

Hermosa Newsletter

Connecting Community

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*Summer Begins
June 21*



THE DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER IS THE LAST

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 June 18, 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!"

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

Tuesday June 23, 10:30am - 11:30am

Red Shirt, 38 Tatanka Numpa Rd

Tuesday June 23, 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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**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**

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***.

Community



SATURDAY, JUNE 20

8 A.M.— 2 P.M.

GET ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST SO
PEOPLE FIND YOU!

THE SALE LIST WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED AND POSTED ON LINE.

THE HERMOSA
COMMUNITY
GARAGE SALE WILL BE
ADVERTISED.

EMAIL YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND A FEW ITEMS FOR SALE, TO

JOHARRIS.NEWS@GMAIL.COM

HERMOSA COMMUNITY HALL

Vendors Wanted

June 20, 2026

during the Hermosa City Wide Garage Sale

8am - 3pm

- Set up Friday night from 5pm - 7pm
- Set up Saturday from 6:30am - 8am
- Tear down Saturday after 3pm
- 8'x8' indoor spots - \$25
 - 2 spots for \$40
 - electricity is additional \$5
- 10'x10' outdoor spots - \$25

Contact: Zelda (605)641-5821 call or text

Email: twbar26@gmail.com

Father's Day was a tough sell

Mother's Day became a national holiday in 1914. Father's Day? Not until 1972. It wasn't for lack of trying.

When Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, proposed a day to honor fathers in 1909, the idea was met with widespread ridicule. Men dismissed it as too sentimental — and effeminate — and resented the implication that fatherhood needed the same treatment as motherhood.

Newspapers piled on with satirical columns proposing holidays for brothers-in-law and leftover turkey. Critics saw it as a naked commercial grab, noting that fathers would probably end up paying for their own gifts anyway.

Even Anna Jarvis, the woman who championed Mother's Day, opposed Father's Day on the grounds that it would be commercialized as was her holiday. It took more than six decades before Richard Nixon finally signed it into law.

More than a century later, Father's Day is firmly on the calendar. But it remains the underdog holiday. According to the National Retail Federation, Americans spent \$33.5 billion on Mother's Day in 2024 compared to \$22.4 billion on Father's Day, a gap of more than 50 percent. About 40 million fewer greeting cards are exchanged on Father's Day than on Mother's Day. Participation rates tell the same story: 88 percent of consumers celebrate Mother's Day versus 79 percent for Father's Day.

So do fathers mind? Apparently not much. According to YouGov polling, 58 percent of dads say what they most want on Father's Day is simply time with their children. Another 42 percent would be happy with a meal at home. About a third prefer no gifts at all.

Pew Research confirms the broader picture: 81 percent of fathers say being a parent is enjoyable all or most of the time, and 79 percent find it rewarding.

June Events at the Hermosa Arts and History Association

Summer Hours: Wednesday – Saturday, Noon – 4PM

New this summer – whenever H.A.H.A. is open and no other events are planned that day, you are welcome to visit, have coffee and a snack, meet up with friends, work on a project, etc. Check our Facebook page for more details: www.facebook.com/hermosahistory

June 6th – Open Studio and making mushroom creations for upcoming Game of Shrooms

June 13th – Game of Shrooms

Details can be found on another page of this newsletter or on the H.A.H.A. Facebook page.

June 20th – Hermosa City-Wide Garage Sale!

H.A.H.A. will be taking part. Come on over and grab some stuff! All proceeds will go towards getting the museum a new roof.

THERE WILL BE HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE (suggested donation \$5).

June 27th – Painting class by Cathy Dahl

This time we will be painting a 5" x 7" sunset/sunrise over water.

\$15, all supplies included. Sign up by calling Cathy at 507.327.8350 or by checking "going" on the H.A.H.A. Painting Class Facebook event.

STARTING IN JULY, H.A.H.A. WILL BE HOSTING A FARMERS MARKET THURSDAYS FROM 4 – 7 PM. WATCH ONLINE FOR MORE DETAILS!

**** Freewill donations are always welcome at HAHA events. Thank you!****

MEMORIAL BRICKS

In honor of Memorial Day HAHA is offering a sale for your family to consider.

