

# SD Department of Tribal Relations

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**  
RED ROSSA, PIERRE, SD  
8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
AGRICULTURE LISTENING SESSION  
11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.  
LUNCHEON WITH WELCOME FROM THE GOVERNOR  
RSVP ONLY  
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION  
RECOGNITION OF NEW TRIBAL RELATIONS SECRETARY  
STEVE EMERY BY GOVERNOR DAUGAARD  
INVITATION ONLY

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**  
SD STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA, PIERRE, SD  
8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL, FEDERAL, & STATE AGRICULTURAL BOOTHS  
11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
STATE TRIBAL RELATIONS DAY CEREMONY  
1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
TRADITIONAL MEAL

**RSVP required for**  
**Listening Session Luncheon**  
**by Tuesday, February 17, 2015**  
Sent RSVP To:  
kathy.aplan@state.sd.us | 605-773-5654

**VISIT OUR AGRICULTURAL  
SPONSOR BOOTHS  
AT RED ROSSA ON THE 25TH  
AND OUR  
TRIBAL, FEDERAL, & STATE BOOTHS  
IN THE ROTUNDA ON THE 26TH**

[www.sdtribalrelations.com](http://www.sdtribalrelations.com)

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**District 01: Brown, Day, Marshall, & Roberts**



Senator Jason Frerichs (D)



Representative Dennis Feickert (D)



Representative Steven D. McCleerey (D)

**Indian Country Legislators 90<sup>th</sup> Session**

These men and women are your representatives during the 90<sup>th</sup> legislative session. Find current legislative information at:

[http://legis.sd.gov/Legislative\\_Session/Default.aspx?Session=Ninetieth](http://legis.sd.gov/Legislative_Session/Default.aspx?Session=Ninetieth)

See what bills the Department of Tribal Relations is following at: <http://www.sdtribalrelations.com/sdleg.aspx>

**District 04: Brookings, Codington, Deuel, & Grant**



Senator Jim Peterson (D)



Representative Fred E. Deutsch (R)



Representative John J. Wiik (R)

**District 24: Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, & Sully**



Senator Jeff Monroe (R)



Representative Mary Duvall (R)



Representative Tim Rounds (R)

**District 05: Codington**



Senator Ried Holien (R)



Representative Lee Schoenbeck (R)



Representative Roger D. Solum (R)

**District 26: Brule, Buffalo, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, & Todd**



Senator Troy Heinert (D)



Representative Shawn Bordeaux 26 A (D)



Representative James Schaefer 26 B (R)

**District 08: Lake, Miner, Moody, & Sanborn**



Senator Scott Parsley (D)



Representative Leslie Heinemann (R)



Representative Mathew J. Wollman (R)

**District 27: Bennett, Haakon, Jackson, Pennington, & Shannon**



Senator Jim Bradford (D)



Representative Kevin Killer (D)



Representative Elizabeth May (R)

**District 21: Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Gregory, & Tripp**



Senator Billie H. Sutton (D)



Representative Julie Bartling (D)



Representative Lee Qualm (R)

**District 28: Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, & Ziebach**



Senator Betty Olson (R)



Representative Dean Schremp 28 A (D)



Representative J. Marty Sam 28 B (R)



## DENR/CRST Work Together to Remove Tire Stockpile

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe recently joined efforts to get more than 1,160 tons of scrap tires removed from the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation and disposed of properly.

The tires were removed by Standing Rock Sanitation Services, Inc., who submitted the low bid of \$135 per ton.

The waste tire removal process took 16 months to complete and involved state, tribal and federal officials. The total cost for removal was \$157,000. The process started when the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Tribal Council contacted DENR in August 2013 about possible removal of the waste tire pile. It ended when Standing Rock Sanitation Services submitted an invoice with required documentation to demonstrate project completion in December 2014.

The process involved DENR officials meeting with the tribal landfill manager and conducting a site visit to estimate the volume of tires to be removed. An access agreement and proposed removal plan was approved by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs and DENR. The South Dakota Office of Procurement solicited bids for the removal and proper disposal of the waste tires and contracted with the low bidder.

