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## DINING • ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • EVENTS



**LIVE ON STAGE** — Kim and the Classics will be the featured artists at this week's Live on Stage, scheduled for Saturday evening at High Country Guest ranch near Hill City. The event starts with dinner at 5:30 p.m. before the show starts at 6 p.m. Other artists set to perform at the event are Steve Thorpe, Peggie Douglas, Sherl Cederburg and Brent Morris. [Submitted Photo]

**Black Hills Eats**  
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(Local Restaurant Listings)

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### Pet of the Week



Say hello to Sadie! Sadie is a very sweet girl. She is 5-years-old and she is spayed but needs a good grooming—she is a beautiful dog when groomed. She is quite a talker. We don't recommend a household with small children and cats. She is a little food aggressive and protective of her bowl.

All 'Pet of the Week' listings are available for adoption at the Battle Mountain Humane Society, 27254 Wind Cave Rd., Hot Springs, SD. 605-745-SAVE (7283)

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**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**



You'll love the privacy of this charming 3502 Sq. Ft. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home has to offer. The walkout basement is finished with extra living space and could be used for rental income. Located on 6 treed lots. You can enjoy your morning coffee on the deck overlooking the city of Custer. Plenty of wildlife to see. If the 2-car attached garage doesn't have enough room, there's a bonus 40X40 finished shop ready for plenty of toys, storage, or work area! The living room boasts a fireplace, and the family room has a wood stove for those cool Black Hills nights. The kitchen is equipped with stainless steel appliances. The sunshine streaming through the windows give the oak flooring a warm glow. **MLS# 77734 \$589,900 Call or Text Carol 605-440-0466**



Custer is the destination for outdoor recreation activities! Great location for an oil change/mechanic garage or ATV, Bicycle, or Car rental. High traffic area on the corner of HWY 16 and HWY 385. Enjoy the income from the car wash while you rent out the rest of the building or start your own business venture. 2280 sq. ft. building with office/lobby area, two work bays, two car wash bays, vacuum station, and lots of parking, on .63-acre lot. The equipment includes the 2 Bendpak 14kib 4-post alignment lifts, one open front, one closed front, both with double rolling air jacks. Shop 7hp Air Compressor, filter & regulators. Coats 80E tire changer and Coats 1500 direct drive balancer can be purchased for an additional \$60,000. High speed internet through Golden West. Black Hills Energy for electric service, shop and car wash are metered separately. 3 phase electric in work bay. **\$525,000 MLS# 78935 Call or text Carol 605-440-0466**



Time to get serious! This log cabin priced at \$399,000 is where you want to be if you love nature or are a hunting enthusiast! Don't need to "rough it!" No covenants and no light pollution on this 5.33 acre homesite that borders hundreds of acres of National Forest Service. 960 sq. ft. of simple living with 2 bedrooms, bath, open kitchen/living areas. Enjoy the cooler evenings in front of the centrally-located wood burning stove. Home was built in 2004 with larger addition in 2009. Metal roof & covered/open decks to enjoy the peace and glory of nature at its finest! Electric, phone, septic, approx. 1200 gal. cistern and a 12x16 storage shed are all in place. Whether you decide to use the cabin seasonally or as full-time residence it will require minimal maintenance! **MLS #78186 \$399,000. Call/text Anne 605-673-1177**



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## HELP WANTED:

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## Caesar one of many reasons we should celebrate K9 Veterans Day

By Jay Gismondi

Every Year on March 13, a National Veterans Holiday is observed by a small percentage of Americans who are aware of it. It is a day to remember “man’s best friend” and the amazing service they have provided to the U.S. military, officially since 1942, when the Dogs for Defense Program started.

Dogs were donated by breeders, families and even Hollywood stars. One dog, a German Shepherd named Caesar, was the first to be wounded in combat in WWII, saving his fellow Marines numerous times on the Island of Bougainville, far away from the streets of the Bronx, where he was raised and loved by three brothers who spent a lot of time training him with basic commands and to do tricks.

Max, Morris and Irving Glazer each pitched in \$20 to buy the German Shepherd from a breeder on Long Island. Caesar was so well trained and intelligent that the boys would buy meat from the butcher and he would carry the package back home to the boys’ mother — 15 blocks away — without devouring it or even putting a tooth mark in the paper.

