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From the **Secretary**

Greetings from the SD Department of Tribal Relations and may August find you enjoying summer to the fullest! During July, Department staff covered a lot of ground – literally and in regards to the diverse policy issues we are lucky enough to work on. One area especially close to my heart is public safety and as a former judge, I recognize that prevention is preferable to punishment. With constructions, out-of-state travelers, and rally-bound bikers, it can get crowded out there. I encourage all to drive carefully and responsibly, so we all make it through the summer with lots of memories, and not regrets.

As always, if there is any way the Department can of assistance to you, please feel free to contact us.

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Chief Vernon Ashley of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

On July 25, 2015 the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe honored Vernon Ashley when he was made a Chief of the tribe. Accompanied by family members to the Big Bend Annual Pow Wow, Vernon was presented with a headdress by Fabian Howe, Sr. Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Councilman of the Big Bend District.

At 99 years of age, Vernon told the people “ I hope that I’ll see you again next year.”



Pictured: David Frankel – Attorney for OST, Adam Kaemingk – Staff for US Senator Mike Rounds, Secretary of State Shantel Krebs, John Yellow Bird Steele – President OST, and David Johnson – US Dept. of Interior Office of Energy & Economic Development



Secretary Steve Emery of the SD Dept. of Tribal Relations presents sage & sweet grass to OST President John Yellow Bird Steele.

Oglala Sioux Tribe and State of South Dakota sign UCC Agreement

Secretary Emery and staff traveled with Secretary of State Shantel Krebs to Pine Ridge to participate in the resigning ceremony of a memorandum of understanding between the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the State of South Dakota for the Tribe's use of the State's online UCC business filing system. The agreement lets tribal businesses file required documents in the Secretary of State's online business filing system according to Oglala Sioux Tribal law and provides tribal businesses greater opportunity to work with lenders and banks.



SD Tribal Relations Secretary Steve Emery, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Chairman Bruce Renville, SD Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk, & Governor's Chief Counsel Jim Seward

Pilot Parole Supervision Program update

The pilot parole program with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (SWO) tribe continues to be a great success for the parolees, their community and the state.

On July 29, the Secretary of Tribal Relations, Steve Emery, Secretary of Corrections, Denny Kaemingk and Governor Daugard's Executive Team member and legal counsel, Jim Seward, visited the tribal headquarters in Agency Village and saw firsthand how the Pilot Parole program works. State officials met SWO Tribal Chairman Bruce Renville, members of the tribal council, Judge Jones, pilot program community partners and they had the opportunity to sit in on a Tribal Wellness Team meeting.

There are currently 35 parolees being supervised through the SWO Tribal pilot. In FY 2015 (July 2014 through June 2015), a total of 61 individuals were served through the pilot and just two have returned to prison. Secretary Kaemingk credits the program's success to the investment and partnership of the SWO tribe and their Wellness Team. "I am very grateful for the SWO tribe and state partnership. It is apparent their Wellness Team is committed to what is best for the individual parolees and their community. The team's knowledge of the parolee, their family and situation is invaluable in their response to the needs of the SWO tribal members reentering their community. This is truly a model of best practices that I hope can be replicated in other locations."

The Bees of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

In 2014 the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate went into the business of beekeeping. After attendance to the Food Sovereignty Summit hosted by the First Nations Institute, Ella Robertson, Community Planner was inspired by the many success stories she heard from tribes around the nation and the projects they were involved in. The Shakopee Mdewakaton Sioux Community beekeeper mentored SWO and helped us take the first steps into beekeeping. We hosted a community meeting and was very surprised to see how many of our community members were interested in beekeeping and ready to learn how they could be a part of this project. We had the support of our community.

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate utilized Economic Development funds to purchase 20 hives. We hired Steve Owen, a tribal member who had worked for a local bee company for over 10 years. With him he brought his love for bees and experience in commercial beekeeping. Besides caring for the bees, Steve provided basic beekeeping classes to the community to stir interest in tribal members.

“The business of keeping bees is many things, its therapeutic, it’s empowering to know that you are doing your part in helping to



grow the bee population which is a very vital part of our environment but also we are growing a business that will one day be self-sustaining.” states Ella Robertson. “We are looking forward to our first harvest of honey in August and anxious to see what our endeavor will provide for SWO.”

The Department of Tourism & the International Market



Ivan Sorbel talks with tour group



SD Dept. of Tourism at the IPW Show

This spring the RMI (Rocky Mountain International) Roundup of international tour operators Marketplace meetings were held in Sioux Falls, with 40 tour operator and overseas office attendees participating to meet with tourism suppliers. Thirty-five South Dakota tourism suppliers attended these meetings along with suppliers from North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. After the marketplace meetings, three familiarization tours were offered so that the tour operators could learn more about the area. Two of these tours were held in South Dakota.