## Lee Greenwood Valentines for Veterans Concert

Washington Pavilion, 301 S. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD  
3:00 pm Saturday, February 21, 2015 until 5:50 pm  
Saturday, February 21, 2015  
Tickets are available from the Sioux Falls VA Voluntary Services at (605) 336-3230 Ext. 6851 or 6806

## Board of Regents College Jump Start Program

With the help of a prestigious \$3.6 million federal grant, South Dakota State University, in partnership with six other South Dakota higher education institutions, has developed the South Dakota Jump Start program. This program intends to serve 900 Native American and low-income students, helping them succeed in college by providing an affordable academic “jump start.” South Dakota Jump Start students are currently being identified for the next academic year. Eligible individuals include Native American and low-income students who have graduated from a South Dakota high school and want to attend college for the first time. Working to assist high school students in their decision to attend college, South Dakota Jump Start access advisors are providing students and their families the information they need to make this important decision. Access advisors are currently making themselves available through high school, community, and home visits. They can answer questions and assist students and families in the college and financial aid application process. Advisors can be reached at (844) 601-6957 or by email to [sdjumpstart@sdbor.edu](mailto:sdjumpstart@sdbor.edu). Participating students enter a summer campus-based experience prior to their freshman year of college to earn free college credits and have an opportunity to get acclimated to the campus. The following two summers, students will continue to earn college credits and participate in guaranteed part-time employment, internships, or undergraduate research to help pay for their higher education. During the school year, students work with a South Dakota Jump Start advisor on campus to connect with resources, create a success plan, and participate in Jump Start events and activities. Financial assistance to aid with the purchase of textbooks and access computers is designed to help students continue to succeed. Led by SDSU, the four-year program will operate at all six public universities under the authority of the South Dakota Board of Regents, as well as at Oglala Lakota College, a tribal institution.



## The South Dakota National Guard continues their Tribal Partnerships

The SD National Guard Community Projects Office participated in a conference call hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe regarding a project to stabilize the Missouri River Shoreline near Lower Brule

November 2014

The SD National Guard Community Projects Office attended a meeting hosted by the Rosebud Economic Development Corporation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding the Keya Wakpala community development project.

October 2014

The SD National Guard Community Projects Office visited potential timber piles with the Black Hills Forest Service. The State Entomologist has certified all piles beetle-free.

The SD National Guard Projects Office met with members of the Cheyenne River, Crow Creek and Oglala Sioux Tribes at the Golden Coyote Exercise Initial Planning regarding the 2015 timber haul and potential projects.

September 2014

The SD National Guard Community Projects Office met with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Housing Authority regarding a potential project to improve the Pow Wow grounds in Dupree, SD, and with the Mayor of Wood, SD, regarding a potential road improvement project.

<http://sdguard.ngb.army.mil>

By June Hansen, DOT Tribal Liaison

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual South Dakota Tribal Transportation Safety Summit

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SD Tribal Transportation Safety Summit was held on October 15-16 at Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel in Watertown, SD. The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate hosted the event. The purpose of the summit is to promote transportation safety best practices and share highway safety success stories from Indian Country.

Seven of the nine Tribes provided presentations to the group on a particular effort by their Tribe to improve transportation safety. Many Tribes brought displays of safety campaigns to share with the group. A report detailing the summit presentations is found at: <http://www.sddot.com/services/civil/docs/2014FinalTribalTranspSafetySummitReport.pdf> or <http://www.sddot.com/services/civil/tero.aspx>.

The next Tribal Transportation Safety Summit is scheduled for the fall of 2015 at the Grand River Casino in Mobridge, SD. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe will host this event.

## Locate your County Veterans Service Officer at this link:

<http://vetaffairs.sd.gov/veteransserviceofficers/locatevso.aspx>

Call the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Phone: 605-773-3269

Toll Free: 1-877-579-0015

## The South Dakota Arts Council Deadlines!

### APPLICATIONS FOR ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE DUE MARCH 1

The South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) is now accepting grant applications for its Artists In Schools and Communities (AISC) residency program, which provides matching grants to schools and other nonprofit organizations for artists in residence. Applications must be received through the SDAC's online application system.

To view the extensive list of roster artists and read about the residencies offered, visit [www.artsCouncil.sd.gov/aisc/meetar tist.aspx](http://www.artsCouncil.sd.gov/aisc/meetar tist.aspx).

The deadline for grant applications to be submitted online is March 1; the simple, online form is available at [www.artsCouncil.sd.gov/aisc/residen cy.aspx](http://www.artsCouncil.sd.gov/aisc/residen cy.aspx).

### MARCH 2 GRANT DEADLINE SET FOR ARTISTS & ORGANIZATIONS

South Dakota artists, arts organizations and other nonprofit groups are invited to seek grant support from the South Dakota Arts Council to assist in funding arts projects and programs throughout the state.

