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DOC says new women's prison could be full of addicts immediately

By John Hult
South Dakota News Watch

The state's new women's prison may well be full when it opens, South Dakota's corrections secretary said this week, a reality largely attributable to the prevalence of drug abuse in the penal population.

The new prison will free up space for addiction treatment, but the secretary said she's concerned about the potential for more crowding in the women's facilities if the state doesn't find a way to address its approach to substance abuse.

Lawmakers heard those warnings during debate on funding for the Rapid City minimum security prison, which passed the full Senate this week after a hearing in the budget-setting Joint Appropriations Committee.

Senate Bill 50 would provide additional money needed to cover the project's \$87 million price tag, after legislators set aside a portion of the money last year. Lawmakers have allocated another \$567 million for a proposed new men's prison in Lincoln County, to replace the aging penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

Few lawmakers have questioned the need. The state's only women's prison, located in Pierre, houses twice the number of inmates it's designed for, packed into classrooms and a gymnasium. The state currently pays Hughes County to hold more than 70 female inmates at the county jail.

The new prison will have an addiction wing, and its existence will open up space for treatment in the current prison.

But some are concerned that a new facility for women in a state that imprisons most of its female convicts for drug use could set the state up for more costly prison projects.

"We need new facilities, because we currently have incredible overcrowding," defense lawyer lobbyist Terra Larson said. "But I just want you guys to think about the fact that if you build it, they will fill it, and we may or may not be back here again."

Corrections secretary Kellie Wasko, when asked about growth projections in the female inmate population, said she'd like to see her agency collaborate with lawmakers and the Unified Judicial System on diversion programs for addicts.

"If we don't do something to address the substance use in South Dakota, we're going to open up a facility and we're going to be right at capacity," Wasko said.

History of concern over harsh drug laws

A consulting firm called the DLR Group hinted at the same issue in the report it issued on prison facilities in 2022. The report has served as the basis for discussions on new prisons in South Dakota, and it identified the women's prison as the area of highest need.

At the time of the study, 60 percent of female inmates were imprisoned for drugs. The state had acknowledged, the report says at the outset, that "absent significant criminal justice reform, as the state's population continues to grow, the prison population may surpass the operating capacities."

In the latest annual report from the Department of Corrections, drug possession and drug ingestion mark the highest-level felony for 69 percent of the women imprisoned in South Dakota for a nonviolent offense. Such offenses represent 81 percent of all crimes committed by female inmates in the state.

It's not the first time South Dakota's approach to drug use has drawn scrutiny or sparked debate. Drug policy questions bubbled in the background as the Pierre facility packed more and more women into its cells, classrooms and recreation areas.

A crime trends report from February 2023, the latest available on the corrections website, shows a 66 percent increase in drug crimes since 2013 – the same year former Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed a sweeping criminal justice reform bill into law designed in part to hold the need for new prisons at bay.



BREAKING GROUND — Participating in an Oct. 16, 2023, groundbreaking for a women's prison in Rapid City are, from left, Rep. Eric Emery, D-Rosebud; Rep. Steve Duffy, R-Rapid City; Rep. Mike Derby, R-Rapid City; Sen. Mike Diedrich, R-Rapid City; Sen. Helene Duhamel, R-Rapid City; and Pennington County Sheriff Brian Mueller. [Submitted Photo/SETH TUPPER - SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT]

"Absent a change in approach, South Dakota should expect to have more than 4,500 inmates by 2022," the state's 2012 Criminal Justice Initiative Work Group's final report reads. It also suggests that without reform, the state would need new prisons in that same time frame.

As of January, there were 3,690 inmates incarcerated in South Dakota prisons in total, well below the feared-for figure of 4,500.

The female inmate population, however, has far surpassed the report's projections for what might happen without reform. For women, the report said the state would reach its "female system capacity of 498 beds by 2015."

In 2015, the female population hovered at around 400. By 2016, the figure hit nearly 500. There were 558 women in Department of Corrections custody as of January.

Warnings from defense lobby, ACLU

The 2013 reforms created a presumption of probation for drug possession. But they did not remove felony penalties for drug possession, as defense lawyers had suggested it should during task force meetings on the issue in 2012. Nor did it repeal South Dakota's ingestion law, the only one in the nation that allows prosecu-

tors to charge people with felony drug possession for a failed drug test.

Opponents warned the reform backers – a group that included every arm of state government as well as sheriffs, police chiefs and prosecutors – that failure to address the state's harsh drug laws would blunt the impact of reforms.

