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DINING • ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • EVENTS



LET'S GET BAKING — There will be a senior Christmas cookie baking and decorating event this Thursday at the Hill City Center. The baking will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the cookie decorating taking place from 1-4 p.m. [Submitted Photo]

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IS ON PAGE 8 OF THE WESTERN TRADER!**

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Pet of the Week

Koda is a young male shepherd born on Oct. 7, 2022. He loves to run and play, and he is neutered and current on shots. Koda will need a very tall fence as he is a jumper. He is a very sweet boy.

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GYM:

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FULL-TIME & PART-TIME PHYSICAL THERAPISTS NEEDED State Home Care Services, Inc. is hiring full-time and part-time Physical Therapists to provide Home Health PT in Custer and the surrounding area. Starting wage is \$45/hr depending on experience. No night shifts, or on-call weekends. Come Work in a Positive Environment at State Home Care Services. Please Call Alicia Beedle for more details at 605-673-4454 524 48pf

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of Hermosa provides reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer. If interested in this position please submit your resume to jodi@hermosasd.com Interviews will be scheduled as resumes come in and the position will be open until filled. 507 48p

MISCELLANEOUS:

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! Great gift ideas! For sale: cabochons, amber, amethyst geodes, septarian geodes, agates for jewelry (some glow in the dark!), sand dollar on matrix, megalodon teeth, spheres and MUCH more! Call 605-791-1953; leave message. 513 50p

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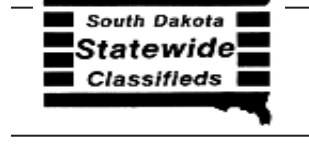
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 \$7.00	16 \$7.10	17 \$7.20	18 \$7.30	19 \$7.40	20 \$7.50	21 \$7.60
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29 \$8.40	30 \$8.50	31 \$8.60	32 \$8.70	33 \$8.80	34 \$8.90	35 \$9.00
36 \$9.10	37 \$9.20	38 \$9.30	39 \$9.40	40 \$9.50	41 \$9.60	42 \$9.70
43 \$9.80	44 \$9.90	45 \$10.00	46 \$10.10	47 \$10.20	48 \$10.30	49 \$10.40

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Processing wild game can be trickier than bagging it in South Dakota

By Bart Pfankuch
South Dakota News Watch

A sudden shortage of South Dakota butchers and meat cutters willing to process wild game has been bad news for hunters but good news for Josh Clark and the small butcher shop he manages in Piedmont.

On a recent November day, Clark walked through the work area of Cutting Edge Meat Market, one of the few butcher shops in the Rapid City area that still processes whole deer carcasses, and the three employees using knives to cut up venison never looked up from their work.

The workers were too busy to notice Clark ushering a guest through the cutting room and back to a pair of walk-in coolers where dozens of skinned deer killed by South Dakota hunters hung on large hooks.

The month of November — the heart of the deer hunting season in South Dakota — is always busy for butchers who process wild game, as hunters bring in tens of thousands of deer and antelope shot with rifles or bow and arrow. This year, the small butcher shop 10 miles west of Rapid City is swamped, with far more hunters than usual calling with inquiries or just showing up with deer on their vehicles.

"The last few days, it's been crazy nonstop with call after call and people dragging them in," Clark said. "We're packed wall to wall, and we're trying to get them cut and out the door as fast as they're coming in, but there's just so many coming in."

South Dakota butchers exiting wild game market

Some butcher shops have closed or shifted focus, while others no longer take any wild game, and a few will only process wild meat that is already skinned and deboned by the customer. The difficulty in finding butchers to process wild game is part of a larger trend in which South Dakota livestock producers also are unable to find local processing options and

must ship cattle, sheep and hogs out of state for slaughter, cutting and packaging, as recently reported by News Watch.

Butchers who still take full deer carcasses say other processors who no longer take wild game or require it to be deboned first may be facing worker shortages, have higher expenses that cut into profitability, or simply do not want the hassle of dealing with wild game processing that often occurs one customer with one animal at a time.

