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From Secretary Steve Emery

With the formal closing of the 91st Legislative Session, I look forward to getting back out in Indian Country. While the month is just beginning, I cannot help but marvel at how quickly the schedule fills up. Each appointment is an incredible opportunity to meet with tribal leaders, discuss collaboration, and identify what and how we want to address our shared concerns.

Coming up in April, the Department will be attending meetings on economic development, juvenile justice reform, game/fish management, veterans' affairs, and many more significant policy issues. As Governor Dugaard has stated, the nine tribal nations that share South Dakota's borders are unique governments and each may want to work on one or more of the policy areas I mentioned – one tribe might have a completely unique interest that we have not even thought of yet!

Wherever the State and tribal governments share the desire to serve citizens and make our communities a better place for our children – let's do it. This is going to be a summer full of opportunities and I look forward to seeing those opportunities take shape.



WWII Code Talker Memorial statue designed by artist Darwin Wolfe.

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South Dakota 91st Legislative Session

The South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations followed some of the bills introduced during the 91st Legislative Session. Of those bills that we followed, these are the ones that were signed into law.

Senate Bills

SB 09 An Act to make an appropriation to fund the Native American achievement schools grant program and paraprofessional tuition assistance scholarship program and to declare an emergency.

SB 19 An Act to revise certain mandatory reporting requirements for elder and disabled adult abuse and neglect.

SB 26 An Act to revise certain provisions concerning sex offender registration and to require an offender to notify of intended foreign travel.

SB 54 An Act to adopt the Elder Abuse Task Force's statutory recommendations in order to protect South Dakota seniors and adults with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

SB 81 An Act to create the paraprofessional tuition assistance scholarship program.

SB 82 An Act to establish the Native American achievement schools grant program.

SB 138 An Act to authorize the construction of a nursing home facility in Rosebud, South Dakota.

For more information regarding Legislative Action visit the Legislative Research Council website:

http://legis.sd.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/

House Bills

HB 1013 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding alternative instruction achievement tests for children excused from school attendance.

HB 1021 An Act to allow child advocacy centers and tribal agencies that provide child placement services to obtain results from a check of the central registry for abuse and neglect.

HB 1034 An Act to revise certain provisions concerning local government elections. *Changing county names*

HB 1060 An Act to repeal the South Dakota Board of Geographic Names. Changed to: *An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the South Dakota Board on Geographic Names.*

HB 1146 An Act to authorize the Governor to enter agreements with Indian tribes regarding the high school equivalency tests administered on Indian reservations.

You can also find useful links to contact your legislators, find out what happened to the bills that did not pass this legislative session, and learn more about the legislative process. For more information contact:

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Value-Added Producer Grant Program

Want more revenue by adding value to your agricultural products? USDA Rural Development may be able to help through our Value-Added Producer Grant program.

USDA Rural Development developed this program to provide funds to aide in economic planning activities or eligible working capital expenses. The assistance is available to:

- Independent producers;
- Agricultural producer groups;
- Farmer or rancher cooperatives; and
- Majority-controlled producer-based business.

Value-added methods:



Change in physical state



Locally produced and marketed foods.



Physical segregation.



Farm or ranch based renewable energy.



Nonstandard agricultural production.

How to get started:

- The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is expected to be released by April 30, 2016. There will be a 90-day application window after this notice is published.
- More information and program resources are available online at www.rd.usda.gov/sd.
- Contact a USDA Rural Development Specialist in your area for assistance and application information. View the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Program Service Area Map at http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/SD_RBS_Map_2016.pdf; call or email Jolene Pravecek in Yankton at (605) 665-2662, Ext. 116 - jolene.pravacek@sd.usda.gov; Gary Wedel in Mitchell at (605) 996-1564, Ext. 105 - gary.wedel@sd.usda.gov; Shelby Kraemer in Mitchell/Aberdeen at (605) 996-1564, Ext. 123 - shelby.kraemer@sd.usda.gov; Cayla Hilbrands in Huron at 605-352-1137, Ext 1137 - cayla.hilbrands@sd.usda.gov; Clark Guthmiller in Pierre at (605) 224-8870, Ext. 120 - clark.guthmiller@sd.usda.gov. Hetti Cekalla in Rapid City at (605) 342-0301, Ext. 118 - hettianne.cekalla@sd.usda.gov or visit <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/sd>.



