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From Secretary Emery

With summer arriving in full force, there are many opportunities to be outside enjoying South Dakota's many *great places*. Whether it is catching walleye on Lake Oahe, camping at Sica Hollow, or riding your *Harley Davidson* through Grass Mountain (my personal preference), there are many different ways of enjoying good weather and time with good people.

Enjoying these special places and spending time with those closest to us is part of making memories that we treasure. If you have questions about planning your next outdoor excursion, visit the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks website to learn about hot fishing spots and camping amenities. Traveling around the State? Make sure to visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd/ to check for construction and check weather at www.travelsouthdakota.com.

Join the Department of Tribal Relations in making some memories and enjoy the great outdoors this summer!



Grass dancer at the Big Bend wacipi in 2015.

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On May 9th, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Council Members met in Pierre to sit down with state agencies and discuss collaboration opportunities. Tribal leaders, including returning Chairman Brandon Sazue, also met briefly with Governor Dugaard at the Capitol. The Department of Tribal Relations looks forward to working with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe over the course of the next two years!

State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee Meets

On May 16th, the State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee met with Pierre with the goal of discussing public safety and what could be done to improve public safety outcomes for South Dakotans. State agencies providing testimony included the SD Departments of Tribal Relations and Public Safety, and Attorney General's Office. The Committee specifically heard from the SD Attorney General Division of Criminal Investigation about expanding training opportunities for tribal officers and officer candidates.

Also on hand to provide testimony were representatives from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and Yankton Sioux Tribe. The Committee expressed a desire to visit with tribal representatives from throughout the State and work collaboratively where possible to address issues like methamphetamine production and proliferation.

Stay updated with pending meeting dates, agendas, and minutes at <http://sdlegislature.gov/Interim/Documents.aspx?Committee=163&Session=2016>.

June Wacipis

28th Annual Vietnam Veterans Wacipi

Date: June 10-12, 2016

Location: Pine Ridge, SD. Powwow Grounds

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

Saturday Parade, Ball Games, Activities

Admission: \$1.00

Contact: Ramon Bear Runner (605) 867-4021

Cannonball Flag Day Celebration Wacipi

Date: June 10, 11, & 12, 2016

Location: Cannon Ball District

Phone #: 701-854-7170

Paha Yamini Wacipi

Date: June 17 - 19, 2016

Location: Shields, ND

Phone #: 701-422-2002

Ring Thunder Wacipi

Date: June 17-19, 2016

Oglala Lakota College Graduation Wacipi

Date: June 17, 18, & 19, 2016

Location: Kyle, SD. Oglala Community College

Contact: 605-455-6000

Fort Randall Casino Indian Day Celebration Wacipi

Date: June 24, 25, & 26, 2016

Location: Two miles east of Pickstown on Hwy. 46, at the Fort Randall Casino

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

Supper served Saturday and Sunday

Contact: 605-487-7871

www.fortrandallcasino.com

St. Francis Indian Day Powwow

Date: June 24-26, 2016

Location: St. Francis Powwow Grounds

Contact: Bonnie Hairy Shirt, 605-747-2736

Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Council & Chairman Highlights May 3, 2016 Inauguration Ceremony



Outgoing Chairwoman Roxanne Sazue welcomes attendees.



Tribal Council and Chairman take their oath of office.



Chairman Brandon Sazue addresses the crowd.



CCST Color Guard leads the way!



Traditional dancers are followed by elected officials.



Drum group Bad Nation!



Crow Creek Tribal School students sing a flag song.



Chairman Sazue and Councilmen Hawk & Kirkie.



Secretary Emery congratulates Chairman & Council.



Keynote speaker Janice Bad Moccasin



Chairman Sazue's family honors him with a quilt.



Councilwoman Tina Grey Owl is honored with a quilt.

Rosebud Sioux tribal member appointed President of SDSU

Barry H. Dunn has been a beneficiary of the 1862 Morrill Act.

When that Morrill Act was passed, its intent was to provide a broad segment of the population with a practical education that had direct relevance to their daily lives.

