

Hermosa Newsletter

Connecting Community

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THURSDAY of the month

NEWSLETTER CONTACT Joan at

joharris.news@gmail.com (605)484-5307 Or Hermosa
Newsletter, PO Box 232, Hermosa SD 57744



Location: 230
Main St.

Hermosa SD.

Community Food Bank Open Oct.15, 2026 3:00-5:00 pm

The Hermosa/Fairburn Food Pantry will be open on the third Thursday of each month from 3-5 p.m. Anyone in the area who is in need of extra groceries for the month is welcome to stop in during that time. If you are coming for the first time, we will need to see identification with a current address. We are located in the basement of the Town Hall next to the Post Office. If you have any questions please call **Debbie at 605-939-1992.**

We look forward to seeing you there!"



Hermosa, St. Michael's Catholic Church
14380 SD HWY 40

Tuesday Oct. 27, 10:30am - 11:30am

Red Shirt, 38 Tatanka Numpa Rd

Tuesday Oct. 27, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Buffalo Gap, Food pantry is the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10 AM –noon at the old bank building, no income requirements, must be resident of Custer County



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Did you know all Birthday wishes, Anniversary wishes, milestones and special events are advertised for **FREE!** But that's not all, **Help Wanted Ads**, whether looking for a job or offering one is free up to five lines. **email—joharris.news@gmail.com.**

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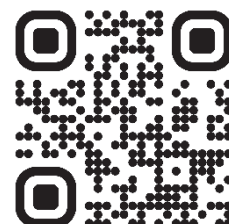
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18th Annual Walk to School

Event Details at a Glance

- Date: Wednesday, **October 7, 2026**
- Gathering Spot: **Hermosa Post Office** parking area
- Arrival / Gathering **Time: 7:30 AM**
- Step-Off Time: 7:45 AM sharp (walking together to school)
- Who: All students, families, staff, and community supporters!

Why Walk?

Walking to school is not just fun—it's great for growing minds, healthy bodies, and our community:



Lace up your sneakers Hermosa and join in on Oct. 7, 2026!

Walk, Roll & Stroll: Hermosa's 18th Annual Walk to School Day!

Mark your calendars! It is time to lace up your walking shoes and celebrate a proud local tradition. Join students, parents, teachers, and neighbors as we walk together for Hermosa's 18th Annual Walk to School Day.

Whether you walk every morning or usually take the car, this is a wonderful chance to step outside, connect with neighbors, and kick off the school day on the right foot!

Quick Tips for Walk Morning

- Dress for the Weather: October mornings can be crisp—dress in comfortable layers and sturdy walking shoes.
- Be Bright & Visible: Bright-colored jackets, vests, or backpacks help our walking group stand out.
- Safety First: Follow sidewalk rules, watch for turning vehicles, and listen to walking leaders and crossing helpers along the route

Community Lunch Menu

Everyone Welcome!

American Legion Post 303 Building, 13486 SD Hwy 40, East end of Hermosa
12:00-noon SHARP, Buffet-style Lunch

Hosted by Hermosa Senior Citizens' Center

Groups or large families, please call 605-255-4679 so we can plan for you

Sept 28 - Oct 1

Monday	Swedish Meatballs
Tuesday	Taco Bar
Wednesday	Fish & Chips
Thursday	Chicken Cordon Bleu
Friday	Closed

Oct 5 - Oct 8

Monday	Cheesburger Mac
Tuesday	Breakfast for Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Beef Dinner
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Oct 12 - Oct 15

Monday	Smoked Sausage & Rice Hotdish
Tuesday	Calzone Casserole
Wednesday	Hot Beef Sandwich
Thursday	Beef Stroganoff
Friday	Closed

Oct 19 - Oct 22

Monday	Seafood Alfredo
Tuesday	Enchilada Casserole
Wednesday	Breaded Chicken/Pork Sandwich
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Oct 26 - Oct 29

Monday	Burgers & Dogs
Tuesday	Goulash
Wednesday	Salisbury Steak
Thursday	Soup & Sandwich Bar
Friday	Closed

Nov 2 - Nov 5

Monday	Roast Beef Dinner
Tuesday	Sweet & Sour
Wednesday	Sausage & Cabbage w/Noodles
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

ALL AGES and VISITORS are welcome. Home-cooked buffet-style meals Monday - Thursday.

Please note we are closed on Fridays, weekends and holidays.

Menu subject to change; but includes main dish, sides, salads, fruit, drinks, and dessert.

Check us out at hermosaseniorecitizens.com for monthly menu updates.

This month, the newest dish we are trying is the "Sausage & Cabbage w/ Noodles". It's based on a Polish dish, Lazanki, but simplified a touch. I am excited to try this one. The Calzone Casserole also looks like a fun and delicious meal. Lastly, we haven't had Fish and Chips in a while, but it's back on the menu. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Don, President, Hermosa Seniors / Community Meal

FAMILY FEUD

is Coming to Hermosa!

A Benefit for the Hermosa Relief Fund

COMMUNITY
FAMILIES
SUPPORT
TOGETHER

Survey says ... you're in for an unforgettable night of fun, food, and friendly competition!

