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Press Release

1880 Train, Black Hills Central Railroad (BHC) Celebrates 60 Years on
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Hill City, SD:

BHC is proud to announce its 60th year of offering excursion train rides in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. As the oldest continuously operating standard gauge excursion train in the world, the BHC has provided millions of passengers a romantic look back at what train travel was in the days of steam travel. Of the Nation's excursion lines, in terms of ridership, the BHC is recognized as a leader.

To commemorate their 60th anniversary, the BHC will be celebrating all day Friday, August 18. Free round trip train rides will be offered to all South Dakota and Wyoming residents as well as all active military. Festivities include live music and distribution of free train memorabilia. Located next to the train depot in Hill City, the South Dakota State Railroad Museum will offer free admission from 9am to 5pm. At 5 pm, Museum Director Rick Mills will chronicle this memorable 60-year anniversary featuring images of the people, places, and the trains of the Black Hills Central Railroad.

William Heckman started the Black Hills Central Railroad August 18, 1957. It followed the line of the Burlington Railroad between Hill City and Keystone. The Warder family purchased the BHC in 1990 and have continued to maintain, restore and improve all aspects of the business. Their mission is to preserve for perpetuity a railroad that will enable people of all ages to create memories that will be treasured forever.

For more information, please visit 1880train.com or contact the 1880 Train at 605-574-2222 (office@1880train.com) or Rick Mills at 605-574-9000 (sdsrrm@gmail.com). Reservations are required for train rides and may be made by the calling the 1880 Train office at 605-574-2222.

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