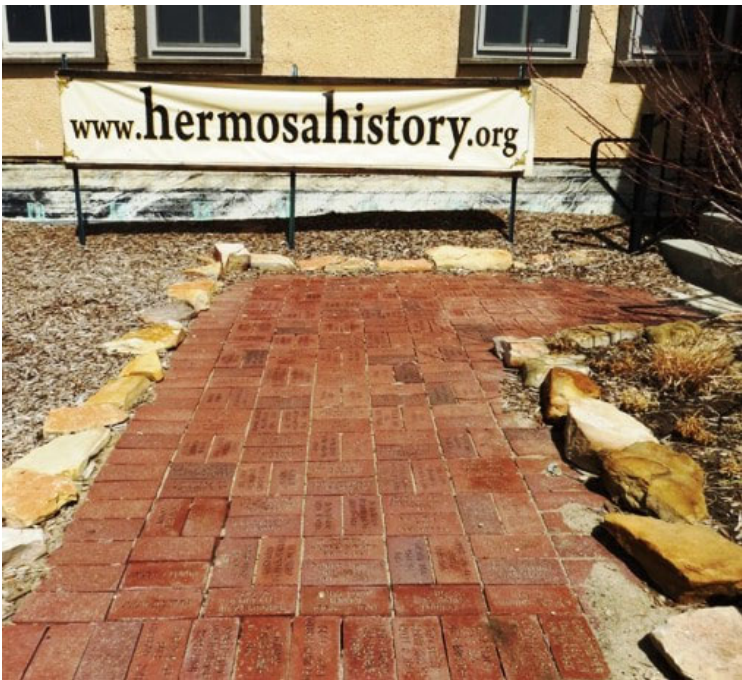
Purchase one or more MEMORIAL BRICKS for placement on the walk in front of the HAHA museum.

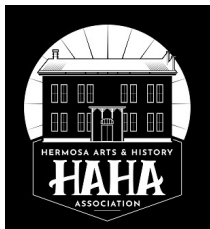
\$45 for one brick and

\$40 for additional bricks in your order.

Names, Dates or even a brief phrase will fit on the brick.

Stop into the museum or contact one of the HAHA board members for a form. When we have **5-10** orders we'll get them engraved and placed.





HAHA Obituary Library

Written by Ruth Wilford

A few months ago, I started digitizing the HAHA obituary library. This is an extensive collection of obituaries and other documents detailing the lives of Hermosa and Custer County residents. This collection exists because of the long-term efforts of a few inspired HAHA members. Lyla G. Robertson began the project by cutting obituaries out of local newspapers for many years and donated her obituary scrapbook to HAHA. Lilah Pengra continued the project, drawing from several sources including Ancestry.com until Linda Hasselstrom took it over.

The value of this collection comes from its completeness and detail. The ladies who made it knew the members of the community and often reached out to individuals asking for additional information, informal family histories, and photographs. You can find three generations of one family, all in one place. Yes, obituaries can be found online if you search a specific name or place, but an online search won't bring up everything. Some of the older obituaries are hidden behind a paywall or require an account, like those pulled from Ancestry.com. The HAHA obituary library provides all of these, in one place, for free.

An excellent example of the library's value is the Bender family collection, which includes seven obituaries spanning from 1914 to 1977. Leo Bender was born in Germany in 1866 and arrived in Hermosa in 1885 "on foot from Valentine, Neb., and had lived here since," according to his 1952 obituary. Leo Bender's grandson, Bob Hobbles, wrote a short family history for inclusion in this collection, and recounts events like the carving of Mount Rushmore and President Coolidge's visit to the area.

"Many stories emerged from that summer with the Coolidge's in the community which were told many times during my growing up years. One in particular was the minimal concern for President's security – much different that today. It was not uncommon for President and Mrs. Coolidge, and others, to drive into Hermosa for whatever reason, almost unattended and to mingle with the local residents. On Sundays they often attended the only church in town where my mother and father sang in the choir. Their presence in the community became somewhat commonplace. My grandmother tells of Mrs. Coolidge stopping by the ranch to buy fresh produce (it is hard to image that she had to do much cooking at the Game Lodge!), however so the story goes."

He also writes about getting flat tires on the road between Hermosa and Rapid City, his father's hardware store, and the cold winters. Read it for yourself at <https://www.hermosahistory.org/a-z.html>. Click on the link titled Last Name B, and search "Bender".

I found another treasure while working through the C binders. In early 1957, a 14-year old girl wrote a letter to the poet Badger Clark, informing him that her class had dedicated a scrapbook to him and asking to set up a class visit with him in the future. His response is included in the obituary collection. He thanks her for the honors, agrees to meet with her class, and compliments her on her writing abilities.

“Last, I want to congratulate you on being able to express yourself on paper. Writing and reading are both neglected arts these days. The other day I heard of an eighth-grade boy, writing some sort of an exercise for school, who had to ask his mother how to spell “catch”. And every now and then I get a letter from a college graduate which contains misspelled words or bad grammar, or both. It is a pleasure to get a letter like yours.”

Badger Clark died of lung cancer seven months later, in September 1957.

