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We hope this holiday brings you a well-deserved break filled with all the good things: delicious food, the warmth of family and friends, and a moment to appreciate your own blessings. May your day be abundant with laughter, comfort, and cherished memories.

From our team to your home, Happy Thanksgiving! We appreciate your trust and look forward to sharing more with you in the months to come.

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THURSDAY of the month

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**Community Food Bank -
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Nov. 20, 3 - 5 pm**

The Hermosa/Fairburn Food Pantry will be open on Thursday, October 20, 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.**

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Tuesday Nov. 25, 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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The Holidays are upon us! Enjoy!

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.**

The lady who created Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving has had many proponents in many times that include thankful pilgrims, sailors and discoverers.

But the holiday we celebrate today on the last Thursday of November can be credited to the efforts of the remarkable Sarah Josepha Hale.

Hale, born in 1788, to the Buell family, was the self-taught daughter of modern thinking parents who believed women should be educated. In the 1820s, Hale became the first American to write an anti-slavery book. By 1828, she was the editor of an influential ladies magazine.



During this period, it was Hale who penned a still-popular series of children's poems that included Mary Had a Little Lamb.

By 1863, the nation was deeply entrenched in the bloodiest years of the Civil War. Tens of thousands were already dead and the war seemed likely to go on, which it did, until 1865.

It seemed an unlikely time for Thanksgiving and homecoming, since so many fathers and sons were dead. Few families knew where their loved ones died -- or even if they died, and most everyone lived in anguish.

Still, it was Hale who more than 150 years ago wrote to President Abraham Lincoln and asked that the last Thursday of November be set aside for Thanksgiving. And so it came to be.

In arguing for Thanksgiving, Hale wrote:

"Let this day, from this time forth, as long as our Banner of Stars floats on the breeze, be the grand THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY of our nation, when the noise and tumult of worldliness may be exchanged for the laugh of happy children, the glad greetings of family reunion, and the humble gratitude of the Christian heart."

The Short Story of The Reed Ranch on Brushie Creek, SD

Compiled by Cynthia L. Reed, April 2003

(Story submitted by Darlene Soval, daughter of James and Hanna Reed, Granddaughter of JB and Maggie. Darlene has lived on the Stenger Ranch near Hermosa since 1957.)

Open range prevailed when the first of the Reed family moved to the part of western South Dakota, which eventually became the present-day Reed Ranch on Brushie Creek. In that time, ranches were different from the modern concept which ties the ranch business to specific deeded acreage. In those years, a ranch consisted of a headquarters set of buildings and corrals. Possibly some outpost sets of buildings and corrals, and large intermingled herds of cattle and horses; grazing over vast tracts of public land. When more settlers moved in, and especially when the land was opened up to homesteading, most of these large ranches ceased to exist. Usually, the people who had been working for the large ranches, began their own smaller ranch operations. Homesteading the land they had already been living and ranching on for several years and such is the original history of the Reed Ranch.

On November 29, 1899, Sarah Reed, who was the eldest of John Bennett Reed's 13 children, married¹ Frank S. Bliss, ranch boss² for the JA Ranch, which was a large operation in present-day Meade County, SD. They lived at the ranch outpost located at Uzheepa (a Lakota word for 'thorns' or 'stickers', then translated as 'brushie'), near where they eventually started their own ranch on Brushie Creek. Frank S. Bliss became the first homesteader in the Brushie area², receiving his patent⁶ dated:

" Nov. 11, 1903, on T11N, R15E, Sec 12 N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4." & SW1/4SE1/4

[Acknowledged as "Sioux Indian Lands Certificate #49", from the United States of America.]

Sarah's brother, George Reed, had been living in the Brushie area since as early as 1891. Having gone to work driving team for a cattleman⁸ when he was only 12 years old³, and later working for the JA ranch, then ranching and trapping on his own. Eventually he homesteaded a parcel and received his patent⁶ dated:

" April 14, 1909 T10N, R16E, Sec 3, W1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, T11N, R16E, Sec 34, SW1/4SW1/4." & SE1/4NW1/4 AND T11N, R16E, Sec 34,

SW1/4SW1/4 dated April 14, 1909.

Around 1901 when the government wanted a fence along the west boundary of the Cheyenne Indian Reservation, 80 miles between the Cheyenne and Grand Rivers⁵, Sarah's father (*John Bennett, J.B., Reed*) got the contract⁷. With the help of some of the family and hired crew, the project was finished in 1902. Camping along the fence line about 8 miles east, but headquartering at Brushie, at Sarah and Franks Bliss's home.

