

Hermosa Newsletter

Connecting Community

January 2025

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Remember
that life's
most valuable
antiques are
dear old
friends.

H Jackson Brown Jr.



Happy New Year 2025!

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 on Thursday
JAN. 16, 3 - 5 pm**

If we are closed on Thursday due to bad weather, we will be open on the
following Sat. from 10-12 (noon.) **Please call
Debbie at 605-939-1992 with any questions.**

Anyone needing extra groceries for the month is welcome to come! If
you're coming for the first time please bring along ID with a current ad-
dress in Hermosa or Fairburn. A special thanks to everyone in the com-
munity who gives and donates to make the food pantry possible!

**Donations can be made payable to the Hermosa/Fairburn Food Bank
and mailed to 24210 South Highway 79, Hermosa SD 57744.**

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

Tuesday Jan. 28th, 10:30am - 11:30am

Red Shirt, 38 Tatanka Numpa Rd

Tuesday Jan. 28th , 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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JAN.

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#newyearsinheritosa #newyearreels #happynewyeartoyou

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#newyearnewvision #newyearnewwork #goodbyeoldyear

*Happy
New Year*

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.

Just email

joharris.news@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



The town of Hermosa is accepting written nominations for the individual or group that you believe is deserving of the 2025 Volunteer of the Year recognition.

Nominees must have performed work or activities that are ***related to the Town of Hermosa or its citizens***, during the 2024 calendar year. They do not need to live within the town limits.

Written nominations are to include the following:

In your narrative (letter) describe the civic/volunteer/professional activities of the nominee, including offices held and honors bestowed. Include any significant accomplishments.

Please tell the Selection Committee how this person has made a difference and why your nominee should be chosen as the Hermosa Volunteer of the Year.

The deadline for nominations is **FEB. 14, 2025**

Please Include:

1. Name and phone number of person submitting nominations.

Name, address, and phone number of individual or group being nominated.

Send nominations to:

1. Town of Hermosa, P.O. Box 298, Hermosa, SD 57744 or
2. Deliver to the Town Office at 230 Main St. Hermosa SD or
3. E-mail to terri@hermosasd.com



NOMINATION FORM

Hermosa Volunteer of the year

Nominee:

Organisation:

Address:

Telephone No:

Brief Summary of volunteerism activities:

Volunteer activities must have taken place in Hermosa and benefited its residents.

Other affiliations/organizations nominee is a member of:

Nominated by:

Telephone No:

Signed:

Date:

2025 garbage pick-up calendar



 CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

 SERVICE DAY

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Printable 2025 garbage pick-up calendars are available on the Hermosa town website.

www.hermosasd.com

You may also pick up a copy at the town office. Call or email Jill to have a copy emailed or mailed to you.

605-255-4291

jill@hermosasd.com



**2025 Hermosa Licensed
Contractors are available on the
website or at the Town Office.**

www.hermosasd.com

**Announcements –
2025 Contractor List**

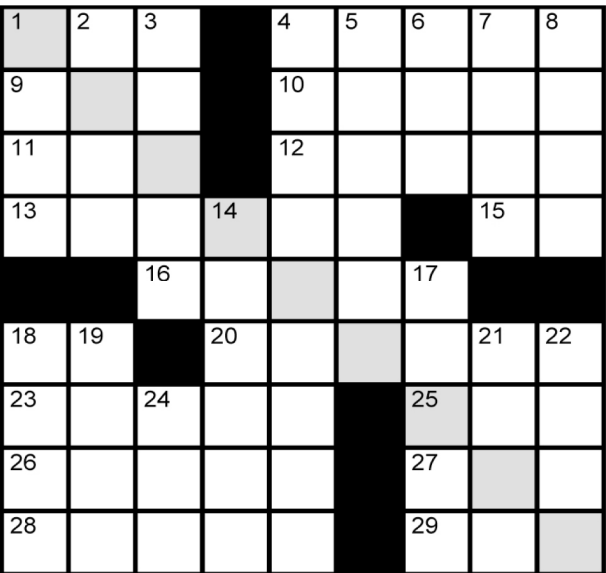
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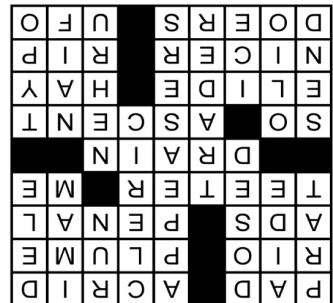
1. Hippie's hangout
4. Like thick smoke
9. Carnaval site
10. Fancy feather
11. Commercials
12. Kind of colony
13. Wobble
15. Yours truly
16. Sink feature
18. Therefore
20. Upward slope
23. Slur over
25. Stable diet
26. More upscale
27. Tear
28. Go-getters
29. Roswell sighting

Down

1. Kind of fall
2. White House staffer
3. Gave medicine to
4. Pacifiers
5. Church official
6. Jog



7. Prayer leader
8. Expunge
14. Wall Street figure
17. India's first P.M.
18. Dispatch
19. Assortment
21. Inexperienced
22. AutoCorrect target
24. Rink surface



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

Mason's

LODGE NO. 92

Mouthwatering breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee!



