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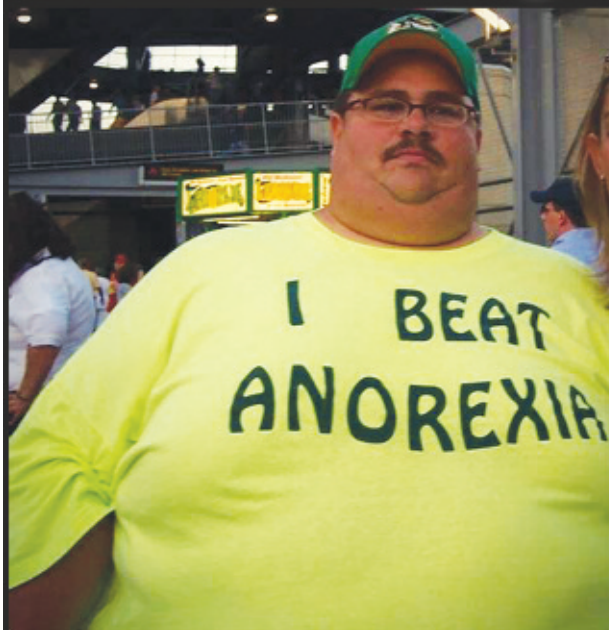


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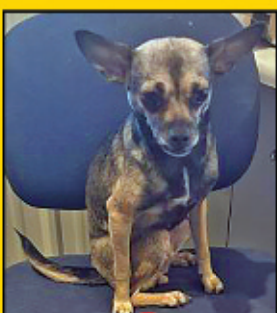
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South Dakota's high health care costs causing many to skip treatments

By Bart Pfankuch South Dakota News Watch

The high cost of obtaining health care in South Dakota – ranked second most expensive in the nation – is prompting some residents to forgo necessary medical care over worries they cannot afford it, according to a recent national data analysis.

South Dakota is followed only by North Carolina in a new national ranking of health care expenses based on the cost of medical care and insurance. At nearly \$12,500 per year, the state has the highest per-capita health care spending rate among all Great Plains states, the data show.

Largely based on data from KFF, formerly the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Forbes Advisor team examined nine metrics to determine which of the 50 states and Washington, D.C., had the highest and lowest annual health care costs for consumers.

In labeling South Dakota second highest, Forbes noted that the state has high rates of families that struggle to pay for child medical bills, high deductibles for individuals and families with insurance and high costs for policyholders within the Affordable Care Act marketplace. Forbes Advisor is a consumer financial analysis group sponsored in part by Forbes magazine.

The ranking comes as South Dakota continues to lag behind the nation and most neighboring states for median household income (\$69,457 in 2022) and also has the highest poverty rate among all Great Plains states (12.5 percent). KFF also reported in 2023 that South Dakota ranked 35th in the country for quality health care outcomes.

Taken together, the data paint a worrisome picture of access, affordability and quality of health care in South Dakota.

The high cost of health care has caused nearly one in 10 state residents to skip necessary medical care and one in 4 to forgo mental health treatment due to cost,

according to another KFF study.

“If you delay needed care because you can’t afford it, it’s eventually going to cost you, the providers and the insurers a lot more money,” said Les Masterson, an editor and insurance expert at Forbes Advisor. “That is also causing problems where people are getting sicker and dying younger.”

Lack of competition, higher overhead costs
Masterson acknowledged that health care costs are high and rising across the country and that the variables that determine what medical care and insurance cost in each state are complicated.

Masterson and two South Dakota health care officials interviewed by News Watch said the state’s high cost ranking can be attributed largely to a lack of competition among providers and insurers, worker shortages causing increased employee costs, higher overhead costs due to inflation, a high level of indigent care, and generally poor health condition of the population that increase risks and costs for insurers and providers.

“Health care is expensive, insurance is expensive and every citizen in this state who pays for those things knows that,” said Tim Rave, CEO of the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, which represents hospitals and clinics across the state.

And yet, Rave said, the convoluted and expensive modern system of health care economics is necessary to allow medical providers to remain viable.

“Hospitals in this state are nonprofit. But you still have to make money or you close the doors. And profit margins for them is in the red or at a maximum in the 3 to 4 percent range,” he said.