"It is clear that the bill is missing an opportunity to save significant taxpayer dollars, reduce the burden on our prisons, and stem this tide of the low-level nonviolent offenders who occupy our prison beds," said Tiffany Campbell, then a policy director for the American Civil Liberties Union of South Dakota.

Several attempts to repeal South Dakota's ingestion law have come to Pierre in the intervening years, but none – including the most recent in 2023 – have landed on the governor's desk.

Michael Winder, spokesperson for the Department of Corrections, did not respond to emails from South Dakota Searchlight requesting an interview with or statements from Wasko clarifying the kinds of steps the agency might want to take to address the state's approach to drug crimes and its impact on prison populations.

New facilities would offer treatment

Nonviolent offenses and violent offenses alike tend to have ties to substance abuse. When speaking to legislators during committee hearings, Wasko has repeatedly stressed the importance of addiction treatment for female inmates.

"Honestly, 98 percent of the females in our custody have a substance use disorder," Wasko said this week.

On the Senate floor, Sioux Falls Democrat Reynold Nesiba worried aloud that the state's new prison could make it easier to ignore the impact of the state's ingestion and possession laws on women struggling with addiction.

"I worry that we're trying to arrest our way out of a public health problem," Nesiba said.

Nesiba supported the bill, but said he did so in hopes that a new building would help inmates change their lives through rehabilitation in a way they can't in the current cramped quarters.

"We need them to get well. We need them to take care of their families. We need them back in the workforce. We want them to be rehabilitated, and to be all that they can possibly be," Nesiba said. "I'm hoping this new facility allows us to do that."

The bill's sponsor, Big Stone City Republican John Wiik, said addressing

addiction and repeat offenses has to start with a new building. His arguments on the floor for SB 50 revolved around the notion that conversations about recidivism, addiction or incarceration's impact on society at large can't begin in earnest until the immediate need for more space is addressed.

"We certainly can't deal with any of these issues when we have women sleeping in a gymnasium," Wiik said.

Sen. Helene Duhamel, R-Rapid City, said she has full confidence that Wasko, a nurse by training who came to the job of secretary in South Dakota after decades in corrections in Colorado, will not drop the ball on drug treatment or rehabilitation.

"She is building, in the plan for the women's facility in Rapid City, a whole wing dedicated to addiction treatment," Duhamel said. "I think it'll be a big improvement, and put corrections into a correctional facility."

