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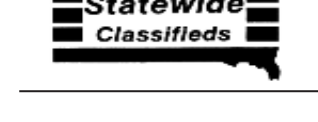
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Notable bills filed ahead of legislative session

By Makenzie Huber
South Dakota Searchlight

Teacher pay, tax relief, election processes, and tweaks to medical marijuana laws are among the topics of bills filed ahead of the annual legislative session.

More than 100 bills have been introduced so far. More than 500 bills were filed during the 40-day session last year.

The 99th South Dakota legislative session kicks off Tuesday with Gov. Kristi Noem's State of the State address. The State of the Judiciary and the State of the Tribes speeches will be delivered Wednesday.

South Dakota Searchlight combed through bills filed as of Friday and selected some of the most notable legislation and trends.

Teachers & education

Education is set to be one of the major themes of the 2024 session, including teacher pay and a potential fourth tuition freeze for public universities.

More than 10 education-related bills have been filed ahead of session.

The focus on teacher pay comes after Gov. Kristi Noem drew attention to the issue in her December budget address.

Landmark 2016 legislation aimed to boost teacher pay and increase competitiveness with surrounding states' average teacher salaries, by raising the state sales tax rate for the first time in decades. The legislation created an accountability board to track teacher salaries and compensation among South Dakota public school districts.

New legislation introduced at the request of the state Department of Education would update the accountability formula, which currently states that any school district with an average teacher salary higher than it was in 2017 is in compliance with the law. Education experts have called the standard "outdated."

The department's legislation would establish a "benchmark teacher salary,"

directly influenced by the percent adjustment to educational aid adopted by the Legislature each session. By 2028, school districts would be expected to reach that benchmark salary or be subjected to an accreditation review.

Another bill introduced by Rep. Tony Venhuizen, R-Sioux Falls, would require high school juniors to take the ACT instead of the state assessment test, and require school districts to pay the registration fees with reimbursement from the state Department of Education.

South Dakota students' average ACT score was down for the third consecutive year in 2023, but it remains higher than the national average. About 59 percent of 2023 high school graduates took the exam, earning an average composite score of 21.1 out of 36.

ACT participation rates vary among South Dakota students. During the 2022-2023 school year, 77 percent of white students took the ACT, 7 percent of Native American students took it and 5 percent of Hispanic students took it.

Other bills addressing education include:

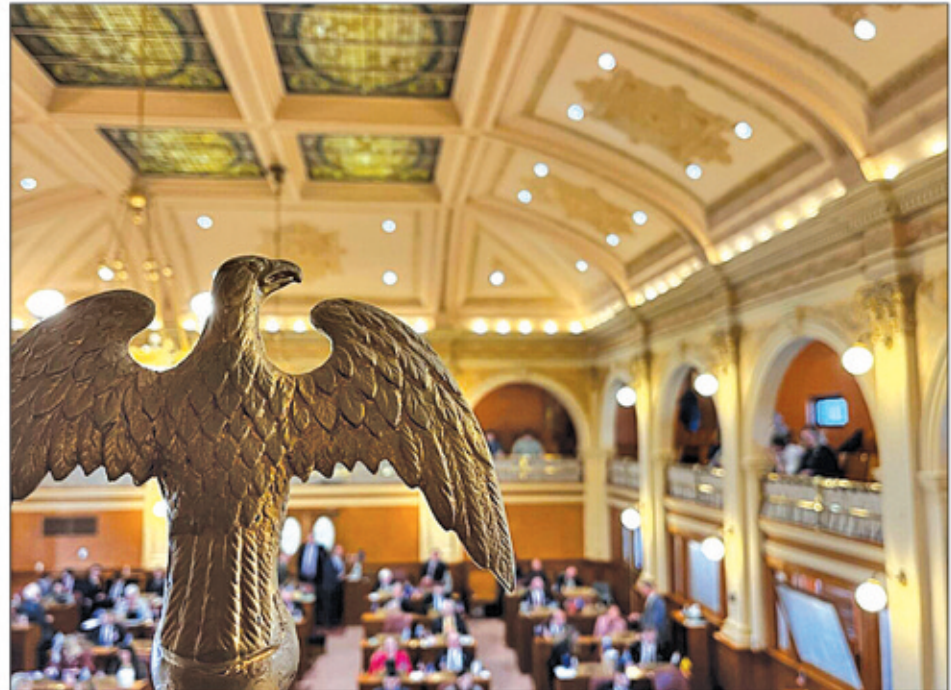
- Funding Noem's \$6 million literacy program, which would provide professional development for teachers on phonics-based teaching methods.
- Providing reimbursements for free or reduced school lunches for children.
- Expanding reduced college tuition to certain school district employees and Head Start employees.

