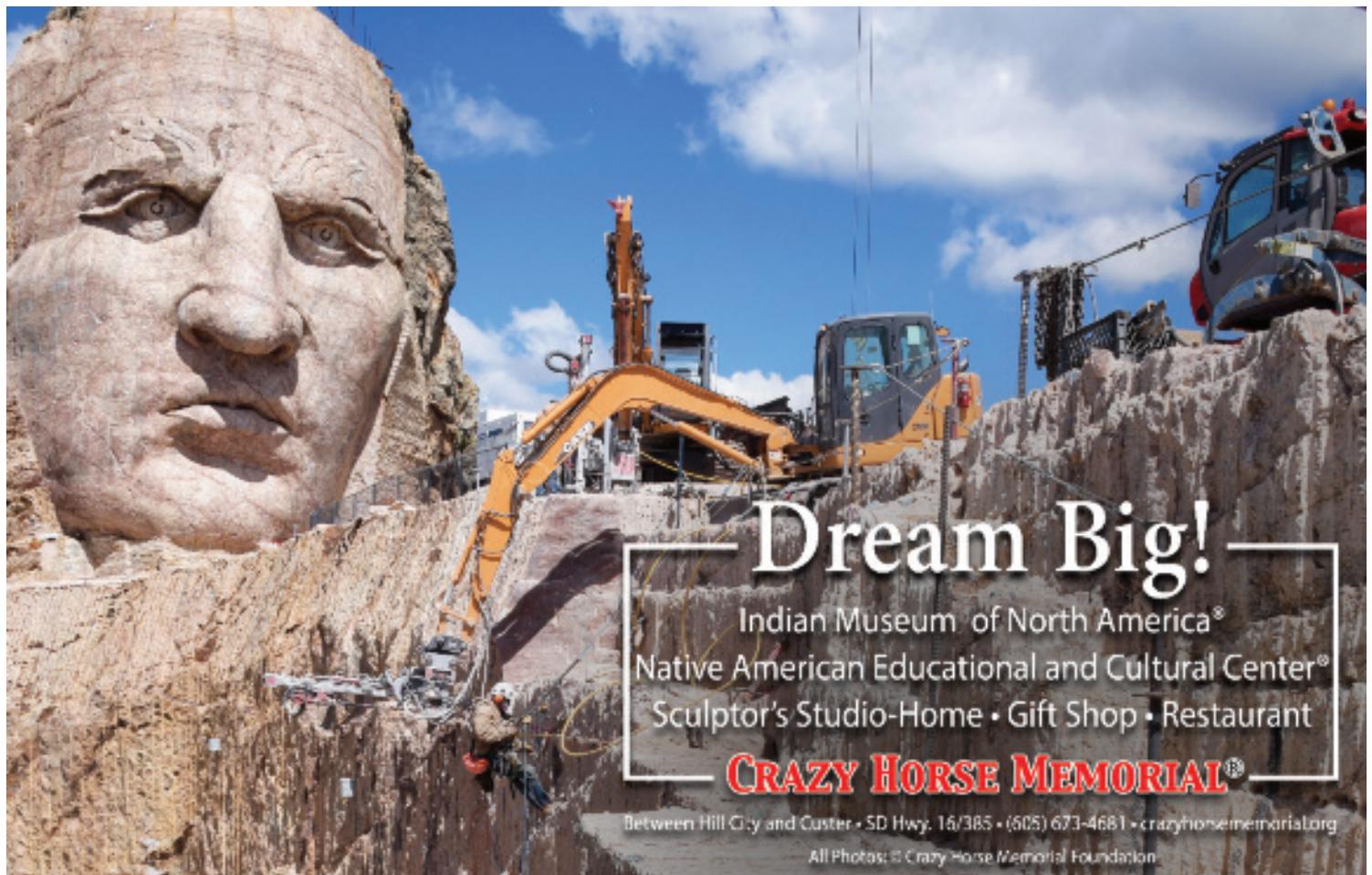
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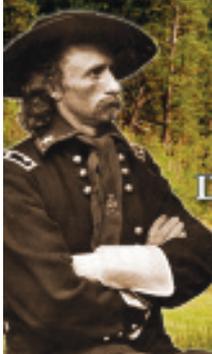
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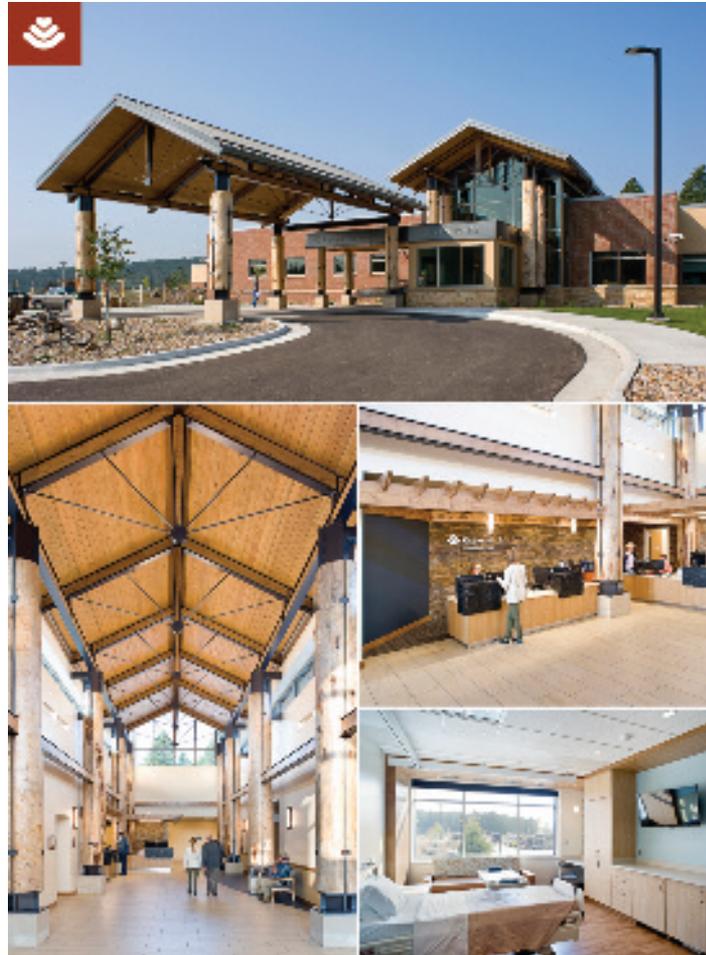
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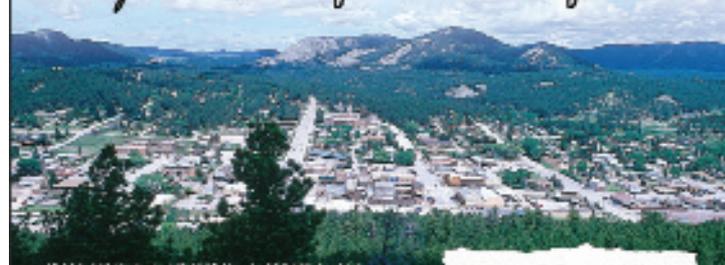