The Hermosa Relief Fund has helped over 40 local families in need, and it's time to replenish the fund so we can keep supporting our community.

Let's Play, Give, and Make a Difference! ❤️

Event Details

Date:
Saturday, October 17th

Location:
T.W. Bar – Hermosa

EVENING SCHEDULE

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Free-Will Donation Meal & Social



6:30 PM Calcutta



7:00 PM Game Show Starts



HOW TO JOIN THE FUN



Enter a Team: Only **10 teams** total (5 contestants per team). Spots are strictly limited, so sign up early!



Reserve a Table: Reserved tables seat **8 people** and include admission to the game show and meal. Tables will go fast!



General Admission: Come enjoy the free-will donation meal, participate in the Calcutta, and cheer on your favorite teams!

Reserve Your Spot Today!

To enter a team or reserve a table of 8, please contact:

Shelley Martin: (605) 290-9409 OR

Stacia Lange: (605) 391-7655

❤️ **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HERMOSA RELIEF FUND!** ❤️

Don't miss this!

Memory Lane carries some sweet memories, but it also has details about stories of violence and fear.

Twenty years ago, for example, on Aug. 19, 2006, two Hell's Angels were charged with five counts of attempted murder after a shootout with members of the rival Outlaw gang members in the Legion Lake parking lot. The incident was the first time since 1990 that violence had come to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The Class 2 felony is punishable by 25 years in jail and a \$50,000 fine on each count—so are those Hell's Angels still in jail?

In 1946, the Custer County 4-H Achievement Days was cancelled, as was the State Fair, for fear of a polio epidemic if crowds gathered.

(The first successful and widely used polio vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, was not declared safe and effective until April 12, 1955.)

And it was in 2016 –nearly two years after the original request was made—that the decision to rename Harney Peak—highest Peak east of the Rockies—as Black Elk Peak in honor of Nicholas Black Elk, a renowned Oglala Lakota medicine man, holy man, and visionary. A spiritual leader of the Oglala Lakota nation, Black Elk (1863 -1950) had told his life story and many traditional teachings in the famous 1932 book *Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt.

--Linda M. Hasselstrom, Collections Director, Hermosa Arts and History Association, submitted 8/30,2026

The young mom was almost crazy with the antics of her three young kids. She complained to her best friend, "They're driving me nuts! Such pests. They give me no rest and I'm halfway to the funny farm."

"What you need is a playpen to separate the kids from yourself," her friend said. So the young mom bought a playpen. A few days later, her friend called to ask how things were going.

"Superb! I can't believe it," the mother said. "I get in that pen with a good book and a chocolate bar, and the kids don't bother me for hours!"



I'm excited to let our patrons know that starting October 3, the Hermosa Library will be open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays, in addition to our regular Monday, Wednesday and Friday hours from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. We at the Custer County Libraries are happy to give our patrons more access to library services in Hermosa!

Also beginning Oct. 3, our Saturday Crafter days will begin again for the fall-winter-spring seasons, and will meet every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring your craft project, be it sewing, fiber arts, wood-carving, painting — whatever crafty thing you love to do — a sack lunch and we'll provide the coffee. It's a great opportunity to work on your craft, get ideas & feedback, and just gab & have a good time with other crafty people.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m., Children's Storytime will begin again. Bring your little ones for stories and shared playtime afterwards. I'm looking forward to seeing my little pals again!

Bert Phillip
Hermosa Branch Library
234 Main St.
Hermosa SD, 57744

Come & Join Us For a Fun Evening!

Fairburn Community Bazaar

Fairburn Civic Center



Live Auction Mouth Watering Dinner



Dinner 5:00 pm
Auction 6:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026

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7:00 TO 9:00 PM

LOCATION: American Legion Post Home

BINGO: 16 games. **Last game is blackout for \$305** (51 numbers called)
Costs of bingo cards for each game are 50 cents per card or 3 cards for \$1.00.
Money received from this bingo will go toward the Post Activities.

NO AUXILLARY DINNER IN OCTOBER

BEER, SODAS, BOTTLED WATER & CANDY FOR SALE

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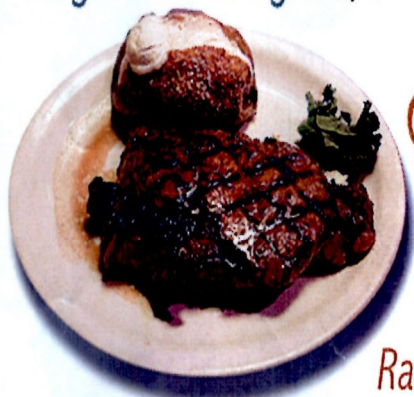
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

THE MUELLER CIVIC CENTER HOT SPRINGS
5:30P SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION 6:00P DINNER
LIVE AUCTION & MUSIC TO FOLLOW

RSVP (605) 722-0181



Get ready for an amazing night of **nostalgia, laughter, and fun** at the Southern Black Hills REALTORS® for Kids Annual Fundraising Auction!