Adults \$10.00, Veterans Discount

Kids priced to appetite

SUNDAYS 7AM –12PM

33 N. Second Street, Hermosa SD 57744

EVERYONE WELCOME!

January is National Blood Donor Month

Blood banks begin search for donors

For children, January is a month for sledding and building snowmen. For blood banks it is a time of searching.

With snowstorms, holidays, increased illness and winter vacations, donations to the blood banks come up short every year.

It's one of the reasons that January has been designated National Blood Donor Month. With blood being required by a patient every two seconds and only about 3 percent of the population donating blood, the plea goes out for eligible donors to donate as often as possible.

A single donation of blood can save three lives.

Blood banks want prospective donors to know that donating is a very safe procedure. All materials involved are used only once and then discarded.

The process starts with registration, a health history is taken and a mini-physical is given. The actual donation takes about 10 minutes and equals approximately one pint of blood. Your body will normally replace the lost fluid within 24 hours.

The American Red Cross offers some tips to make donating a good experience.

Before going to donate, eat a good breakfast or lunch. Avoid fatty foods and eat iron-rich foods. Drink extra fluids to replace the fluid you will donate but avoid caffeine.

Be sure to wear clothes with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow.

Afterwards, eat the snack and drink provided.

Over the next 24-48 hours, be sure to drink plenty of fluids.

Even if you cannot donate blood due to health conditions or other reasons, you can still participate in Blood Donor Month. You can help organize a blood drive, or volunteer to help at mobile blood sites.

Check with your local blood drives to see if they need treats to give to donors after they give blood.

Monetary donations are always welcome.





THE AMERICAN LEGION
BATTLE CREEK POST 303
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
HERMOSA, SOUTH DAKOTA

BINGO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 & 17, 2025

7:00 TO 9:00 PM

LOCATION: American Legion Post Home

BINGO: 16 games. **Last game is blackout for \$365.00** (60 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 Building Fund.

POST 303 AUXILLARY

THERE WILL NOT BE A DINNER IN JANUARY

BEER, SODAS, BOTTLED WATER & CANDY FOR SALE

WE DO HAVE SEPARATE BINGO CARDS FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY & WIN.
NO COST FOR THESE CARDS.
WINNING BINGOS WILL GET A SODA OR CANDY BAR.

Happy New Year 2025!

Community Lunch Menu

At Hermosa Senior Citizens' Center

12:00-noon SHARP, Buffet-style Lunch

American Legion Post 303 Building, 13486 SD Hwy 40, East end of Hermosa

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

Jan 6 - Jan 9

Monday	Spaghetti
Tuesday	Breakfast for Lunch
Wednesday	Roast Beef
Thursday	Taco Bar
Friday	Closed

Jan 13 - Jan 16

Monday	Sloppy Joes
Tuesday	Runza Casserole
Wednesday	Cranberry Chicken
Thursday	Liver & Onions / Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Jan 20 - Jan 23

Monday	Turkey Casserole
Tuesday	Hot Beef Sandwich
Wednesday	Meatloaf
Thursday	Stirfry
Friday	Closed

Jan 27 - Jan 30

Monday	Cheeseburger Mac
Tuesday	Soup & Sandwich Bar
Wednesday	Pork Loin
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Feb 3 - Feb 6

Monday	Seafood Alfredo
Tuesday	Fajitas
Wednesday	Salisbury Steak
Thursday	Hot Pork Sandwich
Friday	Closed

Feb 10 - Feb 13

Monday	Swedish Meatballs
Tuesday	Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
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 @hermosaseniorecitizens for daily menu updates.

or at [HermosaConnects.com](https://hermosaconnects.com) click Senior Menu tab to view the full monthly menu.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

PSSSST...THESE WALLS CAN TALK!!



Howdy folks! My name's Woody! I'm a ceiling beam in the Hermosa Arts and History Association's Museum. I've been around a long time and this is my story...

I started life as a pine cone that blew off a Ponderosa Pine tree and rolled down a hill into some nice soft mud. Pretty soon, the sun came out and warmed me up and lo and behold, I started sprouting! First roots, then branches and before you knew it, I was a sapling! I slept when it turned cold but when the sun and rains came I grew and grew. Soon, I was big enough to spread pine cones of my own.

Birds built nests in my branches and bears scratched their backs on my trunk. Native People sat in my shade seeking visions. They called where I grew "Paha Sapa" which means "hills that are black". I watched people dig up rocks and shake them until they found the yellow rocks that made them whoop and holler! I saw men atop their horses, dressed alike, parade in a line in front of me. Quite a sight!

