

SD Department of Tribal Relations

FROM SECRETARY EMERY

Every season denotes change and this season our department will see the departure of our Policy Analyst Janet Jessup who will be returning to her home state of Idaho. We appreciate Janet's hard work and contributions to our department and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Last month we changed the date for the Tribal Legislative Training. The new date will be October 20th. The Tribal Legislative Training is open to tribal leadership and tribal program managers. This training will help you to navigate the legislative process including; having your representative introduce legislation, lobbying other state lawmakers to support your bill, and the process each bill must go through before being passed. I encourage our tribes and tribal organizations to send representatives to attend this exclusive opportunity. Find our contact information below. Call today to register! Don't miss this great opportunity!

Please feel free to contact our Department with any questions or concerns!

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Pte and Tatanka at the 2016 Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup, part of the park's management plan to maintain a healthy herd.

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Tribal plates are just a few clicks away!



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Ordering tribal plates is one of the many features available to South Dakotans on MySDCars. In addition to ordering any of our specialty plates, you may renew your vehicle registrations, report a sale, print a seller's permit and much more.

Vehicle owners with a valid South Dakota driver's license may complete these tasks by visiting <http://mysdcars.sd.gov>

The Department of Tourism is putting finishing touches to plans for the 2017 Governor's Conference on Tourism, January 17-19, in Pierre. The conference theme is 'Building for the Future.' Activities kick off on Tuesday with an opening reception and the full schedule begins first thing Wednesday morning. Attendees are encouraged to make lodging reservations as soon as possible because area accommodations fill up quickly. More details about the conference can be found by visiting SouthDakotaTourismConference.com (registration will open in mid-October).



South Dakota Tribal Transportation Safety Summit

**RedRossa Conference Center
Pierre, South Dakota**



**OCTOBER
26-27,
2016**

Hotel Room Blocks at Days Inn & Governors Inn

Each participant is responsible for making hotel reservations directly with the hotel. There is a block of rooms reserved for the summit. Please ask for "Tribal Safety Summit" room block when making reservations.

Deadline to make hotel reservations and be guaranteed summit rate is September 25, 2016.

To reserve hotel room(s) call:

Days Inn
Phone: 605-224-0411

Governors Inn
Phone: 605-224-4200

Room Rate: \$83.00 plus tax



**Hosted by the Cheyenne
River Sioux Tribe**

Registration Form & Summit Information found online at:

**[http://www.sddot.com/
services/civil/tero.aspx](http://www.sddot.com/services/civil/tero.aspx)**

**There is no registration fee
charged to attend the summit**

Highlights from the 51st Annual Buffalo Roundup

On Friday, September 30, 2016 the 51st Annual Buffalo Roundup was held at Custer State Park.

This annual roundup is part of the park's management plan.



A beautiful South Dakota sunrise greets the attendees at the 51st Annual Buffalo Roundup.



Fall colors bedeck the landscape as the buffalo quietly graze in the valley.



The first buffalo crest the hill leading to the corrals.



Riders carry the flags of the United States, South Dakota and the MIA-POW flag.



Buffalo entering the corrals at Custer State Park.



A young bull at the corrals in Custer State Park.



OLC students raising tipis as part of their summer transition program into college.

COLLEGE PREPARATION STARTS NOW!

As summer winds down and fall sets in, it is once again time for high school students to start thinking about college preparation. There are several things students can do right now to best position themselves for success in college. At this time of year, the main action items are:

1. Complete the federal aid application (FAFSA),
2. Take the ACT, and
3. Apply for scholarships.

The sooner these are done the better!

The first step is to make the choice to complete and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This application will be available to students in October, which is much earlier than past years. The application starts the process for students to receive federal grant dollars that help them pay for college. Because a grant is not a loan, students do not have to pay this amount back.

The next step in the college preparation process is to sign up and complete the ACT as early as possible. The ACT is one of the requirements for many scholarship opportunities as well as college admission.

Please be aware that there are many scholarships nationwide available for Native American students. These scholarships range by type and criteria and are not all based on academic achievement. Because it is scholarship season, students should not wait to search and apply for scholarships. Students will receive more money if they apply for scholarships now.

Last, students should explore the colleges and programs they might consider attending.