Join us **Friday, October 16 at the Mueller Civic Center in Hot Springs for PROM REDEUX!**

Dig into your closet (or your favorite decade), put on your best **prom attire from years gone by or "deux" it up with today's style**, Grab a date, and come ready for a great night supporting an even greater cause!

The fun begins at **5:30 PM with the Social & Silent Auction**, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM, then our **Live Auction & music!**

You can reserve a table of 6 for \$500, if you are interested in being a sponsor or donating an item, please contact me or any Southern Black Hills REALTORS® For Kids Board Member.

Amanda Carlin, Andrea Ronning, Glenna Johnson, Cathy Mosset, Lori Svoboda, Crystal Wiles, Angelia Dale, Luke Dye or John Wiles.

We'd love to see our REALTOR® family there supporting **REALTORS® for Kids** and making some new prom memories together!

RSVP: (605) 722-0181 .

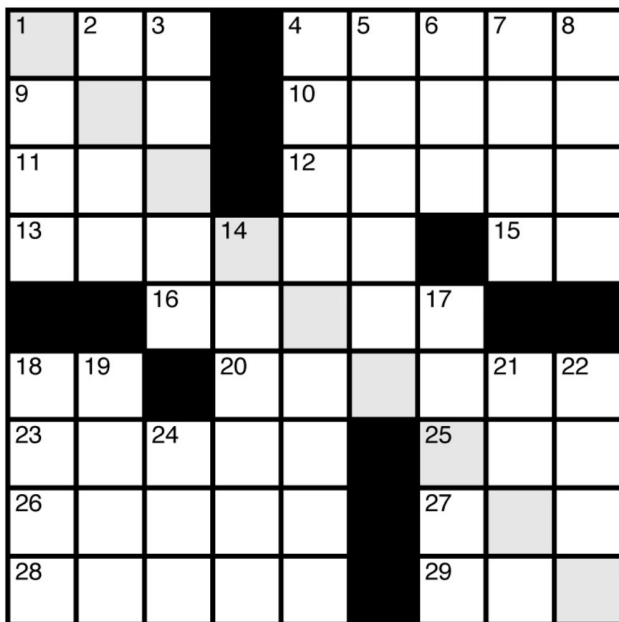
Spooky Halloween Place

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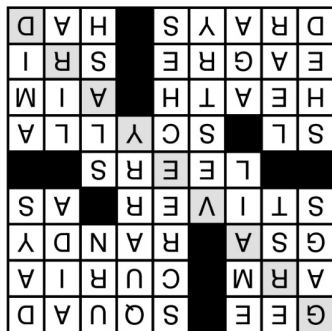
1. "Fancy that!"
4. Team
9. Usher's offering
10. Papal court
11. Fed. property manager
12. Lecherous
13. Dutch coin and currency unit
15. Chemical symbol for arsenic
16. Lascivious looks
18. Peruvian terrorist group of the 60s
20. Greek monster that lived near Charybdis
23. Moor
25. Order between "ready" and "fire"
26. Tidal bore
27. __ Lanka
28. Horse carts
29. "We've been __!"

Down

1. Comedian's stock
2. At one time, at one time
3. In-box contents
4. Screams
5. Prey
6. Samovar



7. "O patria mia" singer
8. "A Hard __ Night"
14. Sacristy
17. Performer with Guns N' Roses
18. Cast off
19. Kind of jet
21. Former monetary unit of Italy
22. During
24. __ Khan



The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.





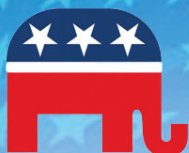
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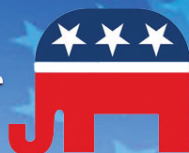
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Custer County Republicans Lincoln Day Dinner & Fundraiser



Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

Mt. Rushmore Brewing Company, Barrel Room

Social Hours 5:30-6:30, Dinner to follow

Speakers

Senator Amber Hulse

The Honorable Luke J. Lindberg

**Tickets: \$50 each. To purchase tickets please contact Lea Anne
at 605-673-4639 or email CCRepubs@goldenwest.net.**

Please purchase tickets in advance

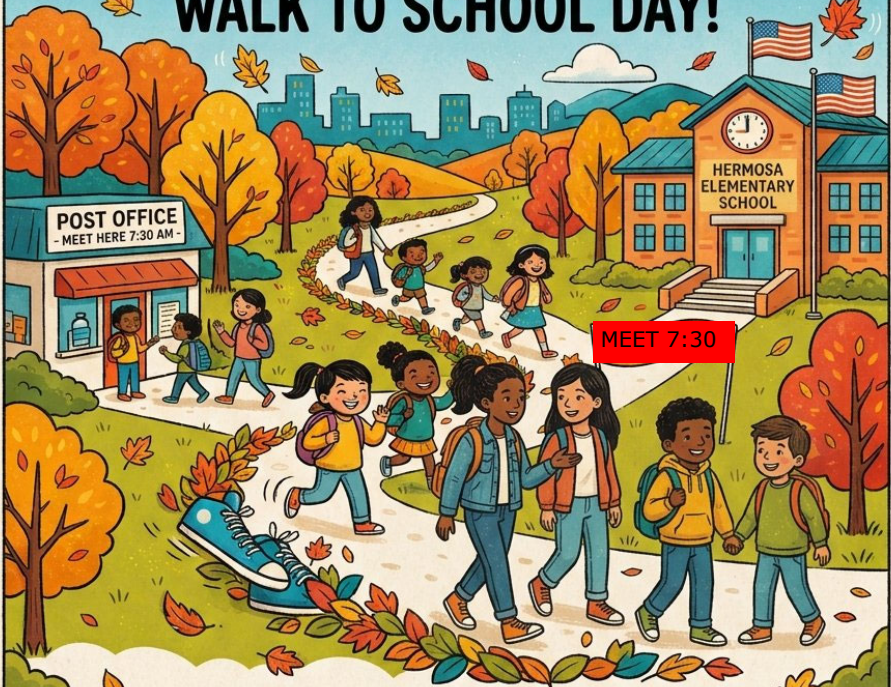
**Pete Burkett Memorial Gun Raffle - Must be present to win
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LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS, HERMOSA!