I have only digitized the A-D binders. This is a massive project and I can't do it alone. If anyone is interested in Hermosa history, or wants to learn more about the lives of their ancestors and neighbors, this is a great opportunity. If you would like to help us digitize the rest of this collection, please send an email to hermosaartsandhistory@gmail.com and let us know. As little as one hour of your time will make a difference on this project. The obituary binders are stored in the second floor of the HAHA museum. HAHA has a computer and scanner, which are set up with step-by-step instructions for scanning and saving these documents. We will coordinate a time to let you in, so you can work on this project with us. You can also support this project through a donation to HAHA, which will quite literally keep the roof over our heads and keep this precious collection safe and dry for years to come. Join us in preserving our community's history.

Hermosa
CITY-WIDE
RUMMAGE SALE

Great Finds!
Great Prices!

Something for Everyone!

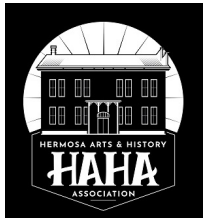
-Vendor and Rummage Sale spots available at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

June 20th | 8:00-3:00

Shop ♥ Support ♥ Make a Difference!

Want to reserve a spot or have questions?
Call DiAnn at 605-391-7052

- **All spots are outside and \$10.00 for the day**
- **Food will also be available for sale**
- **All proceeds will go to replacing the playground equipment at the church**



Game of Shrooms 2026

On June 13th, HAHA will participate in the global Game of Shrooms. This is an Easter egg hunt for art that happens around the world. Artists hide mushroom-themed pieces of art in public or publicly-accessible

spaces for others to find and keep.

How to participate as an artist?

Make a mushroom-themed work of art.

HAHA is hosting a mushroom art day on June 6th at the museum.

Come and join us!

Decide on a public or publicly-accessible place to plant your art. This can be a public park, sidewalk, or outside of public buildings. If you want to plant your art in a commercial space (like a store or coffee shop), ensure you have permission from the owner.

Fill out the artist pin submission form on the game of shrooms website (link at bottom of page). This can be done at any time before June 13th. Earlier is better, so that people can see the location on the map and make plans to hunt in that location.

Optional: Post preview teasers on your Instagram page (or the HAHA Facebook page) and tag with #gameofshrooms

HAHA already has an artist pin, so you don't have to make a new one if you are making your art under the HAHA umbrella

On June 13th, place your art in your designated location. You can do this anytime between 12:01 am and 11:59 pm. Put your preferred means of contact (Instagram handle, email address, website) and #shroomdrop, #gameofshrooms2026 somewhere on or attached to your art.

Feel free to put the HAHA website on it as well.

After you plant your art, take a few photo clues and post them. These can include a close-up of the art and a wide shot that includes some kind of visible landmark. Post these to your Instagram page or personal website, and the HAHA Facebook page.

How to participate as a hunter?

Check out the Global map to see if artists are participating in your area.

Follow them on social media, on Instagram, or their blogs.

Keep your eyes open on Game Day. A strategy helps in popular areas.

Important! Please let the artist know that you have found their work by tagging them or sending them a message.

Please limit yourself to one work from a particular artist.



If you find a piece of art, it is yours to keep!

Visit this page to find the Artist Map, additional instructions, and frequently asked questions:

<https://yumfactory.com/projects/gameofshrooms/>

“Windbreak: A Woman Rancher on the Northern Plains”

Available Once Again!

Linda M. Hasselstrom’s first full-length book, “Windbreak: A Woman Rancher on the Northern Plains,” has been edited and revised, with photographs by James W. Parker.

Originally published in 1987, Hasselstrom’s account of ranch life on the western edge of South Dakota covers a year of hard work, in beastly cold and unbearably hot temperatures, haying in the summer, moving cattle in the fall, and calving in the spring. In between, she finds time to write and to meditate with her poetry. Her style is intimate and detailed. She describes the terror of a prairie fire, the struggles to bring calves into the world, and the daily drudgery of feeding the cattle in the winter. Her drama comes with the cycles of nature; with the endless absorption in birth and death; with the lives of neighbors and friends; and with the weather, which is a character in the story of her life.

This revised edition adds a new preface and a new introduction that looks back on the forty-odd years since the book was first published. The book also includes many photographs of Hasselstrom’s relatives and friends, and images of the prairie, shot by photographer James W. Parker.