If you are a student or know a student who needs help with college preparation activities, please feel free to reach out to the South Dakota Jump Start Access Advisors, Leon Leader Charge and Nicole Bottjen, by emailing sdjumpstart@sdbor.edu or calling (844) 601-6957. Paid by a federal grant and working through the South Dakota Board of Regents, Access Advisors assist students and families as they work through the process of college preparation. All questions are welcome!

Dignity of Earth & Sky Dedication

On September 17th at Chamberlain, SD a 45-foot stainless steel sculpture created by South Dakota Artist Laureate Dale Lamphere was donated to the State of South Dakota by Norm and Eunabel McKie. The sculpture honors the heritage of the Native people of South Dakota.



Dancer from the Wambli Ska Drum and Dance Society of Rapid City attend the Dignity presentation.



Tipis are set up on grounds for the Dignity presentation.



A close-up of Dignity shows the amazing skill and work that went into the sculpture.



Governor Dennis Daugaard is presented with a remnant of the Sculpture as a thank-you.



Tribal Relations Secretary Steve Emery helps to present star quilts to the dignitaries.

TRIBAL LEGISLATIVE TRAINING

Mark your calendars! The SD Department of Tribal Relations will be hosting Tribal Legislative Training the afternoon of October 20th 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.

Reserve your place today at our Tribal Legislative Training
October 20th, 2016 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm

Contact

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**SOUTH DAKOTA
HUNGER SUMMIT**
NOVEMBER 3, 2016



Partners Against Hunger

Keynote: Jesse Roesler (Director of Starfish Throwers)

Time & Location: 9am - 2:30pm
Sherman Center - Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD

Learn More and Register Online at:
www.PartnersAgainstHunger.org/hunger-summit

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SD Dept of Education, Child & Adult Nutrition Services

StrikeForce Initiative for Rural Growth and Opportunity in South Dakota

In 2010 USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack established USDA's StrikeForce Initiative for Rural Growth and Opportunity to address specific challenges associated with rural poverty. The state of South Dakota is part of this initiative. USDA officials joined with other federal, state, local, and Tribal leaders to increase awareness of USDA programs and to help build program participation through community outreach and technical assistance. The 4 principle federal agencies are: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Rural Development, and the Food and Nutrition Service. These USDA agencies combined efforts to create a newsletter to expand USDA program education for customers, employees and partners.

Please check out the first issue of the [StrikeForce Initiative for Rural Growth and Opportunity newsletter](#) and the [USDA Program Resource Guide](#).

Joint Community Outreach Project in Sisseton



Law enforcement officers from several different agencies have cleaned up a local community in a good way.

Volunteers spent Sept. 14 participating in a joint community outreach project in Sisseton. Members included troopers from the Glacial Lakes Squad of the Highway Patrol, Sisseton Port of Entry Zone 1 Motor Carrier Inspectors, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Police Department, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Housing Authority, Roberts County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sisseton.

The 30-member group cut down and removed a tree grove on the south side of Sisseton Housing next to the community playground and basketball court. Several bags of garbage and debris were collected and hauled away from the area. That was designed to improve the aesthetics of the landscape and make the park a safe and enjoyable place for local children.

Those participating law enforcement agencies also donated chain saws, weed eaters, gasoline, dump trucks and loaders.

Highway Patrol Trooper Ben Pallesen was the driving force behind the project. He saw that a cleanup of an area of the community was needed. Trooper Pallesen reached out to the other law enforcement agencies and set up meetings with the housing authority, tribal police, City of Sisseton and the adjoining land owners.

J.C. Crawford, the Director of the Sisseton Oyate Housing Authority, told Highway Patrol officials that he appreciated the efforts to make the playground safe and clean again. He says housing community residents were worried about their children going over to the park to play because of the people who used the grove to camp, party, start fires, and leave trash.

Everybody agrees it was a good work day and a good project. Thanks to all who participated!



Share Your News!

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Or Contact us at the SD Department of Tribal Relations

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USDA Implements New Policy to Shorten Project Review Timelines

USDA Rural Development implemented an improved review process that will help applicants through the Federal application process with a goal of streamlining the agencies review of contract and construction documents. This new policy will improve communication with our applicants, clarify USDA requirements, create consistency and shorten review times on project documents. Ultimately, the new policy will benefit South Dakota communities by improving the application/approval to construction timelines.

“I am excited to roll out this new process change for USDA South Dakota,” said Bruce Jones, USDA Rural Development Acting State Director. “This improved process will allow USDA to strengthen our partnerships with our applicants and improve our existing process by implementing a transparent review process and ultimately simplifying the entire process for all parties when working with USDA on their community projects. Increased one on one interaction between USDA staff and applicants throughout South Dakota communities will create efficiencies and help to reduce the number of reviews.”