In the fall of 1902, J.B. Reed moved the rest of the family to this place now known as Brushie, where he then founded the town of Brushie, SD. He had operated a thriving freight business between Ft. Pierre and Smithville since 1894. He anticipated that the many settlers in the Brushie area would provide plenty of business for a new town. He freighted supplies from Ft. Pierre to establish a general store, with an informal mailing service. Following this, in 1905, J.B. Reed petitioned the U.S. Post Office Department for the establishment of an official Post Office at Brushie. He was thereupon appointed, and served as the only Postmaster at Brushie, SD until it closed in 1912. The town also had: two newspapers, ("*The Brushie Blade*", and "*The Brushie Pilot*"), a land office, livery stable, his general store and roadhouse. His wife Margaret Riley Reed operated the roadhouse with the help of her daughters, becoming locally famous for her wonderful meals, especially the homemade bread, and fresh sourdough pancakes.

These, and other details, are recounted in both Faith local history books ("*Faith Country 1910-1960*" and "*Faith Country Heritage 190-1985*"), the Bad River area history book ("*Bad River Ripples, Rages & Residents*," published in 1983) and the Miles City local history book about the Range Riders Organization ("*Flaming Embers*," published in 1971.)

As soon as they could, most of the 12 surviving Reed sons and daughters took out homesteads nearby. J.B. Reed filed his homestead on the townsite, where the log house was, receiving his patent⁶ dated:

"In 1909, in T10N, R16E, Sec 3, SE1/4." receiving his patent in 1909.

In 1909, his freight business was very busy. From hauling groceries and other supplies as fast as he could utilizing; six pairs of wagons, pulled by a six-horse hitch on the front wagon with the second pulled behind as a trail wagon.

In 1910, the Milwaukee Railroad extended a spur line from Mobridge, SD,

and established the new town of Faith where that spur ended 13 ½ miles North-East of Brushie. Availability of the faster and cheaper rail service meant the end of horse-&-wagon freight. As a result, in 1911, J.B. Reed closed his store and freight business at Brushie. By this time, several of his sons and daughters were engaged in ranching nearby. Through thick and thin, 3 generations to follow, have continued to ranch there with the headquarters remaining at the old townsite.

Now dating to 2003, the Reed Ranch on Brushie Creek was operated by Jason B. Reed, third son of James R. Reed, the third son of James G. Reed, who was the brother of Sarah Reed Bliss. With her husband, they were the first homesteaders in the Brushie area.

Additionally, James' brother, George W. Reed, who was the first Reed to homestead on property, which has remained part of the Reed Ranch. The homestead of John B. Reed, most of his sons; and daughters' homestead properties, and others acquired through the years, presently comprise the Reed Ranch on Brushie Creek, in Meade County of South Dakota.

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November Horoscope:

Aries (March 21 - April 19): Your energy surges. Beware impulsive decisions mid-month. Lucky Number: 7

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Embrace small changes for growth. Financial opportunities may arise around the 15th. Lucky Day: Wednesday

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Your curiosity lights up. New connections and ideas flourish, especially in social settings. Lucky Number: 14

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): Home and heart take center stage. Cozy vibes boost your mood. Set boundaries to avoid burnout. Lucky Day: Sunday

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Your charisma draws opportunities in work and play. Stay grounded to avoid drama around the 20th. Lucky Number: 23

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Don't sweat the small stuff. A career breakthrough is possible if you stay organized. Self-care is crucial mid-month. Lucky Day: Tuesday

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Social invitations abound, but prioritize meaningful connections. Financial caution pays off by month's end. Lucky Number: 11

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Dive into personal goals, but avoid power struggles. A revelation around the 25th brings clarity. Lucky Day: Friday

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Adventure calls! Explore new horizons in travel or learning. Relationships need honest talks to thrive. Lucky Number: 19

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Focus on long-term goals, but take breaks to recharge. A mentor's advice proves invaluable. Lucky Day: Monday

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Collaborate for success, but watch for miscommunications early in November. Lucky Number: 5

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Creative projects shine, but set realistic deadlines. Love blooms. Lucky Day: Thursday



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Sunday 11-3

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Monday 10-4pm

Community Lunch Menu

At Hermosa Senior Citizens' Center

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**** Holiday Meal - Please note that the cash at door price will be \$10 per person for the Holiday Meal, Wednesday Dec 11. Anyone using a punch card will be admitted for the standard value punch.**

Nov 3 - Nov 6

Monday	Beef Tips
Tuesday	Sweet & Sour Pork
Wednesday	Meatloaf & Mac and Cheese
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Nov 10 - Nov 13

Monday	Goulash
Tuesday	Closed - Veteran's Day
Wednesday	Enchilada Casserole
Thursday	Chicken & Rice
Friday	Closed

