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From Secretary Steve Emery

Summer is flying by and it has included a full schedule for us here at the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations.

I have enjoyed getting out on the road for visits to our tribal communities and expect even more opportunities to visit with our tribal leaders in the coming months.

As a veteran, I was honored to speak at the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate's groundbreaking ceremony for their new Veterans Cemetery.

Keep in mind that it won't be long until the 2017 legislative session is upon us and we look at utilizing the legislative process to improve the lives of all South Dakotans!

Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you soon!



Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Chairman Dave Flute with Secretary Steve Emery at the groundbreaking Ceremony for the SWO Veterans Cemetery

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Soldiers supply timber to local tribal communities

SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD

By Spc. Kristin Lichius
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Soldiers from the 1487th Transportation Company, Ohio Army National Guard, transported timber during the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise to the Cheyenne River Reservation, June 17.

The timber haul has been an important part of the Golden Coyote training exercise for many years. The mission provides the opportunity for the South Dakota National Guard and other participating units to gain valuable training and build relationships with tribal communities throughout the state.



Soldiers from the 147th Transportation Company, Ohio National Guard, conducted a convoy operation to haul timber to a drop site near Eagle Butte, SD.



U.S. Army Sgt. Alexander Duam and Sgt. Brandon Mann, truck drivers with the 1487th Transportation Company, Ohio Army National Guard, work with local members from the Cheyenne River Sioux Nation

“The wood from the timber haul is used for sun dances, powwows, to heat homes during the winter and for any other needs the community has,” said Doug Dupris, maintenance director of the Cheyenne River Housing Authority.

For Soldiers of the 1487th, the timber haul required them to drive on unfamiliar routes in a convoy to complete the mission. The unit primarily transports heavy equipment and hauling timber provided them an opportunity to gain experience in their jobs.

“We have a lot of new drivers,” said Sgt. Jonathan Crum, a convoy commander of the 1487th. “We’re teaching them how to drive in a convoy, and safely secure the straps and chains on the trucks to make sure the loads don’t shift along the way.”

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Soldiers of the 1487th Transportation Company, Ohio Army National Guard, haul six loads of timber from Pierre, S.D. to a site near Eagle Butte S.D., June 17, 2016.

The SDNG’s 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of Pierre coordinated with local tribal communities to determine how many loads of wood would be delivered to each drop site. Then, the transportation companies hauled the timber to each community.

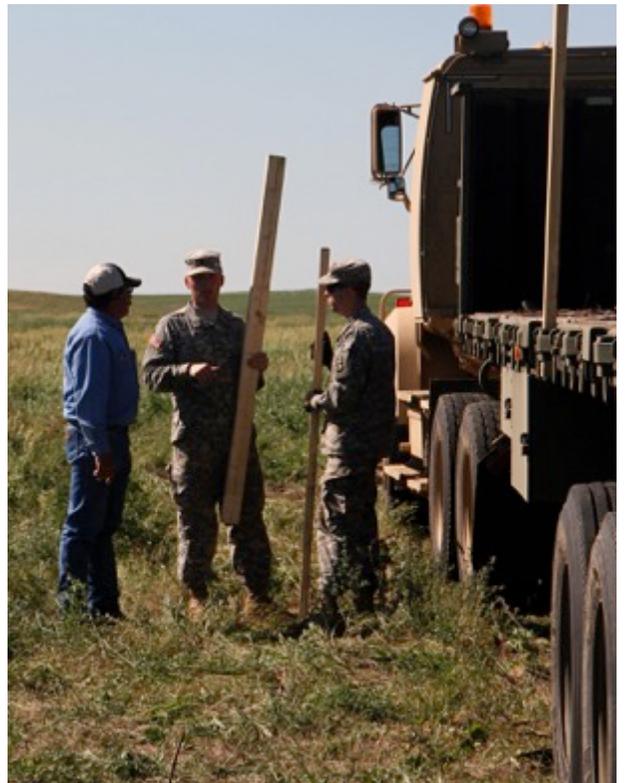
“The convoy commanders were in constant communication with each other, as well as with coordinators at the drop sites,” said 1st

Lt. Carla Mentele, liaison officer from the 152nd CSSB.