By 1942, all three boys had joined up and left home to fight and serve their country. Heartbroken and lonely, Caesar was depressed and lethargic. Mrs. Glazer heard about a new military program for dogs and decided that it would be a good fit for Caesar, so she enrolled him for service.

Caesar went to Camp Lejeune, N.C., and like any Devil Dog, went through boot camp. He graduated and was sent to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for 13 more weeks of advanced training, and was given to two Marine dog handlers in the 1st War Dog Platoon, Company M of the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion.

PFC Rufus Mayo, an Alabama resident who had raised hunting dogs, and PFC Johnny Kleeman, a 17-year-old from Philadelphia, bonded and worked with Caesar.



**A VERY GOOD BOY** — Corporal Caesar U.S.M.C. on the cover of Boy’s Life magazine and a WWII Marine Raider patch. [Submitted Photo]

Marine Raiders were a new, special forces unit of their day in the Corps.

Dogs and men huddled aboard three Higgins landing craft on the morning of Nov. 1, 1943. Mortar shells rained down on them, almost capsizing one of the boats. They rushed onto the beach, dodging enemy fire on the way to the tree line.

Thousands of landing boats had ferried 14,000 Allied troops and 6,200 tons of equipment from U.S. Navy attack transports toward the bay at sunrise that morning, surprising the 45,000 Japanese troops dug into the foothills of Bougainville Island.

Between Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, lies Bougainville — full of inlet waterways, swamps and can’t-see-your-hand-in-front-of-you jungle. One Marine interviewed said, “If there is a Hell, it looks just like Bougainville.” Hell seems just where Marines like to fight!

It wouldn’t be long, however, before the Japanese organized a counterattack. The American forces confronted the notorious 6th Division of Imperial Japanese Army infantrymen, led by Lt.

safety. Mayo pet Caesar and fell asleep until dawn when he awoke, still tired.

In the morning light, the Marines found eight more dead Japanese soldiers where Mayo had tossed the grenade. The next day was spent attempting to string up phone lines, which the Japanese cut just as fast as they were put up. Night fell.

The next morning Caesar growled ferociously, scaring Mayo awake at dawn. No grenade this time. Mayo saw Caesar leaping out of the foxhole and running after something. The private saw that Japanese soldiers had infiltrated the camp. Caesar went on the attack to protect Mayo.

Two Japanese soldiers were emerging from a stand of trees toward the foxhole and Caesar had gone out to intercept them. Mayo called for his battle buddy and then watched the dog skitter sideways and fall. In the confusion, with Japanese soldiers overrunning the camp and Americans leaping out of foxholes to fight them off, Mayo lost track of Caesar.

After the gunfire ceased, he found a trail of blood leading into the jungle. He found Caesar, bleeding out in the bushes just outside the battalion command post with PFC Kleeman and barely conscious.

Three marines hacked down two lengths of bamboo and fastened dungarees between them to make a mobile hammock. A dozen Marines volunteered to carry Caesar’s stretcher. A procession took Caesar, flanked by Mayo and Kleeman, to the first-aid station. The two dog handlers waited anxiously while the surgeon operated.

After 20 minutes he had removed a bullet from Caesar’s hip, and a second bullet. But the third round in Caesar’s shoulder was too close to his heart to chance it. Caesar remained in sick bay recovering, with Raiders sneaking him the best bits of their C-rations while the nurses weren’t looking. In the end, the dog would prove stronger than the bullet. After only three weeks of rest and recovery, he was back on active duty.



**ON THE MEND** — PFC Kleeman in the sickbay while Caesar gets x-rayed. [Submitted Photo]

In March 1945, Dogs for Defense stopped recruiting dogs for the military, turning that responsibility over to the Defense Department. Caesar had already completed eight communication runs, and despite his wounds, finished his ninth, after which he received medical treatment. He received an official commendation for his work (given both to him and his handlers, as well as a note sent to his previous owners), was promoted to corporal and eventually returned to service.

After the war, an outcry ended plans to euthanize the remaining veteran animals, and instead they were put through demilitarization training with almost universal success.