Nov 17 - Nov 21

Monday	Sloppy Joes
Tuesday	Peach Chicken
Wednesday	Hot Pork Sandwich
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Nov 24 - Nov 27

Monday	Chicken Cordon Bleu
Tuesday	Soup & Sandwich Bar
Wednesday	Runza Casserole
Thursday	Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday	Closed

Dec 1 - Dec 4

Monday	Baked Ziti
Tuesday	Pot Pie
Wednesday	Taco Bar
Thursday	Chef's Choice
Friday	Closed

Dec 8 - Dec 11

Monday	Jambalaya
Tuesday	Chili, Soup & Cornbread
Wednesday	** Holiday Meal **
Thursday	Hot Turkey Sandwich
Friday	Closed

Dec 15 - Dec 19

Monday	Grinch's Surprise
Tuesday	Kitchen Elves' Choice
Wednesday	Mrs. Claus' Kitchen Delights
Thursday	Santa's X-mas Surprise
Friday	Closed

Dec 19 thru Jan 4

	Closed
	Merry Christmas
	and
	Happy New Year!
	Open January 5

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A Veteran's Story

by Cathy Dahl

Bernard Dahl was a handsome young Norwegian man, proud to wear the uniform of his newly-adopted country, the United States of America. He had no idea his service would bring him to France, in the Meuse River valley and the dense Argonne Forest, as part of the largest operation of the American Expeditionary Forces and the deadliest battle in American history.



The trench was crowded with troops awaiting orders. The men were anxious and on high alert. Some were sitting, some standing, and others, like Bernard, were leaning high on the wall, peeking over the top occasionally to see what the enemy was doing. Bernard coughed while he attempted to clear the smoke from his eyes and assess his situation. Not far away, a trench mortar had landed, killing most of the infantrymen to his right. Horrified at the vision of young men in pieces, he concluded that staying there was more dangerous than leaving the trench. Bernard looked at the men on his left, who had been in the last few battles with him, and they all had the same look of shock on their faces.

“Where’s Sarge?”

“I think he was hit.”

“What are the orders?”

“Don’t see any officers nearby.”

Listening to the random questions being called out over the noise of the battle, Bernard’s friend John made a decision.

“We need to get out of here before we’re overrun. Go!” John roared.

They crawled out and ran towards the nearest trees. Zig-zagging through the battlefield, avoiding enemy fire and jumping over bodies as best they could, John, Bernard and a handful of the other troops ran as fast as possible towards the safety of the forest.

"I don't want to die in this Argonne forest!" Bernard thought as he ran.

Safely behind a tree, Bernard fired his American Enfield rifle in the direction of the Germans. As a single tank appeared on the hillside, he ran deeper into the woods, following his buddies who were shouting warnings to him. A sniper's bullet found one of them – Bernard saw him fall. He ran to help. When he turned him over, he saw it was his friend, John, covered in blood with eyes staring blankly into space. Frantic, he scrambled into some brush for cover and looked around. He didn't see the other men. Apparently, they had gotten further into the forest while he was checking on John.

Bernard was alone. He pushed all thoughts of what he'd witnessed and the loss of his dear friend from his mind. He had to survive. There was a farmhouse not too far away. He checked his rifle and took a deep breath. After one more scan of the area, he made a dash for the house.

Inside the house, he collapsed on the floor to catch his breath. He could see tipped over furniture, broken dishes, everything in total disarray, but no people. Not civilians or soldiers. His break was short-lived; a stick grenade landed in the doorway. He knew he had only seven seconds at most

to get away. He ran to the middle of the building as the grenade blew up. Suddenly, Bernard found himself surrounded by a mortar barrage. The noise was deafening.

"God help me," he prayed as he crouched down and covered his head with his arms.

The pounding of the mortars were causing the house to collapse and Bernard was sure it was the end. He closed his eyes. Yet, when the house fell to pieces and settled, he was still alive and unharmed. He lifted his head and looked around. The noise had subsided – the battle was moving away from him. When he finally dared to stand up, it seemed he was standing in a section of the house with a hole in the roof – all the debris had tumbled around him. Bernard carefully crawled over the rubble, searching for safety. He found cover behind a tree and searched his pack for his compass and map.

He smiled and thanked God as he realized he would see the United States again one day. Hopefully soon.

Based on a true story about Bernard Dahl, Russ Dahl's Grandfather who fought in WW1.

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A few years ago, during a conversation with my spiritual director, he observed something I had never quite seen in myself: I have a tough time receiving. His comment landed softly but deeply, opening a new level of self-awareness. Allowing others to give to me stirred discomfort. Compliments made me squirm. Offers of help often met a quick, polite “I’m fine.”

