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From Secretary Steve Emery

Going into the summer months, the Department will be experiencing some changes. Most significant among these is the hiring of a new Policy Analyst to aid the Department in its work. During the 2016 legislative session, the South Dakota Legislators graciously approved our request for an additional staff member, whom we hope to have on the job in June.

This underscores an incredible reality that may go overlooked by some job seekers, especially those graduating from college programs across the State. The State of South Dakota employs people in nearly every profession you can think of, from nurses and State Troopers, to truck drivers and computer programmers. Every Department in the State of South Dakota is made up of South Dakotans, working together to get the job done. Thankfully, there is always a lot to do!

If you are interested in a career with the Department of Tribal Relations – or any other state office – I invite you to look at <https://bhr.sd.gov/workforus.aspx> and see if your career is waiting.



Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Chairman Harold Frazier and Secretary Steve Emery meet in Pierre to discuss a variety of topics.

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We want people like you!



The South Dakota Highway Patrol will be accepting applications for the next hiring process beginning May 23, 2016. The application process will close July 8, 2016. There are multiple open duties stations throughout the state. We are planning on hiring a class of 15-20 new recruits.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol offers competitive wages, paid training, career development tracks, opportunities for advancement, excellent benefits, state retirement, and an independent working environment.

All uniforms and state of the art equipment are paid for by the South Dakota Highway Patrol. Each Trooper is also assigned their own take home patrol car.

The selection process involves: (1) application; (2) written test; (3) panel interview and physical testing; (4) background investigation and medical examination; (5) second panel interview and drug screening; and (6) polygraph exam.

Recruits, who are not currently certified in SD or another state, must first attend the 13 week SD Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pierre. The second part of the training is the South Dakota Highway Patrol Recruit Academy. This also takes place in Pierre and is 10 weeks in duration. The final phase of training is the field training process. This lasts for 10 weeks. Recruits are assigned to work with veteran troopers across the state.

During the academy recruits will receive training in patrol procedures, policy and procedures, motor vehicle and criminal code, criminal investigation, physical fitness, public education/relations, chemical and less lethal munitions, drug interdiction, firearms, DUI enforcement and drug impaired driving, emergency vehicle operations, cultural diversity, search and seizure, crash investigation, defensive tactics, leadership training, and motor carrier enforcement.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is a forward thinking law enforcement agency. If you are looking for an honorable career and a great working atmosphere, look no further. We are looking for highly motivated individuals who are service orientated and interested in making a difference in South Dakota and serving their community. If you think you have what it takes, please check out the links below.

Below is the link to the BHR website that explains all the requirements and steps to apply for the Highway Patrol.

<http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/law/hp/default.aspx>

Testing locations can be found at:

<http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/law/hp/testinglocations.aspx>

Minimum qualifications can be found at:

<http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/law/hp/purpose.aspx>

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If you have additional questions regarding minimum requirements, testing locations, the application process, or the training process, please contact our Training Division.

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Governor Daugaard Visits the Rosebud Sioux Tribe

On Thursday, April 21st, Governor Daugaard and Secretary Emery visited the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and met with President Kindle and the Rosebud Council. Governor Daugaard and President Kindle spoke about medical care, state-tribal compacting, and housing among other issues that are significant to both the State and Rosebud Sioux Tribe.



During the year, Governor Daugaard makes multiple trips to Indian Country to visit with tribal leaders in their homelands. Special thanks to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and their hospitality during the Governor's most recent visit.



Unified Judicial System Task Force on Community Justice and Mental Illness Early Intervention

In April, the UJS Task Force on Community Justice and Mental Illness Early Intervention met in Sioux Falls, SD. The group will analyze why and how individuals with mental illness come into contact with the criminal justice system and current detention practices. Working together with the Helmsley Charitable Trust, the State of South Dakota will evaluate data from South Dakota's judicial system and examine evidence based processes from other jurisdictions. The goal is to develop proposals that can have a positive impact on judicial processes and assist those with mental health problems. The next meeting for the Task Force will be May 26th in Pierre.

Spring Judicial Conference

On May 4-6th, the Unified Judicial System will be hosting its Spring Judicial Conference in Oacoma. These conferences provide an opportunity for judges across the states to gather, discuss important changes in laws, new techniques, available treatment services, and explore ways to improve the administration of justice.