Culinary and Traditional Food Focus

The Gun Lake Pottawatomi Tribe is hosting the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Summit. Meals featuring traditional and native produced ingredients will be prepared by leading Native American chefs. The conference will feature small hands-on, indoor and outdoor workshops on traditional cooking knowledge and food preparation and a Native foods market showcasing native producers, products and indigenous arts.

**ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION:
HONORING ALL HEROES
MAY 21, 2016**

9:00 a.m. Registration and Set-up
10:00 a.m. Parade across Memorial Bridge
11:00 Program and Ceremony at Sertoma Park (Shelter #10)
Bismarck, N.D.

There was a camaraderie [in the Armed Forces] that transcends ethnicity when you serve your country overseas in wartime.
~Former U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Cheyenne, Korean War Veteran

American Indian men and women from the Northern Plains have a long and distinguished history of serving this nation's military to defend our country and way of life. Even before they were considered U.S. citizens and could not be drafted, American Indians were enlisting in the Armed Forces in record numbers for any minority group. This patriotism and willingness to defend homelands and country have been noted by historians, U.S. Presidents, and the families who have lost loved ones through their service to this country.

In the spirit of reconciliation and honoring heroes, this historic event will bring together American Indian and non-Indian servicemen to be honored for their commitment to defending these lands and our way of life as we live together along this Missouri River. The willingness to serve and the sacrifice of both Native and non-Native service members should be honored and remembered.

We are currently inviting all Native American veterans, legion posts, veteran's groups, or ladies' auxiliaries to volunteer to participate in this historic and momentous event!

Pre-register to be a participant in the parade by e-mailing cheryl@sacredpipe.net.

This program is sponsored by The Sacred Pipe Resource Center.
For more information, contact Cheryl at SPRC at 701.426.1315 or e-mail cheryl@sacredpipe.net.

STARTING OR GROWING **A VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS**

from the U.S. Small Business Administration

Sign up for Boots to Business Reboot, an entrepreneurship training program for veterans and their spouses

OWNING A VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS

Veterans have the character, discipline and skills needed to succeed as small business owners and entrepreneurs. Wondering what it takes and how you can prepare? Enroll in Boots to Business Reboot.

ABOUT BOOTS TO BUSINESS REBOOT

Part one will be a one-day Introduction to Entrepreneurship course eligible to Veterans of all eras, Service members, including members of the National Guard and Reserves, and their spouses. This course is instructed by SBA and its partners who are skilled business advisors.

Part two is an eight-week online Foundations of Entrepreneurship course instructed by a consortium of professors and practitioners led by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University.

Note: A participant must complete the one-day course to be eligible for the eight-week course.

Boots to Business Reboot is provided nationally in cooperation with: First Data Corporation and The Marcus Foundation, Inc. and



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BOOTS TO BUSINESS REBOOT
from the U.S. Small Business Administration

**SATURDAY
APRIL 23, 2016
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**South Dakota Technology Business Center
2329 N. Career Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57107**

Lunch and Materials will be provided. Attendees are asked to pre-register by Visiting www.boots2business.org/Rebootapply/

For More Information Call the South Dakota U.S. Small Business Administration District Office (605) 330-4243 or Email: SouthDakota_DO@sba.gov

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS:

- South Dakota Technology Business Center
- U.S. Small Business Administration District Office
- Women Business Center - SD Center for Enterprise Opportunity;
- SCORE
- South Dakota Small Business Development Centers
- South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development



More Information to Follow!
 contact for more information:
swovawaconf.2016@swo-nsn.gov

SAVE THE DATE

May 3-5 2016

SAVE THE DATE for the Tribal Leadership & Trial Advocacy Skills Training hosted by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation. Training includes Mock Trial held at the SWO Tribal Courtroom.

Funding provided by the BIA, Office of Justice Services.

Why We Need the Violence Against Women Act	
U.S. women who are victims of domestic violence:	1 in 4
U.S. women who are murdered by their partners every day:	3
U.S. women who reported being raped or sexually assaulted in 2009:	1.3 million
U.S. women who have survived attempted or completed sexual assault:	1 in 6
U.S. children who are exposed to domestic violence each year:	15 million

Mark your calendars for this training!