As I sat with his words, I began to see the connection between my struggle to receive and my sense of self-worth. If receiving is hard, part of me does not believe I deserve to receive. That realization began a quiet but ongoing practice: when someone offers me kindness or care, I take a slight pause—a mindful breath—to let the warmth of being loved settle into my body. This practice has been healing. It has helped me experience love not just as a concept but as a felt sensation.

My husband recently commented, “You are fiercely independent, Susan.” We both laughed. Shortly after we met, he made this observation about me. An asset can be a liability. Six years ago, when I faced life-threatening medical complications, I had no choice but to depend on him entirely. It was the ultimate lesson in receiving. His reminder of my independence made me pause and reflect: how am I doing today with receiving love and care from him—and from others? The answer is: better. And I like myself better for it.

Psychologist John Amodeo writes that receiving can feel more complicated than giving because it invites intimacy and vulnerability. When we receive, we allow someone to touch us emotionally; we open our hearts, and that can feel risky. Receiving also requires us to let go of control, something many of us—especially those who pride ourselves on strength and self-reliance—find difficult. Giving, by contrast, can keep us safely in charge. We decide when, how, and to whom we give.



Writer Nina Amir adds that one common barrier to receiving is a deep-rooted feeling of unworthiness. Many people silently question whether they deserve kindness or generosity. Others fear that receiving creates an obligation—that accepting a gift means we will

owe something in return. Some worry about being seen as selfish or weak. According to Amir, resistance to receiving can reflect old conditioning, shaped by family, culture, or even faith traditions that praise self-sacrifice and modesty while warning against “taking too much.”

Some think receiving is selfish. In fact, it is essential for emotional balance. When we accept graciously, we affirm our humanity and interdependence. Amodeo reminds us that giving and receiving are “two sides of the same coin of intimacy.” To receive deeply is to allow connection, to participate in the sacred exchange that nourishes both giver and receiver. In truth, receiving is a form of giving; it lets others know that their kindness matters, that they have made a difference.

Learning to receive well is good mental health. It builds self-esteem, reminding us that we are worthy of love and care—not because of what we do, but simply because of who we are. It strengthens relationships, inviting reciprocity and trust.

Receiving is an act of courage. It means allowing myself to be loved, to be helped, to be human. The more I open to receiving, the more spacious my heart becomes—and the more genuine my giving feels.

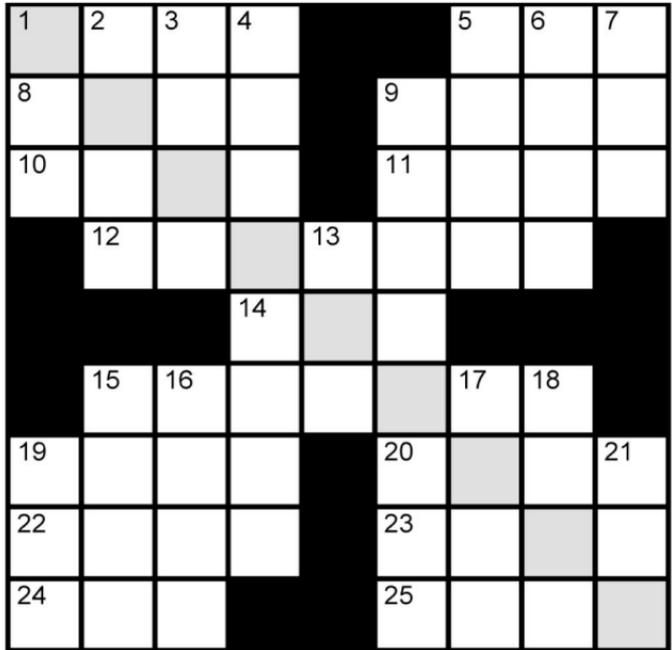
The next time someone offers kindness, resist the urge to minimize or downplay your worthiness to receive. Take a breath, and say, “Thank you.” Feel what happens in your body. Try to stay with that feeling for at least twenty seconds. You might notice warmth, lightness, or even a tear of relief.