The focus of this process improvement will create consistency, reduce delays in process times, and contribute to the success of USDA program delivery and project completion.

“The new project review process will ensure a thorough and complete review of the project Preliminary Engineering Report’s (PER’s), plans, specifications, professional, and construction contracts. It assures all stakeholders of a complete and timely review process and will greatly enhance the project delivery,” said Terry Helms, P.E., R.L.S., Helms and Associates.

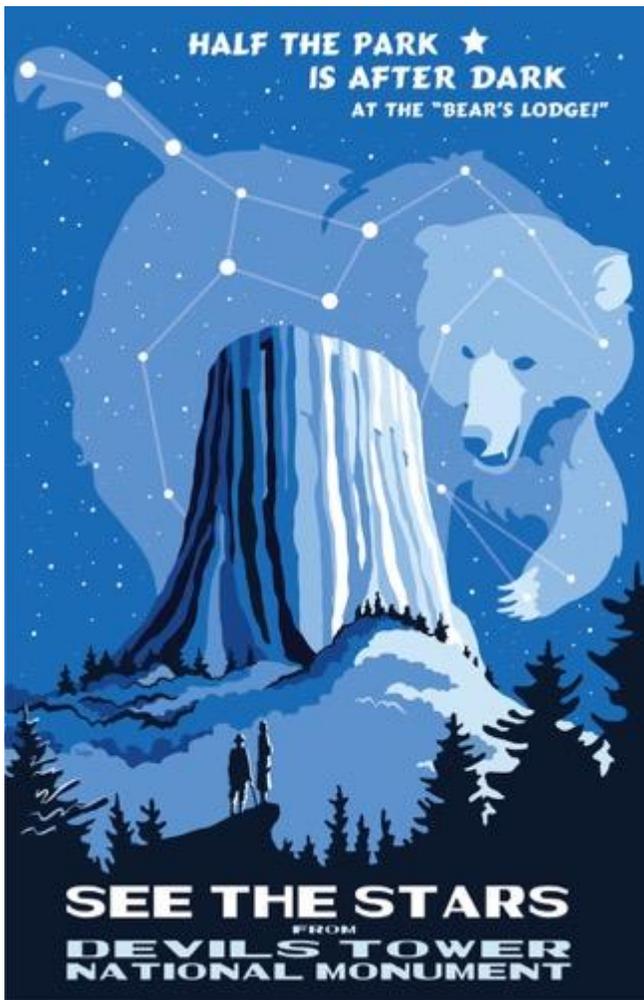
Rural Development Program Deadlines

| Program | Application Deadline(s) |
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| 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 | 2017 application deadlines are unknown at this time. |
| Small Socially Disadvantaged Grant | 2017 application deadlines are unknown at this time. |
| Rural Cooperative Development Grant | 2017 application deadlines are unknown at this time. |
| Rural Community Development Initiative | 2017 NOFA is expected to be issued next spring. |
| Water and Environmental Programs | On-going application cycles; can apply anytime. |
| Community Facilities 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 |

In the near future, USDA Rural Development will host a series of stakeholder meetings to discuss the new process and provide technical assistance/training to our customers. To receive a copy of the guidelines in advance, or to learn more about the process and which programs are effected, contact USDA Rural Development Engineer Jon Schmidt, jon.schmidt@sd.usda.gov, (605) 330-4515, Ext. 4.

USDA Rural Development in South Dakota has offices in Aberdeen, Huron, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown, and Yankton. For more information on programs and services, visit the USDA Rural Development website at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/sd>.

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Star Parties Planned at Devils Tower!

Devils Tower, WY – America's National Park Service sites contain some of the purest night skies in the world. As darkness falls on Devils Tower, a different kind of light illuminates the night sky. That light, which comes from objects in deep space transforms the night from a place of darkness into a place of wonder. To celebrate and share the beauty of our night skies, Devils Tower National Monument will host a series of star parties October through December. Telescopes will be provided although you may bring your own. All programs will be free of charge and may be canceled due to inclement weather. For more information, call the visitor center at 307-467-5283 ex. 635.

October 16 – Full Moon – The Moon will be at its closest passage to the Earth, seeming larger and brighter, which will illuminate Devils Tower for spectacular views. Meet at the amphitheater across from the picnic area at 7:00 p.m.

