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DINING • ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • EVENTS



LIVE ON STAGE — James Van Nuys of Rapid City is well known in South Dakota as an artist and as a musician. He's a sculptor and painter but he also plays the guitar, performing solo or in small groups playing jazz, blues, and other styles of music. He will be the featured act of Live on Stage at the High Country Guest Ranch Saturday night at 7 p.m. [Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting]

Call 605-440-1248 to place an ad in the Western Trader!

Black Hills Eats

is featured on page 4 of the Western Trader!

(Local Restaurant Listings)

12TH ANNUAL POLAR BEAR CHILI COOK-OFF
Saturday, 10 February 2024 (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)

"Come enjoy some Great Chili and Fellowship with folks from around the area while supporting our exciting fundraiser"

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****Booths Must Be Decorated****

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Tasting Fee: \$5.00 Per Person or \$20.00 Per Family

Off Main Street in Hill City – Host: Tin City Masonic Charities
Register On-Line at tincitymasons.com or contact the following:
Kade McVey 605-209-1235 Or John Knapp 605-209-0686

"See You in Hill City on 10 February"

TIN CITY MASONIC CHARITIES

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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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GYM:
CUSTER FITNESS CENTER: Work out anytime—open 24 hours/7 days per week. Inquire at the Custer County Chronicle (522 Mount Rushmore Road, Custer), 605-673-2217.

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HANDYMAN: Call Jeff for any job. Plus mowing and trimming. Serving Hill City, Custer and surrounding area. 712-490-4998 526 47f

HELP WANTED:
HELP WANTED: Jorgensen Log Homes is now hiring lead carpenters. For more info call 605-673-2720 464 16f

LINE COOK WANTED full or part time hours available. Resume & references to Custer Beacon 606-673-3800 506 16f

**** HELP WANTED ** IMMEDIATELY HILL CITY**
 Now accepting employment applications for **DESK CLERKS for permanent or seasonal, full or part time positions.** We offer room for advancement, top pay, summer bonuses, winter bonuses and other benefits. Hill City Super 8 Motel. Apply at location or call Vic at 605-209-3963. 984 35f

SOUTHERN HILLS ANIMAL CLINIC is seeking a receptionist/veterinary assistant to work 24-32 hours per week. Monday - Friday and some weekend duties. Animal hospital/technician experience preferred. Wages negotiable, DOE. Call (605) 673-4996, Monday through Friday during business hours 508 5c

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 48f

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CUSTER COUNTY Enjoy working outdoors and looking for a job in the beautiful Black Hills? Custer County is accepting applications for a full-time Equipment Operator position to help maintain the 400 miles of county roads. Employees generally work Four Days per week with no evening shifts, holidays and weekends off, unless weather conditions or emergencies require road maintenance. This position requires operating heavy equipment, driving trucks, performing minor repairs and routine maintenance on all equipment. A South Dakota CDL with tanker endorsement is required for this position and new hires will have six months to obtain the necessary requirements. Competitive Salary and Benefits. Starting Pay is \$23.18 per hour and Employees are offered paid holidays, paid vacation and sick leave. Health Insurance, Dental, Life Insurance Options and SDRS Retirement with 6% matching investment. Applicants must fill out and submit a Custer County application. Position description and applications are available at https://www.custercountysd.com/employment/ or by contacting Todd Fish, Custer County Human Resources, 420 Mt. Rushmore Road, Custer, SD 57730, 605-673-8134 or tfish@custercountysd.com. Applications will be accepted until filled. Custer County is an equal opportunity employer. 510 4f

THE CUSTER COUNTY LIBRARY is accepting applications for a Permanent Full-Time Library Assistant, with an emphasis on circulation. The library assistant will work 32 hours per week and includes evening and weekend hours. The position starting wage is \$17.00 per hour and Employees are offered paid holidays, paid vacation and sick leave. Health Insurance and Life Insurance Options and SDRS Retirement with 6% matching investment. Optional Dental and vision insurance. **GENERAL DEFINITION OF WORK:** • Perform all aspects of circulation in a timely, accurate, and courteous manner. • Implement library policies and procedures regarding lost and overdue materials • Assist in preparation/processing of library materials • Assist patrons with technology needs. A full position description and application can be found online at https://www.custercountysd.com/employment/ or picked up at the Custer County Courthouse at 420 Mt. Rushmore Road. All applications should be sent to the attention of Todd Fish, HR. Custer County is an equal opportunity employer. Custer County is an equal opportunity employer. 511 4f

