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Cultural Heritage Center to host "Baseball No-Hitters of the Midwest" program on June 11

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society is hosting a program entitled "Baseball No-Hitters of the Midwest" on Saturday, June 11, at 2 p.m. CDT, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The program presenter is veteran Associated Press sports writer Dirk Lammers, a New Jersey native who recently authored "Baseball's No-Hit Wonders: More Than a Century of Pitching's Greatest Feats."

Lammers will provide a look at the three Major League no-hitters thrown by lowa's own Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians and other "no-nos" thrown by pitching greats and one-timers who hail from the Midwest or played for teams in the region.

"We are excited to bring Dirk Lammers to the Cultural Heritage Center to talk about baseball – and especially no-hit baseball games," said Jay Smith, museum director. "No-hitters are special, and there are almost always great back stories about the game or the pitcher that pitched the game. This program will be a lot of fun for all of our audiences."

The presentation, in conjunction with the museum's exhibit entitled "Play Ball! The National Pastime in South Dakota," is made possible through the South Dakota Humanities Council Speakers Bureau program. There is no fee to attend the event, but regular admission fees will apply to visit the baseball exhibit and museum galleries.

Summer museum hours are 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. CDT. Children age 17 and younger are always free.

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About the South Dakota State Historical Society

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.