Dunn, who was recently named South Dakota State University's 20th president, received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from South Dakota State. More importantly, his mother, Sarah Lamoureaux Dunn, graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in home economics.

"Her education was such a powerful difference maker in her life," Dunn said. "My brothers, sister and I were the beneficiaries of that."

"In the 1930s, my mother wouldn't have been welcomed at private schools of any type let alone the more elite ones, not even in the Midwest," he continued. "Public higher education is what gave her an opportunity that hadn't existed for her family before that. It's just a remarkable story. It's what Abraham Lincoln and Justin Morrill hoped for in terms of access and opportunity to education for common men and women. She was from the most humble of families."

Despite the Morrill Act, the road to a college education was not an easy one for Sarah Lamoureaux, who was born on the Rosebud Indian Reservation and moved to Sioux City, Iowa, during the Great Depression.

"I started out with this very strong role model of my cowboy grandfather (Claude Lamoureaux) but as I've matured, my mother has really become my heroine," Dunn said. "I have a deep appreciation for her life and what she accomplished. When I was a teenager, I was able to visit what was left of the original ranch where she was born. Modest wouldn't even come close to how simple it was."

Dunn's grandparents left that ranch to overcome the woes of the Great Depression. Claude Lamoureaux found jobs in the Sioux City stockyards.

"My grandfather took really menial jobs to make it. They were really hard jobs, which were very unpleasant, tough, cold, dirty and really hard jobs," Dunn said. "Out of that, my mother found her way to Iowa State in the Great Depression just because of Iowa State's land-grant mission. For a woman to be accepted into a university, much less a girl born on the Rosebud, was unique."

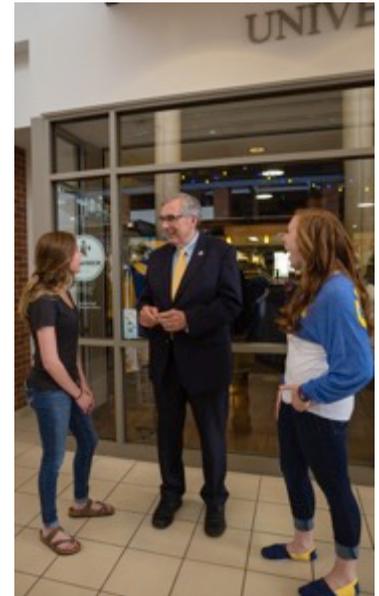
"I don't know how they afforded it. At the time, there weren't scholarships or need-based aid. How they scratched it together to get her to school is remarkable," he continued. "Regardless, it changed everything."

While Dunn is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and has spent more than a quarter of his life living on the reservation, he describes himself as "very much a middle-class American with a very normal upbringing."

"My Lakota heritage has always been very important to me. I've learned a lot about those family members and their history," he said. "It's my heritage. I've always appreciated it but the older I've gotten, I appreciate it even more."

An avid reader and lifelong learner, Dunn plans to use his knowledge and firsthand experience of the Morrill Act throughout his reign as the South Dakota State president. In addition, he will explore ways to create more need-based scholarships as well as develop opportunities for programs such as the South Dakota Jump Start program.

"I know we as the university need to be that place of opportunity for those populations on the nine sovereign nations in our state and those future generations of young women and men in families of emerging populations in Huron, Estelline, Sioux Falls and Rapid City," he said. "They wouldn't have the opportunity for public higher education if it weren't for the land-grant system. Teaching, research and outreach are the core values of the land-grant system. My vision is of expanding access and ensuring that SDSU serves as a welcoming beacon of hope and opportunity."



President Dunn talks with students.



Employment Program Helps Seniors Gain Skills

The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) provides part-time work experience and training opportunities to residents 55 years or older through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

“Participants have developed and enhanced their skills by participating in training assignments offered through host agencies,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman.

To be eligible, applicants must be a South Dakota resident, have an annual income at or below \$14,850 per year for a family of one and be currently unemployed. Non-profit and government agencies and community-based organizations can partner with DLR to receive subsidized part-time assistance.