One day, when I was about 200 years old and grown quite a girth, some men came with big saws and cut me down! They had to work really hard but they got me onto a wagon pulled by horses. It was a bumpy ride but I was finally dropped off at a sawmill. There, they took off my bark and cut me into rectangles and laid me out to dry. I was so big that I made a whole bunch of those rectangles that the men called boards. We all dried straight, strong and true. Now my adventure would really begin!

After I had dried for about a year, a man came to the sawmill and said he needed some really good lumber because they were building a school in Hermosa. It was going to be two stories and had to be the best. He was brought over to the stack where I was drying and he decided that I would be perfect. I became the beams that held up the second floor. I got to have kids walk across my back while I sheltered the ones below. It was an easy job for one as strong and straight as me.

I watched those kids learn and grow for 40 years until one day....and I swear this is the truth....they picked up the whole building and rolled it down the street on LOGS! I hung onto the top floor for all I was worth and we landed on Second Street....all well and good and in one piece!

For the next 70 years, the building became the Masonic Lodge. Once again, I held strong as the Masons and the Eastern Stars walked on my back during their sacred meetings and sheltered the dances and gatherings they sponsored on the first floor. What a time we had! Music, laughter and love seeped into every nook and cranny!

But, alas, after holding together for 110 years, the Masons decided that the old building needed to be torn down. I was really sad but had to admit that I was getting a little tired and parts of me were beginning to sag.

As I was moping one day, I heard voices on the first floor...."Do you remember all the fun times we had here?" "Boy, it would break my heart to see such a vital part of the community torn down." "I think if we reinforced a few things and gave it a new foundation, it could be used again." "We could turn it into a museum and preserve our history!".....Oh, Wow...there was hope!

And that's what happened. Community members got together and bought the building for \$1.00. Over the next 25 years, a new foundation, roof, bathroom, insulation, stucco, additional support beams (which helped me a bunch), new stairway, interior walls, heating, air conditioning and refinished floors were all added with amazing support from the community and dedicated volunteers. On Mother's Day, May 12, 2024, I watched as the doors opened to the public and the place became alive again! It was so exciting!

You know what? I may be over 300 years old, but I can still hold up the second floor of this building with the help of these younger saplings! The HABA board decided I was so special that I didn't need to be covered with ceiling tiles so folks could see the type of construction used in 1880s. So come down and see me sometime! I'll be waiting for you!

**Hermosa/Fairburn
Community Food Bank**

SOUPER BOWL

Fundraiser

Saturday, **January 25th**

St. Michael's
Catholic
Church

5:00pm
Soup Supper
(Donation)

5:30pm
Basket
Auction



2025

A great time
to get your
Super Bowl
snacks and
fixings as well
as other
yummy treats
and fun gifts!

The Community Food Bank has helped to feed approximately 178 families in the past year and the number is growing. This meal and auction is the only fundraiser held by the Food Bank Board. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support!

EVERYONE WELCOME



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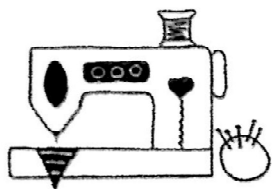
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EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS THRU CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday – Friday 10-6pm

Saturday 10-4pm

Sunday 11-3

710 Tenaya Street, Hermosa

(605) 391-3994

HOROSCOPE JAN. 2025

Aries 3/21 - 4/19: Fine-tune your focus this month to attract more success. Cultivate your positive outlook. Stars say outstanding results are possible.

Taurus 4/20 - 5/20: Trust your gut in an important matter. Somewhere in the back of your mind, you have a feeling. Pay attention to it.

Gemini 5/21 - 6/20: An insight comes your way that should be shared. Don't be alarmed if the reception isn't positive initially. Bide your time.

Cancer 6/21 - 7/22: New Year renewal and reorganization is on your mind. Keep the things that have meaning, but don't cling to sentimentality.

Leo 7/23 - 8/22: Stars say a dab of courage will be required for an event that could alter the status quo. Be ready to face change.

Virgo 8/23 - 9/22: January brings a sense of disarray, a horrible feeling for Virgo! Solve the problem by making progress on small issues.

Libra 9/23 - 10/21: Take a moment to enjoy that sense of accomplishment from a recent event or project. But, make it short: Another challenge is on the horizon.

Scorpio 10/22 - 11/21: One problem on your mind will soon resolve through your efforts. And, you'll do it brilliantly.

Sagittarius 11/22 - 12/21: Beware of making yourself the center of attention in a current dispute. It won't be the solution you hope for.

Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19: You'll have the chance to make considerable progress in 2025, but you'll have to face an unexpected situation. Stay calm and you'll win.

Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18: Mundane tasks mask a big change moving throughout your life. Keep your eye on the big picture.

Pisces 2/19 - 3/20: Look for synergy. A special project won't fly without it. You'll need people or organizations.