JOIN OUR 18TH ANNUAL
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

– MEET AT THE POST OFFICE AT 7:30 AM!

Healthy Habits, Community Spirit, Safe Routes.

**"SHOW UP. STEP OUT.
WALK WITH US."**

The Obstacle Is the Way

I have spent a few years being afraid of my left hip. In 2019, after multiple dislocations and a serious infection, my hip was eventually removed in 2023. I lived without a left hip for almost five months before having a reconstruction with hardware designed specifically for the muscles I had left. After all of that, I was understandably careful.

One particular movement, squatting, became especially scary. When I bent my knees deeply, a tendon, muscle, or other tissue would jump over my sit bone. I could feel it coming. I braced myself and tried to avoid it. For the last three years, I adapted my movements on the other side of my body around that fear. My right side has been working hard; it, too, was telling me something had to change.



Then came my fourth back surgery in June 2026.

The safest way for me to pick something up is to squat, keep my spine properly aligned, and pick the object up between my legs rather than reaching from the side. Squatting was exactly the movement I had spent the last three years trying to avoid. So, I had a choice: keep over-protecting myself and cause more harm or learn how to do it safely.

I chose the latter.

With help from my physical therapist, chiropractor, and new personal trainer, I began strengthening the muscles around my hip in July. I paid attention to my mechanics. I listened to what my body was telling me. And when the jump over my sit bone happened, I let it happen without scaring myself or fearing it was a sign of dislocation. Something changed. The more I strengthened my hip, the less often the jumping happened. And when it did happen, it no longer set my nervous system on high alert. I was learning to trust my hip again.

Marcus Aurelius, the Stoic philosopher, wrote, "The obstacle is the way."

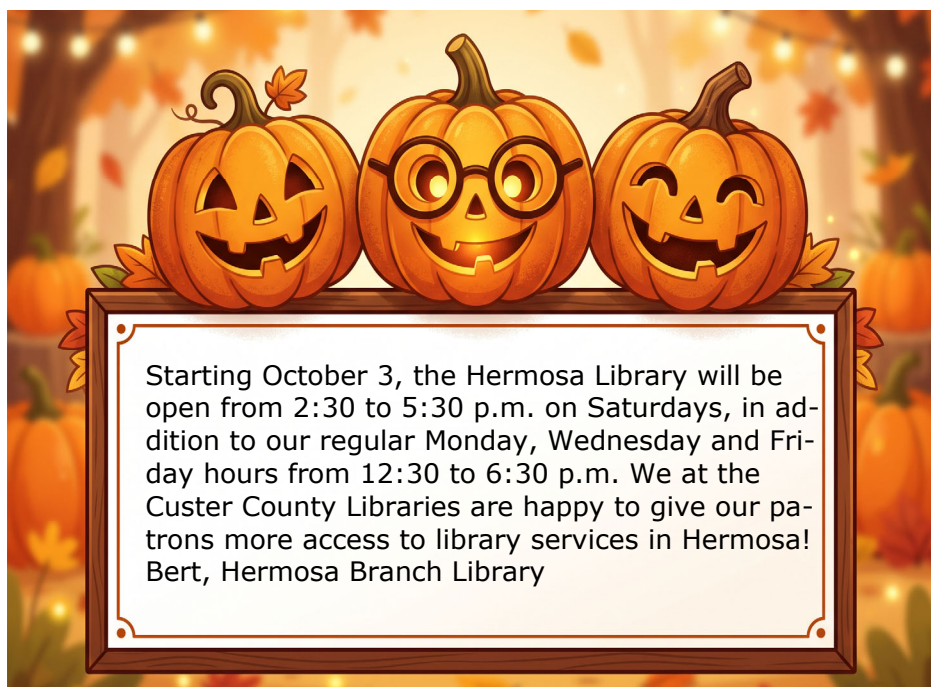
Sometimes the very thing we want to avoid becomes the path forward. That has certainly been true for me. I spent three years avoiding squatting because I was afraid of dislocating my left hip. Eventually, I discovered that moving through fear, carefully, deliberately, and with appropriate support, was what allowed me to bend my knees deeply while trusting that I am not dislocating. I am no longer afraid to squat. And, as a hiker chick, I must tell you: **I am happy that I can comfortably pee in the forest when Mother Nature calls.**

That may sound like a small thing; for me, though, it is evidence of something much bigger. My body is moving more naturally. I am stronger. I am more confident. I discovered that sometimes the obstacle really is the way.