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<div>Black Hills Burger & Bun</div> <div>Tuesday -Saturday</div> <div>11 am- 2:30pm</div>	<div>Skogen Kitchen</div> <div>Tuesday - Saturday 5-8 p.m.</div>	<div>Turtle Town</div> <div>Sunday-Thursday</div> <div>10am 4 pm</div> <div>Friday-Saturday 9am-5 pm</div>	<div>American Legion</div> <div>Monday - Saturday</div> <div>10am - close</div>	<div>Igloo Bar</div> <div>Daily 9 am - 12 am</div> <div>Friday & Saturday</div> <div>9am - 2 am</div>	<div>Perkins Tavern</div> <div>Monday - Wednesday</div> <div>11 am - 8 pm</div> <div>Thursday - Sunday</div> <div>7 am - 9 pm</div>
<div>Buglin' Bull Restaurant & Sports Bar</div> <div>Sun-Thursday 11am-8 pm</div> <div>Friday-Saturday 11am-9pm</div>	<div>Subway Restaurant</div> <div>Mon-Sat 8 am - 9 pm</div> <div>Sunday 8 am -8 pm</div>	<div>Twisted PineTasting Room</div> <div>Tues-ThursNoon-5pm</div> <div>Fri-Saturday Noon-7pm</div>	<div>Dairy Queen</div> <div>Daily 10:30 am - 9 pm</div>	<div>Khantong Thai Cuisine</div> <div>Monday-Wednesday- Friday 11 am - 4:30 pm</div>	<div>Pizza Barn</div> <div>Monday - Thursday</div> <div>4 pm - 9 pm</div> <div>Friday & Saturday</div> <div>4 pm - 10 pm</div>
<div>Calamity Jane's</div> <div>Tuesday - Sunday</div> <div>7am to 9pm</div>	<div>Hill City</div> <div>EATS</div>	<div>Hermosa</div> <div>EATS</div>	<div>Mornin' Sunshine</div> <div>Monday-Saturday</div> <div>7am-2 pm</div> <div>Sunday 7am -1pm</div>	<div>The Hat Creek Grill</div> <div>Friday & Saturday</div> <div>Noon - 10 pm</div>	<div>Uncle Vito's</div> <div>Tuesday - Friday 7 am - 2 pm</div> <div>Saturday 7 am - 10 am</div>
<div>Custer Beacon</div> <div>Wednesday - Saturday</div> <div>4 pm to close</div>	<div>The Alpine Inn</div> <div>Monday - Saturday 11 am - 2:30 pm LUNCH</div> <div>5 pm - 9:30 pm DINNER</div>	<div>Corner Pantry Deli</div> <div>Daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.</div>	<div>Pizza Hut</div> <div>Monday - Saturday</div> <div>11 am - 9 pm</div>	<div>Victory Steakhouse & Lounge</div> <div>11 am - 9 pm</div> <div>Tuesday - Saturday</div>	<div>Pringle</div> <div>EATS</div>
<div>Custer County Candy Co.</div> <div>Sunday-Monday closed</div> <div>Tuesday-Saturday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm</div>	<div>Annie Lode Coffee Cabin</div> <div>Tuesday-Friday</div> <div>6:30am - 1:00pm</div>	<div>Hermosa Coffee House</div> <div>Monday- Saturday</div> <div>7 am - 1 pm</div>	<div>Silk Road Experience</div> <div>Thursday-Saturday</div> <div>3pm-7pm</div>	<div>Yesway</div> <div>Monday-Saturday</div> <div>6 am - 9 pm</div> <div>Sunday 8 am -9am</div>	<div>The Hitchrail Bar & Restaurant</div> <div>Tuesday - Sunday</div> <div>11 am - 8 pm</div>
<div>Custer Deli</div> <div>Monday-Wednesday 8:30 am-4pm</div> <div>Thurs & Fri. 8:30am-5pm</div> <div>Sat. 9am-2pm</div>	<div>Black Hills Bistro</div> <div>Monday - Saturday</div> <div>7 am - 2 pm</div>	<div>Your Restaurant Here</div> <div>Monday- Saturday</div> <div>4am - 9pm</div>	<div>Sick-N-Twisted</div> <div>Thursday - Monday</div> <div>11 am - 8 pm</div>	<div>Yesway #1174</div> <div>Daily - Open 24 hours</div>	<div>Rapid City</div> <div>EATS</div>
<div>Custer's Last Stop</div> <div>Daily</div> <div>10 am - 3 pm</div>	<div>Bumpin' Buffalo Bar & Grill</div> <div>Monday - Sunday</div> <div>11 am - 9 pm</div>	<div>Lintz Bros. Pizza</div> <div>Thursday - Monday</div> <div>3 pm - 9 pm</div>	<div>Southern Hills Diner & Bakery</div> <div>Thursday-Monday 8am-2pm</div> <div>closed Tuesday & Wednesday</div>	<div>Newcastle</div> <div>EATS</div>	<div>Shipwreck's Bar & Grill</div> <div>Monday - Wednesday 11 am - 8 pm</div>
<div>Custer Wolf</div> <div>Monday-Saturday</div> <div>11:30 am- 8 pm</div>	<div>Caboose Coffee Company</div> <div>Monday - Saturday</div> <div>7 am -1 pm</div> <div>Sunday - Closed</div>	<div>Hermosa Senior Citizens Center</div> <div>Monday - Thursday</div> <div>Noon to close</div>	<div>Southern Hills Golf Course</div> <div>Daily 7 am - 8 pm</div>	<div>Boopa's</div> <div>Tuesday - Friday</div> <div>7am - 2 pm</div> <div>Saturday 7am - 10 am</div>	<div>Belle Fourche</div> <div>EATS</div>
