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A Message from Secretary Emeritus

With winter's legislative season now behind us, spring offers many chances for Piya Wiconi or new beginnings. The South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations is busy in formulating travel plans for the 2015 spring and summer seasons. Some of these plans include visits with the Governor to Indian Country, the Tribal Economic Development Taskforce, JJRI Native Youth Focus Group, SD Board of Geographic Names public comment meetings and on-going tribal visits. We look forward to working with our Tribal and State partners.

This month, we will add a new face to our staff; Sarah Petrik will join us on April 9th as Executive Assistant.

Feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

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Senior leadership from the South Dakota National Guard visit students from Pine Ridge High School, March 18, 2015, during Career Day to speak about the benefits and opportunities in serving in the National Guard. SDNG Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, center, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Darla Crown, state command chief warrant officer, left, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim Welch, right, senior enlisted leader, stand with members of the Pine Ridge High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. (Courtesy photo/Released)

SD Guard leader discusses service opportunities in Pine Ridge

PINE RIDGE, S.D. – The South Dakota National Guard's adjutant general, along with senior staff members, traveled to Pine Ridge to participate in high school career day, March 18.

Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch held a question and answer session with approximately 30 students, just prior to the career day kickoff, where he answered questions ranging from requirements to join the National Guard to the types of jobs available.

One student asked Reisch if there were many Native American serving in South Dakota National Guard.

"Native Americans make up 8.9 percent of our state's population but less than four percent of the South Dakota National Guard," Reisch told the students. "I'd like to close the gap between the numbers per capita for the state and our organization."

Reisch made embracing diversity one of his top priorities when becoming the adjutant general four years ago.

"The more diverse our organization becomes, the better we will get," Reisch said. "The more points of view, life experiences and opinions that we can take advantage of, the better our performance will be."

During the trip, Reisch and his staff members also met with Oglala Sioux Tribe officials to discuss expanding training and support the National Guard could offer South Dakota reservations during the annual Golden Coyote training exercise.

"For 31 years we've conducted our annual training in the Black Hills and we've provided a lot of support for the U.S. Forest Service and Custer State Park," Reisch said. "I want to broaden that exercise and to me, natural partners are our reservations."

Reisch discussed a variety of potential support ranging from engineer projects to medical, dental and veterinary services.

**SD Indian Education Summit
Nov. 1-3, 2015 - Pierre, SD**

Topics will cover preschool through postsecondary and highlight ways to raise academic achievement and graduation rates.

For more information, visit Indianeducation.sd.gov

Summit 2015

Sharing Our Heritage; Building Our Future

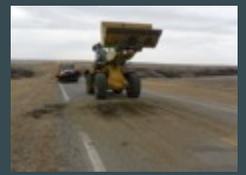
The SD Office of Indian Education is now taking Requests for Proposals!

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Work Zone Awareness: Expect the Unexpected



Motorists are reminded to drive safely not only for the sake of South Dakota's highway workers, but also for the drivers themselves, their passengers and other travelers on the highways.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation is asking motorists driving through work zones to slow down, give their full attention to the cars and work going on around them, and to "expect the unexpected."

"It happens in a heartbeat," says Secretary of Transportation Darin Bergquist. "Drivers don't realize how dangerous road construction areas can be and how quickly something can go wrong."

When traveling at high speeds drivers can arrive at a roadway work zone too fast to stop safely. If speeding is combined with distracting activities such as texting, eating or even just changing the radio station, the potential for a serious accident increases significantly.

"We want motorists who are tempted to speed or drive distracted through work zones to think about the workers, themselves, and their passengers," says Bergquist. "We are encouraging drivers to give their undivided attention to the road in order to prevent serious crashes and save lives."

The SDDOT encourages motorists to practice the following safety tips when traveling through work zones:

- **Expect the Unexpected** - Watch out not only for road workers in the area, but also for construction equipment and slower traffic.
- **Slow Down** - Reduce speed before entering a work zone. If other motorists are speeding, don't follow the bad example. Remember, fines can be double in work zones.
- **Stay Alert** - Dedicate full attention to the road. Remember, somebody's loved one is working in that area.
- **Minimize Distractions** - Avoid distracting activities like adjusting the radio and talking or texting on a cell phone.
- **Pay Attention To the Signs and Be Prepared To Stop** - Warning signs and flaggers are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone.
- **Don't Tailgate** - Maintain adequate and safe distances from workers and other vehicles.
- **Plan Ahead and Expect Delays** - Schedule enough time to arrive safely at your destination.
- **Be Patient** - Remember, road crews are working to keep you safe and improve your future ride.