HEARTLAND HAIR

What I Offer

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: 1PM-8PM

WEDNESDAY: 9AM-1PM

THURSDAY: 9AM-5PM

FRIDAY: 9AM-5PM

SATURDAY: 9AM-12PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

WOMENS CUTS

MENS CUTS

COLORS

BODY WAXING

TAKING NEW CLIENTS



Happy
New
Year!

The Hermosa Arts & History Association extends a heartfelt thank you to the entire community for their incredible support of the recent Christmas Carnival held at the Hermosa School!

A special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for spreading holiday cheer and handing out goodie bags to all the delighted children.

Your generous support made the event a resounding success, and we're thrilled that our vendors enjoyed participating as well.

**We truly appreciate your
continued support year after year!"**



Mental Health Minute

Susan Lorenzen

January 2025

Another trip around the sun.

Life is a cycle, and within life are multiple cycles. New or birth is followed by growth or maturity, then completion or finishing makes the end. Renewal or new birth comes next, and the cycle repeats. Here we are at the time that symbolizes fresh beginnings. The notion of renewal, righting wrongs, reestablishing agreements, and committing to better living goes back four thousand years to the Babylonians. They recognized the beginning of a new planting cycle in March. Then, in 46 BC, Julius Caesar tweaked the calendar and established January 1st as the beginning of the calendar year. Eventually, the early Christians made it a tradition to recognize past mistakes and promise to do better in special church services on New Year's Eve. As time passed, this practice has morphed into what we identify as making New Year's Resolutions.

Resolutions harm your mental health.

Research shows six to ten percent of resolutions are kept and completed throughout the year. This makes for a good argument for thinking differently about this risk to one's self-esteem.

Resolution implies certainty, a definite, final, and mechanical action that does not accommodate the unexpected twists and turns of ordinary living. Resolutions cause stress. When "life happens," we can't consistently eliminate an unwanted behavior or adopt a new one. We tell ourselves we are failures, and our self-worth takes a punch. The inner critic takes over; you quit trying and settle with "I can't." Resolutions are firm, strict, and long forgotten before February; don't punish yourself.

Intentions use self-compassion, which is the neuroscience of change.

Setting intentions is a softer experience in achieving the desired outcome. We tend to be less self-critical, more flexible, and broader.

We can forgive ourselves when “life happens,” and we are bounced off track. Intention is a practice that requires us to be in the present rather than lingering in the past or obsessing over the future. An intention is something aimed for, something you actively mean to carry out. Intentions are open-ended and allow for nuance when “life happens,” we need to adjust our intentions to the new circumstances. Intentions are best set every day for that day. Each day you practice a smaller intention, you will move closer to a more significant intent without placing expectations too high for the future.

Making and keeping a resolution involves only the left brain, which is rational and activity-focused. Our self-critical mind lives here. Resolutions are cerebral. On the other hand, intentions involve the left brain, right brain, heart, and gut instinct. Our self-compassioned mind thrives here. We *embody* our intentions with our whole being. The change we cultivate becomes natural, and our new way of being more genuine.

Cultivate positive mental health and personal growth.

Let the concept of renewal inspire us to make positive changes in our lives, not with resolutions but instead with intentions, giving our mental health a boost, not a bump.

© Susan Lorenzen January 2025

Hermosa Lightning Contest:

The judges have made their decisions and they said it was hard there was so many good ones.

- 1. First place is 27 N 5th St**
- 2. Second place is 13826 Box Canyon RD and**
- 3. Third place is 760 Marie St.**



Bulletin Board

Hermosa Town Board Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Hermosa Town Hall, 6:00 pm.

Hermosa Connects... Monthly meeting, January 30th - 6pm at the Hermosa Coffee House.



Custer County Republicans

The Custer County Republicans will meet on Tuesday, January 7, at 5:30 pm in the Pine Room of the Library Annex. Our speaker this month will be Sheriff Marty Mechaley to update us on the improvements with Custer State Park. Also, we will be making some plans for the upcoming year so please bring any ideas or suggestions for activities and projects. Our meetings are open to anyone interested, and all Republicans are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to CCRepubs@goldenwest.net to get a headcount for food.

Check us out on Facebook at CusterCountySDRepublicans

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



Mon, Jan 20, 2025, 10:00 AM



INAUGURATION DAY

Hermosa Arts and History Association would like to thank the Hermosa Community, Custer County and all the volunteers for their past and continued support. It is only because of you that the doors to the museum are open and the story of eastern Custer County can be told. We look forward to serving the community and providing programs to enrich lives in the coming year. Last year was a red letter year with our Grand Opening and we believe 2025 can be even better! We are planning monthly presentations, open days during the summer, the County Fair, the second annual ArtOut, Halloween Trick or Treat and the Christmas Carnival just to name a few. There might also be a simulated school moving contest in the works! Also, don't forget that we offer "Bags, Boxes and Bins" to help teachers and home schoolers teach children about the local history with "hands on" experience.