<div>Dairy Queen</div> <div>Mon.-Saturday 11am-8 pm</div> <div>Sunday 11am-7 pm</div>	<div>Chute Rooster</div> <div>Thursday - Monday</div> <div>11 am - 9 pm</div> <div>Sunday 10 am - 6 pm</div>	<div>79 Lounge</div> <div>Daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.</div>	<div>Springs Coffee Kiosk</div> <div>Mon-Fri 5:30am-4:30pm</div> <div>Saturday 5:30am - 2pm</div> <div>Sunday 5:30am - Noon</div>	<div>Donna's Main St. Diner</div> <div>Daily 6 am -2 pm</div>	<div>Black Hills Diner</div> <div>Tuesday-Saturday</div> <div>7 am - 2 pm</div>
<div>Dakota Broasted</div> <div>Tuesday - Saturday</div> <div>11 am - 6 pm</div>	<div>Cream</div> <div>Tuesday - Saturday</div> <div>10 am - 3:30 pm</div>	<div>Keystone</div> <div>EATS</div>	<div>Taco John's</div> <div>Monday - Saturday</div> <div>7 a.m. to 9 pm</div> <div>Sunday 8 am - 8 pm</div>	<div>Kaffee Klatsch</div> <div>Mon-Wed 5:30 - 12:30pm</div> <div>Tues,Thurs, Fri. 5:30 - 1pm</div> <div>Saturday 6:30am-10:30am</div>	<div>YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.</div> <div>WITHOUT OUR READERS , SUBSCRIBERS & ADVERTISERS WE WOULD NOT EXIST. WE STRIVE TO GIVE THE BEST LOCAL COVERAGE YOU WILL NOT GET ANYWHERE ELSE EXCEPT IN OUR NEWSPAPERS. WE BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. WE ARE NOT CORPORATELY OWNED. THE CUSTER COUNTY CHRONICLE HAS BEEN A PRIVATELY OWNED & INDEPENDENT PUBLICATION IN WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA FOR 143 YEARS EST. IN 1880 SUBSCRIBE TO THE CHRONICLE OR PREVAILER 605-673-2217</div>
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<div>Frontier Bar & Grill</div> <div>Daily 11 am to 9 pm</div> <div>Closed Tuesday</div>	<div>Gold Run Café</div> <div>Sunday - Thursday</div> <div>8 am - 2 pm</div> <div>Friday - Saturday</div> <div>10 am - 3:30 pm</div>	<div>Keystone Country Store</div> <div>Daily 7 am to 9 pm</div>	<div>Two Cows Creamery & Bistro</div> <div>Mon-Thurs 11am-8pm</div> <div>Fri & Sat 11am-9pm</div> <div>Sunday 11am-7pm</div>	<div>Decker's Market - Deli</div> <div>Monday - Saturday</div> <div>7 am - 8 pm</div> <div>Sunday 8 am - 7 pm</div>	
<div>Gold Pan Saloon</div> <div>Sun-Thursday 2pm - close</div> <div>Fri - Saturday 2pm - close</div>	<div>Heart of the Hills Exxon</div> <div>Daily 5 am - Midnight</div>	<div>Turtle Town</div> <div>Monday-Saturday</div> <div>10 am until 6 pm</div> <div>Sunday 10 am until 5 pm</div>	<div>Heaven Scent Bakery</div> <div>Wednesday - Monday</div> <div>10am - 5pm</div>	<div>Hot Stuff Pizza</div> <div>Daily 5 am - 6 pm</div>	
<div>Hjem AM</div> <div>Friday 8am - 11am</div> <div>Satutrday & Sunday 8 am - Noon</div>	<div>Miner Brewing Company</div> <div>Daily 11 a.m. -7 p.m</div>	<div>Xanterra@ Mt. Rushmore</div> <div>Daily 8 am - 9 pm</div>	<div>Wandering Bison Coffee</div> <div>Mon,Tues, Thurs 7am-3pm</div> <div>Fri & Saturday 3pm-6 pm</div> <div>Sunday 8am-3pm</div>	<div>Taco John's</div> <div>Daily 11 am - 10 pm</div>	
<div>Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream</div> <div>see: horatiosicecream.com for winter hours</div>	<div>Prairie Berry Winery</div> <div>Daily 10 am - 6 pm</div>	<div>Carver's Cafe @ Mt. Rushmore</div> <div>8 am - 4:30 pm</div>	<div>Winner's Circle</div> <div>Sunday-Thursday</div> <div>10am-8:45pm</div> <div>Friday & Saturday 10am-9:45pm</div>	<div>Hannah's Heavenly Treats</div> <div>Tuesday - Friday</div> <div>7 am - 2 pm</div> <div>Saturday 7- 10</div>	
<div>Laughing Water Restaurant</div> <div>Mon - Fri. 11 am to 4 pm</div> <div>Sat. & Sun. 9am - 4 pm</div>	<div>Silver Dollar Saloon</div> <div>Monday -Thursday</div> <div>1pm - 10 pm</div> <div>Fri - Sun Noon - 10 pm</div>		<div>To list a business here call</div> <div>Kate</div> <div>605-440-1248</div>	<div>Howdy Bakery</div> <div>Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8am-6pm</div> <div>Sat. 9am - 4pm</div>	
<div>Maria's Mexican Restaurant</div> <div>Monday - Saturday</div> <div>6:30 - 10 am, 11 am - 3 pm</div> <div>4:30 pm - 8:30 pm</div>	<div>Taqueria Los Camelinas</div> <div>Monday-Friday 4pm-7 pm</div> <div>Saturday 11 am-2 pm</div>			<div>Hi-16 Cafe</div> <div>Thursday - Sunday</div> <div>7 am - 9 pm</div>	
<div>Miner's Cup</div> <div>Monday - Saturday</div> <div>6:30 am - 1:30 pm</div>	<div>Tin City Saloon</div> <div>Friday-Wednesday</div> <div>11am - 8 pm</div>				
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LIVE MUSIC - LOCAL EVENTS