To obtain the most recent road construction information in South Dakota, please visit <http://www.safetravelusa.com/sd> and click on the orange signs, dial 511 or download the app for Android or Apple.



*Badlands/ Bad River Regional representatives
Attending a Training in Philip South Dakota*

South Dakota Badlands/Bad River Regional Plan Receives National Designation



The Stronger Economies Together (SET) Badlands/Bad River Region’s long-range economic development plan has passed a High Quality Plan (HQP) review by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is only the 4th plan to receive the HQP designation nationally.

USDA Rural Development sponsors the SET Program in partnership with South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension and the Regional Rural Development Centers. The region located in western South Dakota is part of the 3rd round of SET regional trainings held nationally.

SET is designed to strengthen the capacity of rural communities and counties to work together in developing and implementing regional economic development plans. Building on the current and emerging economic strengths of the region, the Badlands/Bad River region collaborated to produce a plan that benefits the entire region.

Upon learning of the High Quality Plan designation, Dawn Hilgenkamp, with West River Electric of Wall said, “That is great news. It is nice to see that all of our work was worth it. Now I hope we can use this plan to help bring the communities together, and help our small towns prosper.”

Joe Johndreau, Interior, SD community member added, “It was encouraging to see so many people involved in the start-up phase of the SET project. Now that our plan is recognized as a High Quality Plan, I hope more people show interest in economic development within our region. It’s been a very gratifying experience to be part of something as valuable as economic development planning for the Badlands/Bad River Region. The Badlands/Bad River Region has a lot to offer in conjunction with South Dakota’s established business friendly reputation. ”

South Dakota USDA Rural Development and SDSU Extension staff as well as resource providers from across the state will work with the region to assist with plan implementation and engagement of more participants from the region.

Obligation Amount: \$19,700 SET Planning Grant; \$5,000 Grant to Badlands/Bad River Region

Date of Obligation: Designation received on 03/03/2015

Congressional District: Senators Thune and Rounds; Representative Noem, SD

Partners: Badlands/Bad River Regional Plan, South Dakota State University Extension, Regional Rural

Demographics: Haakon, Jackson, and eastern Pennington Counties.

Impact: This region will begin plan implementation with action goals focused on entrepreneurial support and unification of the region.

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Rural Development Program Deadlines

Program	Application Deadline(s)
Rural Energy for America (REAP) 2015	4/20/2015; 6/30/2015
Rural Business Development Grant (formally known as RBEG & RBOG)	Applications being accepted but may need slight revisions when final rules are published.
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	To be announced.
Small Socially Disadvantaged Grant	To be announced.
Rural Community Development Grant	To be announced.
Water and Environmental Programs	On-going application cycles; can apply anytime.
Community Loan and Grant Programs	On-going application cycles; can apply anytime.
Single Family Housing Programs... 502 Very-Low and Low Direct Loans; 504 Loans and Grants; and 502 Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) Loan Program	On-going application cycles; can apply anytime.
Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing (538)	12/31/2015

Registration Open for Tribal Youth Leadership Training

UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth), in collaboration with OJJDP, will host the Today's Native Leaders Community Service Academy on April 10-12, 2015, in Rapid City, South Dakota. This free event will provide as many as 100 tribal youth with leadership training on designing youth-led community service projects, creating a UNITY youth council, engaging in action planning and event promotion, and more. Trained youth will have the opportunity to present at the annual national UNITY conference in Washington, DC, in the summer of 2015.

For more information email Lynnann Yazzie at l.yazzie@unityinc.org.

- Team Building Activities
- Action Planning & Event Promotion
- Developing Community Service Projects
- Opportunity to present at a national conference.

www.unityinc.org



Gold Star Driver's License or ID

may be eligible now to renew online or by mail!

Those who have a South Dakota driver license or an ID card with a gold star may be eligible now to renew online or by mail.

Officials with the South Dakota Driver License Program said more than 98 percent of the 620,353 licensed drivers in South Dakota now hold the federally compliant driver license. A gold star in the upper right-hand corner of the card denotes a federally compliant card.