If you enjoy history and having fun, HAHa might be a place to check out. We are inviting anyone who might be interested to join us at the museum on January 11, 2025 at 11:00 am for our annual meeting. We will have a pot-luck and the meeting will follow. We would love to see you!

Hermosa Arts and History Association will meet the second Monday of the month, at 6:30 in the HaHa building, next to the post office. Check our Facebook page for exact date & location. (**[www.facebook.com/Hermosa history](https://www.facebook.com/Hermosa%20history)**)



Breakfast Gathering

Saturday Jan. 4th, 9:15 am
Laughing Waters Restaurant
Crazy Horse Memorial

RSVP via email by Friday, 1.3.25



Monthly Meeting and Homemade Soup



Thursday, January 16th, 2025 - 11:30 am
Custer County Library - Pine Room

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Email: ccsddp21info@gmail.com

PO Box 5065 Custer, SD 57730



Facebook: [@custercountydemocratsofsouthdakota](https://www.facebook.com/custercountydemocratsofsouthdakota)

**Support your
community!**

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Spend Local**



He Dreamed of Riding Broncs!

One of my voluntary jobs for Hermosa Arts and History Association is collecting and filing in alphabetized scrapbooks the obituaries that are published weekly in THE CUSTER COUNTY CHRONICLE.

(Note that the acronym is HAHA; the group was formed by three Hermosa residents who wanted to enjoy their nonprofit work! We love our acronym and our big building behind the Hermosa Post Office).

Here are some entertaining items I have gleaned from obituaries this week. A man who “went to be with the Lord Jesus” and will be remembered for his witty personality and “cowboy sense of humor,” said that when he fell asleep at night, he dreamed he was “in the chute on a bronc” waiting for the gate to open so he could ride!

Another man had been told by his dad that if he wanted a Harley Davidson, he’d have to work for it; so he did, and on his Harley he rode through the countryside, attending the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally every year.

One couple also were avid volksmarchers and did the 10K hikes in all 48 contiguous states in the U.S. On top of that, they became big fans of bluegrass music and attended festivals across the country. In Marion, S.D., she organized the church’s first library.

When he wasn’t on his earth-moving machinery, he was busy teaching his daughters his love of hunting and fishing. He also loved to tell stories, one after the other.

She liked collecting Betty Boop items and the singer Josh Turner. And if you wanted to make her happy, show up with a couple packs of Diet Cokes!

A farmer, he shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide at their home. They had quarreled after his wife asked for a team to drive to town. He followed his wife as she started for a garden near the house, shooting her twice with a shotgun.

She and her husband flew into the primitive areas of Papua New Guinea to support the work of Bible translation there. Cont. pg. 27



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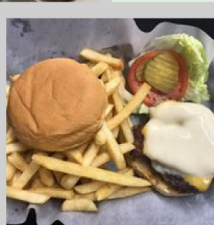
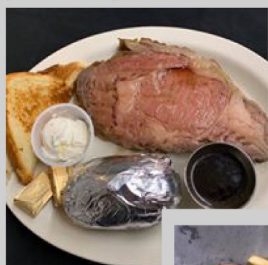
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She loved baking pies for the local café along with fixing hair and doing needlework. She was loved by the community and loved the community just as much.

She enjoyed volunteering in her children's classrooms and especially loved dressing up as the "Cat in the Hat" and reading to school children.

He was born on the family home on Battle Creek and spent his life in the Black Hills except for one year of school in Brookings, and a year in Missoula, Montana.

She loved baking, canning, and playing cards during family gatherings. She loved her Bronco and spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed her morning walks, Bible study, and good coffee.

Born Oct. 6, 1840 in Greene County, Pennsylvania, he died Feb. 17, 1898 in Hermosa, South Dakota. After his service as a corporal in Company D in the First West Virginia Cavalry, he spent his life as a farmer.

Arrow Wound served at Camp Robinson, and enlisted as a scout in Company D under command of Lt. William P. Clark, 2nd U.S. Cavalry, serving two three-month enlistments, December 12, 1876 through July 1, 1877.

He particularly liked providing hunting opportunities to his military and law enforcement friends. If he noticed kids hunting, he'd talk to them, and if he discovered that "ditch" hunting was their only option, he would offer them a one-day hunt on his property, so many kids got their first pheasant for free. After retiring, he helped track down the "gremlins" on the B-1 Bomber; his commitment to his country lasted 43 years, and he retired from Ellsworth Air Force Base.

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Around The Neighborhood

HERMOSA, SD – A Hallmark Christmas

What started as a desire to bring some holiday cheer to their small town has blossomed into a year-round celebration for the residents of Hermosa.