Whereas commercial livestock producers schedule delivery of animals to be slaughtered and butchered during normal work hours and with several animals at once, big game hunters usually arrive at butcher shops with one or two animals at whatever time of day they happen to make a kill.

"The way I see it, it's just a dying industry," Clark said. "A lot of other meat plants are sticking to custom cutting of buffalo and beef, and they don't want to deal with the hassle and rat race of handling wild game."

"A lot harder for hunters' to process deer

The drop in processors of wild game has made it difficult for hunters — who killed about 55,000 deer and 3,000 antelope in South Dakota in 2022 — to get their animals processed and packaged. One concern is that if hunters who lack the skills or equipment to skin, quarter and debone carcasses on their own can't find a processor willing to take a whole carcass, the animals could be dumped in the garbage or left to rot in the field. Some hunters may choose to give up hunting if they know in advance they won't be able to get a full animal carcass processed.

Paul Sorum, co-owner of Renner Corner Meats just north of Sioux Falls in Renner, said he has seen higher demand for wild game processing services this year compared to others — including from hunters in nearby Minnesota — and that some hunters are grow-

ing concerned at the declining options. Renner Corner Meats is one of the few butcher shops that still takes entire carcasses for processing in the East River region.

"When there are fewer and fewer meat processing plants like ours that are accepting full carcasses, it's getting a lot harder for hunters to find a place to go with that deer," Sorum said. "I think it would be a big problem for hunters if we ended up having to shut that part of the business down."

Deer carcass processing can cost up to \$175

The processing of a deer carcass typically costs from \$100 to \$175 and includes skinning, quartering, deboning and packaging of venison into convenient 1 to 3 pound packages. Deer and antelope are typically cut into roasts and steaks for grilling or pan-frying and into ground meat for use in soups, stews, burgers or tacos.

Hunters who want to donate the meat from a deer or antelope to charitable food pantries across the state can work with South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger. Under the program, hunters with animals can contact one of roughly two dozen butchers in South Dakota and drop off an animal carcass or deboned meat for full processing. In most cases, the participating butcher shops assume the cost of processing female animals, while donating a buck typically results in the hunter paying the processing fee.

Some of the butchers enrolled in the program require that the animal be skinned and deboned before being dropped off for processing, and the program does nothing to help hunters who want to eat the wild game meat from animals they have killed.

The wild game processing industry is not overseen or regulated by the state Game, Fish & Parks Department, which manages state hunting seasons, though butcher shops are subject to regular inspection by state and federal regulators. News Watch reached

out to the GFP with an interview request and a list of questions, but a spokesman for the agency did not provide responses other than to share a link to Sportsmen Against Hunger.

Home-based butchers help fill the need in South Dakota

The commercial butcher shops that handle wild game have long been bolstered by a network of small, home-based meat processors who take animals killed in the fall. However, those processors are also dropping out of the industry or slowing down due to age, increasing volumes or burnout.

One home-based butcher near Rapid City said 2023 will likely be his last year of processing deer for hunters. The man said he is tired of the hassle of taking constant phone calls and having deer dropped off at his home unannounced as late as 10 p.m.

The man, who has processed and packaged deer for friends and relatives for decades, refused to have his name published because he is already annoyed by the number of contacts from strangers wanting their deer butchered. One hunter, he said, once dropped off a deer without warning, then entered his home without permission to leave a note on his kitchen table.

But some home-based butchers continue to provide the service of processing wild game from carcass to usable meat portions wrapped in butcher paper, though they often can only be found through word-of-mouth connections.

Meat processors 'overflowing' with wild game

Rex Roseland and his wife, Cheryl, have processed wild game at their home north of Rapid City for decades, but this year feels different in the need for their services.

"When you get swamped, it just takes time to get caught up," Rex Roseland said. "We get a lot of people from previous years, and they keep com-

ing back. But every year it seems like we pick up more people."