Judicial Conferences are hosted by the SD Unified Judicial System twice a year and are open to state and tribal judges. The next UJS Judicial Conference will be held in the fall and will be another opportunity for state and tribal judges to gather.



Meeting the Behavioral Healthcare Needs of Service Members

In July of 2015 Gov. Dugaard appointed Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, to serve as South Dakota's Policy Academy team leader to work with local, state and national leaders to address mental health and substance abuse needs of our service members, veterans, and their families.

In September, Secretary Zimmerman hosted a state summit and invited leaders from the Department of the Military, Area Health Education Centers, Council of Mental Health Centers, Department of Tribal Affairs, Department of Labor and Regulation, Department of Corrections, Department of Social Services, and Unified Judicial Systems. This group worked closely with regional and national leaders to identify sources being provided and a roadmap to prioritize and strengthen South Dakota's behavioral health care services and ultimately created the Joining Forces Initiative.

The goal of this group was to create an entity or coalition to assist veterans, service members and their families find the right door to receive care and services they need.

In April the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of the Military put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide consultation services to the South Dakota Department of the Military and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The contractor, an individual or organization, will provide program development, oversight and coordination for the Joining Forces initiative. They will enhance the state's ability to meet the behavioral-health care needs of its service members, veterans and their families by increasing access to appropriate care, closing gaps in the system, building the system's capacity, increasing interagency communication, collaboration and incorporating evidence-based and best practices.

The RFPs are due in June 3rd with a selection made shortly thereafter. The Departments are hopeful this initiative will leverage existing resources and explore opportunities to expand service capacity to our heroes. For more information about this opportunity and other programs available through the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, please visit them on-line at <http://vetaffairs.sd.gov>.

Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Election Results

The Department of Tribal Relations would like to congratulate the new and returning officials of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe as the result of their recent elections. The Chairman and Councilpersons will be sworn in on May 3rd in Fort Thompson, SD.

Chairman Brandon Sazue, Sr.

Councilman Jamie Fallis

Councilwoman Tina Grey Owl

Councilman Roland Hawk

Councilman Kyle Kirkie

Councilwoman Francine Middletent

Councilman Gilbert Pickner



GFP OFFERS FREE PARK ENTRANCE AND FREE FISHING MAY 20-22

The school year is winding down, the weather is heating up and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' annual Open House and Free Fishing Weekend is approaching. This statewide event allows everyone free entrance to state parks and free fishing May 20-22.

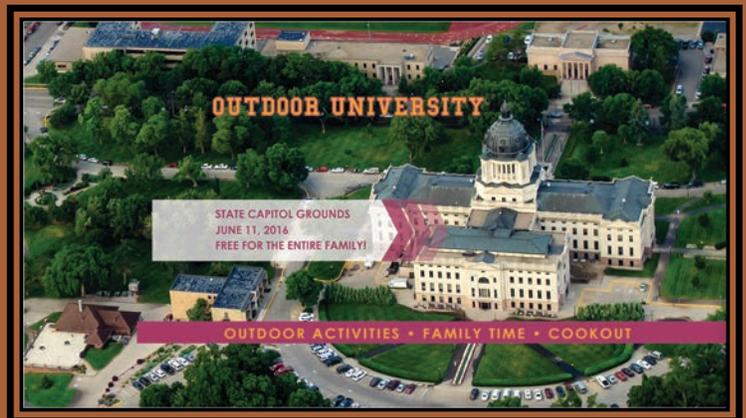
During the three-day event, anglers can fish without a license anywhere in the state, and entrance fees are waived for all visitors to South Dakota's state parks and recreation areas. Camping fees still apply. Fishing regulations and limits apply.

The parks are hosting free events, programs and activities throughout the weekend. Visit the online events calendar for more detailed information: <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx>.

Camping reservations at South Dakota State Parks can be made 24 hours a day. Make reservations online at campsd.com or by calling 1-800-710-2267. Visit gfp.sd.gov for more information or to see a complete list of state parks.

Capitol Campout June 10-12, 2016

Gov. Dennis Daugaard invites families to camp out on the capitol lawn as part of the state's first Capital Campout. The free event, to be held June 10-12, encourages families to spend the weekend learning outdoor skills and tent camping on the front lawn of the state capitol in Pierre.



