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From the Secretary

Summertime is a favorite time for kids, as it usually means no homework, no school, and time having fun with friends. This last month at the Department was a great reminder that no matter how much you know, there are always opportunities to learn. In June, I attended training with the Small Business Administration and learn more about resources available for Native American business owners. The second meeting of the Legislature's Tribal Economic Development Taskforce was another opportunity to learn about best practices and challenges to economic development in Indian Country. I was also able to attend the Native American Student Achievement Advisory Council and learn about new ideas to help Native American students in South Dakota excel in school.

I have encountered so many occasions to learn. I am encouraged by every new opportunity and know that I will have more heading into July and the rest of summer.



Summertime at the South Dakota State Capitol



Pictured FR - Dennis Yellow Thunder – Oglala Sioux Tribe THPO, Mike Catches Enemy – Oglala Sioux Tribe Archeologist, Steve Vance – Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe THPO, Katie Lamie – SARC Repository Manager, Jim Whitted – Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Archeologist, FR – Janet Jessup – SD Department of Tribal Relations, Dianne Desrosiers – Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate THPO, Elise Montoya – Flandrea Santee Sioux Tribe THPO.

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In June, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers were invited to participate in a conversation with the State Archeological Research Center regarding State burial laws. Conversations were very positive and we look forward to continued discussions!

We want people like you!



The South Dakota Highway Patrol will be accepting applications for the next hiring process beginning July 6, 2015. The application process will close August 14, 2015. There are multiple open duties stations throughout the state. We are planning on hiring a class of 15-20 new recruits.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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:

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

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Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative

The Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative was initiated by Governor Dugaard, Chief Justice Gilbertson, and legislative leadership to identify what is driving the juvenile out-of-home population, explore innovations within our state and across the nation, and recommend policies that will reduce juvenile crime and corrections spending.

The 90th Session of the South Dakota Legislature approved the Senate Bill 73, an Act to improve public safety regarding juvenile justice. Section 8 of the Act, provides that “the Department of Tribal Relations, in coordination with necessary state agencies, treatment providers, law enforcement, and stakeholders, shall evaluate and make recommendations to the oversight council to improve outcomes for Native American children in the juvenile justice system. Options for consideration may include sharing of treatment resources, information sharing about children under probation supervision, and joint supervision.”

The Department has invited many skilled and capable persons from throughout the State of South Dakota to serve on this taskforce and thanks them ahead of time for the work they will be putting in!

Members of the Native American Focus Group include:

- Richard F. Bird, Dakotah Pride Center
- Jennifer Bowman, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School
- Pam Hein, Former State's Attorney (Bennett and Charles Mix Counties)
- Steve Horse Looking, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Children's Court
- Dr. Pat Iron Shell-Hill, Staff Psychologist for the IHS (Rosebud)
- Tatewin Means, Attorney General for the OST
- Michael Swallow, Standing Rock Sioux and Sisseton Wahpeton Tribal Court
- Merton Tice, Former 7th Circuit Judge
- Sherriff Kevin Thom, Pennington County
- Bob Wilcox, South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
- Senator Troy Heinert, District 26
- Representative Jacqueline Sly, District 33
- Doug Hermann, SD Department of Corrections
- Tiffany Wolfgang, SD Department of Social Services
- Nancy Allard, SD Unified Judicial System

National Career Readiness Testing in Public Schools on the Reservations

PIERRE, S.D. – During the 2014-2015 school year, high school juniors and seniors in six public schools located in reservation counties tested for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

The NCRC is an industry-recognized, evidence-based credential used across all sectors of the economy. It verifies essential skills needed for workplace success, such as reading, problem solving, critical thinking and work-related mathematical reasoning.

Schools testing included McIntosh, Timber Lake, Todd County, Flandreau, Wagner and Shannon County Virtual schools. Overall, 14 Gold, 60 Silver and 32 Bronze certificates were awarded.

"The NCRC validates the core foundational skills needed for all jobs and can assist certificate holders by demonstrating their skills to employers," said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. "Introducing these programs in reservation schools will help students as they plan for the future or enter the workforce."

The NCRC also provides evidence of workplace skill level and can connect the students' skill levels to occupations in which they have interest.

"The NCRC can help students make connections between their education and the world of work. It provides them with information they can use to make decisions about potential career choices and postsecondary training options," said state Education Secretary Melody Schopp.

South Dakota schools will have the opportunity to participate in the NCRC project in the 2015-2016 school year. Participation is optional. To learn more about the school assessment process, contact the Department of Labor and Regulation at 605-773-5017.