Shelly Ten Napel, CEO of the Community Healthcare Association of the Dakotas, works to support health providers who often serve people with the least ability to pay. She said the rising costs of health

care, particularly emergency, specialist and life-saving care, are putting some individuals and families into untenable situations.

The high and rising cost of health care is causing angst for people of all income levels, however.

A February 2024 poll by KFF found that about 75 percent of adults were very or somewhat worried about being able to afford unexpected medical bills or pay for health care for themselves or their families. About half of poll respondents were worried they cannot afford their monthly insurance premiums or to pay for needed prescription drugs.

Medicaid expansion may lower costs in South Dakota

All three experts interviewed by News Watch pointed to recent Medicaid expansion as a possible path to reducing overall health care and insurance costs across the state.

South Dakota was a laggard among states that expanded eligibility for Medicaid, the federal health program for low-income adults, with opposition coming from Gov. Kristi Noem and the Republican leadership in the Legislature.

However, the state was forced to enact looser income guidelines for Medicaid eligibility in July 2023 after voters approved the expansion by a statewide referendum in 2022. Medicaid expansion in states was allowed by the federal government as part of the Affordable Care Act.

The expanded eligibility guidelines have been slow to catch on in South Dakota, as about 18,000 new Medicaid participants had entered the program as of February, far fewer than the roughly 43,000 additional participants projected when the referendum was passed.

The average monthly overall enrollment in Medicaid in South Dakota in 2023 was 145,350, according to state data. Of the \$1.27 billion spent on Medicaid in South Dakota in 2023, about \$875 million was in federal funds and the

remaining \$402 million was in state money.

Some studies have shown that Medicaid expansion in other states has led to lower insurance premiums overall. Masterson suggested that greater Medicaid participation would help more lower-income South Dakota residents obtain medical coverage and care as well as reduce overall insurance and medical care costs.

Medicaid allows providers that would otherwise have to write off many medical care costs for low-income patients to receive some form of payment. Meanwhile, providing more preventive care and diagnostics to people who otherwise would not receive them reduces the need for emergency and life-saving care that cost far more, Masterson said.

“Preventive care is free, and providers get some of the cost paid by federal Medicaid,” he said.

Data reveal South Dakota health care cost trends

According to KFF, which collects data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the National Health Statistics Group, South Dakotans saw their overall spending on health care nearly double from \$633 million in 2010 to \$1.12 billion in 2020.

The per-capita cost of health care nearly tripled over the past two decades, according to KFF, rising from \$4,157 per-capita in 2000 to \$7,766 in 2010 to \$12,495 in 2020. Throughout that 20-year period, South Dakota had the highest per-capita health care costs among all states in the Great Plains region, with North Dakota and Minnesota also near the top and Iowa on the low end.

While statistics can only shed a general light on health care costs and quality — which can vary widely by individual experience and situation — the data about the South Dakota health care system are not good in several areas.

South Dakota is the 23rd worst state for overall health care access and outcomes, according to 24 sep-

arate metrics analyzed by KFF in 2023. According to a further breakdown of that data, South Dakota ranked 35th among the states in quality of health care outcomes and 26th in access to health care.

Some KFF survey data show improvement in South Dakota health care access, however.

While 59.7 percent of South Dakotans had some type of health insurance plan in 2010, that percentage rose to 64.7 percent in 2022. Meanwhile, 62 percent of South Dakotans had an employee-sponsored health plan in 2022, the 16th highest rate in the nation and above the U.S. average of 57 percent.

However, only 18.8 percent of Native Americans in South Dakota had an employer-sponsored health plan in 2022, the worst rate for Native Americans among all states, including New Mexico, Alaska and Montana.

Business trends don't favor lower prices

And even if two-thirds of South Dakotans with insurance have an employer-supported plan, it doesn't mean they won't face outsized health care costs, Ten Napel said.

The high number of small businesses, the high level of self employment and large agricultural industry prevent many state residents from benefiting from large employer plans that offer lower prices due to a wide subscriber base.

“Our employer environment is angled toward self employment and small employers, so (high health costs) are not surprising,” said Ten Napel, whose organization supports community health care programs in South Dakota and North Dakota. “It reflects the lower employer contributions that are leading to higher employee contributions for small businesses, farmers and self employed people.”