"We are fortunate to live in a state with an abundance of outdoor opportunities. With 56 state parks and recreation areas spread across the state, some South Dakotans might not know where to begin," said Gov. Daugaard. "This family event will showcase some of the opportunities South Dakota has to offer."

Families will participate in several activities throughout the weekend, from nature programs to making s'mores. On Saturday, June 11, campers will take part in Outdoor University, where they can try a variety of outdoor activities, including kayaking, canoeing, fishing, rock climbing, shooting, archery and more. Outdoor University will be open to non-campers as well, and runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT around Capitol Lake.

Gov. Daugaard especially encourages families new to camping and the outdoors to attend. Some loaner tents and sleeping bags will be available for families without equipment. Staff will also be available to assist setting up a campsite and several meals will be provided. "Capital Campout is a no-cost, worry-free way to equip families with the skills needed to enjoy outdoor recreation opportunities," said Gov. Daugaard.

Capital Campouts are planned in 11 states to celebrate June as Great Outdoors Month. The events are coordinated nationally by the American Recreation Coalition, and supported by founding sponsor Coleman as well as numerous national and local entities. The Game, Fish and Parks is taking the lead on organizing the South Dakota event.

To register for Capital Campout, visit gfp.sd.gov. Space and loaner equipment is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. - See more at: <http://gfp.sd.gov/news/news/april/20.aspx#sthash.1ycQA52m.dpuf>

Introduction of RESPECT Act to Congress

A message from Senator Mike Rounds

It is hard to believe that in 2016, our Native American neighbors and friends are still legally subject to a number of hateful and paternalistic federal laws. Unfortunately, that's the case, but I am working to reverse a list of historic wrongs against Native American citizens brought by the early federal government.

I recently introduced the *Repealing Existing Substandard Provision Encouraging Conciliation with Tribes Act*, which is referred to as the RESPECT Act. It would repeal a number of historically wrong laws, including statutes that are still on the books related to Native American education, forcible relocation of Native American children to boarding schools and the withholding of rations or money owed to Native Americans. These statutes are a sad reminder of the hostile aggression and overt racism displayed by the early federal government toward Native Americans as the government attempted to "assimilate" them into what was considered "modern society." Clearly, there is no place in our legal code for such laws today.

Federal laws still exist today that would allow for the forced removal of Native American children to be sent to boarding schools and the parents can be denied rations if they refuse. Tribal members can still be subject to forced labor on their reservations, as a condition of their receipt of "supplies." Moreover, they can be denied funding if found intoxicated on a reservation. These statutes actually remain the law of the land. In many cases they are more than a century old and continue the stigma of subjugation and paternalism from that time period. It is without question that they must be stricken from our legal code. We cannot adequately repair history, but we can move forward.

In South Dakota, which is home to nine tribes and roughly 75,000 enrolled members, we strive to work together to constantly improve relationships and to mend our history through reconciliation and mutual respect. It's not always easy, but with our futures tied together and with our children in mind, reconciliation is something we're committed to.

While working as governor, I proclaimed 2010 the "Year of Unity" in South Dakota, in recognition of the need to continue building upon the legacy and work of those who came before us. The year 2010 also marked the 20th anniversary of the Year of Reconciliation in South Dakota, which was an effort by the late Governor George Mickelson to bring all races together.

The "Year of Unity" and the "Year of Reconciliation" were efforts to build upon a common purpose, to acknowledge our differences and yet find ways to work together. Washington, D.C., needs more of that. We can't change our history, but we can start to change the paternalistic mentality of the federal government toward Native people. Passing the RESPECT Act is the right thing to do, and is one small step Congress can take to heal some of the wrongs imparted upon Native Americans by the federal government.



Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Meet in Pierre

In April, tribal historic preservation officers (THPOs) met with the SD Department of Transportation and the State Archeological Research Center in Pierre. Discussions focussed on how to improve working relationships and formalizing procedures that provide structure and establish clear expectations moving forward. THPOs and state officials are dedicated to working together, improving communication, and recognizing tribal interests.

Want to serve your community better? Let USDA Rural Development help your co-op through our Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant.