Cheryl Roseland said the couple works as a team to get dozens of deer processed annually, with him as the knife man and her engaged more in the meat-grinding and packaging side of the business. They have a cooler and freezer as well as a meat cutting station on their rural property where they charge a \$115 per animal processing fee, which an accountant told them they should raise to remain competitive amid high demand.

The couple may increase their capacity to butcher animals now that Rex Roseland has retired from his job as a salesman, and they are considering adding a new outbuilding to help.

Cheryl Roseland said they enjoy the work and want to help hunters out, but it's getting harder to handle the increasing flow of animals being brought in.

"We've heard from people who are saying, 'Help because we can't find anyplace that will take it,'" she said. "But the thing is, while we can do it, do we have room to add another animal? We will take overflow when we can, but we're overflowing ourselves out here."

Fewer options for meat processing in eastern South Dakota

Hunters in the greater Sioux Falls area lost one option to process whole deer carcasses when Lee's Meats and Sausages of Tea stopped processing carcasses and began taking only deboned wild game meat for processing, at least for this year.

But one venerable option remains for East River hunters, as Renner Corner Meats, located about 10 miles north of Sioux Falls, continued to take full deer, antelope and elk carcasses for processing this season, according to Sorum, a co-owner of the business.

Sorum is aware that other processors have stopped taking in full deer and antelope because it can strain a meat-cutting busi-

ness.

Sorum said Renner meats continues to take full carcasses as a service to its customers who hunt and who have come to rely on the quality meats produced by the business.

"We love doing it because it's providing a service to the hunters of South Dakota and the people that come from out of state," he said.

Meat can take up to three months to process

Due to high demand, Sorum said he is telling hunters with a deer or antelope carcass that it could be until late February before they get their processed meat from an animal dropped off in November.

Sorum said Renner meats undergoes a fairly involved process in order to continue processing wild game carcasses for hunters.

Upon arrival, deer carcasses are hung in one of four semitrailers that serve as freezers outside the business. Renner meats can hold about 850 deer in those trailers, which were full on Nov. 25, prompting the business to announce on Facebook that it was no longer taking full deer carcasses for processing.

As time and scheduling permits, employees remove 40 or so deer at a time from the freezers and begin to thaw them in a holding room. The carcasses are then cut, processed and packaged, Sorum said. By law, the entire cutting room must be power-washed and sanitized anytime meat cutters switch from processing wild game for individuals to processing livestock for consumers, he said.

Processing wild game remains profitable, but the overriding reason the business still handles deer and other wild game is to provide an increasingly hard-to-come-by service to hunters and the state and local economy, Sorum said.

"It's a profitable part of the business, but first off we're providing that service for folks in South Dakota," he said.

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Sun-Thursday 11am-8 pm
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Calamity Jane's
Tuesday - Sunday
7am to 9pm

Custer Beacon
Wednesday - Saturday
4 pm to close

Custer County Candy Co.
Monday-Saturday
11am - 5pm
Sunday Noon - 5pm

Custer Deli
Monday-Wednesday 8:30
am-4pm Thurs & Fri.
8:30am-5pm Sat. 9am-2pm

Custer's Last Stop
Wednesday - Saturday
11am - 7 pm
Sunday 11 am -3 pm

Custer Wolf
Monday-Saturday
11:30 am - 8 pm

Dairy Queen
Mon.-Saturday 11am-8 pm
Sunday 11am-7 pm

Dakota Broasted
Tuesday - Saturday
11 am - 6 pm

Feel Good Cafe
(Closed for the Season)

Frontier Bar & Grill
Daily 11 am to 9 pm
Closed Tuesday

Gold Pan Saloon
Sun-Thursday 2pm - close
Fri - Saturday 2pm - close

Hjem AM
Wednesday - Sunday
8am - Noon

Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream
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Laughing Water Restaurant
Mon - Fri. 11 am to 4 pm
Sat. & Sun. 9am - 4 pm

Maria's Mexican Restaurant
Monday - Saturday
6:30 - 10 am, 11 am - 3 pm
4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Miner's Cup
Monday - Saturday
6:30 am - 1:00 pm

Pizza Mill
Monday- Saturday
11 am - 8 pm

Skogen Kitchen
Tuesday - Saturday 5-8
p.m.