The new edition is scheduled for release on July 1, from the authors, through your local bookseller, or on Amazon. Presales are now open - contact Linda M. Hasselstrom at Windbreak House (lindamichelle@gmail.com), or order online at <https://lamejohnnypress.com/product/windbreak-revised-edition/>

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

May 25 - May 29

Monday	Memorial Day - Closed
Tuesday	Sloppy Joes
Wednesday	Stir Fry ala Bourbon
Thursday	Cheeseburger Mac
Friday	Closed

June 1 - June 4

Monday	Summer Picnic
Tuesday	Oven Fried Chicken
Wednesday	Shepherd's Pie
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

June 8 - June 11

Monday	Breakfast for Lunch
Tuesday	Sandwich & Salad Bar
Wednesday	Pork Loin
Thursday	Cowboy Butter Steak Pasta
Friday	Closed

June 15 - June 18

Monday	Chicken Cordon Bleu
Tuesday	Baked Ziti
Wednesday	Meatloaf
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

June 22 - June 25

Monday	Tater Tot Casserole
Tuesday	Chicken or Pork Parmesan
Wednesday	Pulled Meat Sandwiches
Thursday	Leo's Sausage & Vegetables
Friday	Closed

June 29 - July 2

Monday	BLT & Mac and Cheese
Tuesday	Beef or Chicken Pot Pie
Wednesday	Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

ALL AGES and VISITORS are welcome. Home-cooked buffet-style meals Monday - Thursday.
\$8 for adults and age-adjusted price for kids. Please note we are closed on Fridays and holidays.

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

Check on Facebook at @hermosaseniorcitizens for daily menu updates.

or at HermosaConnects.com click Senior Menu tab to view the full monthly menu.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



THE AMERICAN LEGION
BATTLE CREEK POST 303
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HERMOSA, SOUTH DAKOTA

FATHERS DAY
RODEO
SUNDAY, JUNE 21

A.L. POST 303
CONCESSIONS

LOCATION: Custer County Fairgrounds

Come and enjoy the
Father's Day Rodeo
and support the A.L. Post 303

See You There!

GOAL

\$55,500

GOAL

\$10,000

HANA
RAISE
THE
ROOF
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PROGRESS

RED
THERMOMETER

TOTAL
PROJECT
COST

\$55,500

BLUE
THERMOMETER

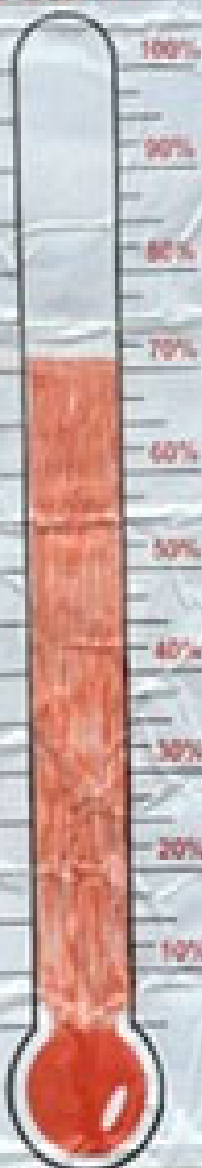
HANA needs another \$10,000 to complete the roof project. An extra \$10,000 is needed to match up to \$10,000 collected through donations and fundraisers to have enough money to pay for the roof. The thermometer shows the progress of the \$10,000 goal.

HOW YOU CAN
HELP...

Mail donations to:

HANNAH ARTS &
MUSIC CENTER
1000
401 East 17th
Des Moines, IA 50319-0100

Or drop off during
opening hours



RAISE THE ROOF CHALLENGE!

Two years ago when Hermosa Arts and History Association Museum held its grand opening, the HAHA Board turned its focus to renovating the second story. The dream was to update the upstairs into safe, accessible archival storage, a meeting/classroom area, office space and research area. However, last summer those dreams got put on hold indefinitely when a serious roof leak was discovered. Upon further examination, it was determined that the roof was in very bad shape and would to be completely replaced.

The initial estimate was \$69,000 and after long negotiations with our insurance company, they agreed to pay only 12% of the replacement cost. We then talked to the roofing contractor who sharpened his pencil and got the estimate down to \$55,000. By using the funds that we had squirreled away for the second story project along with the insurance company payment, we were able to pay the contractor \$27,000 to begin the process, leaving a balance of \$28,000. Thanks to the generous support of the B&B fund of the Town of Hermosa along with the fundraising efforts from the quilt raffle and bake sale, we have whittled the balance as of this writing down to \$20,300. And now the rest of the story.....

HAHA has an angel. A wonderful person, who wishes to remain anonymous, has agreed to match funds up to \$10,000 to help us collect the balance of the roof payment. The Board will continue its fundraising efforts but we are asking the community to help us meet this final hurdle.

You can send a donation to

**HAHA,
PO Box 175,
Hermosa, SD 57744-0175**

or drop by the museum when it is open on Saturdays with expanded hours coming in June. Anything you can do to support this final push would be deeply appreciated.

BITS & PIECES

The Midwestern millionaire: The guy next door plans his moves

You probably know someone like this. They are not flashy. They pack a lunch. They wait for fruit to go on sale. When their kids ask to stop for fast food, the answer is "we have food at home." And quietly, steadily, they are building a fortune.