We provide funds to cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers enabling them to offer technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups. A *Socially-Disadvantaged Group* is a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Eligible applicants could receive a grant up to \$175,000.

The technical assistance is commonly used for conducting feasibility studies, developing business and strategic plans, and providing leadership training. Cooperatives or Centers interested in applying can be located in any area; however, the groups assisted must be located in an eligible rural area.

How to get started:

- The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is expected to be released soon. There will be a limited application window after the 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. 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.pravecek@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>.

Rural Development Program Deadlines

Program	Application Deadline(s)
Rural Energy for America (REAP)	Applications accepted year round.
Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program (Formerly known as the Biorefinery Assistance Program)	2016 application deadline has passed. 2017 application deadlines are unknown at this time.
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 Microentrepreneur 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.
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.
For additional program information, view the USDA Rural Development Programs Summary:	http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/RD_ProgramMatrix.pdf

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New Faces Showing the Way to College for SD Jump Start Students

Spring is a time of new beginnings and a fresh start after a long South Dakota winter. Making the decision to go to college is one way to get that new beginning. Students are challenged to look away from the last days of their high school experience and the familiarity and comfortable fit on home and people and places they have known forever. But the opportunities lie in the future – in the new and unknown.

Finding the courage to make those next steps, and the resources to support that journey, takes strength and purpose, but it also helps to have a friendly – and knowledgeable – person to walk the journey with you.

South Dakota Jump Start offers not only financial resources through the program, they also provide information and access to additional resources through helping students or families find financial aid, scholarships, admissions information and campus support services such as housing, advising, tutoring and more. The Advisors who are part of SD Jump Start are some of the new family and friends that students can count on to help them make those final choices and start on that new journey and that new life which promises what every Spring promises – hope for a brighter day.. The beauty and bounty of summer is what a college education promises and the SD Jump Start program starts this summer. Make plans now to get a jump start on that new life by committing to Summer Bridge at the end of July and a great experience that continues on into your first year of college.

Access Advisors working with students and families in the high schools and home communities, and Jump Start Advisors, working on each of the 7 SD Jump Start campuses, are there to support and guide students toward that new life. There are some new faces working with the SD Jump Start program, and we would like you to meet them.

Leon Leader Charge

Leon Leader Charge began as an Access Advisor in June of 2015. From Mission, SD. Leon is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud S.D. and also a part of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, S.D. Leon recently completed a B.S. in Addiction Studies from the University of South Dakota, with an emphasis in treatment and prevention continuum. Leon has an interest in helping tribal communities, higher education, expanding culturally appropriate evidence based best practices, expanding tribal research, history, Lakota & Native American culture, tribal law and treaty, formation of federal/tribal policy, suicide prevention & tribal youth, and the betterment of all tribal nations and communities. Leon is working as an Access Advisor with all South Dakota high schools in the West River part of the state, helping them find their best new home at any of the college campuses participating in Jump Start.

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Nicole Bottjen

Nicole Bottjen just began working as the Access Advisor for the East River high schools in South Dakota in February. She is completing her Master's degree in Educational Administration – Adult and Higher Education at the University of South Dakota this May. Nicole has a great deal of experience working with higher education, and has interned at the Native Student Services department at USD, worked in Residential Life as a Hall Director and Assistant Housing Director at USD and Wayne State College, and worked in Admissions at USD. Nicole is excited to be working with the SD Jump Start program and brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the program that will certainly benefit the students and others with whom she works.



A new Jump Start Advisor is working on the University of South Dakota campus to provide support to current and new Jump Start students. Sylvia Lasley began at USD in January, and has been moving quickly to get up to speed on all things Jump Start AND USD. Sylvia has experience with Native American populations and first-generation students, and is enjoying her role as a support and resource for students on campus. Her office is located in the Multicultural Student Services area in Muenster University Center on the USD campus. To reach any of the Advisors, or for general

program information, contact them at 1-844-601-6957 (toll-free) or email sdjumpstart@sdbor.edu. These advisors and others are ready to help make college a reality for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic year. SD Jump Start begins in July, so make a contact today!