Ryan and Breezy Simpson, a local couple, spearheaded the effort, transforming Hermosa into a winter wonderland. The town was adorned with twinkling lights, ice skaters enjoyed a makeshift rink, A complete chili cook-off fed every one and the aroma of hot cocoa and cookies filled the air, culminated in the town's Christmas tree lighting ceremony. And the Grande finale was the festive parade, complete with horse-drawn wagons, floats and fire trucks totaling over 40 entries.

The community has embraced the effort wholeheartedly. Dan and Deb Holsworth, long-time residents, have been instrumental in the success of the events, generously donating their time and resources. Not to mention the several block long Christmas display that they have put up for many years.

"It's heartwarming to see how everyone has come together," said Dan Holsworth. "Hermosa is truly a special place." "It was wonderful to see our neighbors enjoying themselves and connecting with each other," said Breezy Simpson.

"The response was incredible," said Breezy Simpson. "We realized that we could use this spirit of community to bring people together year-round." This year, the Simpsons will introduce the "Hermosa Block Party," a series of community events held twice a month throughout the warmer months. Local businesses, including Trails West Saloon as one of the primary sponsor, have enthusiastically supported the

initiative. "We're thrilled to be a part of this," said Andrea Kelly, owner of Trails West Saloon. The Simpsons and the Hermosa community are already looking forward to the summer block party and the upcoming 2025 holiday season, eager to continue building upon the festive spirit that has transformed our town.



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Justice Department busts major cybercrime hub

Cybercriminals who visited popeye-tools recently to purchase stolen information and other illicit tools found a nasty surprise instead -- the website had been seized by the United States Justice Department. And to really drive the point home, the single splash page also features an image of Popeye behind a set of iron bars.

According to The Record, Popeye Tools has been selling stolen credit card data since at least 2016. Users could also purchase debit card numbers, banking information, and other valuable personal information that could be used to commit identity theft. Stolen access devices and other tools for financial crimes were also available, often at bargain prices.

The sophisticated criminal marketplace fashioned itself as a high-quality resource for discerning cyber thief's, and even deployed the phrase "Quality, not quantity" to attract clientele. Popeye Tools even guaranteed its products, promising refunds for stolen credit card data that was not valid at the time it was sold.

The Justice Department identified three men -- two from Pakistan and one from Afghanistan -- as the perpetrators, though it's unclear where the men are currently located or if they have been arrested. All have been

charged with several offenses in U.S. federal court and face up to 10 years in prison if they are convicted. The Justice Department has also seized a cryptocurrency account controlled by one of the suspects, worth approximately \$283,000

Happy New Year (whenever it might be)

The new year begins on January 1 -- or does it?

Let's back up to early spring in 1750, when winter frost and ice were giving way to new growth and longer days across England, Ireland, and the thirteen colonies across the ocean. The King's loyal (and occasionally disloyal) subjects said farewell to the old year on March 24, as they had for many centuries, and greeted the year 1751 at midnight on March 25.

Another year proceeded as normal until early September, when warm days were just starting to give way to cooler evenings. People across the Empire retired to bed on September 2 ... and woke up on September 14, as decreed by the Calendar (New Style) Act, passed in Parliament the year before to align England and her territories with the Gregorian calendar.

The Act also decreed that the new year would begin on January 1 -- supposedly chosen because January got its name from Janus, the Roman god of transitions and beginnings. British subjects barely had time to

shake off the hangover of losing 11 days in September before the year 1751 ended, just nine months after it began.

So if you felt like your 2024 passed way too quickly, remind yourself that at least you got a full 12 months.

Electric trucks experience a global surge

Trucking keeps the world supplied with just about everything it needs or wants, but fluctuating fuel costs create a ripple effect that impacts supply chains and hits consumers right in their wallets.

In order to keep the wheels of commerce turning, governments and the private sector have leaned into electric trucking. According to Strategy&, a third of all trucks in Europe, North America, and Greater China will be battery or fuel cell-powered zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2030. That market share is expected to rise to 70 percent by 2035.

While tightening regulations are partly responsible for the speedy shift toward ZEVs, it's not the whole picture. Newer electric truck technologies are priced more competitively than previous iterations, and experts say that battery electric trucks will come with a lower cost of ownership compared to internal combustion engines. There are fewer moving parts, for example, and less things to break. They tend to be quieter, so better for

residential areas.

However, a number of issues loom large.

For long-distance shipping, nations need a network of charging stations.

A fully-loaded 18-wheeler diesel truck could nearly make the trip from California to New York with one or two stops for fueling. An electric truck, on the other hand, with the best available batteries would need to make 11 or 12 stops for at least 30 minutes, assuming an average battery range of 300 miles.

Bridges and roadway weight limits will have to be examined and upgrades made. While electric vehicles have less vibration and more even weight distribution, they are heavier than diesel trucks. Current weight limits for trucks on interstates is set at about 80,000 pounds. Some states have allowed 2,000 extra pounds for electric trucks, in order to accommodate the extra battery weight.