Subway Restaurant
Mon-Sat 8 am - 9 pm
Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

Hill City
EATS

The Alpine Inn
Monday - Saturday 11 am -
2:30 pm LUNCH
5 pm - 9:30 pm DINNER

Annie Lode Coffee Cabin
Tuesday-Friday
6:30am - 1:00pm

Black Hills Bistro
Monday - Saturday
7 am - 2 pm

Bumpin' Buffalo Bar & Grill
Monday - Sunday
11 am - 9 pm

Caboose Coffee Company
Monday - Saturday
7 am - 1 pm
Sunday - Closed

Chute Rooster
Thursday - Monday
11 am - 9 pm
Sunday 10 am - 6 pm

Cream
Tuesday - Saturday
10 am - 3:30 pm

Dairy Twist
Monday - Saturday
11a.m. - 7 p.m. & Sunday
Noon - 7 p.m.

Gold Run Café
Sunday - Thursday
8 am - 2 pm
Friday - Saturday
10 am - 3:30 pm

Heart of the Hills Exxon
Daily 5 am - Midnight

Miner Brewing Company
Daily 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Prairie Berry Winery
Daily 10 am - 6 pm

Silver Dollar Saloon
Monday - Thursday
1pm - 10 pm
Fri - Sun Noon - 10 pm

Taqueria Los Camelinas
Monday-Friday 4pm-7 pm
Saturday 11 am-2 pm

Tin City Saloon
Friday-Wednesday
11am - 8 pm

Three Forks Bar, Grille & Casino
Daily 11 am - 7 pm

Turtle Town
Sunday-Thursday
10am 4 pm
Friday-Saturday 9am-5 pm

Twisted Pine Tasting Room
Tues-Thurs Noon-5pm
Fri-Saturday Noon-7pm

Hermosa
EATS

Corner Pantry Deli
Daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hermosa Coffee House
Monday- Saturday
7 am - 1 pm

Your Restaurant Here
Monday- Saturday
4am - 9pm

Lintz Bros. Pizza
Thursday - Monday
3 pm - 9 pm

Hermosa Senior Citizens Center
Monday - Thursday
Noon to close

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Daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Keystone
EATS

Eno's Pizza & Pub
Mon-Thurs 11am -9pm
Friday-Sunday
11am-10 pm

Keystone Country Store
Daily 7 am to 9 pm

Turtle Town
Monday-Saturday
10 am until 6 pm
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Daily 8 am - 9 pm

Carver's Cafe @ Mt. Rushmore
8 am - 4:30 pm

Hot Springs
EATS

American Legion
Monday - Saturday
10am - close

Dairy Queen
Daily 10:30 am - 9 pm

Mornin' Sunshine
Monday-Saturday
7am-2 pm
Sunday 7am -1pm

Pizza Hut
Monday - Saturday
11 am - 9 pm

Silk Road Experience
Thursday-Saturday
3pm-7pm

Sick-N-Twisted
Thursday - Monday
11 am - 8 pm

Southern Hills Diner & Bakery
Thursday-Monday 8am-
2pm closed Tuesday &
Wednesday

Southern Hills Golf Course
Daily 7 am - 8 pm

Springs Coffee Kiosk
Mon-Fri 5:30am-4:30pm
Saturday 5:30am - 2pm
Sunday 5:30am - Noon

Taco John's
Monday - Saturday
7 a.m. to 9 pm
Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

The Berm (Food Truck)
Wednesday - Saturday
11:30am - 6pm

Two Cows Creamery & Bistro
Mon-Thurs 11am-8pm
Fri & Sat 11am-9pm
Sunday 11am-7pm

Heaven Scent Bakery
Wednesday - Monday
10am - 5pm

Wandering Bison Coffee
Mon, Tues, Thurs 7am-3pm
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Friday 11 am - 4:30 pm

The Hat Creek Grill
Friday & Saturday
Noon - 10 pm

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11 am - 9 pm
Tuesday - Saturday