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

On April 21st, a Youth Mental Health First Aid training was held at the Golden Buffalo Casino in Lower Brule. Through this training, 24 participants were certified as Youth Mental Health First Aiders. The main focus of the training is help adults who have interaction with youth be able to recognize signs or symptoms that the youth may be experiencing a mental illness issue or the beginning of a mental health crisis. Participants are taught an action plan that can assist them in helping youth who may be showing these mental health signs or symptoms.

The action plan is A.L.G.E.E., which stands for:

- A – Assess for Risk of Suicide or Harm
- L – Listen Non-Judgmentally
- G – Give Reassurance and Information
- E – Encourage Appropriate Professional Help
- E – Encourage Self-Help and Other Support Strategies



For more information about trainings available to tribal communities contact Gib Sudbeck at Gib.Sudbeck@state.sd.us.

SDSU Extension: School and Community Garden Education Programs on the Rosebud Reservation

Garden planning projects are sprouting up across South Dakota. An increasing number of schools incorporate gardens and garden education into the curriculum to provide experiential learning opportunities outside of the traditional classroom, and to encourage students and staff to make healthy food choices. Several notable programs are taking place on the Rosebud Reservation.



REDCO's Food Sovereignty Coordinator, Mike Prate, engages students.

Each year, in honor of Unci Maka (Grandmother Earth), fifth grade students from across Todd County converge on the Elementary School in Mission for the annual Todd County Environmental Fair. Rosebud Extension, in partnership with Todd and Mellette County Conservation Districts and South Central Resource Conservation Development, organize and sponsor the fair. Students learn about soil and water resources, wildlife, trees, and where their food comes from.



Having gathered recycled containers, students are eager to plant their container gardens in

Additionally, the Todd County Elementary School is one of several schools planning to install permanent garden beds this year. In the meantime and with guidance from Master Gardener and Rosebud Extension Garden Coordinator, Donna Adrian, second and third graders at the school are learning about soils, seeds and insect pollinators.



On a recent tour of the community greenhouse at SGU, greenhouse manager, Carmelita Sully inspires students with her use of colorful, recycled tires as planters.



Two young gardeners learn how much may be planted in one square foot of garden space.

Students from rural He Dog Elementary are also learning about container gardening. Rosebud Extension has a long-standing partnership with the Sinte Gleska University community greenhouse to collaborate on gardening education and outreach.

For more information on any of these programs or to get involved, please contact **Rachel Lindvall, Rosebud Extension, Community Development Field Specialist**, rachel.lindvall@sdstate.edu (605) 856-2198.

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.

SDSU: Expand your garden with a little guidance from The Cheyenne River Extension

Cheyenne River Extension actively partners with tribal and community organizations to provide outreach on topics of traditional foods, nutrition, specialty crops, gardening education, food preparation and preservation. This month, Extension staff is especially thankful for a donation of vegetable, flower and herb seeds from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Title I program. Staff is working hard to distribute seeds to communities throughout the reservation. In addition to seed distribution, staff and volunteers will be tilling individual garden spaces through June 1. So far this year, they have received requests to till twenty gardens.

Cheyenne River Extension's Garden Educator, Janie Ducheneaux is hosting weekly garden classes at the CRST Elderly Nutrition Center in Eagle Butte. Classes are held on Wednesdays from noon to 2pm and are open to the public. Classes will cover all topics related to gardening, as well as food processing, including canning, drying, and other methods of food preservation.



For questions about seeds, tilling services, or the weekly gardening classes, please contact Janie Ducheneaux at the Cheyenne River Extension office. (605) 964-4955.

Also in cooperation with the CRST Elderly Nutrition Center, Cheyenne River Extension is establishing a community demonstration garden and chokecherry orchard at the Center. The demonstration garden will include raised beds, no-till gardens and conventionally tilled garden plots. There are tentative plans to renovate an existing hoop house on the site as a way to extend the growing season. Additionally, 400 chokecherry trees will be planted as a community orchard, benefitting not only residents of Eagle Butte, but also the surrounding reservation communities.

Gardeners have been busy clearing the garden space of trash and getting the site ready for tilling and planting. **Janie Ducheneaux invited Mr. Ivan Looking Horse to the gardening class to offer prayer over the garden space.** Mr. Looking Horse is part of the Lakota family that cares for the spiritual history and lessons given to the Lakota people. He provides prayer and cultural insight when necessary, and believes himself to be a common man who wants to see good things happen for the people, their health and welfare, and the strengthening of the culture and traditional ways for the next seven generations.