On Friday, April 17th the South Dakota Northeast and Black Hillsth tour visited the Watertown and Sisseton areas. In the Sisseton area, the tour operators were hosted to Agency Village, the Stavig House, the Nicollet Tower and Interpretive Center and Fort Sisseton. In the Black Hills area, Crazy Horse Memorial was included.

The second tour group of 17 attendees departed on I-90 across South Dakota. This tour included the Prehistoric Indian Village in Mitchell, the Akta Lakota Museum in Chamberlain, Lakota Ways in Wall, Badlands National Park, and a tour to Pine Ridge with Pine Ridge Chamber director Ivan Sorbel that included stops at the Pine Ridge Chamber Visitor Center in Kyle, Wounded Knee and the Red Cloud Heritage Center in Pine Ridge.

The travel agent familiarization tour, held in April, visited the Prehistoric Indian Village in Mitchell, Akta Lakota Museum in Chamberlain, Badlands National Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, and Prairie Edge in Rapid City.

The Japanese fam tour included Prairie Edge, Crazy Horse, and Badlands National Park.

In June, the Department of Tourism attended the IPW Show in Orlando. This is the largest show in the United States with around 6,500 attendees including tour operators and journalists from around the world and U.S. Suppliers. We were pleased to have Ivan Sorbel, Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce, join us in marketing South Dakota to the tour operators. Crazy Horse Memorial was also in attendance. We had a great presence at the show with 40 feet of booth space, 14 South Dakota suppliers attending and having on-on-one appointments with tour operators and journalists, and we conducted well over 100 appointments during our time there. It was a very successful show.

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South Dakota Medicaid Health Homes

South Dakota Medicaid Health Homes were implemented on July 1, 2013 in an effort to lower the cost of services for Medicaid recipients with chronic conditions while simultaneously improving the health outcomes for the eligible population. Health Homes have the potential to positively impact some of Medicaid's most vulnerable recipients by leveraging and further developing partnerships within the medical and mental health provider communities.

Now entering its third year, the South Dakota Health Homes program has 111 clinic serving 121 locations across South Dakota. These include all eleven (11) Indian Health Service (IHS) units and Urban Indian Health (UIH) in Sioux Falls and Pierre. Within those sites, there are 549 designated providers. Health Homes must provide six core services to Health Home recipients. These include comprehensive care management; care coordination; health promotion; comprehensive transitional care/follow-up; patient and family support; and referral to community and social support services.

Health Homes in South Dakota currently serve over 6,000 participants. More than one-third of those participants are assigned to an IHS or UIH Health Home. Health Homes are required to submit outcomes measure data for each participant in their Health Home twice annually. The Department of Social Services is currently conducting performance analysis on the first two years of data submitted. This analysis will review trends in Medicaid payments for services and the outcomes measures to demonstrate the impact the Health Homes program has had on those served.

Health Home participants themselves have reported satisfaction with their Health Home services.

Comments have included:

- I like the health home program - it answers things I don't usually understand. Plus I like the people who do the program. They should have had this in place a long time ago.
- I had my doubts about any real help. But these people are great. The help provided has taken away A LOT of stress and worry. Thanks!
- My quality of life has greatly improved. I am finally on all the medicine I need to begin to lead a happy & healthy life. Thank you.
- My whole care team has been excellent. My contact person just called last week to check in. She's very helpful. I am blessed to have these services you have (as is my family). Thank you.

Information on South Dakota Medicaid Health Homes can be found on the DSS website at <http://dss.sd.gov/healthhome/providers.aspx>. Questions about Health Homes can be addressed to Kathi Mueller at (605) 773-3495 or Kathi.Mueller@state.sd.us.

Medicaid Tribal Consultation

The Department of Social Services holds Medicaid Tribal Consultation meetings the second Thursday of each quarter. The focus of the Tribal consultation process is to ensure Medicaid is addressing the needs of Native Americans enrolled in SD Medicaid and is working to increase the positive health outcomes of Native Americans enrolled in the program. The consultation process encompasses education and discussion of current programs as well as any significant program changes that may impact Native Americans. Representatives from tribes and tribal entities are encouraged to attend.

Information on Tribal Consultation can be found on the DSS website at <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/tribalconsultation.aspx>. Questions about Medicaid Tribal Consultation can be addressed to Ann Schwartz at (605) 773-3495 or Ann.Schwartz@state.sd.us.

Medicaid Tribal Consultation
Thursday, October 8, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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Summit 2015



Artist & Author Don Montileaux will be a keynote speaker at the summit.

Join us for this unique opportunity November 1-3.

Register Online at:

<https://www.cvent.com/events/2015-indian-education-summit/registration-ad5a94ffa88f4908906ff9dc8ff3f2af.aspx>

For more information call us at 605-773-8194.