Financial advisor Joe Schmitz, author of *Midwestern Millionaire*, calls this the saver's mindset — and points out that the people who retire with seven-figure nest eggs are rarely the ones who earned the most. They are the ones who wasted the least.

The math behind frugality is straightforward but easy to underestimate. Skipping a \$6 coffee every workday saves over \$1,500 a year. Brown-bagging lunch instead of buying it saves \$50 or more a week. Buying a used car instead of new, keeping a phone until it actually stops working, using the library instead of buying books — none of these feel like wealth-building moves in the moment. Over 30 years, they are.

There is another side to this that rarely gets discussed: financial instability and life instability tend to travel together. Frequent moves mean deposits, truck rentals, and setup costs every time. A broken or lost phone means an unplanned

\$800 expense. Carrying loans means paying interest — which is, simply put, paying extra for everything. Each of these drains money that could be quietly compounding somewhere else.

During their work lives, the frugal future millionaires have savings enough to take vacations, while not staying at the most expensive hotels. They rarely put themselves into financial stress with impulsive purchases or pursuits.

You do not need a high income to build financial security. You need steady habits, a stable life, and the discipline to let small savings add up. The *Midwestern Millionaire* next door figured that out a long time ago.

The SALT deduction:

a bigger break for homeowners

If you pay significant state income taxes or property taxes, a change in federal tax law probably made you plenty happy with 2025 taxes and your luck will hold out until 2029.

The State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction allows you to deduct those payments from your federal taxable income — but since 2018, that deduction had been capped at \$10,000, which many homeowners quickly maxed out. The One Big Beautiful Bill, signed in July 2025,

raised that cap to \$40,000 for 2026 (with small annual increases through 2029). That is four times the previous limit.

The biggest beneficiaries are homeowners in states with high property taxes or high state income taxes, where the old \$10,000 cap left a lot of deductible money on the table.

One catch: the higher cap phases out for incomes above \$500,000. And in 2030, the cap reverts to \$10,000 unless Congress acts again. A tax professional can tell you whether itemizing makes sense for your situation.

Drones are coming

Plan now: America 250 fireworks are going to be massive

Forget everything you know about backyard bottle rockets. On Saturday, July 4, 2026, the United States turns a full 250 years old, and we are going to be celebrating by setting an unprecedented amount of gunpowder on fire.

Washington, D.C. is hosting the flagship bash. The National Mall will stage a larger-than-ever Fourth of July celebration with a historical reenactment of the Declaration of Independence, musical performers, a parade, and a spectacular fireworks show. The Washington Monument will play the role of world's tallest birthday candle.

In New York City, the Macy's July 4th Fireworks hits its 50th anniversary

over Manhattan, folded into a week-long maritime blowout featuring tall ships from countries including France, Germany, Italy, India, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, the Netherlands, and Argentina. In a first, the Times Square New Year's ball will descend at 11:59 p.m. on July 3 — lit red, white, and blue — followed by 2,000 pounds of confetti and a fireworks finale.

Even smaller cities are swinging big. Raleigh alone is spending \$60,000 on fireworks, with Boston, Philadelphia, and Disney's Magic Kingdom all rolling out their own pyrotechnic extravaganzas.

Not every city is going the pyrotechnic route, though. Drone light shows — those swarms of LED-equipped quadcopters that draw the Liberty Bell across the night sky — are popping up in dozens of America 250 celebrations, from Tampa's 250-drone show at Julian B. Lane Park to displays planned as far west as California's Imperial Valley, with some fleets reportedly reaching 450 drones. The appeal? They can morph into recognizable shapes fireworks can't, and they're blessedly quiet. A typical drone show runs around 60 decibels — normal conversation volume — compared to fireworks that can exceed 150. Your dog says thank you.

The ocean is fighting back

June is National Ocean Month, and for once there is genuinely good

news to report.

The High Seas Treaty — a landmark international agreement to protect ocean waters beyond national borders — reached 60 ratifications in 2025, triggering its legal entry into force. It sets the world on a path to protect 30% of the world's oceans by 2030.

Coral reefs, long considered among the most vulnerable ecosystems on Earth, are showing signs of resilience. A 2024 study found that restored reefs can grow at the same rate as healthy

America 250:

The Smithsonian comes to you

For most of its history, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival has meant one thing: a trip to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. This year it means something different. For America's 250th birthday, the Smithsonian is taking the festival on the road — partnering with more than 30 local festivals in communities across the country and three U.S. territories, from March through November 2026.

The traveling initiative, called "Of the People: The Smithsonian Festival of Festivals," is the first time in the festival's history that it has gone national. Stops this summer include the Blackfoot Ranch Rodeo and Indian Relay Races in Idaho on June 25-27, with additional events running

through the fall.

