



Whatever else you may say about Hank Harris, you have to admit that he's outstanding in his field. OK, OK, he's out sitting in his field...whatever. We give him a lot of credit for being in his field at all, what with the weather we've been having this spring. Hank may be the hardest working man in show-biz now that James Brown is no longer with us. On any given day he may be recording his original songs for a new CD, playing bass with D.D. and the Fayrohs, doing musicological research for one of his "Deadwood Songbooks," or participating in a Red Willow Band reunion. Hank has played with everybody who is anybody in the Black Hills music scene during the past years. He's done countless solo gigs, and we've also heard him with duos, trios, quartets, quintets, and any other kind of tets you'd care to mention. Anyone who's played with him will tell you Hank is one of the world's most solid rhythm guitarists, but he's also a tasteful lead player. In addition he's a great vocalist and has an astounding memory for hundreds of song lyrics. We could go on and on, but we'll leave Hank and his Martin to wrap up their practice—there may be another blizzard on the way. Hank and his band, Hank Harris Group Experience Project, will be the opening act for Summer Nights in downtown Rapid City on Thursday, June 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Photo by James Van Nuys.