October 19 – Orionids Meteor Shower Adventure – The Orionids meteors formed from debris left behind by Halley's Comet, and are renowned for their bright and quick meteors, with approximately 10-20 meteors per hour. Meteors may be visible every 3 to 6 minutes. The meteors radiate from the north of constellation Orion's bright star Betelgeuse. Meet at the amphitheater across from the picnic area at 7:00 p.m.

October 30 – New Moon – A New Moon is the darkest night of the month, which allows for amazing star viewing, and views of deep sky objects with telescopes. Meet at the amphitheater across from the picnic area at 7:00 p.m.
November 14 – View Devils Tower by the Light of the Silvery Moon – This will be the second moon of the season, also referred as the Hunter's Moon. Usually at night we need flashlights to see, but during the Full Moon experience the trail will be illuminated by the Full Moon. A flashlight is recommended for unpredictable situations. Meet at the kiosk across from the visitor center at 7:00 p.m.

December 11 – Planet Watch – View Venus, the second planet from the Sun; Mars, the fourth planet from the Sun and the second-smallest planet in the Solar System; and Mercury the smallest and innermost planet in the Solar System at its maximum elongation. Meet at Joyner Ridge at 5:30 p.m.

December 14 – Geminids Meteor Shower, king of all meteor showers provides 120 meteors per hour in multiple colors! This is one of the best opportunities for younger viewers who might not stay up late. Expect delightfully dark skies as the crescent moon sets early. The meteors are radiant and travel 22 miles per second near the constellation Gemini and are typically one of the best and most reliable of the annual meteor showers. Meet at the amphitheater across from the picnic area at 7:00 p.m.

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)

New Online Service for Replacement Social Security Cards in South Dakota

The Social Security Administration introduced the expansion of online services for residents of South Dakota available through its my Social Security portal at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, announced that residents of South Dakota can use the portal for many replacement Social Security number (SSN) card requests. This will allow people to replace their SSN card from the comfort of their home or office, without the need to travel to a Social Security office.

“I’m thrilled about this newest online feature to the agency’s my Social Security portal and the added convenience we are providing residents of South Dakota,” Acting Commissioner Colvin said. “We continue to provide world-class customer service to the public by making it safe, fast and easy for people to do business with us online and have a positive government experience. I look forward to expanding this service option across the country.”

The agency is conducting a gradual roll out of this service; South Dakota is one of the states, plus the District of Columbia, where this option is available. Throughout 2016, the agency will continue to expand the service option to other states. This service will mean shorter wait times for the public in the more than 1,200 Social Security offices across the country and allows staff more time to work with customers who have extensive service needs.

U.S. citizens age 18 or older and who are residents of South Dakota can request a replacement SSN card online by creating a my Social Security account. In addition, they must have a U.S. domestic mailing address, not require a change to their record (such as a name change), and have a valid driver’s license, or state identification card in some participating states.

my Social Security is a secure online hub for doing business with Social Security, and more than 26 million people have created an account. In addition to South Dakota residents replacing their SSN card through the portal, current Social Security beneficiaries can manage their account—change an address, adjust direct deposit, obtain a benefit verification letter, or request a replacement SSA-1099. Medicare beneficiaries can request a replacement Medicare card without waiting for a replacement form in the mail. Account holders still in the workforce can verify their earnings history and obtain estimates of future benefits by looking at their *Social Security Statement* online.

For more information about this new online service, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Oglala Sioux Tribe Members Can Receive Replacement Social Security Cards Via Video Using Tribal ID

Effective immediately, members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe will be able to use Social Security’s video service at Pine Ridge, Kyle, and Wanblee to request replacement Social Security cards for adults (18 and older) using their OST ID **if** he or she does not have a driver’s license, state ID, or US passport, and cannot obtain one within ten business days. We cannot use the video service to process replacement card applications for children, or to complete name changes for people of any age.

Video Service SCHEDULE

Kyle — 1st Wednesday of each month 10:00am to 12:00pm

Pine Ridge — 2nd Wednesday of each month 10:00am to 12:00pm

Wanblee — 3rd Wednesday of each month 10:00am to 12:00pm

The Sioux Chef™ to Offer Class at SD Local Foods Conference

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. –The 2016 South Dakota Local Foods Conference is scheduled for Nov. 4-5 in Mitchell, SD. Keynote speaker, Sean Sherman, ‘The Sioux Chef’™ will provide a pre-conference workshop on Nov. 3 from 4-7 p.m. CST titled ‘Cooking with Indigenous Food.’ The class will feature Native American indigenous cooking techniques and foods.