Back in Washington, the Smithsonian is marking the anniversary in a big way. The National Museum of American History opened "In Pursuit of Life, Liberty & Happiness" on May 14 — a sweeping exhibition spanning all three floors and featuring 250 significant objects, including the desk Thomas Jefferson used to draft the Declaration of Independence.

The landmark Smithsonian Castle, currently undergoing its first major renovation in more than 50 years, is pausing construction to reopen from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The special exhibition inside, "American Aspirations," includes Harriet Tubman's hymnal among its featured artifacts.

The Smithsonian's theme for the year — "Our Shared Future: 250" — calls on Americans to reflect on the nation's history and commit to its ideals going forward.



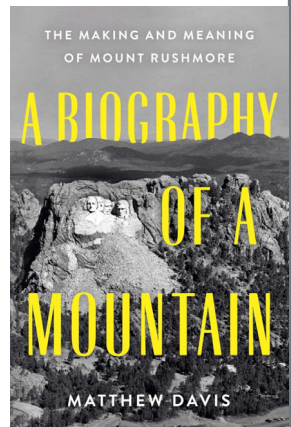
The Custer Senior Citizen's center, Custer

County Library and the 1881 Courthouse Museum will be hosting a book signing on June 29, 2026 @ 10:30 AM at the Custer Senior Citizen's Center. Everyone is welcome to come join the fun.

How often do you get to go to a book signing?

"The book became less a book about the past and more a book about the present."

Matthew Davis



Lori Eggerth

Director, Custer Senior Center

538 Mt. Rushmore Road

A poster for the 2026 Custer County Fair. The background is a textured, light brown color with images of people on horseback at the top and bottom. The text '2026 CUSTER COUNTY FAIR' is in bold, dark letters. Below that, 'SAVE the DATE' is written in a mix of bold serif and cursive fonts. At the bottom, 'HERMOSA, SD' and 'AUGUST 6-9' are written in bold, dark letters. A logo for 'CUSTER COUNTY FAIR' is in the top right, featuring a sun, mountains, and the text 'HERMOSA SOUTH DAKOTA' and 'EST. 1887'. A longhorn head is in the center bottom.

Mental Health Minute Susan Gitter



There is something special about my husband, Jim Hubbell, that most do not know because Jim is an introvert, shy, and a “quiet” man. It should not surprise you that I am an extrovert, not shy, and comfortable engaging people I do

not know in conversation. After all, I am writing to you. This time, my topic comes from Jim, who permitted me to write this Mental Health Minute on something inspired by him, and that includes him.

First, the context: when Jim retired in the traditional sense, in February 2020, his commitment to himself was to “live an un-scheduled life.” I can attest that he is true to himself. We share a Google Calendar; most of the entries are mine. Jim likes having only an occasional entry on the calendar. Jim has always talked about how he appreciates what we have, our home, our resources, and the gift of another go at a committed relationship, using everything we learned in our first marriages. Let me repeat that, Jim has always talked about how he appreciates what he has, what we have, not material things, but also the ways we nurture our marriage.

Jim spends more time at home than I do. I go to town three days a week for rehab classes, meeting clients, mentees, and friends. We check in with each other throughout those days. Sometimes, to get answers to questions like what to pick up at Safeway or Walmart, or mostly to say I am in town, not where you are, and I love you. Jim always has a simple and philosophical response. I do not know exactly when it began, but we agree that it was after Jim retired that his answer to my question, like “How are you?” “How is your day?” or “How are you doing?” always includes a comment about being **content**. I have heard it for years, but recently, I started hearing and appreciating it as if it were brand new.

Remember the Blues Brothers movie? There is a scene where the two are in their car, talking about what they are about to do to make money for the orphanage, and Dan Akroyd says they are “on a mission from God.” Jim teases me that it is why we met, because he is “on a mission from God.” Sigh. We laugh. Probably

so. Jim's example feels like a message from the Divine.

Perhaps influenced by our two-month retreat in Sedona this winter, or by wrestling with accepting changes in our bodies as we age, we have been having frequent conversations about contentment. And contentment versus happiness.

Living the Lesson:

We agree, *happiness* often feels exciting, may be exhilarating, is temporary, and sometimes emotionally intense. *Contentment*, on the other hand, feels more subtle, quieter, steadier, and less dependent on circumstances or events. As we age, we appreciate steadiness.

This conversation usually floats into verbalizing gratitude. First for each other and then for the good things in our lives, individually and together. And then Jim says that we are rich. Our wealth is feeling gratitude, satisfaction, sometimes pleasure, and peace. Even when stressful things happen, we can find our way through the weeds to acknowledge what is good and what is going right. Jim strives to be consistently content. "Well, Susan, I am as content as can be."

Jim Hubbell contemplating contentment on the Slim Dusty Trail in the Sedona Mountains.