Yesway
Monday-Saturday
6 am - 9 pm
Sunday 8 am -9am

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Newcastle
EATS

Boopa's
Tuesday - Friday
7am - 2 pm
Saturday 7am - 10 am

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Daily 6 am -2 pm

Kaffee Klatsch
Mon-Wed 5:30 - 12:30pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri. 5:30 - 1pm
Saturday 6:30am-10:30am

Cambria Coffee & Decker's Market
Monday-Friday 7am-5 pm
Saturday 7am-2pm Sunday
8 am - Noon

Decker's Market - Deli
Monday - Saturday
7 am - 8 pm
Sunday 8 am - 7 pm

Hot Stuff Pizza
Daily 5 am - 6 pm

Taco John's
Daily 11 am - 10 pm

Hannah's Heavenly Treats
Tuesday - Friday
7 am - 2 pm
Saturday 7- 10

Howdy Bakery
Thursday, Friday,
Saturday 8am-6pm Sat.
9am - 4pm

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Thursday - Sunday
7 am - 9 pm

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Sunday - Wednesday
11 am - 8 pm
Thursday - Saturday
11 am - 9 pm

Perkins Tavern
Monday - Wednesday
11 am - 8 pm
Thursday - Sunday
7 am - 9 pm

Pizza Barn
Monday - Thursday
4 pm - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday
4 pm - 10 pm

Uncle Vito's
Tuesday - Friday 7 am - 2
pm
Saturday 7 am - 10 am

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EATS

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8 AM

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Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Wiggles & Giggles Toddlers and Parents Fun Time
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
10:30 - 11:30 AM

Crafternoon
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
3 PM

BOLT
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
3:20 PM

The Landing
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4:30 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

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The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:40 PM

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Keystone, SD
6 PM

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Hill City, SD
6:15 PM

Crossroads Church Xtreme Youth Group
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Bluegrass Jam LIVE
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday 12-7

Women's Bible Study Fellowship
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Stretch & Flex
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Cookie Candy Walk
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
9 AM to 1 PM

Seniors Christmas Cookie Baking & Decorating
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
Baking 10:30 AM - 1 PM
Decorating 1-4 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
12:30 PM

Imagination Club
Hill City Public Library Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
3:15 PM

Book Chat
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
4:15 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Tony DuBlois Musical Savant LIVE
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Trivia Night
HippieRockStar Boutique
Wine & Beer Bar
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Pennington County Sheriff's Community Engagement
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT— The Pennington County Sheriff's Office will host a community engagement event in Hill City Thursday evening at the Hill City Center. Those who attend can ask questions and learn more about the office. [Submitted Photo]

Friday 12-8

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Coffee Club
Hill City Center Small Room
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Story Time
Hill City Public Library Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Celebrate Recovery
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6 PM

Friday 12-8

Seniors Birthday Coffee Club
Hill City Center Small Room
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Story Time
Hill City Public Library Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Cookies Story Time
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Christmas For Kids
Custer Jr./Sr. High School
Custer, SD
Noon to 3 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Celebrate Recovery
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6 PM

Saturday 12-9

Holiday Express
1880 Train
Hill City, SD
Select times

Christmas Rummage & Bake Sale
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8 AM - 12 PM

Wiggles & Giggles Toddlers and Parents Fun Time
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
10:30 - 11:30 AM

Trees and Trains Exhibit
South Dakota State Railroad Museum
Hill City, SD
11 AM - 4:30 PM

Custer Community Action Team Food Distribution
Corner of N. 6th and Lincoln streets
Custer, SD
2-5 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Tony DuBlois Musical Savant LIVE
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Sunday 12-10

Holiday Express
1880 Train
Hill City, SD
Select times

Seniors Sunday Breakfast
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8 AM - 12 PM

Christmas Rummage & Bake Sale
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8 AM - 12 PM

Holiday Open House
The Pack Mule
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 4 PM

Trees and Trains Exhibit
South Dakota State Railroad Museum
Hill City, SD
11 AM - 4:30 PM