One thousand seventy-four dogs served in the Marine Corps in WWII, of which 559 survived. Many were returned to their families, although in more than a few cases, the Marine handler would bring the dog back to civilian life with him.

In Caesar’s case, he would continue island hopping to Saipan, Iwo Jima and was killed in combat fighting on Okinawa in 1945. In a report to his superiors, the commanding officer of the Marine Raider

Regiment wrote that the war dog platoon had been an “unqualified success.”

“Not one marine was killed while in a Marine patrol led by a dog,” they wrote.

Among others written were how the dogs made it impossible for the enemy to make surprise attacks at night or infiltrate their camps undetected, how the scout dogs had “alerted to enemy ambushes and snipers,” and how they were so trusted by the Marine Raiders that these men “vied nightly to dig foxholes for the handlers in order to get the handlers and their dogs to bunk down with them.”

Sadly, PFC Rufus Mayo drank himself to death in May of 1960 and was found in the back of his car in his driveway with a scrapbook of articles and photos of himself and Caesar.

Of the 10,000 dogs that would serve in the United States military during WWII, this is one story — Caesar’s story.

The bond that is forged between war dog and handler is hard to comprehend. Many K9s have saved the lives of servicemen and women since 1942. We owe them our respect.

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4 pm to close

**Custer County Candy Co.**  
Sunday-Monday closed  
Tuesday-Saturday  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Custer Deli**  
Mon-Thurs 8 am - 4 pm  
Friday 8 am 5 pm  
Sat. 9 am-3 pm  
Sunday -Closed

**Custer’s Last Stop**  
Daily  
10 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**  
Friday 8am - 11am  
Satutrday & Sunday  
8 am - Noon

**Horatio’s Homemade Ice Cream**  
see: horatiosicecream.com  
for winter hours

**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 - 1:30 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

**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 PineTasting Room**  
Tues-ThursNoon-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

**79 Lounge**  
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  
Sunday 10 am until 5 pm

**Xanterra@ Mt. Rushmore**  
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  
Fri & Saturday 3pm-6 pm  
Sunday 8am-3pm

**Winner’s Circle**  
Sunday-Thursday  
10am-8:45pm  
Friday & Saturday  
10am-9:45pm

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**Edgemont**  
**EATS**

**Igloo Bar**  
Daily 9 am - 12 am  
Friday & Saturday  
9am - 2 am

**Khantong Thai Cuisine**  
Monday-Wednesday-  
Friday 11 am - 4:30 pm

**The Hat Creek Grill**  
Friday & Saturday  
Noon - 10 pm

**Victory Steakhouse & Lounge**  
11 am - 9 pm  
Tuesday - Saturday

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

**Yesway #1174**  
Daily - Open 24 hours

**Newcastle**  
**EATS**

**Boopa’s**  
Tuesday - Friday  
7am - 2 pm  
Saturday 7am - 10 am

**Donna’s Main St. Diner**  
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

**Hi-16 Cafe**  
Thursday - Sunday  
7 am - 9 pm

**Isabella’s**  
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

**Pringle**  
**EATS**

**The Hitchrail Bar & Restaurant**  
Tuesday - Sunday  
11 am - 8 pm

**Rapid City**  
**EATS**

**Shipwreck’s Bar & Grill**  
Monday - Wednesday 11 am - 8 pm

**Belle Fourche**  
**EATS**

**Black Hills Diner**  
Tuesday-Saturday  
7 am - 2 pm

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# BLACK HILLS

## Live

LIVE MUSIC - LOCAL EVENTS

### Wednesday 3-13

**Museum @ Black Hills Institute 50th Anniversary Celebration**  
Black Hills Institute of Geological Research  
Hill City, SD  
Free admission  
Educational tours on the hour

**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

**Women's Bible Study**  
The Little White Church  
Hill City, SD  
10 AM

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

**Friends of the Hill City Library: Friends Host Retired Professor**  
Super 8 Conference Room  
Hill City, SD  
10:15 AM

**Crafternoon**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
3 PM

**Museum @ Black Hills Institute 50th Anniversary Celebration: Deep Time Scavenger Hunt**  
Black Hills Institute of Geological Research  
Hill City, SD  
3:30 PM