Much depends on new research into batteries to create lighter, longer-range devices. Among the solutions: Lithium-sulfur, silicon anodes, battery management strategies, and graphene.

Your AI cheat sheet

The technology is evolving so quickly that you're forgiven if you don't remember the finer details of artificial intelligence. But like it or not,

AI's role in our everyday lives is only going to grow, and a basic working understanding will serve you well.

What is AI?

Artificial intelligence, or AI, analyzes and interprets data in order to simulate human intelligence -- meaning the way we gather information and learn from experience, solve problems, make decisions, and adapt to changing circumstances. But unlike humans, traditional AI can't come up with new ideas on its own, and can only make suggestions based on its analysis of existing data.

Is that the same as generative AI?

Not exactly. Generative AI is designed specifically to generate new content -- something that traditional AI isn't programmed to do. Though both systems analyze and interpret data, generative AI identifies patterns in large datasets and then creates new variations based on the information it gleans from the existing dataset. For example, generative AI might train on photos of pickup trucks, and then generate a recognizable image of a pickup truck that does not match any of the photos in the original dataset.

What are they good for?

Traditional AI excels at performing specific tasks with clear and consistent rules, like monitoring your credit card transactions to detect fraudulent activity or segregating

spam emails from your regular inbox. It excels at automating unavoidable and time-consuming chores.

Generative AI outputs new material based on input or parameters from users -- for example, a user might request a haiku about a tree and receive a complete haiku based only on that suggestion. More specific instructions yield more defined outputs.

Does generative AI really "create" new material?

That's a subject of fierce debate, but Uncle Sam doesn't seem to think so. AI-generated content, including text, images, or music, is not eligible for copyright protection. If you want something you can own and legally protect, you'll have to create it the old-fashioned way -- with your human brain.

Schwan song:

Iconic frozen food business closes

After 72 years in business, Schwan's Home Delivery -- also known as Yelloh after a 2022 brand refresh -- has parked its famous yellow trucks for good. In a statement, the company cited "multiple insurmountable business challenges" as the reason for the closure, but some former employees and retail analysts say that Schwan's failed to evolve with the times, and its last-ditch efforts were simply too late.

According to the New York Times,

Schwan's difficulties began in the late 1980s, when fewer people remained at home during the day to accept deliveries and relationships between longtime drivers and customers faded. Competition from membership stores like Costco and Sam's Club further eroded Schwan's market share, and regulatory changes further impacted truck operations.

By the 2010s, the grocery delivery service seemed mostly old-fashioned compared to mobile shopping options at conventional grocery stores and platforms like Instacart.

Schwan finally moved to update its business model in 2018, selling an 80 percent stake to South Korean food company CJ CheilJedang -- a deal that included the entire frozen food business (including well-known brands like Mrs. Smith's, Red Baron, Schwan's, and Frechette), though Schwan's still retained ownership of the delivery business. In 2022, the company rebranded itself as Yelloh, thus distancing itself from a brand with a decades-long heritage. And in early 2024, Schwan broke its last link with history when Yelloh trucks ceased carrying Schwan's brand frozen foods

entirely, including its beloved ice cream.

The Schwan's Company, which supplies grocery stores and other food-service outlets, is still in business.

Massive ocean coral discovered

Researchers exploring the Pacific Ocean off the coast of the Solomon Islands have found an extraordinary organism: A massive coral made of 1 billion polyps, tiny individual creatures.

Measuring 100 feet wide and long, the single coral is estimated to be at least 300 years old. It is not a reef, which is a network of many coral colonies. Instead, the newly discovered coral is a single structure that has grown uninterrupted for hundreds of years.

According to National Geographic, the coral is so massive it can be seen from space, but even from the surface it may appear just as a rock. Researchers thought it might be a shipwreck. Even local people did not know the coral was there.

Airport becomes the place to be -- not leave

If you think of airports as the place you have to go before you get to where you want to be, the Singapore Changi Airport might change your mind.

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It's the most lavish entry in the class of airports that are becoming a destination themselves.

Here's a refresher course:

Driving in snow



Before you start: Clear the snow and ice off your whole car, (not just the windows) so

you have an unobstructed view of the road. Don't forget to clean the headlights. Carry a cellphone, shovel, sand or kitty litter, snacks and water in case you get stuck.

After a big snow, don't leave until the snow plows and sanding trucks have done their work. For a frozen door lock, heat the end of the key with a match. Turn your lights on when you leave.

* When renting a car during bad weather, ask for one with four-wheel drive. It won't solve all driving problems, but four-wheel drive can help you get through snow. Drive slowly.

* If you don't have much experience

driving in winter conditions, practice your moves and check your car's response in a vacant parking lot before starting your trip. Warmer climates, such as in Atlanta, generally have a mix of snow and sleet.

On the road: Drive slowly and leave three times the amount of space you normally allow between your car and the one ahead. Don't use cruise control. To stop, brake gently. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.