SDSU - New Community Garden Breaks Ground on Rosebud Reservation

There was not a cloud in the sky on Saturday, June 13, 2015 as approximately 35 people came together to plant the first seeds at the newly established Sicangu Community Garden. Volunteers from the community planted a variety of vegetables, including tomatoes, peppers, squash and beans. After formally dedicating the garden site, organizational leaders and community members, young and old, enjoyed the day of planting and picnicking together.

The one acre site is located adjacent to the Turtle Creek Crossing Grocery Store, just west of Mission, SD. Although the garden is in the early development stage, eventually, produce from this garden and from other private and community gardens may be sold to consumers at the store or at a future farmer's market to be located on the site.



Rachel Lindvall works with a beginning gardener at the Sicangu Community Garden



Located adjacent to Turtle Creek Crossing Grocery Store, the site may eventually include a farmer's market.

Turtle Creek Crossing was established by REDCO, Rosebud Economic Development Corporation. SDSU Extension, REDCO and Sinte Gleska University all play active roles in this collaborative effort to increase access to healthy food choices on Rosebud Reservation. Rachel Lindvall, Community Development Associate, and Donna Adrian, Garden Educator – both on staff at the **SDSU Extension Rosebud Reservation** office – provided technical assistance in site selection and planning for the community garden. In the coming months, Extension staff will use the Sicangu Community Garden to offer additional garden education programs to members of the community.

For more information, contact:

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4-H Camp at Camp Bob Marshall is fast becoming a rite of summer for many local youth on the **Rosebud Reservation**. Thirteen children from the Reservation joined numerous youth, aged 8 to 12, from across South Dakota for the camp, which was held June 15 – 18. For many, this was their second or third year attending the camp. The theme this year was “The Way West.” Among the many activities, youth learned the cultural significance of winter counts and created their own winter count, as well as traditional dream catchers. The youth and their families pay for their camp fee. However, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe provided transportation to and from camp this year. Despite a bit of rain and cold nights, the campers all had a wonderful time!

SDSU Extension staff attended the South Dakota Indian Business Alliance's annual business & policy conference in Deadwood. SDSU staff members **Jason Schoch (Pine Ridge Extension)** and **Marcella Gilbert (Cheyenne River Extension)**, presented as part of a panel discussion on barriers, bridges and positive influences to growth in Indian agriculture. **Rachel Lindvall (Rosebud Extension)** moderated the discussion on this engaging topic.

SD Indian Education Summit
Nov. 1-3, 2015 - Pierre, SD

Topics will cover preschool through postsecondary and highlight ways to raise academic achievement and graduation rates.

For more information, visit Indianeducation.sd.gov



Fees for some Driver license applications to Increase July 1

PIERRE, S.D. -- South Dakotans will see an increase in driver license application fees starting July 1.

House Bill 1041, approved by this year’s Legislature, increases fees for certain categories. They are:

- * An original or renewal driver license or ID will go from \$20 to \$28;
- * A duplicate license or ID \$10 to \$15;
- * The cost of a commercial driver license \$25 to \$33; and,
- * Commercial driver license endorsement knowledge test fees \$10 to \$15.

Jane Schrank, director of the Driver Licensing Program, says the extra revenue raised will help fund the program itself.

“Our goal is to always wisely use the money raised from the fees,” she says. “The average current cost to operate the program equates to \$29.75 per driver license or identification card issued. It is predicted that the new increase will keep the program solvent until Fiscal Year 2024.”

Drivers are reminded that they can renew their licenses starting 180 days prior to expiration.

The Driver Licensing Program is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

Senator Tieszen, Mark Benoit of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Chad Harrison of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Vice President Lunderman , Secretary Emery, Senator Bradford

SD Tribal Economic Development Legislative Task Force met in Mobridge in June.



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USDA Rural Development’s Financing Programs Help to Establish Revolving Loan Funds

Huron, SD, June 18, 2015 – Bruce Jones, USDA Rural Development Acting State Director in South Dakota announced that USDA Rural Development financing programs have been used to help establish multiple revolving loan funds (RLF). RLFs are established through a variety of USDA loan and grant programs and are a great way to assist with small business development in rural South Dakota. Funds are made available to intermediaries which are typically rural electric cooperatives, regional council of governments or local economic development groups. The intermediaries make loans to small businesses and as the loans are paid back, the money is then re-loaned to other businesses.