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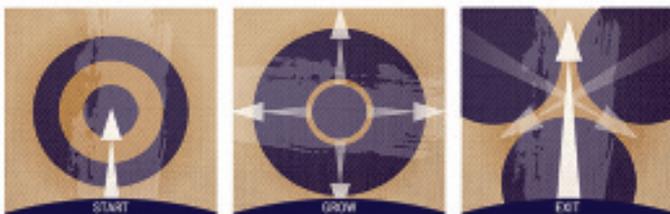
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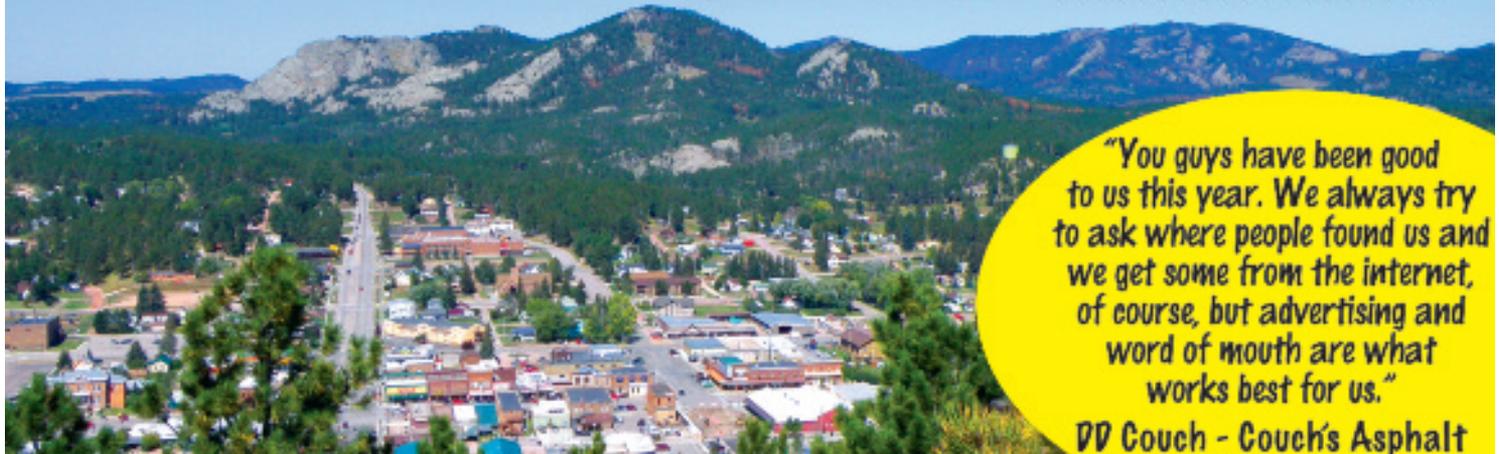


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