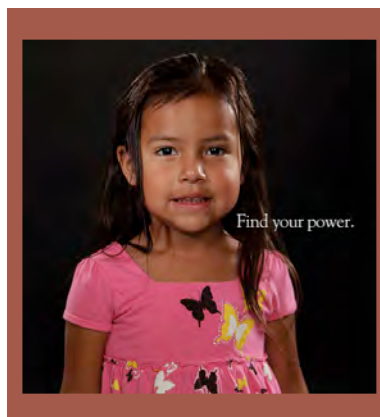
**Artist Fellowships** of \$5,000, **Artist Project Grants** between \$1,000 and \$2,000 matching grants, **Artist Collaboration Grants** a maximum of \$6,000 may be requested, **Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants** up to \$4,000, **Artist Career Development Grants** of \$2,000.

Applicants have until March 2 to apply for projects and activities that will occur July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. Applications are available at [www.artsCouncil.sd.gov](http://www.artsCouncil.sd.gov) and must be submitted online through the South Dakota Arts Council's E-grant system.



There are four Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs that work in conjunction with the South Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The Tribal Programs are with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. The purpose of vocational rehabilitation programs is to assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining or maintaining their employment. Many individuals with disabilities living on the reservations are working jointly with the state and tribal programs. Ongoing communication between these programs and coordination of services is essential for individuals with disabilities to be successful in their employment.

The state and tribal vocational rehabilitation programs include each other in training activities and advisory councils for South Dakotans with disabilities. The agencies also hold joint meetings to discuss and improve services for Native Americans with disabilities. The photo above is from the December 16, 2014, meeting in Rapid City.



### Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, SD Department of Health Create Tobacco Prevention Tools for Tribal Communities

There is nothing traditional or sacred about addiction to commercial tobacco. The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and the South Dakota Department of Health Tobacco Control Program worked together to create the tools found at

[www.FindYourPowerSD.com](http://www.FindYourPowerSD.com). The Find Your Power website has been developed to help us find our power, our strength and fight back against commercial tobacco.

The site includes information about the SD QuitLine, access to tribal tobacco policy toolkits, campaign materials, and additional resources. Please explore, share, and let us know what you are doing to end commercial tobacco addiction in your community.

Find Your Power is also on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/FindYourPowerSD>



The annual Governor's Conference on Tourism was held in Pierre, January 20-22. Thanks to these exhibitors for your support of this event:

Four Bands Community Fund – Eagle Butte  
 Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce – Kyle  
 Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tourism – Agency Village  
 Dakota Sioux Casino - Watertown  
 Wicoti Tiwahe Youth Camp – Herrick

## SD Department of Tourism

Jim Hagen, Secretary

Over the past two summers, I, along with a couple of my staff, have been scheduling visits to the reservations to meet with tribal people involved in or interested in promoting tourism. To date, we have visited the Lower Brule, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Yankton, Rosebud and Cheyenne River tribes. We will soon begin scheduling for this summer and hope to take trips to visit the Standing Rock, Oglala, Flandreau Santee and Crow Creek tribes by fall. The goal of these visits is to identify one or two contact people on each reservation or with each tribe and establish a working relationship with those people in order to assist with promoting anything the tribes wish to showcase to visitors, if that is their desire. We also use these contact people to disseminate information on Department of Tourism programs and opportunities such as customer service training funds, our Rooster Rush pheasant hunting promotion and many more.

For more information on SD Tourism contact:

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 Eileen.bertsch@travelsouthdakota.com  
 605-773-3301

## Governor Establishing Council To Study Indian Education

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard and the state's tribal leaders are joining together to improve the achievement levels and graduation rates of Native American students.

The Governor has established the Native American Student Achievement Advisory Council, which will consist of a variety of stakeholders including tribal leaders and representatives from the Indian Education Advisory Council, the South Dakota departments of Education and Tribal Relations, and education groups.

“Today's world demands that, in order to succeed, students must graduate from the K-12 system prepared for postsecondary education and careers, and many of our Native American students face unique challenges in achieving these goals,” said Gov. Dennis Daugaard. “This is an issue we must all confront. By bringing stakeholders together, I am confident we will establish an effective dialogue and move toward solutions.”

The council will report its findings to the Legislature and the Governor by Dec. 1, 2015.



We are proud to be able to share with you the latest news from the various departments of the State of South Dakota.

For more information or to share your news event, please email

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