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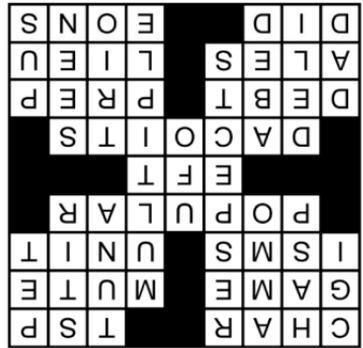
Across

1. Blacken
5. Cooking meas.
8. Charades, e.g.
9. Quiet
10. Doctrines
11. Condo, e.g.
12. Funny song
from Wicked
14. Lizard, old-style
15. Wordnik
19. Balance sheet item
20. Get ready, for short
22. Brews
23. In place of
24. "___ not!"
25. A long, long time



Down

1. Special effects
letters
2. Door fastener
3. BBs, e.g.
4. Shows consideration
and high regard.
5. Charlie, for one
6. Mix
7. Darling
9. Number divisible by
another number.
13. Amateur video
subject, maybe
15. Kosher ___
16. Lying, maybe
17. Beethoven's
"Archduke ___"
18. Caught in the act
19. "Dear old" guy
21. Sign of infections



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





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Bits and pieces:

AI company to pay \$1.5 billion settlement

A group of authors will receive \$1.5 billion from the artificial intelligence company Anthropic to settle a class action lawsuit. According to Reuters, a federal judge in California granted preliminary approval to the landmark settlement in September. The judge ruled that Anthropic violated the authors' rights when it saved more than 7 million pirated books.

Popular call-recording app exposes user phone numbers

Just a week after its launch, the viral app Neon has gone dark amid reports of a security flaw that allowed open access to user phone numbers, call recordings, and transcripts. According to TechCrunch, the app paid users to record their phone calls and sell the data to AI companies 1000 to train AI models. Neon has not yet announced if or when it will return.

Proposed joint venture may keep TikTok alive

The tech giant Oracle and investment funds Silver Lake and the Abu Dhabi-based MGX plan to form a joint venture company to oversee the video sharing app TikTok's U.S.-based operations. According to CNBC, the proposed deal would satisfy the terms of a 2024 federal law that required China-based ByteDance to sell the U.S. version of the app. The

deal would reduce their shares to under 20 percent, while granting a 45 percent stake to the new joint venture company.

Critics take a dim view

of Meta's newest smart glasses

After months of teasing, Meta officially unveiled its newest smart glasses, the \$800 Meta Ray-Ban Display, during a software development conference in Menlo Park, California. According to the New York Times, Meta hopes that their new app-controlled smart glasses, which resemble conventional eyewear and offer a more streamlined and stylish look than competitor models, will dominate this niche of the smart wearable market.

But when Mark Zuckerberg attempted to demonstrate the Display during the slickly produced presentation, the Buddy Holly-style smart specs failed to initiate a video call on command, and then failed again. Instead of a dramatic reveal that wowed the tech-savvy crowd, the event spawned viral videos and countless jokes that spiraled across social media and damaged the product's reputation before it ever reached consumers.

Will smart eyewear, whether it comes from Meta or not, ever grow beyond its tiny niche and become a mainstream smart accessory like the Apple Watch? Possibly, but skeptics worry about more than just function-

ing technology and a stylish appearance. Smart glasses make it easier for the wearer to film others without their knowledge, creating a new set of headache-inducing privacy concerns for everyone.

New AI headset allows talking without speaking



Telepathy -- the science fiction skill of silent communication through thought alone -- is not real (yet) but a new device comes close.

A company named Alterego has introduced a headset developed by MIT Media Lab that allows you to converse with AI assistants by merely thinking, and even with other people wearing the same device.

The headset detects signals that your brain sends out before you try to speak the words aloud, according to Cnet. Then using a bone conduction speaker, the user can hear the answer.

The device doesn't exactly capture thought, but it does capture the signals that precede speaking.

It also has a camera. Users can point to an object and silently ask AI what the object is. AI will answer silently.

You can even use the wearable to type, hands free, as quickly as you think.

Apple unveils updated products

Apple held its "awe-dropping" product launch event in September, and this year it introduced several new products to the Apple ecosystem, including new iPhones, Apple Watches, and AirPods. All of the products are now available in stores and online.

* iPhone 17 Air. Thinner and lighter than other Apple devices thanks to its titanium body, this phone also retails for a comparatively lower \$999.

* AirPods Pro 3. A new top-of-the-line AirPods option, the Pro 3 offers better audio quality and improved noise canceling, along with real-time foreign language translation. The price will remain the same as previous iterations at \$249.

* Series 11 Apple Watches. The company also announced three new Apple Watch models that it calls Series 11, which includes updated design and additional health tracking features.

* iPhone 17 Pro Max. Apple introduced a new top-level option to the iPhone 17 with 2 terabytes of storage.

Get your resume past AI screening tools and in front of a real human.

The traditional professional resume

just isn't what it used to be. These days, the first person to review your application when you hunt for a new job might not even be a person. According to Forbes, AI-powered Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) are more common than ever, and in use at more than 90 percent of all fortune 500 companies. This software analyzes applications and resumes, sorts candidates, and selects the ideal candidates -- and it has high standards.