“Employers are increasingly recognizing older workers have strong work ethic, high productivity, extensive life and work experience, low absenteeism and low turnover rates,” said Secretary Hultman. “This is a great program to take advantage of those characteristics, and at the same time, teach skills to be successful in the long-term.”

SCSEP is funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act and is administered by DLR. Organizations interested in participating or learning more should contact a [DLR local office](#) or call 605-773-



“Writing Your Future” Grant Writing Conference

Wed., June 8, 2016

Boulder Canyon Station Convention Center, Sturgis, SD
2721 Lazelle Street (next to the Holiday Inn Express)

8:30am-4:30pm MDT

Registration at 8:00am

Register online at <http://igrow.org/events/writing-your-future-grant-writing-conference/>

- ▶ Only \$55 Registration Fee through May 27 – \$79 after May 27
- ▶ Includes NOON Meal and Snack Breaks!
- ▶ Register NOW – seating is limited!

*No refunds after May 27



- ✓ Public and private grant funders will discuss grant opportunities and provide insight into what makes an application successful. Visit with them and ask them questions!
- ✓ Discover resources that can help you create winning applications to fund your community projects.
- ✓ Topics: assembling a local leadership team, resources for identifying grants, finding matching funds, using demographic tools, evaluation methods and more!
- ✓ Network, Network, Network!!!!



For more information:

Contact an SDSU Extension Community Development Field Specialist or
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Did you know? South Dakota's sales and use tax rate change is quickly approaching

If you own or operate a business located on one of South Dakota's special jurisdictions on Indian Country, you may need to make adjustments for the upcoming state sales and use tax rate increase.

The new rate, which increases from 4 percent to 4.5 percent, will go into effect June 1, 2016. This rate increase applies to all transactions that are currently subject to state sales tax.

The rate will also apply to transactions that occur on special jurisdictions. If your business is on a special jurisdiction, you will continue to use the same filing codes for the new rate, which can be found [here](#).



[Click on the register for updated rate charts!](#)

"Our primary objective is to make the transition as smooth as possible for our constituents," said Department of Revenue Secretary Andy Gerlach. "We have worked diligently to maintain filing and reporting methods for those on special jurisdictions, and we hope to keep our partners on Indian Country informed on any adjustments they may need to make due to the rate increase."

In anticipation for the rate change, the Department of Revenue has compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions, which can be found [here](#). The Department of Revenue is also fielding questions about the rate change at its tax seminars around the state, which are free of charge.

For more assistance, call the Department of Revenue's toll free tax assistance line at 1-800-829-9188.

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 American Indians enrolled in SD Medicaid, and is working to increase the positive health outcomes of American Indians enrolled in the program. The consultation process encompasses education and discussion of current programs as well as any significant program changes that may impact American Indians. Representatives from tribes and tribal entities are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meetings:

Thursday, July 14, 2016
1 – 3 p.m.
Ramkota Hotel
Pierre, SD

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 Sarah Aker at 605-773-3495 or Sarah.Aker@state.sd.us.

State & Rosebud Sioux Tribe Work Together on Habitat Conservation

Recently the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Game, Fish and Parks worked together to establish habitat areas for elk and deer on the Iron Shell Flats area of the Rosebud reservation in an effort to continuously protect and conserve the natural resources both agencies share.

Food plots will be planted with corn, sorghum, alfalfa and oats. There will be approximately four food plots ranging in size of 40 to 90 acres. The total cost for the seed was \$2,178.50 and paid for by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks purchased sorghum, oats and alfalfa seed from a dealership and obtained the corn seed through a cooperative food plot program with Pheasant's Forever.

This habitat project is designed to reduce the depredation on nearby private lands and to encourage the elk to utilize these new areas. The state's wildlife damage management program expended almost \$13K to mitigate the losses incurred to private landowners in Bennett and Jackson Counties in 2015.



Depredation Area

Staff with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Game, Fish and Parks (Frank Vanderwalker, director and Emily Boyd-Valandra, biologist) have greatly appreciated this partnership.

Currently, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks is in the process of developing and establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the tribes in South Dakota which identifies areas where work can be completed collectively to benefit the resource and our customers. Work may include wildlife surveys, establishing quotas for big/small game harvests, cooperative law enforcement operations and predator control activities. In addition, the state will provide training to tribal natural resource staff as needed.