What Three day VAWA Training and Mock Trial

When May 3-5, 2016

Where Dakota Magic Casino and Convention Center
 (Hankinson, ND)

A hands on training for tribal courts, prosecutors, public defenders and tribal leadership to better understand how VAWA can be implemented in Indian Country.

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate will be hosting the SWO Tribal Leadership & Trial Advocacy Skills Training on May 3-5, 2016. We hope you can make it and that you could pass the attached save the date to your colleagues. We have speakers coming from Indian County that have worked diligently on VAWA 2013! Preliminarily our speakers and presenters include:

Teresa Sheldon, Tulalip Board of Directors

Deborah Parker, Activist

Alfred Urbina, Attorney General, Pasqua Yaqui

OJ Flores, Prosecutor, Pasqua Yaqui Tribe

Tatewin Means, Attorney General, Oglala Sioux Tribe

BJ Jones, Chief Tribal Court Judge, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

David Raasch, Retired Judge, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

We will be having four (4) tracks: 1) Tribal Leadership, 2) Judges, 3) Prosecutors, and 4) Defense Counsel. May 3-4 will be held at the Dakota Magic Casino & Resort and May 5 will be a mock trial held at the SWO Tribal Court in Agency Village, SD (transportation to and from Dakota Magic is available). More information will be coming soon and please contact Dustina Gill at SWOVAWAconf.2016@swo-nsn.gov.



Cheyenne River Tribal Health, IHS & State Health Department Work To Reduce Infant Death

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Maternal and Child Health Program in Eagle Butte and Cheyenne River IHS are partnering with the South Dakota Department of Health's Crib for Kids program to provide safe sleep environments for infants. Safe sleep practices can reduce the risk of infant deaths due to SIDS and accidental suffocation and strangulation. The safest sleep position for babies is on their backs, alone in a crib with no pillows, blankets, toys or crib bumpers. Local tribal health MCH staff has been trained to share information about safe infant sleep practices with families. If they identify a family in need of a safe sleep environment, the Department of Health provides a Safe Sleep kit, which includes a Pack 'n Play, a crib sheet, an infant sleep sack, and an infant book. Safe sleep kits are also available through Department of Health WIC offices across the state. The South Dakota Community Foundation accepts donations in support of the Department of Health Crib for Kids program.

For more information about Crib for Kids call the department's Office of Child and Family Services at 605-773-3361 or 1-800-738-2301. To learn more safe sleep practices, see the department's www.forbabysakesd.org website.



Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Chairman Harold Frazier at the State Capitol.



Chairman Harold Frazier gives the first State of the Tribes Address on Jan. 14, 2016.

2017 State of the Tribes

On January 14th, 2016 Chairman Harold Frazier of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe presented the first State of the Tribes address to a joint session of the South Dakota legislature. Intended to provide tribal leaders an opportunity to present Indian Country issues to the legislature, the State of the Tribes address is an opportunity for tribal leaders to speak to legislators just as the Governor and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court provide the State of the State and State of the Judiciary addresses.

Because of Chairman Frazier's words and the overwhelming support by legislators following his speech, the State of the Tribes address has already been added to the legislative calendar for 2017 and will continue as a permanent fixture in the South Dakota legislature.

A tribal chairperson or president from one of the nine tribes sharing South Dakota's borders will provide the 2nd Annual State of the Tribes address on January 12th, 2017, the third day of the 2017 South Dakota legislative session.



United States Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development has new resources available.

You are invited to view them as follows:

USDA Helps Families Find Homes - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95s5oD7Ta3g&feature=youtu.be>

USDA Rural Development Home Repair - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1WV1nNWL54#action=share>

Renewable Energy for America Program - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cDXIIwIBRU>

and be sure to check out the Community Facilities Infrastructure Toolkit – http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/RDCFIToolkit_Jan2016.pdf

and USDA Rural Development South Dakota 2015 Progress Report - http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/SD%20Progress%20Report%202015b_0.pdf

and USDA Rural Development Report on Tribal Projects in South Dakota 2009 – 2015 - http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/Tribal%20Progress%20Report_2015_pdfversion.pdf

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Rural Development Program Deadlines