One hundred and fifty loads of timber was taken from the Black Hills and transported to Pierre, where it was distributed throughout tribal communities.

“Being a former Soldier myself, it is nice to work with the National Guard,” said Dupris. “You can tell the Soldiers thoroughly enjoy what they’re doing. It’s a good training exercise for them and the timber is appreciated.”

Over the duration of the Golden Coyote exercise, the transportation companies involved in the timber haul mission drove over 160,000 miles and delivered 410 loads of timber to five reservations (Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Cheyenne River, Standing Rock and Crow Creek) at 18 separate locations. More than 700 Soldiers from various units were involved in the operation.



Pictured. U.S. Army Sgt. Nathan Tufts, a truck driver with the 1487th Transportation Company, Ohio Army National Guard speaks with Doug Dupris, maintenance director, Cheyenne River Housing Authority about unloading timber from the 1487th’s trailers near Eagle Butte, S.D.

SD Department of Public Safety

Commercial Driver License (CDL) skill testing is now available at two locations on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Applicants must pass the CDL knowledge tests at a state driver exam station and drive on a commercial learner’s permit for a minimum of 14-days prior to testing. Skill test appointments must be made two days in advance.

Test sites are: **Wanblee** - Class B & C only **Kyle** – Class A, B & C’s

For more information, contact: John May 605-407-8048, 605-454-1450 or 605-455-2971



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>

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at: <http://www.facebook.com/SDHighwayPatrol> <https://twitter.com/SDHighwayPatrol>

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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Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Veterans Cemetery Groundbreaking Ceremony



Veterans carry in the staff for the groundbreaking ceremony.



Delano Renville & TVSO Geri Opsal kick-off the ceremony.

On June 22nd, the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate broke ground on the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate National Cemetery near Sisseton, South Dakota. When completed in the fall of 2016, the cemetery will be the third National Tribal Cemetery in South Dakota. The twenty-acre cemetery was gifted by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and will welcome the remains of veterans from the northeastern corner of the State. All veterans, whether tribal or not, are able to be laid to rest at the picturesque location west of Sisseton.

For additional information about the Cemetery, please contact Chairman Flute's Office (605.698.3911) or TVSO Geri Opsal (605.698.3388).



Dignitaries breaking ground for the SWO Veterans Cemetery.



Dignitaries are gifted star quilts.

A Star Studded Centennial Celebration - Summer at Devils Tower

This year in celebration of the centennial of the National Park Service, Devils Tower National Monument and the Devils Tower Natural History Association present a spectacular summer concert series. Here are some of the upcoming events!

- July 5th Tom Pitz will portray President Thomas Jefferson who initiated explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the west.
- July 8th & 9th Indiana Bones, storyteller, entertainer, performer.
- July 16th Bat Festival. Join park rangers to celebrate bats in their natural habitat.
- July 19th join the ranger for a special astronomy presentation during the Full Moon.
- July 22nd & 23rd Dorothy FireCloud, Lakota, from Rosebud, South Dakota, will present the Lakota's sacred Tower.
- July 28th join a ranger for a special astronomy presentation during the Aquarids Meteor Shower
- July 29th & 30th Buffalo Bill Boycott and Dr Jo present a live music performance with exciting western songs about, Cowboys, The Oregon Trail, The Transcontinental Railroad, Lewis and Clark, Stories in Traditional Native American Indian Sign Language, Cowboy Poetry and World-Class Yodeling.
- August 11th join a ranger for a special astronomy presentation during the Perseids Meteor Shower
- August 12th & 13th the members of the Christian Motorcycle Association present the history of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.
- August 21st Gib Young will portray President Theodore Roosevelt, who declared the Tower a national monument in 1906.
- August 25th National Park Service 100th Birthday – special guest, Phillip Whiteman Jr., Northern Cheyenne storyteller.
- August 26th Phillip Whiteman Jr. presents his world-renowned horsemanship.
- August 29th "Chance" invites you to take a walk in the woods with the words of John Muir. A musical landscape will surround you, excite you to follow around the next bend, and deliver you to a deep appreciation for one of our country's most influential naturalists. Composer/Performers Cheryl Leah and Ed Willett (a.k.a. Chance) perform with actor/musician Thomas Clyde Mitchell.