Summer Employment Services for Young Adults

PIERRE, S.D. – Summer is right around the corner and many young adults are finalizing their summer plans. These plans should include a visit to their local Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) office for a wide array of employment services.

“For young adults, our goal is to get them in the door and started in a work experience,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “In the work experience, they can learn new skills and prepare for the workforce.”

Summer employment is often a young adult's first exposure to work. This is where they learn new skills such as appropriate communication in the workplace, customer service and professionalism. Short-term employment opportunities can help a young adult explore their likes, dislikes and the reality of a job to assist them in planning their future.

“I encourage high school students, college students and recent graduates to take advantage of the employment services we offer,” said Secretary Hultman. “For eligible applicants, the workforce training program will help you identify and start the journey along your career path.”

If you are a young adult or know of a young adult who would like to gain work experience this summer, explore www.sdjobs.org or find a DLR local office near you.



National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College

AMBER in Indian Country Tribal Leadership Forum
July 18-19 | Scottsdale, AZ

2016 National Symposium Tribal Child Protection
July 19-21 | Scottsdale, AZ



About the Leadership Forum
Join other tribal law enforcement executives to discuss the resources available to address missing and exploited children issues within your community. Gather the tools and information you need to increase public safety efforts in the prevention of missing and exploited children in Indian Country.

Forum Topics

- Leadership challenges for tribal public safety
- Resources for tribal communities
- Child exploitation in Indian Country
- At risk youth in Indian Country
- Understand and address threats to youth in Indian Country
- Special addresses from Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), OJJDP and NCMEC

Is this forum for you?

Tribal public safety leaders and command staff, AMBER Alert Coordinators, Clearinghouse Managers, and CART members are encouraged to attend.

The Tribal Leadership Forum is being conducted by the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).



Pending approval by USDOJ-OJJDP

Registration

There is **NO FEE** to register for either event; however, pre-registration is required. Visit www.ncjtc.org/amberalert/projects/IC to register.

Training Dates and Times

Monday, July 18 Forum: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, July 19 Forum: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Tuesday, July 19 Symposium: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, July 20 Symposium: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Thursday, July 21 Symposium: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

About the Tribal Child Protection Symposium
Join other tribal officials to address child protection issues in your community including child exploitation, human trafficking, endangered and abducted children. Learn about technology facilitated crimes against children in Indian Country and improve the crime prevention efforts and successful prosecution of those committing these crimes. Gather information about the development of cohesive community programs that promote long term solutions and increase public safety. Together, we will address the challenges of limited resources and tribal agency staffing faced by your community, tribal officials, and investigators.

Symposium Topics

- Technology facilitated crimes against children
- Tools for combating trafficking and exploitation in Indian Country
- Develop laws, ordinances and resolutions to protect children in Indian Country
- ICAC Affiliate Program for Indian Country
- NCMEC resources for Indian Country
- Conducting community child protection assessments
- Gangs in Indian Country
- Case study reviews
- Panel discussions with OJJDP, BIA, MCDA and NACA
- Special addresses from SRPMIC, OJJDP and NCMEC

Is this symposium for you?

Law Enforcement, Probation/Community, Prosecutors, Tribal, Victim Advocates, ICAC Task Forces, and Community Based Organizations are encouraged to attend.

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Biosafety—Making the Laboratory a Safer Workplace

June 20-21, Sioux Falls | June 22-23, Rapid City

Learn the latest biosafety practices from the nation's top experts at this unique training opportunity hosted by the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory (SDPHL). The SDPHL will cover all registration fees.

- Instructors from Eagleson Institute, world-renowned for its biosafety expertise
- Hands-on training and exercises to supplement didactic teaching
- Directed at total laboratory safety, not just biosafety for microbiology laboratories
- Covers risk assessments, emergency planning, effective use of biosafety cabinets & more
- Continuing education credit available for successful completion and evaluation
- SDPHL's mobile laboratory (pictured below) will be part of training exercises at both sites



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Space limited—
register today!