Sherman, lived on the Pine Ridge Reservation as a child, and is now a caterer, consultant and food educator focusing on revitalizing indigenous food systems in the Minneapolis, St. Paul area.

Sherman is part of the indigenous cuisine movement. The cuisine focuses on using both cultivated and foraged ingredients that were a part of the diets of the tribes of the Midwest. Sherman helped design and open Tatanka Truck, in partnership with Little Earth Community of United Tribes, a food truck featuring the native ingredients. He is working toward opening a restaurant in Minneapolis next year.

The cost of this pre-conference workshop is \$85/person. Pre-registration is required. The session will be held at the Mitchell Culinary Institute Kitchen in the Student Center Building at Mitchell Technical Institute. Lunch is included with the registration. Continuing Education hours are available to chefs who participate in the event. All levels of cooks are welcome to attend.

This preconference workshop is one of five offerings on Nov. 3. The other four pre-conference sessions include ‘Permaculture Design and Perennial Crop Systems Design’ with keynote speaker, Dan Halsey (\$75); ‘Social Media and Marketing’ (\$45); ‘Writing your 2017 Value Added, SARE, USDA, and Specialty Crop Block Grant’ (\$45); and ‘Hops Production’ (\$35). These sessions require advance registration separate from the conference registration.

Early bird registration for the South Dakota Local Foods Conference runs through Sept. 30. The cost for attending Nov. 4-5 is \$75/person. Oct. 1, the registration goes to \$85/person. Registration for either Friday or Saturday only is \$45. Visit <http://2016sdlfcregistration.eventbrite.com> to register and complete your online payment for the full conference or pre-conference workshops. Direct any questions to conference organizers at 2016sdlocalfoods@gmail.com.

This conference provides educational programming and networking opportunities for producers, local food enthusiasts, and resource providers of specialty crops and other niche local food products. Other components of the event include vendor booths and meals using local foods.

The conference is sponsored by a collaboration of partners including the South Dakota Specialty Producers Association, SDSU Extension, South Dakota Department of Agriculture, USDA Rural Development, Dakota Rural Action, South Dakota Public Broadcasting, the South Dakota Small Business Development Center, Mitchell Technical Institute, Black Hills Food Hub, and Spearfish Local.

Follow the South Dakota Local Foods Conference online <https://www.facebook.com/SouthDakotaLocalFoods>.

Hey, South Dakota!

Did you know you may be able to request a replacement Social Security card online easily and securely?

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber to find out how.

The image shows a computer monitor displaying a Social Security card with a starburst effect behind it. The Social Security Administration logo is in the bottom right corner.



South Dakota Local Foods Conference

November 3rd-5th, 2016

Highland Conference Center
2000 Highland Way, Mitchell, SD

Thursday, November 3rd

Pre-Conference Sessions include: Permaculture, Cooking with Indigenous Foods, Social Media Marketing, Hops Production, & Grant Writing

Friday, November 4th

Sessions to include information on: Easy Farm Software, Hydroponics, Farm to School, Determining Profitability, Meat Goats, Chefs Panel, Community and Food-Tribal Gardens, Hops, Food Handling, International Markets, Seed Saving, Dakota Fresh Food Hub, Building Natural Capital

**KEYNOTE - Daniel Halsey, Southwoods Forest Gardens,
THE NEW LANGUAGE OF SUSTAINABILITY 2.0**

Saturday, November 5th

Beekeeping, Herbs, Pick it, Try It, Like It, Business Planning, Orchard Trellis System, Cooking with Local Foods, Market Planning, Brewers Panel, Grains, Food Safety

KEYNOTE - SEAN SHERMAN, *Indigenous Food Systems of North America*

For More Information:

- ⇒ 2016sdlocalfoods@gmail.com
- ⇒ <http://www.sdspecialtyproducers.org>

To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-south-dakota-local-foods-conference-november-3-5-tickets-26591577123>

Sponsored by South Dakota Specialty Producers Association, SDSU Extension, American Culinary Federation Black Hills Chapter, SD Department of Agriculture, USDA Rural Development, Mitchell Technical Institute, Dakota Rural Action, South Dakota Public Broadcasting, and SD Small Business Development Center.