Lately, though, I appreciate Jim even more. An article he shared has added a new dimension to our understanding of contentment: "enoughness." The article discusses seeking contentment in the ordinary moments we might have overlooked. My current theory about contentment trumping happiness is, first, acceptance. Notice I did not say approval—acceptance—which spills over into gratitude. When I practice gratitude, the concept of "enough" is tangible. I speak it, name it. I let someone else hear it so I can hear myself say it and recognize that I belong to it. Ordinary life: errands, checking in, being home, conversations, retirement rhythms. We acknowledge that we have enough in this moment; there is no need, no desire for "more."



Contentment is not about the pursuit of happiness. It is learning to accept what it is, to feel gratitude for what remains good, and to recognize that even in imperfect seasons, there is *enough*. Jim's consistent contentment has worn off on me. I like how that feels in and on me. Such is his "mission from God."

I will be having a planned back surgery in June; my summer will be focused on recovery, living contentedly, and noticing enoughness.

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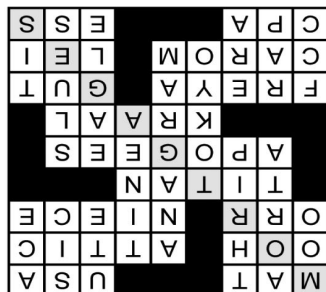
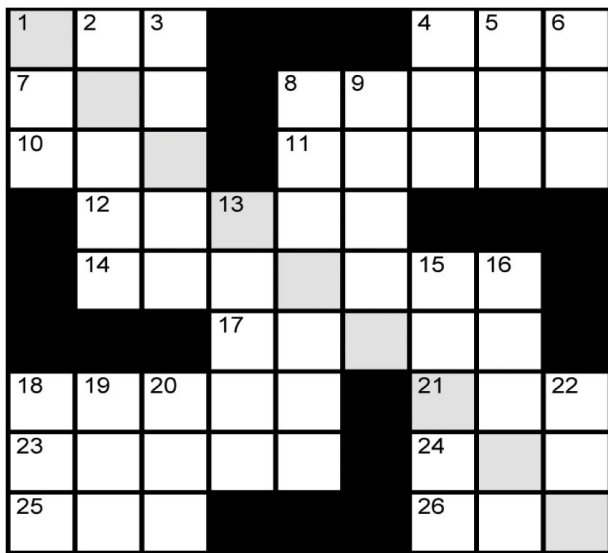
Home Buying Key

Across

1. "Welcome" site
4. ___ Today
7. "___ la la!"
8. Heirloom location
10. Bruin legend
Bobby
11. Bridget Fonda, to
Jane
12. Colossus
14. Highest points
17. Livestock pen
in southern Africa
18. Norse goddess of
love
21. Kind of feeling
23. Billiards bounce
24. "Fantasy Island"
prop
25. Tax expert
for short
26. Feminine suffix

Down

1. Jersey call
2. Blood carrier
3. Thunderflies
4. Colorado Indian
5. As written
6. Trick taker, often
8. Type of word play
9. Skin problem
13. ___ Rose
15. American symbol
16. Veers
18. TV monitor?
19. Bad-mouth
20. Baseball stat
22. "___ the
season ..."



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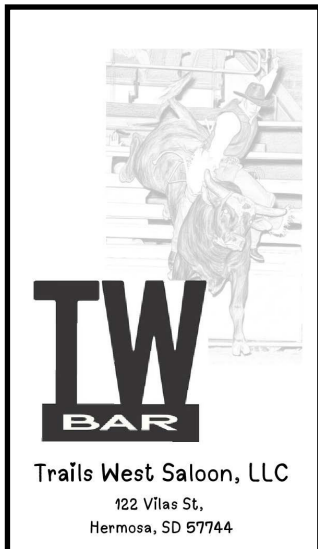
Welcome A New Business

Zelda Anderson and Daryl Ferguson are excited to announce the reopening of the historic community bar located in the lower level of the Hermosa Community Center, now known as the TW Bar.

The TW Bar is currently open daily from 11 a.m. until close, with the exception of Mondays. Community members are encouraged to follow the bar's Facebook page for updates on upcoming events and specials.

In addition to the bar, the upstairs venue is already filling its calendar with events. The space is available to rent for family reunions, wedding receptions, birthday parties, community gatherings, and other special occasions at reasonable rates.

"We've truly enjoyed the events we've hosted so far," Anderson and Ferguson said. "Seeing the community come together — kids running around, parents chasing after them, and grandparents sitting back laughing and enjoying the moment — is what makes this so special to us."



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Both Jim and Brenda have been involved over the years in fair activities and exhibits with not only themselves, but both of their children and grandchildren. Jim and Brenda are always there willing to help when asked and are proud to have served their community for over 50 years.