Rave, a former South Dakota lawmaker who began his career as a paramedic, said the state has done a good job of providing health coverage for children and low-income resi-

dents over the past two decades. However, any effort to offset costs for patients puts an additional burden on hospitals, which are seeing increased costs but are unable to turn patients away for any reason, he said.

“I think we do a good job of taking that burden off the families, but that does put the burden more on providers because they’re not reimbursed for 100 percent of those charges,” Rave said.

States can play a role in lowering health care costs

States are taking steps to reduce overall health care costs while increasing access, Ten Napel said.

In Minnesota, a large consortium of businesses was formed to expand the pool of policyholders to reduce costs. In North Dakota in 2019, she said, the state implemented a reinsurance program that uses federal and state funds to help insurance companies reduce costs for policyholders statewide.

And, Ten Napel said, South Dakota has had success with its Home Health program within Medicaid that provides additional medical services and support for low-income patients with serious, life-altering illnesses. State data show the program saved more than \$8 million in Medicaid costs in 2022 while improving care at home and through providers for qualifying patients with chronic illnesses.

However, South Dakota has not yet adopted a large-scale “value-based” model of reimbursement for medical services that has lowered overall costs in other states, Ten Napel said. That approach focuses more on education of patients and a greater focus on earlier testing and preventive care.

“That has not come to South Dakota as it has in a majority of other states,” she said. It’s a reorientation of the health care system toward prevention, primary care, patient education and prevention, all things that reduce the number of life-impacting situations.”

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Custer EATS
Black Hills Burger & Bun Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 2:30pm
Buglin' Bull Restaurant & Sports Bar Sun-Thursday 11am-8 pm Friday-Saturday 11am-9pm
Calamity Jane's Tuesday - Sunday 7am to 9pm
Custer Beacon Wednesday - Saturday 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 Saturday & Sunday 8 am - Noon
Horatio's Homemade Ice Cream Wednesday - Saturday 12:30 pm - 7 pm
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
Bumpin' Buffalo Bar & Grill Monday - Sunday 11 am - 9 pm
Caboose Coffee Company Monday - Saturday 7 am - 1 pm Sunday - Closed
Chute Rooster Thursday - Monday 11 am - 9 pm Sunday 10 am - 6 pm
Cream Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 3:30 pm
Dairy Twist Monday - Saturday 11a.m. - 7 p.m. & Sunday Noon - 7 p.m.
Gold Run Café Sunday - Thursday 8 am - 2 pm Friday - Saturday 10 am - 3:30 pm
Heart of the Hills Exxon Daily 5 am - Midnight
Miner Brewing Company Daily 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Prairie Berry Winery Daily 10 am - 6 pm
Silver Dollar Saloon Monday -Thursday 1pm - 10 pm Fri - Sun Noon - 10 pm
Taqueria Los Camelinas Monday-Friday 4pm-7 pm Saturday 11 am-2 pm
Tin City Saloon Friday-Wednesday 11am - 8 pm

Three Forks Bar, Grille & Casino Daily 11 am - 7 pm
Turtle Town Sunday-Thursday 10am 4 pm Friday-Saturday 9am-5 pm
Twisted Pine Tasting Room Tues-Thurs Noon-5pm Fri-Saturday Noon-7pm
Hermosa EATS
Corner Pantry Deli Daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Hermosa Coffee House Monday- Saturday 7 am - 1 pm
Your Restaurant Here Monday- Saturday 4am - 9pm
Lintz Bros. Pizza Thursday - Monday 3 pm - 9 pm
Hermosa Senior Citizens Center Monday - Thursday Noon to close
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

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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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 to Talk Weather in Black Hills with Susan Sanders
Super 8 Conference Room
Hill City, SD
10:15 AM

Crafternoon
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
3 PM

Hiring & Networking Event
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
3-7 PM

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

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

Disciples of God
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Hermosa, SD
5:30 PM