In a skid: If your rear wheels skid, stop accelerating and steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. Apply anti-lock brakes with steady pressure. If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.

What if you get stuck? It can happen in your yard, in front of a house, or anywhere you happen to slide off the road for even a few feet. When it does, don't spin your wheels.

* Turn the wheels from side to side to push away the snow. Use a light touch to ease your car out. If that doesn't work, use a shovel to clear the snow from the wheels and underside of the car and put sand under the wheels. Try gently rocking the vehicle back and forth.

* Don't gun the engine repeatedly, or you could ruin the transmission. If none of this works, dial up a tow truck. Have a snack and a drink of water. Call your boss to say you'll be

late, then just relax and wait for help.

How to save your back and your heart

but still shovel the snow

The white stuff drifting down is beautiful. But you have to get rid of it, and start getting rid of it very soon.

Shoveling snow is a physically demanding job. Check with your doctor to see if you should be doing it at all. If not, or if shoveling is not your thing, prepare ahead by setting up a snow removal service or contracting with a strong neighbor.

* Before you go out, warm up your muscles and stretch as you would before any exercise. Dress in layers so you can remove one if you get heated up. Extra heat makes the heart beat faster, and you want it to stay at a normal pace. * The best time to work on the snow is when it's still falling. It won't be as deep, and it will be loose, powdery or a lot easier to move. At this point, your leaf blower could do the job.

* If it's already deep, use a smaller, lighter shovel. Start with small loads.

* Push the snow rather than lifting it whenever you can, even if it's for a small area. Every push avoids a lift.

* When you do lift, use your legs instead of your back. Face the direction you want the snow to go and throw it without twisting. * Do larger areas in segments. The National Safety Coun-

cil recommends shoveling a while, then resting.

Keep your feet warm; avoid a cold

A number of studies show that feeling generally cold outside or indoors will not cause a cold. Having cold feet, however, can make you more likely to get one.



Researchers at Cardiff University's Common Cold Center (Wales, U.K.) say that having very cold feet could jump-start a cold. Cold feet, the doctors explain, cause constriction of the blood vessels in the upper airways, which may reduce your body's defenses against viruses.

It wouldn't hurt to make yourself comfortable and reduce your chance of a cold at the same time.

Put on some thick socks if the floor gets drafty when you watch television, and wear them outside when the weather is frigid.





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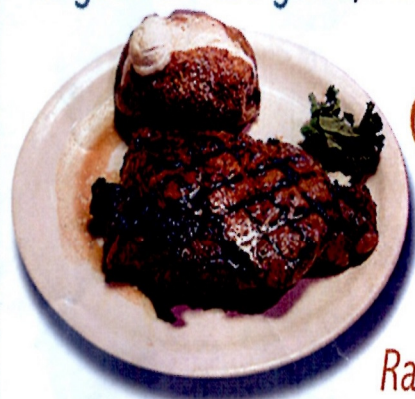
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Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Delmar Clarke, 83, of Hermosa, SD, who passed away Saturday, December 14, 2024, at Firesteel Healthcare Center in Mitchell. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Hermosa, SD. Arrangements by Bittner Funeral Chapel.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jim Daggett. Jim will be missed, but also remembered for his many years of service to our community.

*A*s we reflect on this year and prepare for the holidays, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our readers. Your continued support means the world to us.

This time of year often brings a mix of emotions, and we want to acknowledge those who are missing loved ones. May the spirit of the season bring you comfort and peace.

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January Sudoku

How to solve sudoku puzzles

No math is required to solve a sudoku. You only need logic and patience.

Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one instance of the numbers 1-9. Similarly, each number can only

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

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CHURCH EVENTS FOR

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. Mass at 9 a.m. each Sunday in the new church on Hwy 40, East Main Hermosa.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1. Worship Service with Holy Communion, Sundays at 9:30 am in the building and online at www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa & www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa
2. Fellowship each Sunday following worship, Potluck following worship last Sunday of each month.
3. D.O.G. Night during the school year - 5:30 pm Christian Education for Children 4 years THRU 6th Grade, 6:20 pm Family meal for all ages, 7:00 pm - Confirmation for 7th grade and older.
4. Check out our Facebook page for announcements and other faith growth and fun opportunities

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC)

1. Sunday service at 9:00 a.m.
2. Communion on first Sunday of each month.

CHRIST'S TABERNACLE (nondenominational) meets at Beef Bldg. at the Fairgrounds.

1. Sunday service at 10:00 am
2. Wednesday evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
3. All sermons can be heard online at christstabernacle.org.

Please send all prayer requests to prayr@christstabernacle.org We will pray for you and your needs. God bless you!

HERMOSA SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

1. Saturday 10:00 a.m. for Sabbath School Bible Study and 11:00 a.m. for Divine Services

FAIRBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SUMMER HOUR.

Winter Services resume the first Sunday in September