Program	Application Deadline(s)
Rural Energy for America (REAP)	Applications accepted year round.
Bio refinery, Renewable Chemical, and Bio based Product Manufacturing Assistance Program (Formerly known as the Bio refinery Assistance Program)	Round one applications were due by October 1; and round two applications are due by April 1, 2016.
Business & Industry Loan Guarantees	Applications accepted year round.
Rural Business Development Grant (formally known as RBEG & RBOG)	Applications received after 06/5/2015 will be considered in 2016 funding.
Rural Micro entrepreneur Assistance Program	Quarterly deadlines.
Intermediary Relending Program	Quarterly deadlines.
Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program	Monthly deadlines.
Value Added Producer Grant	Applications received after 07/07/2015 will be considered in 2016 funding.
Small Socially Disadvantaged Grant	2016 application deadlines are unknown at this time.
Rural Community Development Grant	2016 application deadlines are unknown at this time.
Water and Environmental Programs	On-going application cycles; can apply anytime.
Community Loan and Grant Programs	On-going application cycles; can apply anytime.

Share you news! If you have an article you would like to submit for our monthly newsletter or a poster or flyer for an event, please send it to our editor by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the next month’s newsletter.

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Or call 605-773-5654

Thank you! Find our past newsletters online at

www.sdtribalrelations.com/Newsletter.aspx



SDSU Extension & AmeriCorps

Featuring Outreach on the Standing Rock Reservation

According to South Dakota Dashboard, an online community information service that provides up-to-date trend data on South Dakota, “more than 1 in 4 adults in our state were obese in between 2011 and 2014.... South Dakota’s Indian reservations have the state’s highest rates of both obesity and diabetes.... Living in a rural area (also) increases a South Dakotan’s risk for both obesity and diabetes.” (www.southdakotadashboard.org) In an effort to increase access to healthy food, and reduce the incidence of chronic disease associated with poor nutrition, SDSU Extension obtained an AmeriCorps National Grant that allows Extension representatives to hire AmeriCorps service members as part of the SDSU Extension Growing Strong Communities AmeriCorps Program.

In both rural and reservation communities, AmeriCorps members are working with SDSU Extension to engage community members on local foods & wellness coalitions. AmeriCorps members will offer instruction in home-gardening, nutrition and food preservation. Some members will focus on traditional foods and gathering, while others will assist with the development and maintenance of school and community gardens, as well as promote local farmer’s markets and other opportunities to market locally produced foods.

By October, it is anticipated that AmeriCorps members will have worked a total of 14,000 hours or more, the equivalent of over \$250,000 in service to local communities. In return, AmeriCorps members receive a living stipend, an education award and meaningful experience to add to their resume.

SDSU Extension continues to recruit AmeriCorps members to serve at several locations, including, but not limited to, Brookings, Elk Point, Flandreau, Fort Thompson, Herreid, Lake Andes, Lower Brule, Martin, Mission, Mobridge, Rapid City, Sisseton, and Yankton. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as an AmeriCorps member this spring or summer, please contact **Aimee Ladonski** at 605-782-3290 aimee.ladonski@sdstate.edu. Recruitment timelines are short. Contact Aimee today!



AmeriCorps members are recruited locally as well as nationally, although most of SDSU’s AmeriCorps service members are local residents, such as Luke Black Elk. Luke grew up on the Cheyenne River Reservation and is a tribal member from the Itazipco band. He was raised by a single mother and homeschooled. He received his GED in 2013 and will graduate this May with an AS in Environmental Science from Sitting Bull College. He plans to begin studying for a Bachelor of Science degree this fall.

As part of his service, Luke Black Elk looks forward to sharing knowledge of gardening and traditional foods with youth and adults alike. For example, on April 22, area residents will learn how to prune fruit trees with SDSU Extension forestry expert, Dr. John Ball. Participants in this training program will gain hands-on experience as they work with Luke, Dr. Ball, and volunteer Master Gardeners to prune apple, pear, plum and sour cherry trees at the Medicine Wheel Healing Garden in McLaughlin, otherwise known as Bear Soldier District.

Later this spring and summer, Luke and his wife, Linda, a local ethno-botanist, will lead local families on a traditional foods walk. Participants will gather natural foods on the walk

and then return to a central kitchen facility where they will learn traditional methods of preparation as well as new and innovative ways to incorporate traditional foods into a modern diet.

For more information on these events on the Standing Rock Reservation, please contact **Luke Black Elk**, Luke.BlackElk@sdstate.edu (605)845-7711 or **Nathanial Knight**, Nathanial.Knight@sdstate.edu (605)394-2236.