**Mitchell Dam Public Meeting**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
6 PM

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

### Thursday 3-14

**Museum @ Black Hills Institute 50th Anniversary Celebration**  
Black Hills Institute of Geological Research  
Hill City, SD  
Free admission  
Educational tours on the hour

**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

**Soup & Pie**  
Custer Senior Center  
Custer, SD  
11 AM to 1 PM

**Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
1 PM

**Social Media Class**  
Crazy Horse Memorial  
Custer, SD  
1 PM  
Free to Chamber Members

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

**Museum @ Black Hills Institute 50th Anniversary Celebration: T. Rex with Peter Larson**  
Black Hills Institute of Geological Research  
Hill City, SD  
3:30 PM

**Pie Day Juggling Workshop**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
4:30 PM

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

**Pennington County Master Transportation Plan Meeting**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
5:30 PM



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS** — To celebrate 50 years the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research will host special activities all week long, which started Monday. This celebration is completely free and will include guest speakers, educational tours, and a showing of the Emmy Award-winning documentary Dinosaur 13. [Submitted Photo]

**Hill City Chamber Mixer**  
HippieRockStar Boutique  
Wine & Beer Bar  
Hill City, SD  
5-7 PM

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

**Bingo**  
Custer Beacon  
Custer, SD  
6:30 PM

**Civil Air Patrol**  
Custer County Airport  
Custer, SD  
7 PM

### Friday 3-15

**Museum @ Black Hills Institute 50th Anniversary Celebration**  
Black Hills Institute of Geological Research  
Hill City, SD  
Free admission  
Educational tours on the hour

**National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day Breakfast Mixer**  
Hill City Visitor Information Center  
Hill City, SD  
7:30-10 AM

**ACT Prep**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
8 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

**Story Time**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
10 AM

**NARFE Federal Employees Luncheon**  
Jalapeños Restaurant  
Hot Springs, SD  
11:30 AM

**Museum @ Black Hills Institute 50th Anniversary Celebration: Trivia Night**  
Black Hills Institute of Geological Research  
Hill City, SD  
3:30 PM



**DUCKS UNLIMITED**—The annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet is set for this Saturday, March 16 at the Custer Beacon. Cost of the banquet is \$55 for a single, \$75 for a couple, \$20 for Green Wing, \$330 Bronze Sponsor, \$350 for Bronze Sponsor Couple, \$600 for a VIP table for six and \$1,000 for a gun banner table for six. For more information contact Jeff at 605-440-0772. [Submitted Photo]

**Keystone Roller Skating**  
Keystone Community Center  
Keystone, SD  
5 - 8:30 PM

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Crossroads Church  
Custer, SD  
Meal at 6 PM  
Lesson at 6:30 PM

### Saturday 3-16

**Museum @ Black Hills Institute 50th Anniversary Celebration**  
Black Hills Institute of Geological Research  
Hill City, SD  
Free admission  
Educational tours on the hour

**Hill City Antiques, Railroad & Collectibles Show & Sale**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
9 AM - 5 PM  
Free Admission to show

**Coffee with the Mayor**  
Elizabeth's Coffee Company  
Hill City, SD  
10 AM

**Women's Prayer Gathering**  
The Little White Church  
Hill City, SD  
9 AM

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

**Ducks Unlimited Banquet**  
Custer Beacon  
Custer, SD  
5 PM

**Keystone Bingo**  
Keystone Community Center  
Keystone, SD  
Dinner at 5 PM, free will donations  
Bingo at 6 PM

**Live On Stage *LIVE***  
High Country Guest Ranch  
Hill City, SD  
Doors open at 5 PM  
Dinner at 5:30 PM  
Show starts at 6 PM

**Buffalo Gap Community Dance *LIVE***  
Buffalo Gap Community Center  
Buffalo Gap, SD  
7 PM

### Sunday 3-17

**St. Patrick's Day**

**Mason's Sunday Breakfast**  
Hermosa Masonic Lodge  
Hermosa, SD  
7 AM to Noon  
\$10 Adults  
\$5 Children

**Hill City Antiques, Railroad & Collectibles Show & Sale**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
10 AM - 3 PM  
Free Admission to show