“Helping to establish revolving loan funds is an important way USDA helps improve economic opportunities in rural South Dakota,” said Jones. “There is no limit to the number of businesses that can be assisted as these funds are continually revolved and lent back out.”

USDA Rural Development provides funding to various revolving loan fund administrators through its Intermediary Relending Program, Rural Business Development Grants, Rural Economic Development Loans/Grants, and Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program. Last year, more than \$2.2 million in loans and grants were provided to rural organizations to help establish revolving loan funds.

Since 2009, 1,950 small businesses accessed more than \$158.5 million from the 85 revolving loan funds assisted by USDA Rural Development in South Dakota. These loans helped rural small businesses in a variety of ways including the purchase of equipment, real estate, and expansions.

USDA Rural Development’s funding continues to have a dramatic impact on rural communities across South Dakota. Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has invested more than \$2.3 billion on essential public facilities, small and emerging businesses, water and sewer systems, and housing opportunities for South Dakota families.

This past year, USDA Rural Development’s investment in South Dakota helped create or retain more than 442 jobs, aided 1,536 families in buying their own homes and assisted more than 40 communities as they made improvements to their facilities, services and

Rural Development Program Deadlines

Program	Application Deadline(s)
Rural Energy for America (REAP) 2015	Applications accepted year round.
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	07/07/2015 paper applications; 07/02/2015 electronic applications.
Small Socially Disadvantaged Grant	07/20/2015 paper applications; 07/14/2015 electronic applications.
Rural Community Development Grant	07/30/2015 paper applications; 07/27/2015 electronic applications.
Water and Environmental Programs	On-going application cycles; can apply anytime.
Community Loan and Grant Programs	On-going application cycles; can apply anytime.
Single Family Housing Programs... 502 Very-Low and Low Direct Loans; 504 Loans and Grants; and 502 Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) Loan Program	On-going application cycles; can apply anytime.
Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing (538)	12/31/2015

Infrastructure.

“At USDA Rural Development we make strategic investments in areas such as healthcare and education to help grow the economic engine in rural America,” added Jones. “Let us know how we can help you foster sustainable economic prosperity through a partnership for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.”

Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Available

Call for Letters of Intent -- Due July 15, 2015

Letters of Intent forms are now available for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The TAP is a grant program that uses federal transportation funds, designated by Congress, for specific activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options.

The TAP was authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), signed into law on July 6, 2012. The TAP redefines the former Transportation Enhancement activities and consolidates these eligibilities with the Safe Routes to School, Scenic Byways and Recreation Trails Programs. There will no longer be separate applications for Safe Routes to School, Transportation Enhancements or Scenic Byways. These project types should be submitted under this TAP call for Letters of Intent. The TAP builds upon the legacy of the former Transportation Enhancement, Safe Routes to School and Scenic Byways programs by expanding travel choices, strengthening the local economy, improving the quality of life, and protecting the environment.

Approximately \$2.1 million is available through this competitive grant process administered by the South Department of Transportation (SDDOT) Office of Project Development. Each grant will be for a maximum of \$400,000, although the SDDOT may approve a larger amount for phased projects. The minimum grant amount for infrastructure projects is \$50,000. There is no set minimum grant amount for non-infrastructure projects. There is an 18.05% minimum local match requirement for each project.

A full description of the TAP is available in the <http://www.sddot.com/services/transalt/SDDOTTAPSummaryandApplicationGuide.pdf>

The submittal of the Letter of Intent form, (downloadable at http://www.sddot.com/services/transalt/SDDOTTAP_LOT.pdf) is a mandatory requirement in order to be eligible to submit a full application for funding. The Letter of Intent form submittal deadline is July 15, 2015. This will be the only call for Letters of Intent for the 2016 Fiscal Year.

Requests for additional information, site visits and/or meetings on potential projects should be directed to Nancy Surprenant by phone at 605-773-4912 or by email at nancy.surprenant@state.sd.us.

Following the receipt of the Letters of Intent, on-site meetings with project sponsors will be scheduled prior to the September 15, 2015, deadline for full applications.

SDDOT Seeks Input on the Tentative 2016-2019 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) has developed a tentative 2016-2019 four-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this future time period. The tentative STIP document lists the projects that SDDOT has tentatively proposed in Federal Fiscal Years 2016 through 2019. A copy of the tentative STIP can be viewed online at: <http://www.sddot.com/transportation/highways/planning/stip/Default.aspx>.