For more information on SDSU Extension’s Native American Outreach Programs, please contact **Shawn Burke**, *SDSU Extension Native American Programs Director*, shawn.burke@sdstate.edu (605)394-2236.

Task Force on Community Justice and Mental Health Early Intervention

On March 30th, Governor Daugaard and Chief Justice Gilbertson announced the creation of a Task Force on Community Justice and Mental Health Early Intervention supported by a grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. This Task Force is charged to inquire why and how individuals with mental illness come into contact with the criminal justice system, examine the detention of these individuals in county jails, examine evidence based procedures developed in other states, and develop tailored policies that would serve these individuals. The Task Force will meet throughout the 2016, and is chaired by SD Supreme Court Chief Justice Gilbertson.



SD Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson, Walter Panziner – Trustee Helmsley Charitable Trust and SD Governor Dennis Daugaard

“Mental illness and substance use issues are often overlooked and underserved conditions, especially in rural areas,” said Walter Panziner, a trustee of the Helmsley Charitable Trust. “By researching and studying existing municipal or county models across the U.S. and adapting them for a rural, statewide population, South Dakota has the opportunity to provide a model that can be replicated by other states.”

In 2015, the results of a healthcare survey funded by the Helmsley Charitable Trust were released in a report entitled *Focus on South Dakota: A Picture of Health*. The survey found that South Dakota may have a higher prevalence of anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and alcohol misuse compared to national rates, and that the state’s emergency rooms see a high rate of individuals with mental health concerns.

Secretary Emery will be joining the task force that includes other Cabinet Secretaries, program heads, legislators, attorneys, presiding judges, and mental health care professionals from around the State of South Dakota.



GFP and DTR Participate in Collaborative Meeting to Address Wildlife Management with Tribes

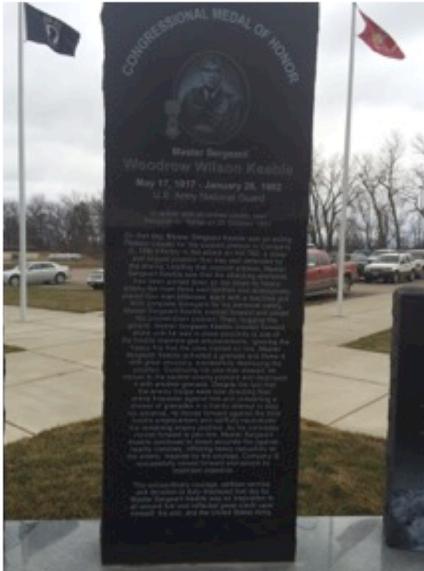


A multi-agency meeting between the Oglala and Rosebud Sioux tribes and State entities was held in Martin, SD on March 28th. Participants gathered to discuss opportunities on how state and tribal wildlife management agencies can work together to manage important wildlife resources and their habitats. In attendance were representatives from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Game, Fish & Parks (RST), Oglala Sioux Tribe Parks & Recreation Authority (OSPRA), the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations (DTR), and South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP).

Several longstanding topics were addressed by attendees including wildlife habitat work in Todd & Bennett counties, management priorities of shared elk herds in Todd & Bennett counties, sharing state harvest data with tribal counterparts to develop informed hunting license quotas, and hunter/landowner access issues. As a result of the meeting, SDGFP will be assisting the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to establish a tribal walk-in hunting area in the Iron Shell Flats area of Todd County and providing seed to be used in establishing food plots in the new walk-in area. Attendees plan on meeting on a regular basis in the future to continue addressing joint interest issues concerning wildlife management and working together to develop Memorandums of Understanding to formalize cooperative management goals on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations and neighboring counties.

Mentor, Teacher, and Legend

Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble



Monument to Master Sgt. Keeble in Sisseton, S.D.



Stepson Russell Hawkins holds Keeble's Medal of Honor



Master Sgt. Keeble helmet.

Master Sergeant Woodrow “Woody” Wilson Keeble, a full-blooded Sioux of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2008. The Medal of Honor is the nation’s highest military award for valor.

At the award ceremony, then President Bush called Keeble “a mentor, teacher, and legend.” Although it took nearly 60 years for Master Sergeant Keeble to be awarded the Medal of Honor nothing can diminish his selfless courage on the battlefield or his service to his community after the war.