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

**KISS AA Meeting**  
Keystone Community Center  
Keystone, SD  
6 PM

### Monday 3-18

**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: Salads**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
11:30 AM

**Custer Rotary Club**  
Custer Senior Center  
Custer, SD  
Noon

**Pringle Volunteer Fire Department**  
Pringle Community Center  
Pringle, SD  
5 PM

**Hill City Planning and Zoning Meeting**  
City Hall  
Hill City, SD  
5:30 PM

**Custer City Council**  
Custer City Hall  
Custer, SD  
5:30 PM

**Equalization Local Review Board Meeting**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
6 PM

**Biblical Citizenship Class**  
Mountainview Baptist Church  
Custer, SD  
6 PM

**Hermosa Town Board**  
Hermosa Town Hall  
Hermosa, SD  
6 PM

**Custer School District Board of Education**  
School Administration Building  
Custer, SD  
6 PM

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

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

### Tuesday 3-19

**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

**Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
1-3 PM

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

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

**Pennington County Public Budget Meeting**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
6:30 PM

### Wednesday 3-20

**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 County Commission**  
Custer County Courthouse  
Custer, SD  
8 AM

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

**Hill City Seniors Board Meeting**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
10 AM

**Women's Bible Study**  
The Little White Church  
Hill City, SD  
10 AM

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

**Custer County Library Board Meeting**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
1 PM

**Hill City High School Vitalant Blood Drive**  
Hill City Middle School Gym  
Hill City, SD  
1:30-5:30 PM

**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

**Keystone Town Board Meeting**  
Keystone Community Center  
Keystone, SD  
5 PM

**Sheriff's Community Engagement**  
Keystone City Hall Building  
Keystone, SD  
5 PM

**Vinyl Record Club**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
5 PM

**BH Financial Planning Meeting**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
6:30 PM

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

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

**Fairburn Town Board**  
Fairburn Civic Center  
Fairburn, SD  
7 PM

### Thursday 3-21

**Hill City's Restaurant Week**

**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

**Seniors Foot Clinic**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
9 AM - 12 PM

**Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
1 PM

**Custer County Library Foundation Meeting**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
1 PM

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

**Hermosa School Soup, Sweets, Silent Auction and Family Fun Night**  
Hermosa School  
Hermosa, SD  
5-7 PM

**Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Mixer**  
Garland Goff Law Office  
Custer, SD  
5-7 PM

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

**Legion Meeting**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
6 PM

**Custer County Democrats Monthly Meeting**  
Custer County Courthouse  
Annex Pine Room  
Custer, SD  
6 PM

**Hermosa Alumni Basketball**  
Hermosa School  
Hermosa, SD  
7 PM

**Civil Air Patrol**  
Custer County Airport  
Custer, SD  
7 PM

### Friday 3-22

**Hill City's Restaurant Week**

**ACT Prep**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
8 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

**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

**Story Time**  
Custer County Library  
Custer, SD  
10 AM

**The Great Custer Easter Egg Hunt**  
Downtown Custer  
Custer, SD  
4-6 PM

**Keystone Roller Skating**  
Keystone Community Center  
Keystone, SD  
5 - 8:30 PM

**Hill City Seniors Potluck & Game Night**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
5:30-8 PM

**Skate Night**  
Custer YMCA  
Custer, SD  
5:30-8:30 PM

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Crossroads Church  
Custer, SD  
Meal at 6 PM  
Lesson at 6:30 PM

### Saturday 3-23

**Hill City's Restaurant Week**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Hill City Visitor Information Center  
Hill City, SD  
Lineup 9:45 AM

**Coffee with the Mayor**  
Elizabeth's Coffee Company  
Hill City, SD  
10 AM

**Sip & STEAM**  
Addie Camp General Store  
Hill City, SD  
1-3 PM

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

**Hill City Seniors Potluck & Game Night**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
5:30-8 PM

**Hill City Lions Club Easter Basket Bingo**  
Hill City Center  
Hill City, SD  
Dinner 5 PM  
Bingo 6 PM

**Will Brothers Band *LIVE***  
Custer Beacon  
Custer, SD  
7-10 PM

**Keystone Bingo**  
Keystone Community Center  
Keystone, SD  
Dinner at 5 PM, free will donations  
Bingo at 6 PM

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