Living the Lesson:

The thing I was trying hardest to avoid became the place where I had to learn to listen.

©Susan Gitter October 2026



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BITS & PIECES

AI: You are not wasting the AI's time. New users often apologize to AI. They type "sorry, give me a minute" before stepping away from the keyboard, the way you would to a colleague standing at your desk.

Between your messages, nothing is running. An AI model processes your message when it arrives, produces an answer, and stops. There is no assistant sitting idle, no clock ticking, no queue you are holding up. The pause costs nothing.

That is worth knowing, because the imagined pressure to hurry is what produces bad results. Rushed users type one vague line, get a vague answer, and decide the tool does not work.

So take the minute. Look up the number you meant to include. Find the paragraph you wanted to paste. Decide what a good answer would actually look like before you ask for one. A conversation window holds everything you have already said, so you can walk away, sit through a meeting, come back, and pick up mid-thought.

The waiting is free. The rushing is what costs you.

Can AI predict lottery numbers?

Here's what AI says

An infomercial ran a full half hour. Artificial intelligence can predict winning lottery numbers, it promised, and the service is yours for \$197.

There is a simpler test than reading the sales page. Ask the AI. We put one question



to three AIs: can any AI predict a winning lottery number?

Claude, made by Anthropic: "No. Not me, not any AI. A lottery drawing is engineered so there's no pattern in it -- that's the entire point of the machine. AI is a pattern-finding tool, and when you point one at something with no pattern, it doesn't come back empty-handed. It comes back with something that looks like an answer."

ChatGPT, made by OpenAI: "AI excels at finding patterns in data, but winning lottery numbers aren't something AI can predict. It can analyze the past, not foresee future draws."

Gemini, made by Google: "No, neither I nor any other AI can predict winning lottery numbers. An AI picking lottery numbers is simply performing high-tech guessing -- it carries the exact same mathematical odds as a quick-pick ticket or a child pulling numbers out of a hat."

Now ask any of them for six numbers, and here is the strange part: they hand them over. Instantly. Six numbers, a Powerball, no hesitation.

but because the question asked for six numbers and the machine produced six numbers. They are invented. They arrive with a one-sentence caution attached. Easy to ignore the caution.

Numbered balls tumbling in a hopper have no memory of last week's draw. The machine is engineered so that no pattern exists. All picks are the same as hot-and-cold number charts from the back pages of magazines 50 years ago with a fashionable word stapled to the front.

Which leaves the oldest question of all. If it worked, would they be selling it?

The property tax bill you can fight is not the one in your hand now

The envelope that shows up with a number large enough to make you sit down is, in most of the country, the one document in the property tax process you can do nothing about.

There are two mailings, and homeowners tend to notice only the second. The first is the assessment notice, the county's statement of what it believes your property is worth. The second is the tax bill, which takes that value, applies the local rates, and tells you what you owe. The appeal window is attached to the first mailing.

According to the Department of Revenue, once the tax bill has arrived it is generally too late to challenge that year's assessment..

Deadlines vary by state, but they commonly run about 30 to 45 days from the date the notice is mailed, and some are shorter.

That timing explains why so few owners ever appeal. The notice arrives months ahead of the bill, carries no amount due, and reads like a form letter, so it goes in a drawer. The bill arrives later and produces the reaction. By then the deadline has passed and the value is locked in for the year -- and in places that reassess only every few years, for longer than that.

There is one useful thing to do while holding a bill you cannot appeal.

Call the county assessor's office or check its website and find out what month assessment notices go out. Put that month on next year's calendar, and open the envelope when it comes.

The mailing that matters is the one that never tells you what you owe.

Key South Dakota Property Tax

Dates

- **Assessment Notice Sent Out:**

By March 1 of each year. The County Director of Equalization must mail assessment notices showing the taxable valuation by this date.

- **Appeal Filing Deadlines:**

- **Local Board of Equalization (Township/Municipality):** Written appeals must be postmarked or filed with the clerk of the local board by

o the **Thursday preceding the third Monday in March** (typically between March 11 and March 17).

o **County Board of Equalization:**

If appealing a local decision or if your area has no local board, written notice must be filed with the County Auditor by the **first Tuesday in April**.

o **Tax Freeze Application Deadline: April 1.** Applications for the Assessment Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled Program must be submitted annually to the County Treasurer's office by this date.

o **When the Tax Bill Arrives: January.** County treasurers mail the official property tax bills in January of the following year (South Dakota pays property taxes one year in arrears).

Payment Schedule: The first half is due by **April 30**, and the second half is due by **October 31**.

The Lighter Side

Bottle of Wine

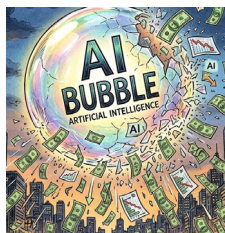
Sally saw an elderly woman close up her roadside flea market and start walking down the road. She stopped and asked the woman if she wanted a ride.