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

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

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

Wild Blue LIVE
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-9 PM

Thursday 4-11

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

Blood Drive
Custer Masonic Lodge
Custer, SD
9:30 AM to 5 PM

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

Hill City Chamber Mixer
Jewel of the West
Hill City, SD
5-7 PM

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
5 PM

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

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

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM



COMING TO THE CHUTE ROOSTER — Power blues trio Jimmy Ray & the Stingers will play this Sunday, April 14, from 5-8 p.m. at the Gold Pan in Custer. Guitarist Jimmy Ray Fechner is backed by fellow multi-instrumentalist/bassist Louis Umbarger and drummer Scooter Prosniesky to lay down classic blues standards and original numbers, served with plenty of groove, grit and greasy guitar power. [Submitted Photo]

Friday 4-12

Cinnamon Rolls
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
8 AM

Seniors Birthday 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 Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
10 AM

Wellness Support Group
Monument Health Custer Hospital
Custer, SD
2 PM

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

Brent Morris LIVE
Chute Rooster
Hill City, SD
6-9 PM

Chicken Wire Empire LIVE
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-10 PM

Saturday 4-13

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

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

Hydroponic Gardening Program
Hermosa Library
Hermosa, SD
10 AM

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
5-8 PM



CHICKENWIRE EMPIRE — Formed in Wisconsin, Chicken Wire Empire has emerged as a pioneering force in the upper midwest contemporary bluegrass scene. Fusing traditional roots with innovative genre-blending elements, the band has captivated audiences worldwide with their unique musicality and electrifying performances. The group will perform this Friday from 7-10 p.m. at the Custer Beacon. [Submitted Photo]

Branden James, James Clark and Effie Passero Performance LIVE
Mueller Civic Center
Hot Springs, SD
7 PM

Karaoke Night
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-11 PM

Sunday 4-14

Seniors Sunday Breakfast All-You-Can-Eat
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
8 AM - 12 PM
Adults \$8
Kids \$4

Jimmy Ray & The Stingers LIVE
Gold Pan Saloon
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Adult Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:30 PM

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Monday 4-15

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: Baked Potatoes
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
11:30 AM

Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

Hill City Seniors Mahjong
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Crafternoon
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
3 PM

Hill City Ambulance Groundbreaking Ceremony
Hill City Ambulance Site
Hill City, SD
4:30 PM
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Pringle Volunteer Fire Department Meeting
Pringle Community Center
470 Railways St.
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

Young Life Club Game Night
Hill City Center
Hill City, 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 4-16

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

Hermosa Town Board
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6 PM

Wednesday 4-17

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 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

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

Vinyl Record Club
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
5 PM

Disciples of God
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Hermosa, 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

Fairburn Town Board
Fairburn Civic Center
Fairburn, SD
7 PM

Thursday 4-18

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

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

Vitalant Blood Drive Sponsored by the Hill City Lions Club
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-5 PM

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

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Mixer
Lewis Realty
Custer, SD
5-7 PM

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

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

Legion Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Custer County Democrats
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
6 PM

Brother of Birds w/Humbletown LIVE
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30 to 9 PM

Friday 4-19

Cinnamon Rolls
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
8 AM

Seniors Birthday 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 Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
10 AM

NARFE Federal Employees Luncheon
Rocky Knolls Golf Course
Custer, SD
11:30 AM

Walking Tacos
Hermosa American Legion
Hermosa, SD
4:30-6:30 PM

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

Zonta Storytelling & Music From the Frog Pond LIVE
The Trailhouse
Custer, SD
6-8 PM

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

Third Anniversary Celebration of Jewel of the West
Chute Rooster
Hill City, SD
Doors open 6 PM
Fashion show at 6:30 PM

Bingo
Hermosa American Legion
Hermosa, SD
7-9 PM

Saturday 4-20

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

Homestead Studio Grand Opening
Homestead Studio, formerly Grace Gallery
Hill City, SD
10:30 AM

Life Stories Poetry Writing with Dr. Molly Barari
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
1 PM

Feeding South Dakota
209 3rd St.
Buffalo Gap, SD
1-2 PM

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

Brent Morris LIVE
Chute Rooster
Hill City, SD
6-9 PM

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

Sunday 4-21

Seniors Sunday Breakfast Adult Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:30 PM

KISS AA Meeting
Keystone Community Center
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Monday 4-22

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

Hill City Seniors Mahjong
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Hermosa Connects Mixer
Hermosa Coffee House
Hermosa, SD
5 PM

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

Seder Meal
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:30 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

Tuesday 4-23

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

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