Taxation

The first bill filed for the 2024 legislative session is an effort to repeal the sunset clause on last year's tax cut. Rep. Chris Karr, R-Sioux Falls, is the sponsor of the bill.

Discussions around taxes — sales tax, food sales tax and property taxes — dominated the 2023 session and ended with a \$100 million sales tax cut that's set to end in 2027.

That conversation will continue with Karr's bill, and another bill capping property valuation increases,



INSIDE THE CHAMBERS — The South Dakota House of Representatives chamber at the Capitol in Pierre. [Submitted Photo/JOSHUA HAIAR - SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT]

es, which figure into the formula for calculating property taxes. The legislation would reset the assessed values of owner-occupied, single-family homes back to 2020 amounts and limit annual valuation increases to 3 percent for property owners who acquired their homes before or during fiscal year 2020.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Trish Ladner, R-Rapid City, and Sen. Jack Kolbeck, R-Brandon, has already seen pushback. The Pennington County Director of Equalization told the *Rapid City Journal* that the legislation would adversely affect South Dakotans purchasing a new home and will shift the tax burden onto agricultural, commercial and residential rental properties.

Other taxation bills introduced include:

- Adding lithium as a taxable precious metal. Precious metals extracted from South Dakota are taxed at 10 percent of net profits from sale.
- Extending the length of time for a tax agreement between a tribe and the state from five to 10 years.

Law enforcement and crime

More than 15 bills have been introduced ahead of session regarding law

enforcement and crime in the state, including:

- Criminalizing artificial intelligence-created child pornography.
- Extending the time a person is on the sex offender registry list before they can be removed.
- Mandating that a school district must have a school resource officer or school sentinel at every school building in a district.
- Classifying xylazine, an animal tranquilizer increasingly used in street drugs, as a controlled substance. South Dakota reported its first case in 2023.
- Penalizing a person if they expose a law enforcement officer to a controlled substance.

Medical marijuana

The Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee met multiple times in 2023 to discuss issues surrounding the state's medical cannabis program and changes to it.

One bill, introduced by Sen. Erin Tobin, R-Winner, would require that a patient's primary or referring practitioner be notified when a patient is certified for medical cannabis from a practitioner who isn't the patient's normal provider.

Seven bills have been introduced regarding medical cannabis so far, including:

- Restricting medical cannabis use for certain jobs.
- Restricting a practitioner from referring patients to a medical cannabis clinic the provider is financially connected to.

Elections

Only one bill introduced so far concerning elections is not being introduced at the request of the Secretary of State's Office.

That bill aims to revise the nomination process for lieutenant governor candidates. Currently, political party convention delegates nominate candidates for lieutenant governor.

This bill would have governor candidates nominate their own running mates.

Gov. Kristi Noem almost had former Sioux Falls lawmaker Steve Haugaard as her running mate, instead of Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden, in 2022 due to the current process. Haugaard unsuccessfully challenged Noem in the gubernatorial primary and then gained support from some convention delegates to be placed on the ticket with her.

Lawmakers last session attempted to overhaul the party nomination process for multiple positions, but the effort failed in the House.