The department is holding public meetings on the tentative STIP in various locations in July. The purpose of the STIP public meeting is to provide all interested parties a chance to review the tentative STIP and provide public comment. It also allows SDDOT staff to address questions from the public regarding proposed projects in the tentative STIP.

SDDOT is holding formal public meetings on the tentative STIP on the following dates:

- July 13, 2015 – Aberdeen at the Ramada Inn
- July 14, 2015 – Sioux Falls at the Ramkota Hotel
- July 15, 2015 – Ft. Pierre at AmericInn Lodge
- July 16, 2015 – Rapid City at Ramkota Hotel
- July 23, 2015 – Webinar beginning at 1:30pm (CDT)

Email dave.voeltz@state.sd.us to register for the webinar.

The Public is Encouraged to Attend!

Devils Tower: Proposals to Change the Name

On November 20, 2014, a proposal was submitted to the [United States Board on Geographic Names](#) on behalf of a spiritual leader of the Lakota Nation to change the names of the geologic feature “Devils Tower” and the populated place “Devils Tower, Wyoming.” On December 1, 2014, the President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe wrote to the Secretary of the Interior and others requesting the name “Devils Tower National Monument” be changed. In each instance the request is to change “Devils Tower” to “Bear Lodge.” More than twenty Tribes with close association to the Tower hold it sacred, and find the application of the name “Devils” to be offensive.

History of the Name

According to research conducted by the National Park Service, several historic documents recount the names “Bear Lodge,” “Bears Lodge,” and “Mato Teepee” were the names assigned to the Tower on most maps, with few exceptions, between 1874 and 1901. In 1875 Lieutenant Colonel Richard Dodge escorted the scientific expedition of geologist Walter P. Jenney through the Black Hills to determine the truth of rumors of gold initiated by Gen. George Armstrong Custer the previous year. Dodge wrote in his 1875 journal, “The Indians call this shaft ‘The Bad God’s Tower,’ a name adopted, with proper modifications, by our surveyors.” It is speculated that a guide for Lt. Dodge was the source of this translation, and “Bear Lodge” may have been mistakenly interpreted as “Bad God’s.” As a result, “Bad God’s Tower” then became “Devils Tower.” The name “Devils Tower” was applied to maps of that era, and subsequently was used in the name of the national monument when it was proclaimed in 1906.

Who has the Authority to Change the Name?

The National Park Service has no authority to change the names of the geologic feature, the populated place, or the national monument. The United States Board on Geographic Names may change the name of the geologic feature and the populated place, whereas the name of the national monument may be changed by an act of Congress or by a Presidential Proclamation.

Avenues for Commenting on the Name Change Proposal

Comments regarding the proposal to change the geologic feature “Devils Tower” to “Bear Lodge” and/or the populated place of “Devils Tower, WY” to “Bear Lodge, WY” may be sent to the Wyoming Board on Geographic Names or the United States Board on Geographic Names.

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Comments regarding the proposal to change the name of “Devils Tower National Monument” to “Bear Lodge National Monument” may be sent to deto_namechange@nps.gov or the respective congressional representative or the White House.

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/US-Congress.shtml>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments>

Update on the Tribal Pilot Parole Program

By Gov. Dennis Daugaard

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

This week I had the honor of speaking about South Dakota's criminal justice system at a policy briefing on Capitol Hill. I talked with policymakers about the process we undertook to study our growing prison population and the criminal justice reforms we adopted in 2013. I encouraged those who attended to look to South Dakota as they consider making similar reforms at the federal level.

It was an easy pitch because the reforms we've adopted in South Dakota are already bringing positive results. Our prison population is lower than what was projected; we haven't had to construct a new state prison; and the tribal pilot parole program we put in place last year has been effective.

Nearly 30 percent of the inmates in the state prison system are Native American. More than half of parolees who abscond from the state parole supervision are Native Americans. In many of these cases, the absconders are returning to one of the reservations, where they often have homes and families. Unfortunately, because the state lacks jurisdiction on the reservations, state parole agents can no longer supervise parolees who return to a reservation.

The tribal pilot parole program was enacted one year ago as an agreement between the state of South Dakota and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. Under the program, the tribe supervises enrolled tribal members who want to return to the Lake Traverse Reservation while on parole.

The state provides the training and funding for a tribal parole agent to supervise parolees on the reservation under the same parole system that state agents use. This system applies swift, certain and proportionate sanctions for misbehavior, along with incentives for compliance. These evidence-based practices have been shown to reduce the risk that a parolee will return to the penitentiary.