A High Country Christmas
High Country Guest Ranch
Hill City, SD
1:30 PM
Tickets \$25

Santa is Coming to Town & Ornament Making
Addie Camp General Store
Hill City, SD
2-4 PM
Cost \$5

Craft Beer & Bingo
Miner Brewing Company
Hill City, SD
4-5:30 PM

Community Christmas Coffeehouse
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4-7 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Adult Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Share-a-Lunch
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
11:30 AM

Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Hill City School Board Meeting
High School Board Room
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Quilt Guild Christmas Party
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
5 PM

Young Life
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Custer School District Board of Education
Hermosa School
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

Chick Chat and Crafts
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:30 PM

Hermosa Arts & History Association
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6:30 PM

AA Meeting
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hill City, SD
7 PM

Tuesday 12-12

Seniors Beginning Line Dancing
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10:30 AM

Zonta
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
1 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-4:30 PM

Seniors Knitting & Crocheting Group
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Custer Meet & Eat
Custer Community Church
Custer, SD
5-7 PM

Celebrate Recovery
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:45 PM

Hermosa Planning and Zoning
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

Pringle Town Hall
Pringle Community Center
Pringle, SD
7 PM

Elk Mountain School District Board of Education
Elk Mountain School
Dewey, SD
7 PM

Wednesday 12-13

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
7:30 AM

Driver's License Exams
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Custer Area Economic Development Corp.
Black Hills Energy
Custer, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Friends of the Hill City Library Christmas Tea
Super 8 Conference Room
Hill City, SD
10:15 AM

Wiggles & Giggles Toddlers and Parents Fun Time
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
10:30 - 11:30 AM

Crafternoon
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
3 PM

BOLT
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
3:20 PM

The Landing
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4:30 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Middle School & High School Youth Group
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:40 PM

Prayer
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:15 PM

Crossroads Church Xtreme Youth Group
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Bluegrass Jam LIVE
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday 12-14

Women's Bible Study Fellowship
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Stretch & Flex
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Blood Drive
Custer Masonic Lodge
Custer, SD
9 AM to 5 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
12:30 PM

Christmas Tea
Custer Community Church
Custer, SD
2 PM

Imagination Club
Hill City Public Library Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
3:15 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Mixer
Mt. Rushmore Brewing Co.
Custer, SD
5 PM

Chamber Holiday Mixer
South Dakota State Railroad Museum
Hill City, SD
5-7 PM

Tony DuBlois Musical Savant LIVE
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Jesse Renteria Family Christmas Music
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
5:30 PM

Trivia Night
HippieRockStar Boutique
Wine & Beer Bar
Hill City, SD
6 PM

ADD/ADHD Support Group
Monument Health
Custer Hospital
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

SheJumps & BHPFA Winter Film Series Ft. Advice From Girls
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 12-15

Seniors Coffee Club
Hill City Center Small Room
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Story Time
Hill City Public Library Kids' Annex
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Snow People Story Time
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Bad Moms Christmas Party
HippieRockStar Boutique
Wine & Beer Bar
Hill City, SD
4 PM

Lane of Lights
Museum Drive
Hill City, SD
Dusk - 10 PM

Celebrate Recovery
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6 PM

Hill City K-5 Winter Concert
Glns Gym
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Celebrate Recovery
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6 PM

Karaoke Night LIVE
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30-8:30 PM

Bingo
Battle Creek American Legion Post
Hermosa, SD
7-9 PM



SWING INTO THE HOLIDAYS — Alyssa Allgood will be joined by Alex Massa for 'Swingin' Into the Holidays' Thursday evening at the Custer Beacon. Allgood is a Chicago Jazz vocalist, who with Black Hills trumpeter Alex Massa, is swingin' into the holiday season with a one-night-only performance. With Shawn Parker on sax and flute, Kirk Kadish on the keys, Alex Diaz on upright bass, and local legend Terry Rathbun on drums, this intimate performance at the Custer Beacon will have you hummin' and reminiscing of seasons past. [Submitted Photo]

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