Keeble fought in WWII and then volunteered to accompany the North Dakota National Guard’s 164th Infantry Regiment. When asked why he volunteered, he said, “Somebody has to teach these kids how to fight.”

Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble is a true hero and warrior. As a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate whose reservation lands are in both South Dakota and North Dakota, Woody was born in Waubay, S.D., died and is buried in Sisseton, S.D. but enlisted in Wahpeton, N.D. and left for both wars out of Fargo, N.D. Master Sergeant Keeble is the most decorated soldier in North and South Dakota and is the first Dakota/Lakota to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

According to a 2008 article by Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill about the award ceremony, Woody’s step-son Russell Hawkins said, “The traditional values that we had were ones of bravery, humility, and generosity, and when you look at Woodrow’s life as a Soldier and as a civilian, you can see that he exemplified all those qualities.

If your organization or school would like to learn more about Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble please contact:

Russell Hawkins
11848 454th Avenue
Sisseton, SD 57262
605-698-4189
605-237-4953



The Bear Butte Forum is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to noon MST.

The Forum will meet at the Sturgis Community Center located at 1401 Lazelle St. in Sturgis, SD. Participants are responsible to make their own lodging and meal arrangements.

The Forum is an opportunity to get an update about Bear Butte and to share ideas for improvements.

Each year the hope is that every tribe that has a spiritual connection to the mountain will be represented at the Forum. This meeting is open to the public. Please invite others you think would like to attend.

Tentative Agenda

Introduction

Visitation at Bear Butte

Discussion Items

- Land sales around the mountain
- Environmental concerns with the use of plastic cups, plates, bags, etc. in the campground
- Upgrade on beginning of trail and future project at Bear Butte State Park
- Educational DVD's provided by the tribes that are willing to share their culture we welcome
- Any other concerns about Bear Butte we encourage to share at this time

For more information contact Jim Jandreau, Park Manager, Bear Butte State Park at jim.jandreau@state.sd.us.

SDSU Extension: Beginning Farmer Rancher – Native American Outreach Program

SDSU Extension welcomes **Jason Schoch** as the new Program Manager for the Beginning Farmer Rancher – Native American Outreach Program. Jason has served as the Community Development Associate for the Pine Ridge Extension Office and as Project Director for Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots Program at Pine Ridge. He has extensive experience gardening and in value-added food production as well.

The **Beginning Farmer Rancher Program** offers cohort training in **Commercial Livestock Production, Commercial Horticulture (or Market Gardening)**, as well as classes for individuals interested in learning more about home gardening. The Commercial Livestock Production Cohort will begin on April 22. Most classes will take place at the Cottonwood Research Station near Phillip, SD, where SDSU maintains a cow/calf operation. Three concurrent Commercial Horticulture/Market Gardening cohorts will take place on Pine Ridge, Rosebud and Cheyenne River Reservations – the schedule and locations are still to be determined. Participants in the Commercial Livestock and Horticulture Programs are selected through an application and interview process. For more information and to receive an application, please contact Jason at Jason.Schoch@sdsu.edu (605)394-2236 or contact your local Reservation Extension Office.

Gardening in western South Dakota can be tough. Jason and Extension staff will present workshops on seed starting and site planning. The first **"Spring Gardening Workshop"** will take place in Kyle on April 1 from 10am – 12pm at the Lakota Funds meeting room (upstairs). This workshop focuses on starting your vegetable plants indoors from seed, selecting your garden site, growing cool season vegetables, and planning for the growing season.

Perhaps you are an experienced gardener and want to know more about what it takes to grow on a commercial scale. If so, consider attending the **"Introduction to Market Gardening Workshop."** This workshop will be held on April 6 from 10am – 12pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Hall in Kyle. From gardening to sell from a roadside stand or farmers market, to marketing produce to local grocery stores, schools or cafes, this workshop will take your gardening to a whole new level!

Both of these workshops are open to the public and will also be offered on the Rosebud and Cheyenne River Reservations in April. Please contact Jason (605)394-2236 or your local Reservation Extension Office for more information. **Pine Ridge Extension** (605)455-1299, **Rosebud Extension** (605)856-2198, or **Cheyenne River Extension** (605)964-4955.