The Visitor Center and Bookstore are open 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. Check at the Visitor Center for schedule changes due to weather.

To learn more about Devils Tower National Monument visit www.nps.gov/deto or www.facebook.com/Devils-Tower-National-Monument-Official-NPS-Site or twitter.com/DevilsTowerNM or Instagram at [#devilstowernps](https://www.instagram.com/devilstowernps)



Pe'Sla the Heart of Everything that is...

On June 20th, Secretary Emery and staff visited Pe'Sla with youths and tribal leaders from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.



USDA Rural Development Announces Availability of Homeownership Opportunities

Spring has sprung and that brings thoughts of planting flowers and mowing the lawn. If you are thinking of purchasing your own house (and garden, too), USDA Rural Development has over \$2 million available in Direct Home Loan Program funds to help rural residents in South Dakota become homeowners. All funds must be obligated by September 30, 2016.

Direct Single Family Housing Loans are available at 100 percent financing with no down payment directly through USDA Rural Development for a period of 30-38 years, and at a reasonable interest rate, currently 3 percent. Qualification for a Rural Direct Home Loan is also based on the household's income. A portion of the interest payment on the loan may be subsidized by the Federal Government, making purchasing a home more affordable for families and individuals who live, or want to live, in rural South Dakota. USDA Rural Development Rural Direct Home Loans may be made for the purchase of an existing home or new home construction.

Home repair loans available for low-income households - USDA Rural Development has money available for the 504 Direct Home Repair Loan program for rural residents of South Dakota. These loans can be made for up to \$20,000 with a repayment term to 20 years at one percent interest rate.

This Loan program is available to very low-income rural homeowners who need repairs or improvements to their home but cannot afford them on their own. Very low income is defined as household income no more than \$24,750 - \$32,650 for two people. The limits vary by county and household size.

Common repairs are window replacement, insulation, roof replacement/repair, new hot water heater/plumbing, heating and air conditioning repair or replacement, handicap accessibility and general home improvements. Other eligible purposes include plumbing improvements, septic systems, wells, public utility connection fees, and modifications to make a home accessible.

Grants of up to \$7,500 may be available to those 62 or older who cannot meet their home repair needs with loan funds. The grant funds can only be used to remove health or safety hazards.

Income too high - USDA Rural Development provides loan guarantees to lenders for mortgage loans that require no down payment and no private mortgage insurance. The Guaranteed Rural Housing Loan Program is similar to the 502 Direct Home Loan Program, but has higher income limits. A one to four-person household may qualify if their income does not exceed

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 being accepted for 2017 funding.
Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program	Quarterly deadlines.
Intermediary Relending Program	Quarterly deadlines.
Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program	Quarterly deadlines.
Value Added Producer Grant	Applications due by July 1, 2016 for 2016 funding consideration. Applications received after July 1, 2016 will be considered in 2017 funding.
Small Socially Disadvantaged Grant	Paper Applications Postmark: August 5, 2016 Electronic via Grants.gov: August 1, 2016
Rural Community Development Grant	Paper Application Postmark: June 23, 2016 Electronic via Grants.gov: June 20, 2016
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

\$75,650 - \$93,850. Income limits vary by county.