Devils Tower Voluntary Climbing Closure

A voluntary closure for climbing at Devils Tower will be in effect through the month of June. Climbers are asked and encouraged to refrain from climbing on the Tower June 1-30 out of respect for the spiritual and cultural significance of the Tower to regional American Indian tribes.

American Indian activities and ceremonies occur in the Monument throughout the year, however the month of June is an especially significant time for traditional tribal practitioners. Climbers are asked to consider tribal perspectives and encouraged to climb during June at the many other climbing sites in the region such as the Mt. Rushmore Needles, Custer State Park Needles and Spearfish Canyon in South Dakota, and Tensleep Canyon and Tongue River Canyon in Wyoming.

The final 1995 Monument Climbing Management Plan for the Monument established this annual voluntary closure for all climbing routes as a way to balance the cultural and spiritual importance of the feature to American Indian tribes with its history as a unique and world class rock climbing destination. The Access Fund, a nonprofit organization working to maintain access to climbing areas and protect the climbing environment, fully supports the voluntary climbing closure. Most climbers choose not to climb the Tower during June.

In addition to the voluntary June climbing closure, certain sections of the Tower are currently under a mandatory closure to protect nesting peregrine falcons. This mandatory closure can shift depending on falcon behavior during nesting and fledging, so please check the park website at www.nps.gov/deto for affected routes, areas and current status, or call the Climbing Ranger Office at 307/467-5283 x632. The mandatory nesting falcon closure will be lifted once the young have fully fledged.

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)

A Star Studded Centennial Celebration - Summer at Devils Tower

Superintendent Tim Reid announces the Centennial Celebration Series at Devils Tower National Monument beginning Friday June 3 at 8:30 p.m. in the amphitheater. 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.

- June 3rd & 4th the WhiteBull Dancers and the Little Brave Singers, Arapaho from Riverton, Wyoming will present native singing and dancing.
- June 4th National Trails Day, 2:00 p.m. join a ranger for a special guided walk around the base of the Tower.
- June 5th join a ranger for a special astronomy presentation during the new moon. You will be able to view deep sky objects through the telescope.
- June 17th & 18th Phillip Whiteman Jr., Northern Cheyenne from Lame Deer, Montana a storyteller, horse-trainer, champion grass dancer, and rodeo saddle bronc champion. Using his strong traditional upbringing and knowledge of his culture he weaves the past with the present and shares messages of hope and encouragement.
- June 19th join a ranger for a special astronomy presentation during the full moon.
- June 24th & 25th Willie LeClair, Eastern Shoshone from Riverton, Wyoming a traditional dancer continuing the tradition of the warrior, wearing the eagle feathers of past days.
- June 26 the Old Settlers' Picnic. Pioneer gatherings at the Tower started in the 1890s. The gatherings became known as the Old Settlers' Picnic. 12 noon in the picnic area. Free entrance to the Monument.
- July 1st & 2nd Gib Young will portray President Theodore Roosevelt, who declared the Tower a national monument in 1906.
- 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 [#devilstownps](https://www.instagram.com/devilstownps)

The Final Steps toward College

South Dakota Jump Start, college campuses and Tribal Higher Education offices form a critically important partnership when it comes to helping students take some of their final steps toward a college education. Because financial concerns are the single greatest hurdle many students and families face at this point in their college journey, getting the finances in place will make it possible for students to keep moving toward college and their future goals.

The first step in the financial aid process is completion of the online FAFSA, which is required in order for students to receive financial aid. If you are one of the families who have not yet completed the FAFSA, please know that Jump Start Access Advisors are ready to meet with you in your home communities to assist in completing the FAFSA as soon as possible. Your student will need this assistance for college.

Once the FAFSA and university application is completed, students and families receive their Award Letters from campus financial aid offices. Many students will have financial aid, which includes:

- Pell grants (free money that doesn't have to be repaid),
- Work Study (part-time employment on campus during the year) and
- Student Loans (money that has to be paid back – some even while the student is in college and some after the student has completed college and been out for a period of months).