THE TOWN OF HERMOSA Town Marshal Opening Date: Position Open Until Filled Pay Range: \$25.00 per hour **DESCRIPTION:** The Town of Hermosa is seeking a motivated and hard-working individual with a law enforcement certification in South Dakota, have the ability to transfer another state's certification through the reciprocity process, or the ability to obtain certification within one year of hire for the position of Town Marshal. This position is responsible for the enforcement of federal, state, and local laws and the protection of life and property. Officers patrol the Town, respond to calls for service, conduct investigations, enforce traffic laws, conduct code enforcement, arrest offenders, provide assistance to other emergency service providers and engage the community and its members in a positive, professional manner. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Education: High School diploma or G.E.D. Age: Candidates must be 21 years of age. Criminal History: No felony or domestic violence conviction. License: Valid South Dakota driver's license. Certification: It is required that applicants hold a current law enforcement certification in South Dakota, have the ability to transfer another state's certification through the reciprocity process, or the ability to obtain certification within one year of hire. Must meet the minimum requirements as established by the Law Enforcement Standards Board. **SELECTION PROCESS:** Applicants that meet the above-listed requirements will be invited for an interview which will determine eligibility for a conditional offer of employment. **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:** A candidate receiving a conditional offer of employment will undergo a background investigation, psychological evaluation, physical examination and drug screening. Contact Town of Hermosa at 605-255-4291 for further information. Resumes can be submitted to gail@hermosasd.com 507 5c

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FOR LEASE: OLD WORLD

THE TOWN OF HERMOSA has a position open for a full time Finance Officer. We are looking for a highly motivated self-starter with finance management experience with the ability and desire to learn. We see this as a great opportunity for someone to be our leader in the growth of Hermosa. Duties may include but are not limited to being responsible for all municipal government Finance requirements, Economic Development planning, researching grant opportunities and preparing grant applications, organizing and maintaining contract management files and being the official election officer for the town. Ability and desire to learn new computer software programs is a must. A college degree is desired but not required. This will be a 40 hour per week position with the option of a flexible schedule as defined below. The salary range will be \$20.00 to \$25.00 per hour depending on experience. There will be a probationary period of 30 days. This position will earn vacation time per town ordinance, holiday pay, retirement, and paid medical for the employee. 1. **F l e x** Schedule: 40-hour work week. 32 hours minimum required in office with the option of 8 hours worked remotely. The remote hours can be worked Sunday thru Saturday. The 32 hours in office can be worked between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, with core hours of 9:00 am to 2:30 pm four days a week. The four days will need to be defined and be consistent from week to week. If not in the office during the core hours the employee will need to be on either sick leave, vacation, or approved leave without pay. This will allow the employee the option to have one day out of the office per week if desired. 2. **Town meetings:** The employer will be responsible to attend scheduled town meeting, which are mostly in the evening. The first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm are the scheduled Board of Trustee meetings. The hours granted during town meetings may count toward the 40 hours required per week or overtime. 3. **Employees** of this position may be subject to working hours beyond that of a normal scope and may be required to report for duty under emergency conditions. The Town of Hermosa is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity guidelines and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Town 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 by close of business, February 5, 2024, to gail@hermosasd.com. 513 5c

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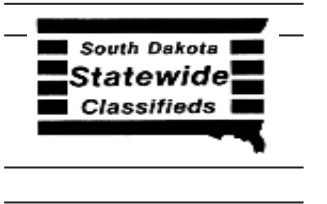
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Open primaries in South Dakota has early support: Poll

By Stu Whitney
South Dakota News Watch

Nearly half of registered voters support changing the way primary elections are conducted in South Dakota, but many others remain undecided, according to a statewide poll co-sponsored by South Dakota News Watch.

The survey of 500 registered voters showed that 49.4 percent of respondents support a proposed constitutional amendment to establish “top-two” open primaries for governor, Congress and state legislative and county races. The poll showed that 34 percent oppose the measure.

That leaves 16.6 percent undecided, which open primary advocates see as an opportunity to sell their vision to voters in the 10 months leading up to the November 2024 election, assuming the measure makes the ballot.

“We’re encouraged by these results,” said veteran political operative Drey Samuelson, who serves on the board of directors for South Dakota Open Primaries. “It’s worth noting that undecideds generally split evenly between voting in favor of a measure and against it, which would put us roughly at 58 percent. We’d be very happy with that result, obviously.”