USDA Rural Development's Rural Housing Programs offer a broad range of homeownership assistance available to individuals and families who wish to or currently live in rural areas, cities, and communities. The Rural Housing Program area of USDA Rural Development has the ultimate goal of providing affordable homeownership opportunities to South Dakota residents.

For guaranteed rural housing loans, contact an approved lender (Most mortgage lenders in South Dakota are approved) or contact Guaranteed Rural Housing Specialist Kenneth Lynch, ken.lynch@sd.usda.gov, or (605) 226-3360, Ext. 4 for more information.

USDA Expands Access to Capital for Rural Businesses

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development unveiled new rules to expand access to capital for rural businesses. The changes, published in the [Federal Register](#), make it easier for rural businesses to qualify for loans under USDA's [Business & Industry \(B&I\) Guaranteed Loan Program](#). This new regulation will go into effect **August 2, 2016**.

"Access to capital is one of the most important needs for businesses," Ridders said. "USDA is partnering with the Treasury Department and other agencies to ensure that rural businesses have the resources they need to prosper and grow. The regulatory changes I am announcing today will help businesses expand their operations and create jobs."

"The B&I Program has proven to be a valuable mechanism, helping numerous businesses gain access to affordable business capital and thereby, improving the overall economic climate in rural South Dakota," said USDA Rural Development Acting State Director Bruce Jones.

These changes allow businesses to use the [New Markets Tax Credit](#) as a form of equity. For the first time, employees of a business are also allowed to qualify for loan guarantees to purchase stock in a business by forming an Employee Stock Ownership Plan or worker cooperative.

Other improvements include:

- New loan application scoring criteria, including priority for loans to businesses that will create quality jobs, such as those with healthcare benefits;
- Reduced paperwork requirements to refinance loans;
- Strengthened eligibility criteria for non-regulated lenders (such as privately-owned finance companies) to participate in the B&I Program; and
- Expanded loan eligibility, including in urban areas, for projects that process, distribute, aggregate, store, and/or market locally or regionally produced foods.

The stock ownership provisions are modeled after rural cooperative businesses. Co-ops have been economic development partners with USDA for decades. A January 2016 [USDA report](#) indicated that cooperatives earned \$6.5 billion in net income and generated \$246.7 billion in total revenue in 2014.

For a complete overview of the new rules, see page 35984 of the June 3, 2016 [Federal Register](#).

In South Dakota, USDA awarded 46 B&I Program loan guarantees totaling \$82.2 million between 2009 and 2015 to help rural businesses create or retain jobs. One of these loans – for \$244,000 helped a local family open a new restaurant in Belle Fourche, which offered new jobs and a new business for a small rural community. Another B&I loan for \$10 million from 2013 helped Atlantis, LLC build a 145-unit hotel in the Box Elder area.

By providing access to capital and opening up new markets, USDA is helping American businesses compete and succeed locally, nationwide, and in the tough arena of international trade. For more information, visit Chapter 6 of <https://medium.com/usda-results>.

To learn more about the Business & Industry program for South Dakota, contact Dana Kleinsasser at (605) 352-1142 or email her at dana.kleinsasser@sd.usda.gov; Tim Potts at (605) 342-0301, Extension 4 or email him at tim.potts@sd.usda.gov; or Cayla Hilbrands at (605) 352-1142 or email her at cayla.hilbrands@sd.usda.gov.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development ([#USDARD](#)) has invested \$11 billion to start or expand 103,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 7,000 community facilities, such as schools, public safety, and healthcare facilities; financed 185,000 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov/results.

Homeland Security Grant

Applications are being accepted for Homeland Security grant funding from May 16 until August 1, 2016. Agencies that are public or private, non-profit, including public school districts and non-public school systems, are eligible to apply.

All applications must be related to a Homeland Security mission: prevention, protection, mitigation, response, or recovery under the National Preparedness Goal available at this link:

http://dps.sd.gov/homeland_security/documents/National_Preparedness_Goal_2nd_Edition.pdf . In addition, grants must follow the Administrative Manual Terms and Conditions attached to this message.