As a part of the pilot program, a tribal wellness team meets regularly to provide support for the parolees in the program. The team includes individuals who work in a number of different areas including mental health, tribal law enforcement, drug and alcohol treatment, housing, and veteran's affairs. If a participant violates parole, the wellness team reviews the individual's case and determines the most appropriate sanctions. They take the risks and needs of each violator into consideration, and apply the penalties which are most likely to change behavior.

So far the results of the pilot program have been very promising. In the first year, 95 percent of the offenders in the tribal parole pilot did not abscond or have a parole violation report submitted. Nearly 70 percent went without a sanction due to a rule violation. No offenders were returned to prison because of a new conviction and only one offender was returned to prison due to a technical violation.

In its first year, the parole program with Sisseton Wahpeton has been a success. The pilot has led to smoother transitions for Native American parolees and restoration for tribal families. If the tribal pilot parole program continues to be successful, we'll have the opportunity to expand it to other reservations.

Of all things undertaken in my four and a half years as Governor, the Public Safety Improvement Act is one of the efforts of which I am most proud. Through the tribal pilot parole program and other programs under the law, we are not only improving public safety and reducing spending, but holding offenders more accountable and improving lives.

Benefits of Summer Bridge

Summer is a time to relax; a time to enjoy the outdoors and warmer weather; a time to get together with family and friends; a time to have fun. Summer is also a time of change and transition; a time when high school students become high school graduates; a time to begin new adventures and take new paths. With change comes uncertainty. Change can be scary. It can also be exciting. One way to make change happen more easily is to have people and places to go to for guidance and support. Crossing the Bridge from high school and home to college and careers can make you feel a little shaky – especially if the Bridge seems long and unfamiliar. That is why the support and security that comes from having people, places and programs like South Dakota Jump Start's Summer Bridge is so important - not only for having a great summer, but being a great success as you move into the next part of your life!

Summer Bridge offers incoming college freshmen an academic and financial Jump Start on their college career. The program offers FREE credits, FREE housing and meals, FREE personal support from a Jump Start Advisor, FREE programming and activities, and a FREE preview of everything a student needs to know and do to be ready for a successful first year and college career. The Summer Bridge program starts about 4 weeks before Fall Semester begins, and gives new freshmen a chance to get acquainted with the campus, with people and places that will be resources throughout their college career, with other new freshmen who will be part of their college family and home-away-from-home, and with what it takes to be a successful student when it comes to classes, studying, money management, and more.

The seven higher education institutions offering the SD Jump Start program and scholarship all have slightly different start dates, but typically students begin near the end of July or early August. This is a Bridge not only to the first year of college, but also to the entire SD Jump Start program, which offers:

- summer credits totaling a full semester of FREE tuition (a value of \$8000),
- guaranteed summer employment for the next 2 summers
- on-going support from an advisor dedicated to students in Jump Start
- learning/living communities
- student peer mentors
- special programs, activities, speakers and events

Everything is designed to make college as successful an experience as possible. The end-game is simple – graduation! Every SD Jump Start student will have a plan developed to ensure that they will walk across the stage and get their college degree. Then that next Bridge will be ready for them to step onto and across to a future that is the life they've dreamed about, and their families have only imagined.

Although it is summer already, there is still time to enroll in Summer Bridge programs at Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, Oglala Lakota College, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. If you have already registered for classes at one of these colleges and want all the advantages of the SD Jump Start program, there is time to also register for Summer Bridge. If you – or the student in your family – is eligible for a PELL Grant or is American Indian and a graduate of a South Dakota high school, South Dakota Jump Start is for you. If you haven't yet made the decision to go to college it's not too late. Contact the Admissions office at your campus or call a Jump Start Advisor toll-free at 1-844-601-6957 today.

Devils Tower Events

Special Guest Performances and Events at Devils Tower Amphitheater

June 30	Phillip Whiteman, Jr. 8:30 pm
July 1	Phillip Whiteman, Jr. 8:30 pm
July 5	Gib Young 8:30 pm
July 6	Gib Young 8:30 pm
July 24	Buffalo Bill Boycott 8:30 pm
July 25	Buffalo Bill Boycott 8:30 pm
August 29	Bat Festival (to be determined)
Sept. 6	Cowboy Poetry Festival 12 noon



Staff attended Thunder Valley CDC Groundbreaking Ceremony in June on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Everyone was encourage to take a turn at the shovels and help break ground on this new community.

Do you have an article you would like to contribute?

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