With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Sally tried to make a bit of small talk with her, but the woman just sat silently, looking at everything. Finally, the elderly woman noticed a brown bag and asked, "What's in the bag?"

Sally said, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband." The

elderly woman, speaking with the quiet wisdom of the ages, said, "Good trade."

Why this AI bubble could reach your savings



When the dot-com bubble burst in 2000, Amazon's stock lost about 90 percent of its value, falling from around \$107 to near \$6 a share. The company did not die -- it became one of the biggest on earth. A company can be perfectly healthy while its stock falls off a cliff.

Now we appear to be in a new one: the AI bubble. A bubble is what happens when excitement drives the price of something -- a stock, a house, once even a tulip -- far above its real worth, until confidence cracks and it collapses. This time, though, the companies at the center are not flimsy websites; they are profitable giants -- Amazon, Microsoft, Google, Meta, Nvidia -- with other businesses to lean on. But two things are different this time, and both point back at ordinary people. The first is the sheer bill. The five biggest tech companies are expected to spend more than \$700 billion on data centers and AI in 2026. For years they paid out of pocket; now the sums are so big they are borrowing -- a record \$121

billion in 2025, about four times their usual pace, according to Bank of America.

The second is where that bet sits. Those same companies now make up more than a third of the S&P 500, the index behind most retirement accounts, according to Morningstar. At the dot-com peak, tech was closer to 15 percent, and when it crashed, most of the market held up. This time the market and the AI bet are nearly the same thing.

So the real danger isn't that Amazon or Meta goes under. It is that a healthy company's stock can still tumble for years -- and if a third of your retirement fund rides on seven companies' spending spree, it goes along, whether you chose that or not. The boring index fund, it turns out, has a lot of chips on the table.

Retirement account for a grandchild starts with a summer job.

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The obstacle is almost never the money.

A custodial Roth IRA can be opened for a child at any age, and the money inside grows tax free for decades. But the IRS requires earned income for any IRA and makes no exception for children. The grandchild has to have worked and been paid for it.

That rules out newborns, whatever the compounding charts suggest. It also caps the contribution lower than most people expect. The limit is

\$7,500 for 2026 or the child's earned income for the year, whichever is less. A granddaughter who cleared \$900 mowing lawns can have \$900 put away, not \$7,500.

Here is the part most people miss. The dollars do not have to be hers. The IRS asks only that she earned at least as much as the contribution. The money itself can come from a parent, a grandparent, or anyone else. She keeps the \$900 she worked for, and you put \$900 in the account.

What counts as earned income is broader than a paycheck. According to Fidelity, babysitting, pet sitting, and lawn mowing all qualify as self-employment. None of it produces a W-2, so somebody has to keep a plain record: dates, hours, who paid, how much.

You do not need to be a guardian to serve as custodian. Any adult can. The account is opened under the child's name and Social Security number, so a parent will be involved either way, and control passes to the child at an age set by state law, most often 21.

For grandchildren still too young to work, a Trump Account is the one that asks for no job at all.



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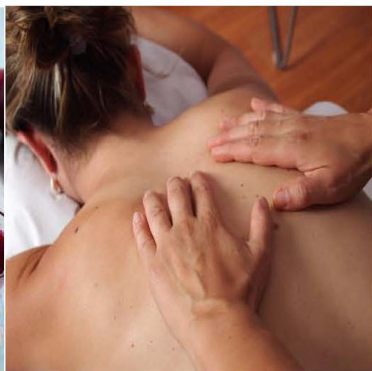
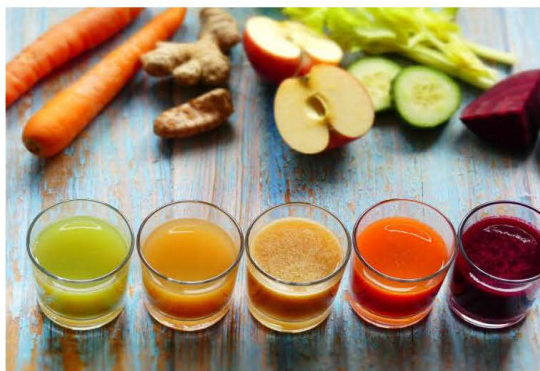
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The Hermosa Town Board

Public meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. These meetings start at 6pm MST and are held at the Hermosa Town Hall, located at 230 Main St. in Hermosa, SD. Times and Special meeting dates subject to change so check www.hermosasd.com

Hermosa Arts and History Association

Board meets the 2nd Monday at 6:30 PM at the museum.
www.hermosahistory.org

Hermosa Connects

Mondays, monthly, at 6:00pm at the HAHA..

Email hermosaconnects@gmail.com and request to be put on the list for upcoming agendas, etc.! www.hermosaconnects.com

Custer County Commissioners Board

Meets routinely the 1st & 3rd Wednesday but there are some variations so refer to the PDF calendar for other specifics.

<https://www.custercountysd.com/commissioners/>

Custer County School District

www.csd.k12.sd.us/our-district/board-of-education

Monthly board meetings, typically on Mondays and alternating between Custer and Hermosa.