This spring, Mr. Looking Horse also provided assistance to Community Development Field Specialist, Marcella Gilbert, and The Chokecherry Youth Project, which is funded in part by a USDA Specialty Crop Grant.

Currently in the second year of the project, Marcella is working with the students of Ms. Marlene Bear Stop's Lakota language class at Tiospaye Topa School in LaPlant, SD. Over the course of four weeks in March and April, students received instruction in the cultural and spiritual significance of the chokecherry, as well as the nutritional and medicinal benefits of the plant. Students took home a dried chokecherry patty, tasted bitterroot, smelled wild mint, and sampled wild chokecherry cough syrup.



Students also learned to identify juniper berries, wild prairie turnip, wild plum and (of course) chokecherry trees. On a recent outing, students found other edible and medicinal plants growing near their school in LaPlant, including stinging nettle, cleaver, wild rosehip and pennycress.

The establishment of a community chokecherry orchard is an important aspect of the Chokecherry Youth Project, and will be a significant asset to the people of the Cheyenne River Reservation in the future.

According to local tribal history, the people, along with all the creation of the Earth, are children of the Earth and are cared for by various spirits and each other. One day a lone man was out hunting for days and became very tired and worn from lack of food and very little water. As he slept from near exhaustion, a woman came to him in a dream and showed him a plant that he could eat to sustain himself and heal from his worn state. When he awoke, a chokecherry tree stood in front of him. He ate the small cherries and was revived to finish his journey. When he returned to his camp, he shared this gift with the people. This plant is used in most tribal ceremonies for its healing and nutritional value, but also in appreciation for the gift from the spirits.

For more information or to get involved, please contact **Marcella Gilbert, Cheyenne River Extension, Community Development Field Specialist**, marcella.gilbert@sdstate.edu (605) 964-4955.

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.

SDSU Extension: Beginning Farmer Rancher – Native American Outreach Program

Classes have begun, however it is not too late to join a cohort for training in Commercial Livestock Production or in Commercial Horticulture/Market Gardening, offered through SDSU Extension's Beginning Farmer Rancher Native American Outreach Program. The Commercial Livestock Production class began on April 22 and will be held every other Friday at the Cottonwood Research Station near Phillip, SD, where SDSU maintains a cow/calf operation.

Three concurrent cohorts for Commercial Horticulture/Market Gardening began this week on Pine Ridge, Rosebud, and Cheyenne River Reservations. Additional classes will be scheduled approximately every other week and will continue throughout the summer and fall.

Participants in the Commercial Livestock and Horticulture Programs are selected through an application and interview process.

For more information and to expedite an application, please contact **Jason Schoch, SDSU Extension, BFR Program Manager** at Jason.Schoch@sdstate.edu (605)394-2236. You may also contact your local Reservation Extension Office. **Pine Ridge Extension** (605)455-1299, **Rosebud Extension** (605)856-2198, or **Cheyenne River Extension** (605)964-4955.

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Upcoming Powwows

Crow Creek Tribal Schools 28th Annual Wacipi
Stephan, SD - Chieftain Dome

Date: May 6, 2016

Grand Entry: 1:00pm & 6:00pm

Registration Opens at 11:00am

Supper Meal at 5pm

*Honoring Class of 2016 *Kahomni Contest *Potato
Dance *Color Guard Veterans Hunkpati

28th Annual Vietnam Veterans Wacipi
June 10-12, 2016

Grand Entries: 1:00pm & 7:00pm daily

Location: Pine Ridge, SD. Powwow Grounds
Red Feather Honoring, Daily Flag Raising, Medal
Presentations, Guest Speaker.

Saturday Parade, Ball Games, Activities

Admission: \$1.00

Contact: Ramon Bear Runner (605) 867-4021

Cannonball Flag Day Celebration Wacipi
2nd Weekend in June, 2016

Contact: Cannon Ball District

PO Box 283

Cannonball, North Dakota 58528

Phone #: 701-854-7170

Fax: 701-854-7189

Paha Yamini Wacipi

3rd Weekend in June, 2016

Contact: Porcupine District

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