If successful, the amendment would establish one primary election for each designated office, with all candidates running against each other regardless of party affiliation. The top two vote-getters would advance to the general election.

The attorney general’s statement on the amendment notes that a candidate “may list any party next to their name regardless of party affiliation or registration,” meaning a registered Democrat could conceivably be listed on the ballot as a Republican, or vice versa.

Republican state Rep. Aaron Alyward of Harrisburg, chairman of the conservative South Dakota Freedom Caucus, expressed surprise that so many poll

respondents supported open primaries and questioned the reasoning behind the petition effort.

“If this were to go through, we’d essentially have two general elections in South Dakota, which would be completely unnecessary,” Alyward said in a statement to News Watch. “If the backers of this amendment are worried about having options at the ballot box, why isn’t the focus placed on getting people from all parties ready for the general election, rather than trying to create two general elections in a sense?”

Independents shut out of GOP primaries

Supporters point to the fact that all registered voters would be eligible to participate in open primaries. Currently, Independent voters in South Dakota can vote in Democratic primaries but not Republican contests.

That’s a major factor in a state where the breakdown of registered voters (299,984 Republicans, 145,700 Democrats, 147,968 Independents/No Party Affiliation) makes Independents a formidable voting bloc of 25 percent. Most races are decided in GOP primaries in a conservative state where no Democratic presidential nominee has prevailed since Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964.

Republicans outnumber Democrats 94-11 in the state Legislature, and GOP candidates ran unopposed in 21 of the 35 state Senate races in 2022. The last time a Democratic candidate won a statewide election was 2008.

“I know a fair amount of people who are not Republicans by their general philosophy, but they are Republicans in registration because they know that’s where the action is in the primaries,” said Samuelson, who served as chief of staff to former Democratic U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson. “In our system, people won’t have to be something that they’re not to have a vote that’s meaningful.”

Seeking more balance in politics



SIGNATURE DRIVE — Tom Dempster, a former state senator and Minnehaha County Commissioner, speaks at a press conference to announce the signature drive to put a constitutional amendment that would allow for open primaries on the 2024 general election ballot in Sioux Falls, S.D., on April 19, 2022. [Submitted Photo/ANNIE TODD - SIOUX FALLS ARGUS LEADER]

The poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy from Nov. 27-29. Respondents were selected randomly from a state voter registration list and were representative of all South Dakota counties, ages, gender and political parties. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.5 percent. News Watch and the Chiesman Center for Democracy at the University of South Dakota sponsored the poll.

The open primaries measure has majority support among Democrats (55.7 percent) and Independents (55.4 percent) and plurality support among Republicans, with 43.1 percent of GOP respondents supporting the change, 40.3 percent opposing it and 16.5 percent undecided.

The poll showed the measure with a healthy lead in four geographic regions of the state (Sioux Falls Metro, East River/South, East River/North and West River). West River, often viewed as more conservative than other areas of the state, had the highest support (52.9 percent) for changing the way primaries are run.

Nicole Heenan, who is helping South Dakota Open Primaries with its petition effort in Rapid City, switched party affiliation from Independent to Democrat to challenge Republican state Sen. Helene Duhamel in District 32 in 2022. Duhamel won the general election with 56.2 percent of the vote.

Heenan told News Watch that putting all candidates into a single primary would provide more balance in a state where 90 per-

cent of legislators are Republican, compared to 50 percent of voters registered as Republicans.

“That asymmetry is a sign of dysfunction and inefficiency,” said Heenan, a mental health therapist who ran for Pennington County Commission as an Independent in 2018. “Democracies are supposed to be flexible and dynamic and quick to the needs of the people, and that’s not the system we have right now.”

Out-of-state group gets involved

Though nearly half of states have some form of open primary system, only three currently use a top-two primary such as the one proposed for South Dakota.

California and Washington use top-two primaries, with party labels included, in races other than presidential contests, while Nebraska uses a nonpartisan primary for state legislative races as part of its unicameral system.

Typically, the GOP majority in state politics would be enough to mount a formidable “establishment” response against a ballot measure buoyed by out-of-state interests that threatens the electoral status quo.

Unite America, a non-profit based in Denver that advocates for election reform, has contributed about \$300,000 to the open primary effort in South Dakota, while about \$400,000 has been raised through in-state donations.

A similar measure in 2016 aimed to circumvent party primaries with non-partisan races, in which

South Dakota voters would consider candidates on an open ballot with no party designations. That effort failed at the ballot but received 44.5 percent of the vote.