Applicants who want to sail past the ATS and land in front of human eyeballs need to distinguish themselves from the crowd, which means that standard resume templates and boilerplate language won't cut it. Set yourself apart from the crowd with these key strategies:

- * Sell yourself like you're an exciting product. Instead of a list of job duties, talk about what you can do, what you accomplished, and what made you stand out.

- * Be clear and concise. The ATS will blow right past a resume with muddled language or excessive length. Tell your story, but tell it as efficiently as you can.

- * Use the right keywords. Check the job posting for important terms that relate to qualifications or skills and use those exact words multiple times. For example, if an employer needs an e-commerce specialist, your resume should mention e-commerce more than once.

- * Use numbers to describe your achievements. Your team was 50 percent more productive. You delivered 580 units in the first quarter. Your success rate was 85 percent. Most resumes don't use hard numbers, and it will set you apart from the crowd.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

What to know about GLP-1s

Unless you've been living off the grid, you've probably heard about drugs like Ozempic, Mounjaro, and Wegovy, and perhaps even considered asking your doctor about them. They're all part of a class of drugs called GLP-1 receptor agonists, or just GLP-1s.

According to Indiana University Health, the drugs were originally approved to help lower blood sugar, but proved exceptionally effective to help patients lose weight without the potentially risky side effects associated with drugs like phentermine. Drug-makers raced to develop newer versions that would be marketed expressly for weight loss and the first such drug, Wegovy, received approval in 2021. Since then, more GLP-1s have been approved and researchers have found that the drugs may also be useful for the prevention and treatment of heart disease -- something diabetes patients are twice as likely to develop compared to people without diabetes.

And the race to develop newer and better GLP-1 drugs hasn't slowed down. According to Reuters, an experimental GLP-1 pill from Eli Lilly, called orforglipron, delivered better results than an oral version of semaglutide (developed by Novo-Nordisk) for both weight loss and blood sugar control.

GLP-1s might also help reverse prediabetes. According to a study published in the journal *Diabetology and Metabolic Syndrome*, GLP-1s were associated with prediabetes reversal, prevention of new-onset diabetes, and lower blood sugar for 2,903 patients in 12 separate clinical trials.

Many insurance plans currently cover GLP-1s for the treatment of diabetes, but not for the treatment of obesity or prediabetes. But Medicare prescription drug plans and state Medicaid programs could opt into a proposed five-year experiment that would cover off-label use of GLP-1s for members.

Here is how to cope with porch pirates

Millions of packages are stolen every year in the U.S., so many that sources differ as to how many with estimates ranging from 58 million to 120 million.

But one thing is for sure: With the prevalence of online shopping and home delivery, the porch pirates are busy making a lot of scores. These incidents cost Americans more than \$12 billion in 2024, according to Security.org.

'Tis the season now for piracy to rise. Here is what you can do:

- * Avoid confrontation: Do not engage the thief directly, as this could escalate into a dangerous situation.

- * Document the incident: If it's safe, record evidence from a distance: Take photos or videos of the thief, their vehicle (including license plate), or any identifying features. Note the time, date, and description of the thief.

- * Report to the police.

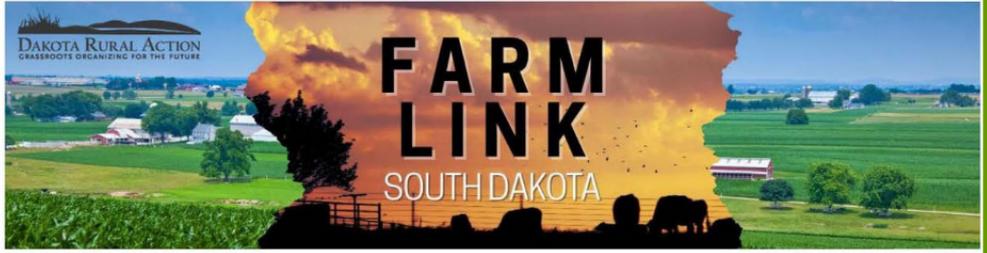
- * Notify the retailer or delivery service: Contact the company that shipped the package.

- * Report the theft to the retailer. Many retailers offer refunds or replacements for stolen packages, especially if you have proof of delivery.

- * Inform neighbors: Share the incident with neighbors or local groups to raise awareness of porch piracy in the area.