2015 Indian Education Summit Keynotes, Features

Keynote Speakers:

Donald F. Montileaux, Oglala Lakota from Pine Ridge SD, is a master ledger artist creating striking images that capture the Lakota way of life. He has exhibited in national art shows, illustrated book covers, and recently authored and illustrated a book which won four national awards: *Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend*.

Joseph Marshall III, Rosebud Sioux was born and raised on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. He is a writer, historian, actor, teacher, craftsman, administrator, and public speaker. Joseph's many books have won numerous awards. He has appeared in TV documentaries and movies, and helped with founding Sinte Gleska University where he is a charter board member.

Special Features:

School Board Panel Panelists will be Board Members from Tribal/BIE schools and public schools across the state. They will share challenges, best practices, and insights from their perspectives.

Book-signings will be available with the two keynotes and other Native American authors.

New Logo The new Office of Indian Education logo will be unveiled—with the artist who designed it.

Pre-Conference Session: Sunday Nov. 1, 1:00-4:30 pm; summit begins at 5:00 pm

WoLakota Project

Informative and interactive session provides updates on the first two years, and plans for ways this work on cultural awareness and understanding will continue in SD and beyond. Learn ways to support students, educators, and communities. To see elder interviews and more information go to www.wolakotaproject.org.

A wide variety of other sessions/topics are offered for preschool through post-secondary, focusing on student achievement.



Patricia Hammond working in the high tunnel.

SDSU Extension: Traditional Foods Project on the Pine Ridge Reservation

On Saturday, July 11, John Ball, SDSU Professor of Forestry, led a group of approximately 20 cooperative extension agents from across the U.S. on a tour of the Pine Ridge Extension Office high-tunnel/greenhouse and demonstration garden situated near the Lakota Prairie Ranch Resort in Kyle, SD. **Jason Schoch**, SDSU Extension Community Development Associate, and Patricia Hammond, Garden Education Coordinator, guided the tour group and discussed their Traditional Foods Project, funded in part by a Specialty Crop Grant through USDA and the SD Department of Agriculture.

This project seeks to further our understanding of the growth of native plant species in the wild, as well as in a high tunnel environment, and to compare that growth with what we know about the growth of commercially grown plant varieties. These native plants may be important sources of food and medicine, or they may be a significant cultural or natural resource. Specifically, the project focuses on growing native wild strawberries, raspberries, and two herbs used by the Lakota people to make herbal tea.

Another goal of the project is to identify locations where traditional, native plants occur. In order to accomplish this goal, Jason works with a group of six traditional gatherers, and these six gatherers work with an additional 24 gatherers. The gatherers also help to identify locations that may need to be protected, as well as locations where native plants may be restored in the future. At the same time, the gatherers are learning about the growth of native plants and about resources available to them through SDSU Extension, NRCS, USDA, and other governmental and non-governmental agencies. Extra plants and/or seeds that are produced in the high-tunnel may be used to restore natural production areas. They may also be used to establish commercial production areas by traditional gatherers on their own land. According to Jason, "We're looking to develop in these traditional gatherers, the mindset that like other harvesters, they are indeed a type of [agricultural] producer who utilizes the land."



Wild Strawberry



Raspberry



Ceyaka or Field Mint

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USDA Rural Development Business and Industry Loan Funds Available

USDA Rural Development in South Dakota has \$7,647,220 (with additional dollars available nationwide) available in loan guarantees for eligible South Dakota businesses through partnerships with lending institutions. The [Business and Industry \(B&I\) Guaranteed Loan Program](#) can assist with business growth, development, and improvements, ultimately saving and creating jobs. Eligible entities include any type of legally organized business entity and individual business owners located in a community of 50,000 or fewer population.

A recent example of what the B&I Guaranteed Program can do is demonstrated by [Legends Suspensions](#) owner Jesse Jurrens. With the backing of two B&I Guaranteed Loans, Jesse has shaped and changed the sport and lifestyle of motorcyclists globally. With his lean and efficient business model, he's become a global force in motorcycle suspensions.

The purpose of USDA Rural Development's B&I Guaranteed Loan Program is to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. B&I Guaranteed Loans are made by South Dakota lenders and guaranteed by USDA Rural Development. Loan purposes must be consistent with the general purpose contained in the regulation, including but not limited to:

- Business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will keep the business from closing, prevent the loss of employment opportunities, or provide expanded job opportunities;
- Business conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development;
- Purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities; and
- Purchase of equipment, leasehold improvements, machinery, supplies, or inventory.