“The stars seem aligned for us”

Supporters of the ballot measure said circumstances have shifted in their favor since then due to a schism in state Republican ranks between moderates and an emergent far-right caucus.

The theory is that open primaries, rather than incentivizing candidates from taking extreme positions to win a partisan primary, will help “lower the volume” to produce officeholders more reflective of the general electorate.

“The stars seem aligned for us because the Republican Party has experienced turmoil,” Joe Kirby, a Sioux Falls businessman and government reform advocate who is spearheading the open primary campaign, told News Watch in 2023. “There’s less resistance from Republicans to the idea of changing something to broaden the base of voters.”

In Democratic-controlled California, where voters approved a top-two primary in 2012, presenting candidates to all voters in primaries has led to more moderates getting elected, forcing far-left legislators to work toward the middle to pass laws.

A 2017 study by the Public Policy Institute of California concluded that open primaries, combined with other shifts such as redistricting reform, can help “draw American par-

ties back toward the center of the ideological spectrum.”

For the minority party Republicans in California and Democrats in South Dakota – the concern is that candidates will get shut out of the general election in the top-two system, making even more dire the party’s lack of representation.

Moving politics toward the middle

Dan Ahlers, executive director of the South Dakota Democratic Party (SDDP), told News Watch that the SDDP has not yet taken a formal stance on potential 2024 ballot measures. But he noted different approaches to primary elections by the state’s political parties.

“South Dakota’s Democratic primaries have been open to registered Independent voters since 2010,” said Ahlers. “The Republican Party could do this too but has chosen not to open their primaries.”

John Wiik, chairman of the South Dakota Republican Party, did not respond to a request for comment.

South Dakota Open Primaries needs to collect a minimum of 35,017 signatures to place the constitutional amendment on the 2024 ballot. The deadline to submit signatures is May 7. Samuelson estimated that the group has collected 35,000 signatures so far, with a goal of 50,000.

Samuelson noted a recent Pew Research Center poll showing that four times as many Americans have unfavorable views of both parties than they did in 2002. He sees that as a sign that people want more candidates who appeal to middle-of-the-road voters rather than to the fringes of either party.

“A lot of moderate Republicans, frankly, don’t run in South Dakota because they don’t think that they can win the primary,” Samuelson said. “So we have these elections that are not contested, and that’s not a good thing, no matter what party you’re in.”

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11a.m. - 7 p.m. & Sunday
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3:20 PM

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The Little White Church
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1 PM

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Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 2-2

ACT Prep
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
8 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

Storytime
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

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

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Dinner at 5:30 PM
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Hill City, SD
6:30 PM

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Custer Jr./Sr. High School Theatre
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

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

Buffalo Gap Town Board
Buffalo Gap Town Hall
Buffalo Gap, SD
7 PM

Tuesday 2-6

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
1-4:30 PM

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

Custer Piecemaker Quilt Guild
Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Custer, SD
1:30 PM

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

Hill City Lions Club
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Hermosa Town Board
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

Wednesday 2-7

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

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

BOLT
The Little White Church
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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

Thursday 2-8

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
9:30 to 5 PM

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Custer, SD
Noon to 2 PM

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

Imagination Club
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Hill City, SD
3:15 PM

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4 PM

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Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Harbach Park Design Phase 3 Community Meeting
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
6 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 2-9

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

Valentine Dinner & Dance
Hermosa Community Center
Hermosa, SD
5 to 6:30 PM

Wellness Support Group
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
Meal at 6 PM
Lesson at 6:30 PM

Feb-"Brew"-ary Firefightin' Fundraiser
Granite Sports
Hill City, SD
4-6 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 2-10

Tour De Chocolate
Hill City Main Street
Hill City, SD
All Day

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

For the Love of Music (& Bob)
Gypsy Rose Tattoo Studio
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 5 PM

12th Annual Polar Bear Chili Cook-Off
Off Hill City Main Street
Hill City, SD
11 AM - 2 PM

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

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Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
Food at 5 PM
Bingo at 6 PM

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Dinner at 5 PM, free will donations
Bingo at 6 PM

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The Trailhouse
Custer, SD
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Children under 12 \$10

JJ Kent Band *LIVE*
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30 to 9 PM

Sunday 2-11

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

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

Bluegrass Jam *LIVE*
The Trailhouse
Custer, SD
4-6 PM

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

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Monday 2-12

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

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

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

When Helping Hurts
Community Lutheran Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM
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Young Life
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Chick Chat and Crafts
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6:30 PM

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