Campus financial aid staff are ready to answer questions about the award letter, and their contact information usually comes with the forms in the mail. Some campuses use online awards, so if families have not received an award letter, but completed the FAFSA several weeks ago; they should contact the financial aid office for an update.

An additional form of assistance is South Dakota Jump Start. If your senior student is interested, they should be contacting an Access Advisor (information below). Jump Start students will have additional financial help to make college a reality, including free summer credits (for three years) and a lending library to help with the cost of textbooks and laptop computers. In addition, Access and Jump Start Advisors are working to identify outside scholarship opportunities and are available to help students complete the applications or write the scholarship essays.

Tribal higher education offices are another important scholarship and funding resource for students who are enrolled members of a tribe. The funding potential offered by these offices could make a financial difference. With application deadlines generally in June and July, now is the time for students to reach make sure they are connecting with their local office to make sure they are accessing all the resources available to them.

For more information about South Dakota Jump Start and how to become part of the program – and how to make your college dreams come true – students can contact us toll-free at 1-800-601-6957 or email an advisor at sdjumpstart@sdbor.edu or find us on our website at <http://sdbor.edu/jumpstart>. Don't wait – finding the resources to make college come true is just too important to your future!



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 for assistance and application information. 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.pravacek@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>.



Keepseagle Fast-Track Process

The application process is now open for § 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, § 7871 non-profit organizations chartered under the tribal law of a state or federally recognized tribe, educational institutions, and instrumentalities of state or federally recognized tribes to seek grants under the Native American Agricultural Fast Track Fund (NAAFTF).

Prospective applicants can find full details about eligibility, application requirements, allowable use of funds, review process overview, and timeline at www.indianfarmclass.com/NAAFTF.aspx. The website provides specific guidance on the initial application, which involves the submission of a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) with documentation by June 24. It also offers FAQs, sample resolution language, and other tools for prospective applicants, and is the vehicle for submitting applications online.

Additionally, a technical assistance webinar will be offered on Wednesday, June 1, at 11:00 a.m. MDT for prospective applicants. Registration for the webinar may be made through the website. The webinar will be recorded and available on the website for reference.

A dedicated email address and telephone hotline have been established to provide technical assistance: keepseaglefasttrack@echohawkconsulting.com and (877) 544-9145

NAAFTF was created as a one-time distribution of \$38 million to qualified tribes and organizations as part of the Keepseagle v. Vilsack Settlement.

Eligible applicants must have provided business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers or ranchers between January 1, 1981, and November 1, 2010; and plan to use grant monies to provide support to Native farmers and/or ranchers and assist those who are interested in becoming farmers or ranchers.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to begin the process as soon as possible. A brief LOI with appropriate documentation must be submitted no later than Friday, June 24, 2016, by 5:00 p.m.

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	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

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This one-month window for the submission of LOI applications is the first step in the fast-track process. After LOIs are reviewed by an advisory committee, applicants that meet eligibility requirements and align with the purposes of NAAFTF will receive an invitation on July 28 to submit full proposals, due September 2, 2016. With the further assistance of the advisory committee, Class Counsel will submit award recommendations to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on October 17, 2016.

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USDA Rural Development Announces Availability of Homeownership Opportunities

No down-payment home loans available now - 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 \$2,159,444 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 3.25 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 \$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 Rural Development in South Dakota has offices in Aberdeen, Huron, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown, and Yankton. For more information, visit the USDA Rural Development Website at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/sd>.

Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation: Partner with USDA to Feed More Kids

In 2015, about 22 million American children depended on free or reduced-price school lunches. When school lets out for the summer, many of these children do not get enough to eat and become a risk of all the health issues associated with hunger. Child poverty and hunger are persistent problems in rural America.

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work to address these problems every day. Our agency, the Rural Housing Service (RHS), finances affordable housing and community facilities for families and communities across the country (or something better if you have it), and our sister agency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), works to increase food security and reduce hunger by providing eligible low-income families access to healthy foods and nutrition education through its nutrition assistance programs. Together, our two agencies can do even more. For the past several years, we have been partnering to feed children when school is out for the summer.