***Congratulations Jim & Brenda,
this fair is for you!***





Bulletin Board

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 keep changing 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 Hermosa Coffee House.
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

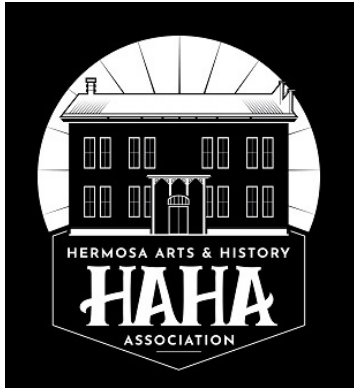
<https://custercountylibrary.org/library-board/>
Proposed Library Meeting Dates THIRD WEDNESDAY, 1:00 P.M., at the Custer Co Library. Historically, one board meeting has been hosted in Hermosa.

Custer County Fair Board

Meets at 7 PM, The second (2nd) Tuesday of each month, at the Custer County Fairgrounds. <https://custercountyfair.com>

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HAHA will be participating in the **Hermosa Town-wide Rummage Sale event on Saturday, June 20.**

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or email us at HermosaArtsAndHistory@gmail.com

HAHA is located at the corner of Second Street and Main Street (Hwy 40) next to the Hermosa Post Office.

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Horoscope: June 2026

Aries (March 21 - April 19): A bold move at work catches someone's attention in the best way. Trust the instinct that tells you to act before overthinking kicks in. Lucky number: 9.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Summer opens a door to a side project you've been daydreaming about. Start small -- the right people will notice. Lucky date: June 11.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Birthday season fills your calendar and your heart. A conversation you almost skip turns out to be the highlight of the month. Lucky number: 3.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): A change of scenery, even a short one, restores your sense of purpose. Financial news mid-month tilts in your favor. Lucky date: June 25.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Your creative energy runs high all month. Channel it into something tangible before inspiration drifts. Lucky number: 7.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): An old friend resurfaces with an opportunity that fits your skills perfectly. Say yes before your inner critic has time to object. Lucky date: June 14.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): A tricky decision becomes simpler once you stop polling everyone around you. Your first instinct is the right one this month. Lucky number: 5.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Patience with a slow-moving plan is rewarded handsomely by late June. A home improvement pays off more than expected. Lucky date: June 20.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): An invitation arrives from an unlikely source -- accept it. The longest day of the year brings your biggest smile. Lucky number: 11.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): A mentor or colleague offers feedback that stings at first but opens a better path. Financial discipline this month sets up a great fall. Lucky date: June 6.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): A community project sparks a passion you didn't know you had. Follow the thread -- it leads somewhere meaningful. Lucky number: 22.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Summer unlocks a wave of creative momentum. A journal entry or sketch you make around mid-month becomes more important than you realize. Lucky date: June 19.



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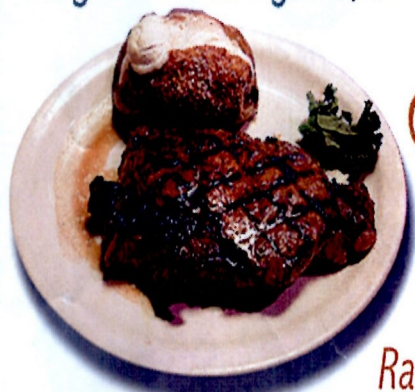
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7	4	8	9	2	5	3	1	6
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2	1	5	7	4	6	8	9	3
8	6	7	3	5	9	4	2	1
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appear once in a column or row in the larger grid. The difficulty on this puzzle is easy.



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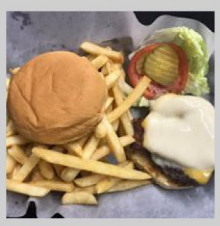
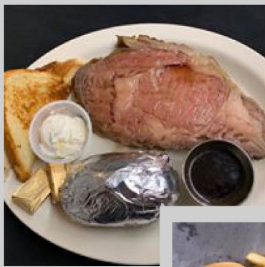
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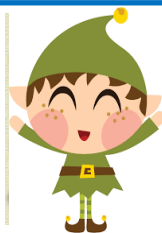
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6-10 Dan Sanders

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Reflection:

It is easy to love people who are just like us, who share our opinions, and who never step on our toes. But God purposefully designed a world full of unique, different personalities. When we hit a roadblock in a relationship, it is often because we are viewing those differences as "complicated" rather than as expressions of God's creativity.

Living in harmony doesn't mean we will never disagree; it means we refuse to let those disagreements tear the bond of peace. It requires us to practice the art of humility and patience. Before reacting in frustration, we can pause, breathe, and remember how much grace we have received from God.



*Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another
in love. Make every effort to keep
the unity of the Spirit through the
bond of peace." —*

Ephesians 4:2-3



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