People with a driver's license or ID with a gold star may be eligible to either renew or order a replacement online at <http://dps.sd.gov> or by mail. Those who need instructions and an application to renew by mail can call 1.800.952.3696.

Driver license and ID card renewals (and replacements) can be done at the courthouses in Dupree, Timber Lake, McIntosh, Murdo, White River, and the city office in Faith. Those locations will issue temporary paper licenses and the official license or ID card will be mailed. These locations set their own office hours, so please call the particular courthouse first to verify when they are open.

For locations and times for state driver exam stations, visit <http://dps.sd.gov> or call 1.800.952.3696.

Those who still possess a driver license or state ID card with a gold star on it will only need TWO documents to prove address and \$20 to renew. A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child. Please bring two documents, less than one year old, with name and current address. If unable to provide proof of address please call or see our website for exceptions. PO Box addresses are acceptable in areas not assigned street or 911 addresses.

If your driver license about to expire, and you are unable to travel to an exam station before your expiration date, please call 1.800.952.3696 for a temporary extension.

The South Dakota Driver License Program is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

Calling For Your College-Bound High School Seniors: Get your PELL Grant, Tribal Higher Education Grant, and Jump Start!

This is the perfect time of year for Tribal Higher Education offices and Jump Start Access Advisors to work in collaboration. Together, they can ensure students are getting all the assistance they need to support their upcoming college experience.

If students are working with Tribal Higher Education offices to get college grant monies AND they plan to attend one of the six South Dakota public universities or Oglala Lakota College, they should not miss the opportunity to get involved with the South Dakota Jump Start program. They need that Jump Start!

The South Dakota Jump Start program provides American Indian and/or low-income students opportunities they would not otherwise have in college. These include:

- Access to advisors who help students navigate the way to their best-fit college;
- August summer bridge participation, during which students earn college credits, live/eat on-campus for FREE, and experience campus orientation;
- Guaranteed room in a living-learning community during the school year;
- Ongoing relationship with a Jump Start Advisor at each respective college, who helps students connect with resources and opportunities to make their experience beneficial and meaningful;
- Six FREE college credits earned on-campus or through internship opportunities during summers two and three;
- Guaranteed summer employment during summers two and three; and
- Access to a FREE lending library for textbooks and laptops.

To ensure that eligible students are connected with all the opportunities available to them, Jump Start Access Advisors will contact your Tribal Higher Education offices over the next month. They will ask how they can best connect with students not already enrolled in the Jump Start Program but who have received tribal grant monies and who plan to attend a participating Jump Start college.

This important collaboration will help provide students the support they need to succeed in college. If you have questions, please contact a Jump Start Access Advisors by calling (844) 601-6957 or email sdjumpstart@sdbor.edu.



Harney Peak in Pennington County

PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) seeks public comment on a proposed new name for a geographic feature:

Harney Peak in Pennington County

One name has been proposed: Black Elk Peak. The Board is seeking public comment regarding the recommended name change or if there are any additional proposed new names for the feature.

The above feature is currently named Harney Peak and the SDBGN requests public input on a name for the geographic feature. Based on the U.S. Board on Geographic Names guidelines, the following principles apply:

- Names descriptive of topographic form, suggested by local history, folklore, or incident, or by associated natural life or other phenomena are preferred including American Indian or other ethnic names appropriate to the area.
- A proposed name should not duplicate another name in the state or nearby in an adjoining state.
- If a personal name is proposed, it must be determined in the public interest to honor the person or family for historical or commemorative reasons.
- If a personal name is proposed, the person or persons must be deceased for at least five years.
- If a personal name is proposed, it should just include the surname.

This process is intended to seek public comment on proposed names for unnamed features or new names of existing features. No name should imply discrimination or be derogatory to a particular racial or ethnic group, gender, or religious group. This also includes names considered obscene in a present-day cultural context.