Custer County Library Board

<https://custercountylibrary.org/library-board/>

Proposed Library Meeting Dates THIRD WEDNESDAY, 1:00 P.M., at the Custer Co Library. Historically, one board meeting has been hosted in Hermosa.

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Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP to CCRepubs@goldenwest.net to get a headcount for food.

Check us out on Facebook at CusterCountySDRepublicans

Online at <https://www.custercountyrepublicans.org/custer-sd-republicans>



A skeleton walks into a high-end restaurant on Halloween night and sits down by the window.

The waiter walks over, looking a little nervous, and asks, "Welcome, sir. What can I get started for you tonight?"

The skeleton smiles and says, "I'll take a pitcher of your finest fruit punch... and a mop."



Pumpkin bread: Good anytime

Even pumpkin spice skeptics will enjoy this richly spiced pumpkin bread, which stirs together quickly and makes a tall, dense loaf (or muffins, if you prefer). For a little extra fiber and a nuttier taste, use a mix of all-purpose and whole wheat flour. The loaf lends itself well to experimentation -- try some orange zest or a little ground allspice.

Ingredients

1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree
1/2 cup vegetable oil or melted butter
3 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-2/3 cups sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Heaped 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
Heaped 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
Two pinches of ground cloves
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
To finish the loaf:
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Grease a 6-cup loaf pan. Stir together pumpkin, oil, eggs, sugar and vanilla until smooth.

Add baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and cloves, stir again. Add flour and stir until just combined.

Pour the batter into the loaf pan and sprinkle the sugar and cinnamon mix on top -- this will create a crisp crust. Bake for about 70 minutes, or until a tester comes out clean.

For standard-sized muffins, bake for around 30 minutes, or until a tester comes out clean.

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Around The Neighborhood



The modern celebration of Halloween as a festival for the dead, involving spirits, costumes, and general trickery, emerged not simply from Celtic Samhain nor entirely from the Christian All Hallows' Eve but from a combination of both. What vestiges of Samhain remain in Halloween is unclear, as they may have been filtered through English, Irish, and Scottish forms of observing the Christian holidays—if any Samhain vestiges are there at all. The wearing of masks has been said to be a way to dress as Samhain spirits, to hide from them, or to ward them off. Wearing disguises was part of Scottish All Souls' Day celebrations, but it is unclear whether that observance was Samhain in disguise. Additionally, masked performances called mumming, which were popular at other holidays, including Christmas, had become a widespread part of the Halloween festivities in England only by the 20th century. Carving frightening faces into hollowed-out turnips that are then used as lanterns (which turned into pumpkins when the holiday arrived in the United States) is

sometimes said to have been a way of warding off spirits and thus being a holdover from Samhain. Yet, this vegetable lamp tradition may instead be a remnant from All Saints' Day or Guy Fawkes Day (November 5). In short, as much as Samhain is said to have blurred the boundaries between the worlds of the living and the dead, Halloween blurs the boundaries between ancient Celtic and later Christian historical influences.

Kim Muir, HAHA



Pork and apples have a long-standing romance

The pairing of pork and apples is one of the oldest in Western cooking, and it began as an accident of scheduling. Before refrigeration, farm families butchered hogs after the first hard frost, when the weather was finally cold enough to handle and cure the meat. Apples came in at the same time. Every autumn a household ended up with fresh pork and more apples than it could store, in the same few weeks.

The Romans got there first. Apicius, a Roman recipe collection compiled around the fourth century, includes a stew called *minutal matianum* -- pork shoulder simmered with leeks and diced apples. The recipe even specifies the variety. Matian apples were named for Gaius Matius, a friend of Julius Caesar credited with developing them.

One modern correction is worth making. Pork today is far leaner than it was a generation ago, and in 2011 the U.S. Department of Agriculture lowered its guidance for whole cuts from 160 degrees to 145 degrees, followed by a three-minute rest. Meat that is still faintly pink at that temperature is done. Anyone taught to cook a chop until it turned gray has been eating it overdone for years.



Skillet pork chops with apples and onions (Serves 4)

Ingredients

- 4 bone-in pork chops, about 1 inch thick
- 2 firm apples, cored and sliced thick (Braeburn, Jonagold, or Granny Smith)
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 cup apple cider
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and black pepper

Directions:

1. Pat the chops dry and season both sides with salt and pepper. Dry meat browns well. Wet meat just steams.
2. Heat the oil in a heavy skillet over medium-high. Brown the chops 3 to 4 minutes per side, then move them to a plate.
3. Lower the heat to medium. Add the butter, onion, and apples. Cook about 5 minutes, until the onion softens and the apples begin to color.
4. Pour in the cider and scrape the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Stir in the thyme.
5. Return the chops and any collected juices to the skillet. Simmer uncovered 8 to 10 minutes, spooning sauce over the meat, until a thermometer in the thickest part reads 145 degrees.
6. Let the chops rest three minutes before serving. Spoon the apples, onions, and pan sauce over the top.

Mashed potatoes or buttered egg noodles will catch the sauce.