The secretary of state's

election bills include:

- Modifying residency requirements for voter registration by specifying that the state's 30-day residency requirement before voter registration must be achieved within one year before registering. KELO-TV asked the secretary of state's office whether the bill is an attempt to disqualify people who live full-time in recreational vehicles and register in the state, but the office declined to answer the question.
- Allowing the secretary of state to make the cast vote record and ballot images collected from a tabulator public record. Ballot images are digital copies of every paper ballot tabulated in an election, and cast vote records are electronic records of how the marks on a ballot are tabulated. While other jurisdictions post such information publicly, there is a risk to voter privacy, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center.
- Making it a crime for threatening or intimidating election officials or election workers.
- Medicaid work requirements, daylight saving time

Other notable bills filed ahead of session include another attempt to put Medicaid work requirements on the ballot, which failed in committee after passing the House last year. If the resolution passes this year, it'll head to the November 2024 ballot for voters to decide whether to authorize work requirements.

A bill filed by Rep. Ben Krohmer, R-Mitchell, aims to get rid of the twice-a-year time adjustment, instead sticking to "summer hours year-round." A 2022 bill would have established permanent daylight saving time for South Dakota once federally permissible, but it quickly died in a committee.

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Black Hills



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Black Hills Burger & Bun Tuesday -Saturday 11 am- 2:30pm	Skogen Kitchen Tuesday - Saturday 5-8 p.m.	Turtle Town Sunday-Thursday 10am 4 pm Friday-Saturday 9am-5 pm	American Legion Monday - Saturday 10am - close	Igloo Bar Daily 9 am - 12 am Friday & Saturday 9am - 2 am	Perkins Tavern Monday - Wednesday 11 am - 8 pm Thursday - Sunday 7 am - 9 pm
Buglin' Bull Restaurant & Sports Bar Sun-Thursday 11am-8 pm Friday-Saturday 11am-9pm	Subway Restaurant Mon-Sat 8 am - 9 pm Sunday 8 am -8 pm	Twisted PineTasting Room Tues-ThursNoon-5pm Fri-Saturday Noon-7pm	Dairy Queen Daily 10:30 am - 9 pm	Khantong Thai Cuisine Monday-Wednesday- Friday 11 am - 4:30 pm	Pizza Barn Monday - Thursday 4 pm - 9 pm Friday & Saturday 4 pm - 10 pm
Calamity Jane's Tuesday - Sunday 7am to 9pm	Hill City EATS	Hermosa EATS	Mornin' Sunshine Monday-Saturday 7am-2 pm Sunday 7am -1pm	The Hat Creek Grill Friday & Saturday Noon - 10 pm	Uncle Vito's Tuesday - Friday 7 am - 2 pm Saturday 7 am - 10 am
Custer Beacon Wednesday - Saturday 4 pm to close	The Alpine Inn Monday - Saturday 11 am - 2:30 pm LUNCH 5 pm - 9:30 pm DINNER	Corner Pantry Deli Daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Pizza Hut Monday - Saturday 11 am - 9 pm	Victory Steakhouse & Lounge 11 am - 9 pm Tuesday - Saturday	Pringle EATS
Custer County Candy Co. Monday-Saturday 11am - 5pm Sunday Noon - 5pm	Annie Lode Coffee Cabin Tuesday-Friday 6:30am - 1:00pm	Hermosa Coffee House Monday- Saturday 7 am - 1 pm	Silk Road Experience Thursday-Saturday 3pm-7pm	Yesway Monday-Saturday 6 am - 9 pm Sunday 8 am -9am	The Hitchrail Bar & Restaurant Tuesday - Sunday 11 am - 8 pm
Custer Deli Monday-Wednesday 8:30 am-4pm Thurs & Fri. 8:30am-5pm Sat. 9am-2pm	Black Hills Bistro Monday - Saturday 7 am - 2 pm	Your Restaurant Here Monday- Saturday 4am - 9pm	Sick-N-Twisted Thursday - Monday 11 am - 8 pm	Yesway #1174 Daily - Open 24 hours	Rapid City EATS
Custer's Last Stop Daily 10 am - 3 pm	Bumpin' Buffalo Bar & Grill Monday - Sunday 11 am - 9 pm	Lintz Bros. Pizza Thursday - Monday 3 pm - 9 pm	Southern Hills Diner & Bakery Thursday-Monday 8am-2pm closed Tuesday & Wednesday	Newcastle EATS	Shipwreck's Bar & Grill Monday - Wednesday 11 am - 8 pm
Custer Wolf Monday-Saturday 11:30 am- 8 pm	Caboose Coffee Company Monday - Saturday 7 am -1 pm Sunday - Closed	Hermosa Senior Citizens Center Monday - Thursday Noon to close	Southern Hills Golf Course Daily 7 am - 8 pm	Boopa's Tuesday - Friday 7am - 2 pm Saturday 7am - 10 am	Belle Fourche EATS
Dairy Queen Mon.-Saturday 11am-8 pm Sunday 11am-7 pm	Chute Rooster Thursday - Monday 11 am - 9 pm Sunday 10 am - 6 pm	79 Lounge Daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Springs Coffee Kiosk Mon-Fri 5:30am-4:30pm Saturday 5:30am - 2pm Sunday 5:30am - Noon	Donna's Main St. Diner Daily 6 am -2 pm	Black Hills Diner Tuesday-Saturday 7 am - 2 pm
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Gold Pan Saloon Sun-Thursday 2pm - close Fri - Saturday 2pm - close	Heart of the Hills Exxon Daily 5 am - Midnight	Turtle Town Monday-Saturday 10 am until 6 pm Sunday 10 am until 5 pm	Heaven Scent Bakery Wednesday - Monday 10am - 5pm	Hot Stuff Pizza Daily 5 am - 6 pm	
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Laughing Water Restaurant Mon - Fri. 11 am to 4 pm Sat. & Sun. 9am - 4 pm	Silver Dollar Saloon Monday -Thursday 1pm - 10 pm Fri - Sun Noon - 10 pm		For Hot Springs 	Howdy Bakery Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8am-6pm Sat. 9am - 4pm	
Maria's Mexican Restaurant Monday - Saturday 6:30 - 10 am, 11 am - 3 pm 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Taqueria Los Camelinas Monday-Friday 4pm-7 pm Saturday 11 am-2 pm		Information Call 605-745-4140 www.hotsprings-sd.com	Hi-16 Cafe Thursday - Sunday 7 am - 9 pm	
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LIVE MUSIC - LOCAL EVENTS