With RHS guidance, 184 USDA-financed multi-family affordable rental communities participated in FNS' Summer Food Service Program last year. The program allows USDA to reimburse local sponsoring organizations for serving healthy, free meals to eligible low-income children age 18 and younger during the summer months when school is not in session. The participation of our multi-family housing communities allows us to bring these meals to the places where kids live. Local communities have an opportunity to play a big role in combating hunger and helping to promote good nutrition to its own residents.

Unfortunately, we were only making a dent in the challenge. While 191 million meals were served in the summer of 2015, only about one in five children participated in the Summer Food Service Program. This means more than 17 million children were still at risk of hunger. We must do more!

In partnership with rural America's affordable rental property owners and tenants, we will help the department feed as many hungry kids as possible this summer. For 2016, the Rural Housing Service has set a goal to increase our participation in the Summer Food Service Program by at least 50 percent. To achieve this goal, we need 276 properties to host summer feeding sites nationwide. We are committed to helping more kids have healthy food to eat – let's get South Dakota sites committed to the cause!

The owners and managers of USDA-financed affordable rental housing help us feed more hungry kids in rural America. Together we make a difference! To sign up to host summer meals, go to www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/how-become-sponsor.

Even if you're not a property owner or manager you or your organization can help USDA Rural Development and the Food and Nutrition Service feed more kids by visiting www.summerfood.usda.gov.

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Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Dakota, Nakota, Lakota Code Talkers Honoring Ceremony

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe had a Code Talker Honoring Ceremony on May 25th. Families of the code talkers were presented with plaques made by the SRST Veterans Work Program and dog tags gifted to the tribes from the SD National Guard.

Colors were posted by American Legion Post 239, drum group was the Lakeside Singers, prayer was said by Councilman Joe Dunn, and others who attended included; Elliot Ward, Tribal Relations Secretary Steve Emery, and Councilman Frank White Bull.





The yearly Bear Butte Forum was held on April 30th, 2016. The forum offers the tribes that have a spiritual connection to the mountain a voice in the management of Bear Butte. In attendance were culture committees from the Southern Cheyenne Tribe of Oklahoma and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana as well as representation from six tribes in South Dakota.

The meeting began with a prayer by Eugene Limpy from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and brought to order by Park Manager Jim Jandreau.

Eugene Limpy started the talk about the importance of the Mountain and the spiritual meaning it has for the tribes, he was grateful that the Tribes were buying some land surrounding Bear Butte. Comments were made concerning the controversial way some media portray the relationship between the tribes and the City of Sturgis.

Park Manager Jandreau said approximately 57 thousand people visited Bear Butte from May 1 – Sept. 1 of last year. He stressed that it's important to conduct your ceremonies but to be mindful to respect others traditional use of the area.

A sign has been posted that states 7 to 10 days was sufficient time for each ceremony leader to take care of their group and in no way was telling ceremonial leaders that they could not hold ceremonies at Bear Butte. This was done to address overcrowding in the ceremonial area and has been a success as there was not any overcrowding in the 2015 season.

Jim emphasized the importance of taking care of the site and preserving the area and making sure that all trash is properly disposed of at the site. There was also talk of the need to do more education about Bear Butte, its history and spiritual meanings. This may help non-tribal people understand the importance of Bear Butte to the tribes.

Guest speaker Nancy Hilding with the Prairie Hill Audubon Society brought up the Full Throttle Saloon's expansion plans and requested the tribes develop a resolution. She said the Society was opposed to the action and encouraged the tribes to attend the May 11 meeting with the Meade County Commission. A nearby neighbor said they have a lot of problems with the owner, including the release of raw sewage into nearby streams possibly impacting the aquifer.

Harold Salway, Oglala Sioux Tribe Parks and Rec. said we need to unite on issues like this and Shawn Bordeaux representing the Culture Committee at Rosebud wants to help and protect Bear Butte for all Indians that use this site for spiritual and cultural uses for generations to come. Bill Means, Oglala, who is on the Treaty Council with the United Nations, suggested the possibility of getting Bear Butte in a status that recognizes the site as a world monument.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Eugene Limpy and Harold Salway sang a song in the Lakota Language.