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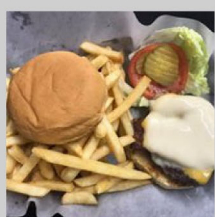
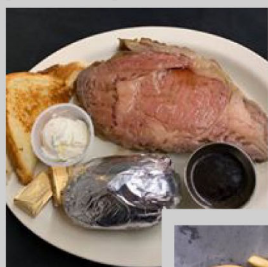
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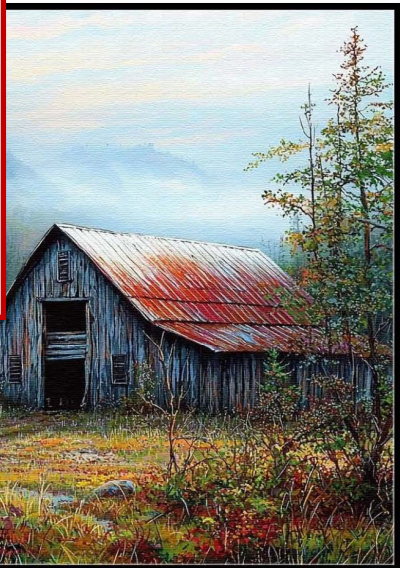
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October Events at the Hermosa Arts and History Association

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September 30th – October 3rd HARVEST ART FESTIVAL:
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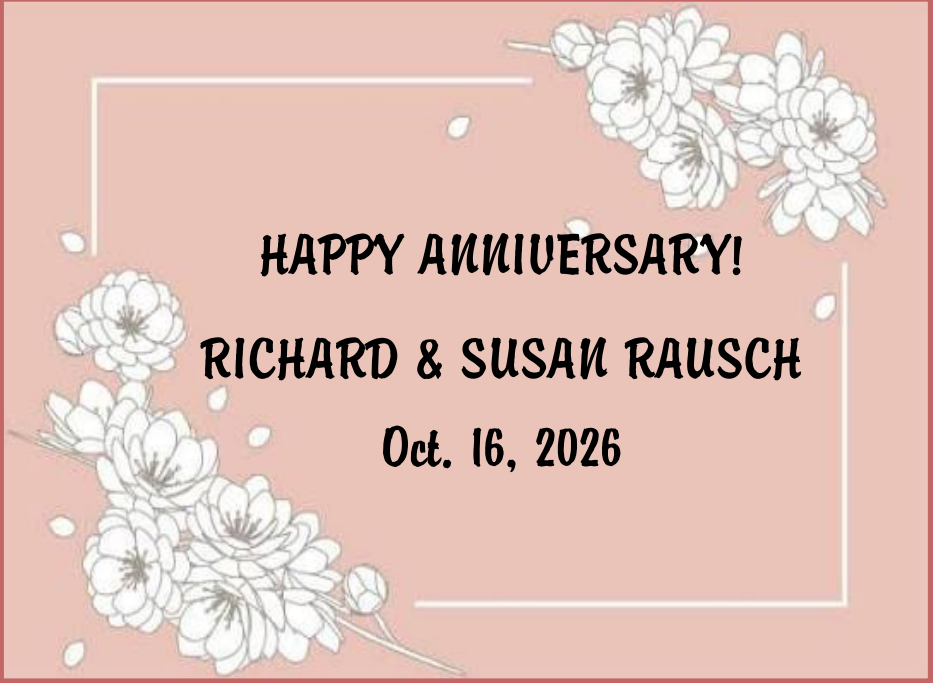
October 3rd, Saturday – HARVEST ART FESTIVAL FINALE:
Popular choice voting ends at 3PM Saturday with awards given at
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Kristy Lintz, 10-28

Cal Walsh, 10-29

Danielle Moore, 10-30

Jodi Smith, 10-31

Clear as Mud

Over the past few weeks at church, our messages have focused on seeking God's will for our lives. It's a question most of us have asked at some point: God, what do You want me to do? Where do You want me to go? What is Your plan for my life?

Sometimes we wish God would simply hand us a map.

Instead, He often gives us the next step.

Psalm 32:8 says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye."

I don't know about you, but sometimes I wish that guidance felt a little more obvious. I would love for God's plan to be clear as day. Instead, there are seasons when it feels more like it's as clear as mud.

We may pray for God to open a door, only to find it firmly closed. Or a door may open that we never expected, leaving us wondering whether we're really ready to walk through it. Sometimes we understand God's direction quickly. Other times, we don't understand it until much later.

Maybe that's part of what faith is.

Psalm 119:105 tells us, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Notice that it doesn't say God's Word is a spotlight that illuminates the entire road. A lamp gives us enough light to see where to place our next step.

We often want to see the whole path. God asks us to trust Him with the step in front of us.

That doesn't mean we stop seeking His guidance. We pray. We study His Word. We listen. We seek wise counsel. We pay attention to the opportunities and closed doors along the way. And then, sometimes, we simply have to take the next faithful step without having all the answers.

If God's plan feels unclear right now, you're not necessarily doing something wrong. Sometimes faith means moving forward with only enough light for today.

We may not know where the road leads. We may not understand why one door opened and another closed.

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