<https://www.facebook.com/SouthDakotaLocalFoods/>

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South Dakota Awarded \$215,000 Opioid Abuse Grant

South Dakota will use a \$215,000 federal grant to collect and analyze data about opioid misuse, abuse and overdose, a state health official said today.

“South Dakota has some of the nation’s lowest rates of drug overdose deaths but we can’t be complacent and ignore what we’re seeing in the rest of the country,” said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, secretary of health. “It’s important that we get a good handle on opioid use in our state and how to combat it now and not wait for the problem to grow.”

The funding comes to the South Dakota Department of Health through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Prescription Drug Overdose: Data-Driven Prevention Initiative in response to the growing national problem of opioid drug abuse. South Dakota is one of 13 states funded.

Malsam-Rysdon said she is appointing an advisory committee to review opioid use data for the state and develop strategies for preventing opioid misuse and abuse. Members include:

- Tom Martinec, South Dakota Department of Health, Chair
- Kristen Bunt, South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations
- Sara DeCoteau, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation
- Chris Diedrich, MD, South Dakota State Medical Association
- Margaret Hansen, South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners
- Amy Hartman, Volunteers of America – Dakotas
- Amy Iversen-Pollreisz, South Dakota Department of Social Services
- Pat Kneip, South Dakota Office of Attorney General
- Rob Loe, South Dakota Pharmacy Association
- Jon Schuchardt, PharmD, Great Plains Indian Health Services
- Kari Shanard-Koenders, South Dakota Board of Pharmacy
- Senator Craig Tieszen, Rapid City
- Senator Jim White, Huron

In 2014 South Dakota had the third lowest rate of drug overdose deaths – 7.8 per 100,000 population compared to the national rate of 14.7. The state also had the seventh lowest number of opioid painkiller prescriptions – 66.5 per 100 people compared to 82.5 for the nation in 2012.

“There is a lot of focus on opioid prescribing in both the public and the private sectors right now,” said Malsam-Rysdon. “This grant and the advisory committee is a great opportunity to coordinate those activities and have a real impact on opioid abuse.”

Meeting details will be posted at <http://doh.sd.gov/news/opioid.aspx>.

Reducing the health impact of substance abuse and mental health disorders is one objective of the Department of Health’s 2015-2020 strategic plan, <http://doh.sd.gov/strategicplan>.



Job Openings with the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society

The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society, located at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, South Dakota, collects, preserves and interprets the rich heritage and complex history of South Dakota. The museum provides a regular program of exhibits, educational programming and special events including outreach programs such as traveling exhibits and mobile education kits. The museum includes a collection of over 30,000 artifacts.

The Museum currently has two full time positions available and is looking for qualified candidates to fill the positions of Outreach Coordinator and Curator of Exhibits.

Position Title: Outreach Coordinator

The full time Outreach Coordinator has an opportunity to join our team and gain meaningful experience while working on key museum projects. The Outreach Coordinator will be working on following specific functions in cooperation with, and under the supervision of, the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society's Museum Director and Curator of Interpretation. Occasionally works with Curator of Exhibits and Curator of Collections. Functions are not limited to those described below; Other duties may be assigned as necessary.

Position Title: Curator of Exhibits

The full time Curator of Exhibits (CE) has an opportunity to join our team and work on meaningful projects important to the collection, preservation and interpretation of South Dakota history. The Curator of Exhibits will be working under the supervision of the Museum Director. The Curator of Exhibits works as a team with the Curator of Collections and Curator of Interpretation to plan, design, fabricate and install visitor-oriented temporary museum exhibitions as well as develop new content and new exhibits for our traveling exhibits program. The Curator of Exhibits serves as team leader in the exhibit development process including activities such as research, graphic design, creating models, and other functions in the museum exhibition process. The Curator of Exhibits will work with the team in determining any gallery renovation activity and serve as team leader in updating the primary gallery exhibition. Job functions are not limited to those described below; Other duties may be assigned as necessary.

The Curator of Exhibits position information can also be found at <http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus>, look for Job ID 7138.

The closing date for both of these positions is October 28, 2016.

For full job descriptions of duties, skills & qualifications, education, salary, & benefits or to apply contact Jay Smith, Museum Director: jay.smith@state.sd.us or by mail to Jay Smith/South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center/900 Governors Drive/Pierre, South Dakota, 57501-2217