The board is taking written comments until May 1, 2015. SDBGN is also holding meetings across the state for the purpose of taking public comment on the name for the feature. The meetings will be held as follows:

April 28, 2015 (Tuesday)	Martin, SD Library/Community Room 101 Main Street	5:00pm – 7:00pm (MDT)
April 29, 2015 (Wednesday)	Custer, SD Custer County Annex – Pine Room 447 Crook Street	10:00am – 12:00pm (MDT)
April 29, 2015 (Wednesday)	Rapid City, SD Adoba Eco Hotel – Ballroom 445 Mt. Rushmore Road	5:00pm – 7:00pm (MDT)
May 5, 2015 (Tuesday)	Flandreau, SD Royal River Hotel – Royal Room 607 S. Veterans Street	5:00pm – 7:00pm (CDT)
May 6, 2015 (Wednesday)	Pierre, SD SD Cultural Heritage Center 900 Governors Drive	5:00pm – 7:00pm (CDT)

Please note the Custer meeting is starting at 10:00am (MDT). All other meetings start at 5:00pm local time. The meetings are an open forum for public comment that will allow individuals to come any time within the time period stated above. The board will be available to the public for a minimum of two hours in each location. SDBGN will extend its meeting in any location to accommodate individuals who wish to give public comment.

If recommending a new name for the feature, the basic information requested is a recommended name, reason/justification for the name, and the origin/meaning of the name. Or complete the second section of the public comment form found on the website at: www.sdbgn.sd.gov. If the recommended name is adopted by the SDBGN, additional information may be needed to support the recommendation to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. It is important if submitting written comments to give us much detail as possible. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names has the ultimate authority to approve names for geographic features.

Written comments should be submitted no later than May 1, 2015. Submit comments to: SD Board on Geographic Names, Dept. of Tribal Relations, 302 East Dakota, Pierre, SD 57501. FAX: 605-773-6592 Email: David.Reiss@state.sd.us

Or access Public Comment Form: <http://www.sdbgn.sd.gov/>

Truck meter testing scheduled:

Commercial businesses are reminded that the state Office of Weights and Measures will do truck meter testing again this spring. This process tests pump meters for accuracy on trucks that deliver fuel products to homes and businesses across the state.

South Dakota Codified Law requires that meters used in commercial transactions be both correct and accurate. At each site, simultaneous tests of both LP and Refined Fuel meters will be done. At least one meter service agency will be available for repairs and re-calibrations if needed.

The tests will be done at state Department of Transportation facilities from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Test days and sites are:

April 21	White River	April 22	Winner	April 23	Chamberlain
April 28	Mitchell	April 29	Armour	April 29-30	Yankton
May 1	Yankton 8 a.m.-Noon	May 5	Sioux Falls 1 p.m.-5 p.m.	May 6	Sioux Falls
May 7	Sioux Falls, 8 a.m.-Noon.				

Businesses can request their preferred locations by calling the Office of Weights and Measures at 605.773.3697 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each week day. On the actual testing day, trucks should have at least a minimum of 150 gallons of fuel on board to accommodate the test procedure. For more information, contact the Office of Weights and Measures by calling 605.773.3697. The Office of Weights and Measures is an agency under the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

Department of Tribal Relations to Lead Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative Focus Group

The Department of Tribal Relations will lead a Focus Group to evaluate and make recommendations regarding Native American youth in the South Dakota Juvenile Justice System. This Focus Group is a



part of Governor Dugaard’s Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JJRI). Beginning in 2014, the Governor’s Office – working in cooperation with the SD Legislature and Unified Judicial System – brought together key stakeholders to carefully study relevant data and best practices, to consult with stakeholders, and to recommend policy solutions related to juvenile delinquency in South Dakota. The Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative seeks to reduce DOC commitment for juvenile offenders by increasing the use of diversion programs for troubled youth, evidence-

based programming in communities so juveniles can remain at home, and to provide better support services for youth and their families to address challenges that often lead to contact with the juvenile system. On March 12th, Governor Dugaard signed Senate Bill 73, which received overwhelming Legislative support and will implement policy changes through programmatic and statutory reform.

**Greetings From
Secretary Kelly Hepler
SD Department of Game, Fish
& Parks**



Greetings. My name is Kelly Hepler and I am the new Secretary for South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks. I am not new to South Dakota though. I grew up in Spearfish and my family has a long connection to the Hills area. I went to college at Black Hills State and then transferred to Montana State University in Bozeman. After graduation with a degree in Fish and Wildlife Management, I initially tried to get a position in South Dakota. When I was not successful in obtaining employment with South Dakota, the Far North called me to try my luck in getting a position in Alaska. I was successful in landing a job with the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game in the late 1970's and stayed until my recent move back to my home state. My time in Alaska was incredible experience and it is where here I met Carol, my wife for over thirty years, and where we raised our two children Zak and Maggie. While I certainly enjoyed my time in Alaska it was time to come home.