Grant applications must be submitted through the Electronic Database for Grant Application & Reporting (EDGAR) system. The following items are attached; they will provide assistance in applying for funding and managing grants.

- EDGAR Visual Instructions for 2016 Homeland Security Applications – a guide to register, log-in, and submit your grant application
- Homeland Security Grant Application Instructions - provides application instructions and the approval process
- EDGAR Guide for Award Acceptance, Payment Request, and Progress Reports - to use after your application has been approved

The link to the EDGAR system is: <https://sddps.intelligrants.com/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=SDDPS>

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Homeland Security.

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Field hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Secretary Emery and staff attended a field hearing in Rapid City, S.D. regarding the ongoing crisis at Indian Health Service facilities in the Great Plains region.

Pictured are US Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman John Barrasso, US Senator John Thune, US Senator Mike Rounds and Representative Kristi Noem.



July Wacipis

Antelope Powwow

Date: July 8-10, 2016

Location: Antelope Community, SD

Contact: 605-828-6603

Kenel Wacipi

Date: July 8, 9, & 10, 2016

Location: Kenel, SD

Phone #: 605-823-2024

Fax: 605-823-4516

Corn Creek Celebration Powwow

3rd Weekend in July

Corn Creek Powwow Grounds

54th Annual Traditional Mdewakanton Wacipi

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Community

Date: July 15-17, 2016 - Free Admission

Grand Entries; Friday 7pm, Saturday 1pm & 7pm, Sunday 1pm

Wacipi grounds N. of Flandreau, SD on Hwy. 13

Contact: Mike Wakeman 605-530-0236

82nd Annual Little Eagle Monument Celebration

Running Antelope Community

Date: July 22 - 24, 2016

Grand Entries: Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 1pm and 7pm,

Sunday 1pm and 7pm

First 10 drums registered will be paid (must have 5 singers)

Phone #: 605-314-4825

Phone #: 605-823-2211

Pass Creek District Wacipi

July 22-24, 2016

American Horse School Campus, Allen, SD

Registration open Friday @ 6:00 pm MST

Milks Camp Community Powwow

July 22-24, 2016

Grand Entry: Friday 7pm, Saturday & Sunday 1:30pm and 7pm

Milks Camp Site, 5 1/2 miles SW of St. Charles, SD

Contact: Alfred 605-469-5708 or Jim 605-830-1301

Virgin Creek Wacipi

Date: July 22 - 24, 2016

Location: LaPlante, SD

Contact: Mike Bowker (605) 733-2579, Gene Roberts (605) 733-2227

Wakpa Waste' Wacipi

Date: July 15-16, 2016

Location: Red Shirt Table Community

Tatanka Numpa Powwow Grounds

Friday 7pm, Saturday 1pm & 5pm

Dance Contest All Categories

First 3 Drums Paid

All Cash Prizes

Saturday - Remembrance Ride at 10am

First Annual Princess Contest!

Contact Lorri Ann (605) 407-8157

Jake (605) 454-5790

Mary Belt (605) 441-1950

Big Bend Annual Powwow

Date: July 29, 30, & 31, 2016

Location: Big Bend Community 32 miles east of Pierre

All Dancers & Singers Welcome!

Grand Entry: Friday 7pm, Saturday 1pm & 7pm, Sunday 1pm & 7pm

Contact: Jamie Fallis at 605-730-0207

Malva Big Eagle

Mark Your Calendars!

Tribal Legislative Training

September 19, 2016

Mark your calendars! The SD Department of Tribal Relations will be hosting a Tribal Legislative Training the afternoon of September 19th in Pierre, South Dakota. If you were unable to attend training sessions in 2015, consider coming and learning more about being an effective advocate during legislative session.

Watch future newsletters for additional information. See you in September!