- * Prevent future thefts: Install a security camera or video doorbell to deter thieves and capture evidence. Use a lockbox for deliveries or require a signature. Schedule deliveries when someone is home or redirect packages to a workplace,





South Dakota has lost an average of four family farms per week in the last three decades, according to the 2022 USDA Agricultural Census. This is higher than the average rate in the rest of the country. Dakota Rural Action's Food & Land Committee is working to keep family farms and ranches in operation, and to prevent their loss to developers and corporations.

Our vision is for a program that connects retiring producers to first-generation farmers and ranchers, and facilitates the successful transition of the operation.

Join us for a public Zoom meeting on Monday, November 24th from 6-7:30pm to discuss the Farm Link program and how we can protect the family farm and ranch in our state. Email food_land@dakotarural.org or call Ruth at (605) 381-0383 for more information.



Custer County Republicans

The Custer County Republicans will meet Tuesday, November 4, 5:30 pm in the Pine Room. Our speaker will be Brenden Hendrickson, Manager of the Custer County Airport, and he will be updating us on the current airport facility and activity, and give us a preview of what's to come.

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

Check us out on Facebook at [CusterCountySDRepublicans](https://www.facebook.com/CusterCountySDRepublicans)

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Hermosa Connects... Monthly meetings are the last Monday of each month at 6:00pm at the Hermosa Coffee House.

Hermosa Arts and History Association HAHA will now meet on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month—however people should still check our website or Facebook page in case that date is changed for some reason.

([www.facebook.com/Hermosa history](http://www.facebook.com/Hermosa%20history))

Bill Schulz and Linda Hasselstrom will host "Causeway of Words," discussions of poetry at Linda's Homestead House on Nov. 1 and Nov. 8.

Bill taught writing in Rapid City High School for years, and Linda's latest book, BEGINNING, AGAIN, features her poetry and prose with James W. Parker's photographs.

(The limited number of participants are already signed up. If you are interested in such a discussion in the future please contact us.)

Contact:

William Schulz, billieschulz3@gmail.com).

Linda M. Hasselstrom

lindamichele777@gmail.com

Mailing address:

PO Box 169, Hermosa, SD 57744

Website: www.WindbreakHouse.com

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/WindbreakHouse



Don't miss the Festival of Trees at the Custer State Park Visitor Center!!!

The Hermosa Arts and History Association will have a Christmas Tree entry in the Festival of Trees at the Custer State Park Visitor Center this year. The theme is the History of Area Schools; all of the decorations are hand-made. We had a great time making them with lots of help from the community along with visitors from other states. See and read the old-fashioned ornaments. We'd be tickled pink if you go to the Visitor Center any day from December 1st to January 1st, 9AM – 4PM (except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day). View all the wonderful entries, then vote for the HAHA tree!

Thank you.

Don't let the detour deter you! It's not so bad.



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7:00 TO 9:00 PM

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*NO CRAFTERDAY ON 11/15/25, 11/29/25 OR 12/27/25.



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At the Hermosa Branch Library

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When: 4 week Class
Sundays, October 5th - October 26th

Time: 1:30pm-4:30pm

Where: Hermosa Branch Library (Lower Level)
234 Main Street #0288 Hermosa, SD

Fee: \$70 (Borrow Materials- provided)
\$90 (Keep your Materials- provided)

Pre-Registration Required-To register:
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**Annual Turkey Dinner
Hermosa Masonic Lodge
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**Sunday, November 2nd from 11am-1pm
All you can eat turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes,
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VETERANS DAY DINNER **TUESDAY, NOV. 11, 2025**

5:00 to 7:00 PM

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Free Will Donations accepted for the dinner.



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Around The Neighborhood

The Mustard Seed Learning Center: Where Curiosity Takes Root in Fairburn



FAIRBURN, SD — A new seed of learning has been planted right here in Fairburn. The Mustard Seed Learning Center, a locally founded and family-oriented homeschool program, has opened its doors with a mission to nurture curiosity, creativity, and character in every child who walks through its doors.

Housed in a welcoming, country-school setting, The Mustard Seed Learning Center offers a unique blend of proctored homeschool support and hands-on educational experiences. The program is designed for families seeking a balance between academic structure and the freedom to let children explore, imagine, and grow.

“Our goal is to create an environment where kids feel both grounded and inspired; where the seed of curiosity is planted and the vine of creativity grows,” says founder Delia Johnson. *“We want to see these kids become individuals that are able to lead and succeed instead of just following the crowd.”*

The center currently serves students from preschool through elementary school, with plans to expand grades as needed, offering individualized learning plans, creative arts, and outdoor exploration time. Beyond academics, The Mustard Seed emphasizes strong values, community connection, and faith-based principles that cultivate both heart and mind.