Tribal relations are important to me not only as a fundamental responsibility to my new position but also on a personal level. Secretary Emery, Tribal Relations, and I have spoken about seeking opportunities to visit the tribes so I can introduce myself and listen to ways we can improve the relationships between the department and tribes. I look forward to upcoming visits with the tribes and want to thank everyone so far for the gracious welcome I have received so



Students from Klein School visited the Capitol.



**The Tribal Economic Development
Task Force will meet on April 16, 2015
At 1 p.m. in Sioux Falls**

Nominations Ag Ambassador Award



Know an individual or organization that has made a positive contribution to South Dakota's Ag Industry? Friday April 17, 2015 is the

Submit nominations to Jamie Crew at Jamie.crew@state.sd.us
If you have any questions, please call 605.773.4073.



Secretary Emery at the Sisseton Wahpeton Archives

Governor Proclaims Oglala Lakota County Name Change

PIERRE, S.D. – Following voter approval and a resolution from the Legislature, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed that Shannon County be renamed as Oglala Lakota County.

The name change will be official on May 1, 2015.

State law requires the governor to publicly proclaim the new name of a county by issuing an executive proclamation. The name change becomes official on the first day of the next month.

Last fall, Shannon County voters approved the name change by more than the required two-thirds majority. The state House and Senate then passed House Joint Resolution 1005 during the 2015 Legislative Session to adopt the new name.



Oglala Lakota County Campaign Bumper Sticker Courtesy Jesse Short Bull



State Representative Kevin Killer from District 27 spearheaded the petition that put the request to rename Shannon County on the ballot.

Governor Daugaard’s executive proclamation completes the governmental process.

Health Department, Tribes work in partnership to prevent sexually transmitted infections

Sexually transmitted infections (STI's) know no bounds, with every county in South Dakota being affected, including reservation counties. Throughout the state, staff from the Department of Health's Office of Disease Prevention (ODP) works closely with all Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Health sites to prevent STI's. These partnerships are a way to provide a variety of ongoing assistance – offering technical support for doctors and nurses, helping patients get necessary treatment, and providing education are just a few examples of this partnership assistance.

Both historically and currently, American Indians have been disproportionately affected by STI's and those rates continue to rise. Currently, American Indians make up 9-10% of South Dakota's population, but account for approximately 45% of Chlamydia cases and 67% of Gonorrhea cases in South Dakota. Syphilis has also made a dramatic comeback, reaching historic epidemic proportions in the state, with reservation communities particularly impacted, as 70% of Syphilis cases are in American Indians.

In response to those rising STI rates, over the past several years, four different tribes have partnered with the Department of Health during epidemiological-aid (epi-aid) investigations. These epi-aids brought together the requesting Tribe, Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board, Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiologic Center, Aberdeen Area Indian Health service, the state Department of Health, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct a focused, statistically driven survey and study of the rising STI rates, and to identify ways to reduce them.

The epi-aids have resulted in increased STI awareness with providers, improved STI screening, follow up, education, and prevention with patients. This heightened awareness and increased testing is initially resulting in increasing case numbers, which is not unusual. However, the ultimate goal is fewer people affected by STI's, particularly the unborn babies who can be infected when their mothers have an STI.

Effective STI control, treatment, education, and prevention rely on strong partnerships between the Tribes, the department and medical providers. Working together we can make a difference and reduce the number of STI's.

Learn more about STI prevention efforts and resources on the department's Sexually Transmitted Disease Program website, <http://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/std/>.

Artist Leadership Program

If you are a community-based indigenous artist of the western hemisphere and Hawai'i, or a Native arts museum, or cultural arts program in the United States and Canada, and would love to research, share the arts, and cherish the cultures of the Americas and Hawai'i, then you need to check out the NMAI Artist leadership Program (ALP)!! This program is an incredible personal and artistic experience that reconnects artists to indigenous cultural materials for inspiration and discovery, and to challenge personal boundaries.

The ALP seeks to inspire artistic practice and creativity, mentor young people through pride in learning about their cultural and artistic heritage, and reflect the fact that indigenous arts hold value and knowledge and offer communities a means for healing and new ways to exchange cultural information.

DUE DATE FOR ALP APPLICATION IS MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015, at 5:00 pm Eastern Time.

Please visit the NMAI website <http://nmai.si.edu/> or ALP website <http://nmai.si.edu/connect/artist-leadership-program/>

www.AmericanIndian.si.edu

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