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Rural Development Program Deadlines

Program	Application Deadline(s)
Rural Energy for America (REAP) 2015	Applications accepted year round.
Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program (Formerly known as the Biorefinery Assistance Program)	Round one application is 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	Applications received after 07/20/2015 will be considered in 2016 funding.
Rural Community Development Grant	07/30/2015 paper applications; 07/27/2015 electronic applications.
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

USDA Rural Development Seeks Applications to Improve South Dakota Water and Wastewater Systems

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Water and Waste Disposal Program. The Program provides loan and grant financing to upgrade water and wastewater systems and infrastructure in rural communities. USDA Rural Development's [Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Programs](#) provide financing to support water and wastewater infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water and protect the environment in rural areas. Recipients of the funding may build, repair, and improve public water systems, and waste collection and treatment systems in rural communities with up to 10,000 in population. Eligible applicants include most State and local governmental entities, private non-profits, and federally recognized Native American Tribes.

Information on how to apply is available at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/sd>. For additional information, applicants may also contact:

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Last year, [Bear Butte Valley Water, Inc.](#), a non-profit corporation located in Sturgis, drilled a new deep well as the first step in developing the new rural water system with the assistance of USDA Rural Development. Recently, a ground breaking celebration was held to commemorate awarding of the bids to complete the entire rural water system including installing 110 miles of pipeline, storage reservoirs and pumping stations.

SDSU Extension: Summer Programs Are Heating Up on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

With plentiful rain and warmer temperatures, summer is naturally a time of growth and this is also true for the Pine Ridge Extension Office in Kyle, SD. Three additional staff members actively engage the people and communities on the Pine Ridge Reservation in a variety of extension programs. **Aminah Hassoun** is on board as the EFNEP Nutrition Assistant. She is a welcome addition, having spent two years as an AmeriCorps volunteer at Red Cloud School. **Patricia Hammond** has taken charge as the Beginning Farmer Rancher Garden Education Coordinator. She regularly presents garden classes and workshops on a variety of seasonally appropriate topics. Already this season, 162 community members have participated in the garden education program! Additionally, the Pine Ridge Extension team is collaborating with the Kyle Health Clinic to create a workplace wellness and community education garden at the clinic site. **Natasha Young Bear** joined the team as the clerical support secretary. Not only does she keep the team in line and on task, but she also works closely with staff to develop garden and nutrition education opportunities for the Little Wound School F.A.C.E. (Family and Child Education) Program.

The office has one departure to report. **Jonathan Rohrer**, the 4H Youth Program Advisor, will be leaving at the end of July.

Legislative Training for Tribal Officials

Every year, the South Dakota legislature gathers in Pierre to discuss important policy issues and craft laws that affect all citizens. With a thirty-nine day legislative session, South Dakota has one of the shortest sessions in the Nation. Understanding important timelines, committee structures, and legislative procedures is key to affectively collaborating with legislators and educating lawmakers on the implications of pending legislation.

The Department of Tribal Relations will be hosting a Legislative Training for tribal officials including briefings from the Legislative Research Council, lobbying insight, and the sitting legislators.

September 28th, 1 – 5 p.m.
 Conference Room 414
 Fourth Floor of the Capitol, Pierre

This training is open to Tribal Leaders, their staff, and program leaders as designated by the President/Chairman’s office. If you will be able to attend, please RSVP to Brenda Lemburg (605.773.3415, Brenda.Lemburg@state.sd.us) so that we may know to expect you.

South Dakota Office of Emergency Management

Upcoming Events/Training Opportunities and Deadlines

- July 20-21 ICS 400, Sioux Falls
- July 22-23 EM101, Pierre
- July 28 - August 10 Rally Operations Center Activated
- August 7 PDM / FMA Grant Applications Due
- August 13 Monthly SDHAN Test
- August 19 Region 1 Quarterly Meeting, Sioux Falls
- August 24 Region 2 Quarterly Meeting, Aberdeen
- September 1 FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program Course, Rapid City
- September 2 FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program Course, Pierre
- September 3 FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program Course, Brookings

Please visit SDOEM’s online training schedule at:

http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/emergency_management/training_schedule.aspx

for additional information and to register for training courses.

Big Bend Pow Wow 2015



Vernon Ashley – Eliana & Jylia Fallis



Big Bend Pow Wow Color Guard



Dancers - Curtis Kane Williamson, Josephine Sazue, and Macy Valandra



Traditional Dancer Grace Eagle



Fabian Howe, Sr., Vernon Ashley and family

Native Artists attended A Gathering of People, Wind & Water



Tammy Eagle Hunter



Angela Babby's glass art "Little Six"



Don Montileaux



Angela Babby



Beverly Bear King Moran



Martin Red Bear

We want people like you! South Dakota Highway Patrol

The South Dakota Highway Patrol will be accepting applications for the next hiring process beginning July 6, 2015. The application process will close August 14, 2015. 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 following links.

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>

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at:

<http://www.facebook.com/SDHighwayPatrol>

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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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