In keeping with its community spirit, The Mustard Seed Learning Center warmly invites all local families and neighbors to attend its Veteran's Day Open House on Tuesday, November 11th. The event will feature a special presentation by Amy Rittberger, an active-duty Lieutenant Colonel of the National Guard, honoring those who have served and sharing her perspective on service and leadership.

Guests can tour the learning center, meet the teachers and students, and enjoy light refreshments while learning more about the program's vision for education in the Black Hills region.

"We are, as a group, so excited to bring life back to the school as well as the community of Fairburn," Johnson adds. "We'd love for the community to see what's sprouting here in Fairburn."

Event Details:

- **Veteran's Day Open House** — November 11th
- **Time:** 1:30 pm
- **Location:** The Mustard Seed Learning Center,
110 Linn Street, Fairburn, SD

Presentation by **Lt. Col. Amy Rittberger, National Guard**

For more information, visit The Mustard Seed Learning Center's Facebook page or email us at

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Hermosa Arts & History Association

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Games 10 am to 1 pm / Santa Store

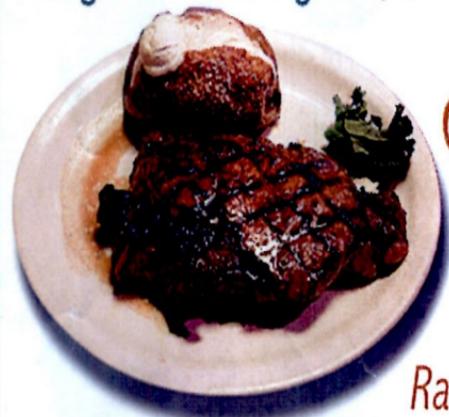
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This group combines Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon for family members, Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous and all other forms of recovery.



Give Thanks



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Saturday, Nov. 1st, 9:00AM, Pancakes & Perspectives
Monthly Breakfast Get-together at Crazy Horse Memorial
Laughing Water Restaurant ~ 1215 Avenue of the Chiefs, Custer, SD
RSVP by Friday noon, October 31st. to ccsddp21info@gmail.com



Saturday, Nov. 8th, 4:00PM - 8:00PM
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The Custer Beacon ~ Custer SD
In a new community event connecting us through art, we aspire to use art media as a way to bring people together to express how people are being impacted by current events.

Sponsored by the Custer Area Arts Council, The Custer Beacon, & the Custer Co Democratic Party

Tuesday, November 11th, 2:00 PM
Veterans Day Social with the Custer School District
Custer Army ~ 527 Montgomery Street, Custer, SD



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

Wednesday, November. 19th Business Meeting

**** Note Date Change ****

6:00 pm ~Custer Co Courthouse Annex Pine Rm~ 447 Crook St, Custer, SD
To join our email list please send a request to ccsddp21info@gmail.com.

The Custer County Democrats invite everyone who values and supports our vision to promote Democracy, Economic Justice, Universal Human Rights, Environmentalism, and a Culture of Peace to join our growing community.



Happy Birthday!

Juan Rascon 11-07

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**Bob King, November 10th 74 years
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Kerry Bishop 11-15

Diane Bishop 11-26

Sherri Sanders 11-30

Doug Stoval 11-29

Randy Harris 11-30

Gratitude in Every Season

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Gratitude is easy when life feels full — when prayers are answered, doors open, and blessings overflow. But Scripture calls us to something deeper: a gratitude that remains steady through *every* season. True thankfulness isn’t about pretending everything is perfect; it’s about trusting that God is still good when life isn’t.

When we choose gratitude in the middle of hardship, we are declaring our faith that God’s promises are still true. Gratitude shifts our focus from what’s missing to what’s present...His presence, His grace, His faithfulness. Even in seasons of waiting or loss, we can find evidence of His hand at work, shaping us and sustaining us.

Gratitude doesn’t always change our situation, but it always changes our perspective. When we practice thankfulness daily, even for the smallest gifts, our hearts begin to align with God’s. We start to notice His fingerprints in places we once overlooked: a kind word from a friend, the laughter of a child, a sunrise after a long night. Gratitude becomes more than a feeling; it becomes a way of living that keeps our faith grounded, even when life feels uncertain.

As we enter this month of thanksgiving, may our hearts learn to give thanks not just for the harvest, but also in the drought...not only when the sun shines, but when the clouds linger. Because gratitude, at its core, is an act of worship.

Stand Firm. Love Well.



November 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	6	3	4	1	2	7	5
1	7	4	2	5	9	3	8	6
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6	5	9	4	3	7	8	1	2
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		5		1				4

appear once in a column or row in the larger grid. The difficulty on this puzzle is easy.



Church Services



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.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

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1. Sunday service at 9:00 a.m.
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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.

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

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