Wednesday 2-28

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

Hill City Evergreen Garden Club Seminar: The Pollinator Garen at the Black Hills Raptor Center
Super 8 Conference Room
Hill City, SD
1 PM
Free

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 2-29

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

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

Keystone Senior Center Meeting
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Bingo
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 3-1

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

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

Story Time
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Seniors Birthday Party
Keystone Senior Center
Keystone, SD
11 AM - 1 PM



COMING TO CLF — The choir from Minnesota State University-Mankota will perform at Custer Lutheran Fellowship this Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m. The choir is under the direction of Elisabeth Cherland, who served as the sixth through 12th choir director for Custer High School from 2009-14. A community meal in the fellowship hall of the church will follow the performance. [Submitted Photo]

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

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

Saturday 3-2

Custer County Democrats Breakfast Gathering
Laughing Water Restaurant
at Crazy Horse Memorial
Custer, SD
9 AM

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Trade Show
Custer Jr./Sr. High School
Custer, SD
9 AM to 3 PM

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

Custer County Historical Society
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
2:30 PM

Tony DuBlois, Musical Savant *LIVE*
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 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
Kevin Killion & Jason Guthmiller at 7 PM

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

Custer Restaurant Week Ends
Custer, SD

Sunday 3-3

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

Custer Community Action Team Food Distribution
CAT Building, Corner of N. 6th and Lincoln streets
Custer, SD
10 AM to 1 PM

Minnesota State University-Mankato Choir *LIVE*
Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Custer, SD
4 PM



NEW MEMBER, SAME GREAT MUSIC — Hailing from right here in Custer, Jimmy Ray & The Stingers have an infectious catalogue of classic blues tunes that put a fire under your seat and pull you toward the dance floor with a magnetic blues groove. Influenced by the great ensembles of the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, they bring vintage blues music to life. The band, which will perform at the Custer Beacon Friday, March 8, consists of Jimmy Ray Fechner and the guitar, Louis Umbarger on the bass, and new member Scooter Prosnieski on the drums. [Submitted Photo]

Tuesday 3-5

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

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

Custer County Republicans
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
5:30 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

Hill City Arts Council
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Hermosa Town Board
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

Wednesday 3-6

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

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

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

Pennington County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Community Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
5:30 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 3-7

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

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, 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

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 3-8

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

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

Story Time
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Miner Brewing Music Series Presents Mike Oregano *LIVE*
Miner Brewing Co.
Hill City, SD
3-6 PM
Free

Skate Night
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
5:30 to 8:30 PM

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

Worship Night
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6-9 PM

Jimmy Ray and the Stingers *LIVE*
The Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Divas 3 *LIVE*
Mueller Civic Center
Hot Springs, SD
7 PM

Saturday 3-9

Get the Girls Out
Jewel Cave National Monument
Custer County, SD
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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

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

Southern Hills Family Resource Fair
Custer Elementary School
Custer, SD
10 AM to 2 PM

Macrame Weaving & Wine
Miner Brewing Co.
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM
\$50

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

Tony DuBlois, Musical Savant *LIVE*
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
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Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
Dinner at 5 PM, free will donations
Bingo at 6 PM

Country Music Show Benefit Concert *LIVE*
Naja Shrine Center
4091 Sturgis Rd.
Rapid City, SD
Doors Open at 5:30 PM
Show Starts at 7 PM

Sunday 3-10

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

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

Seniors Movie Matinee
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

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

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Monday 3-11

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

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

Museum @ Black Hills Institute 50th Anniversary Celebration: Live Reptiles with Joey Rodriguez
Black Hills Institute of Geological Research
Hill City, SD
3:30 PM

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

Young Life
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Biblical Citizenship Class
Mountainview Baptist Church
Custer, SD
6 PM

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

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