Wednesday 1-10

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

Custer County Commission
Custer County Courthouse
Custer, SD
8 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: Friends Host Local Writers Group
Super 8 Conference Room
Hill City, SD
10:15 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

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

Thursday 1-11

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

Custer County Library Foundation Annual meeting
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
1 PM

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

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

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

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 1-12

Caramel Rolls
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
9 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

Storytime
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

AARP at the Custer County Library
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
11 AM to 2 PM



THE HILLS FINEST — Tony DeBlois is performing every Tuesday and Saturday at The Hills Finest. DeBlois, known as the "Eighth Wonder of Music," has had a movie written about him and is a well-known musical savant. [Submitted Photo]

Hill City Life INC Presents: Suicide Prevention Class
Hill City High School Theatre
Hill City, SD
1:30-3 PM

Wellness Support Group
Monument Health Hospital Custer
Custer, SD
2 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 1-13

Coffee with the Mayor
Hill City Cafe
Hill City, SD
10 AM

SHE-Brews Women's Conversational Coffee
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
10 AM

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

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

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

Sunday 1-14

Community Breakfast
Hermosa Masonic Lodge
Hermosa, SD
7 AM to Noon

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

Craft Beer & Bingo
Miner Brewing Co.
Hill City, SD
4 PM

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

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Monday 1-15

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: All Soup Lunch with Trimmings
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
11:30 AM

Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

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

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

When Helping Hurts
Community Lutheran Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM
Text HCWHH to 605-574-1023 to register

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 1-16

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

Prairie Hills Transit Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9:30 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
1-4:30 PM

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

Custer County Chronicle Citizen of the Year Reception
Custer's Last Stop
Custer, SD
5-7 PM
Hermosa Connects Mixer
Custer County Fairgrounds
Beef Barn
Hermosa, SD
5-7 PM

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

Hermosa Town Board
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

Hill City Life INC Presents: Suicide Prevention Class
Community Lutheran Church
Hill City, SD
5:45 Dinner
6:15 Class
Childcare provided

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

Hermosa Town Board
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

Wednesday 1-17

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

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

Hill City Seniors Board Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 12 PM

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

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

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

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

Keystone Town Board Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

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

Fairburn Town Board
Fairburn Civic Center
Fairburn, SD
7 PM

Thursday 1-18

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

Custer County Democratic Party Meeting
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
Noon

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

Hermosa/Fairburn Food Bank
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
3-5 PM

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

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

Adult Murder Mystery
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
5:30 PM

Legion Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Hot Springs Rural Fire District Meeting
Mueller Civic Center
Hot Springs, SD
6 PM

SheJumps & BHPFA Winter Film Series Ft. Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 1-19

Caramel Rolls
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
9 AM

Seniors 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

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

Storytime
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

AARP at the Custer County Library
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
2-5 PM

Baked Potato Bar
Hermosa American Legion
Hermosa, SD
4:30 to 6:45 PM

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

The Wilt Brothers Band *LIVE*
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7 PM

Bingo
Hermosa American Legion
Hermosa, SD
7-9 PM

Miner Brewing Music Series Presents: Ponder the Albatross *LIVE*
Miner Brewing Co.
Hill City, SD
7:30-9 PM

Saturday 1-20

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

Coffee with the Mayor
Hill City Cafe
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Breakin' the Winter Blues Chili Cook-off
Hill City Businesses
Hill City, SD
11 AM - 2 PM

Feeding South Dakota
209 3rd St.
Buffalo Gap, SD
1 PM

Burning Beetle Variety Show
Custer Jr./Sr. High School Theatre
Custer, SD
3:30-5 PM

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

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

Burning Beetle Torch March
Custer Jr./Sr. High School Theatre to Pageant Hill
Custer, SD
5:15 PM

Burning Beetle Bug Crawl *LIVE*
Downtown Custer
Custer, SD
6 PM

Afterburn 2024 Featuring Ponder the Albatross & The Clayton Ryan Band *LIVE*
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

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

Sunday 1-21

Community Breakfast
Hermosa Masonic Lodge
Hermosa, SD
7 AM to Noon

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

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Monday 1-22

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

Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

Bone Up
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
2-4 PM

Hill City Common Council Meeting
City Hall
Hill City, SD
5:30 PM

When Helping Hurts
Community Lutheran Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM
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Chick Chat and Crafts
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:30 PM



IN CUSTER AND HILL CITY — Somewhere in the eternal vastness of space and time, somewhere upon a westward wind, there is a point where Gypsy Punk, Jam Band, and New Grass collide with cosmic force. That point is Ponder the Albatross. The "Ponder Phenomenon" is given its drive and force by Josh Bower's ecstatic mandolin, guitar and vocals, Luke Lindholm's searing fiddle; ably abetted by Eric Vrtis' whisking wave of bass & vocals, and Adam Chiszar's symphonic symmetry on the drums. Every song, every show, every performance, is masterfully executed with the frenetic abandon of a Dervish whirling in a swirling mystical haze that impels audiences to engage and become active participants in the shared experience. The band is set to play at Miner Brewing Co. outside Hill City next Friday evening before performing at The Custer Beacon the following Saturday following the Beetle Burn. [Submitted Photo]

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