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Gov. Daugaard proclaims October Archives Month

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed October Archives Month in South Dakota.

“Archival institutions have a responsibility to collect, organize, preserve, and make available records that document the history of the state of South Dakota and the plains region for the education and appreciation of present and future generations,” Gov. Daugaard noted in the proclamation.

“There are county, municipal, university and private archives as well as the State Archives, and each of these organizations contains historical records that document the rich history of our state,” said Chelle Somsen, South Dakota state archivist. “This month is the time for us to focus on the important records that protect our rights, provide enduring memories and give recognition to the people and programs that maintain these records.”

The South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre is sponsoring or participating in several events that highlight historical records in October, including:

Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT, Archives open

The State Archives will be open, as it is most first Saturdays.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Coming to Dakota Scavenger Hunt

A free scavenger hunt is being held at the State Archives. Participants will use archival collections to answer questions related to immigration to South Dakota. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., #AskAnArchivist Day

AskAnArchivist Day is a national event sponsored by the Society of American Archivists. Follow the Twitter conversation using #AskAnArchivist and send your questions to @SDArchives.

Monday, Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Electronic Records Day

Oct. 10 is designated as "Electronic Records Day" by the Council of State Archivists. Electronic files are much more fragile than paper records, and their long-term survival requires attention and planning. Watch the State Archives Facebook page on Electronic Records Day for tips on preserving and managing your electronic files.

Monday, Oct. 24, 7p.m., Cedar Hill Cemetery Virtual Tour

Ken Stewart with the South Dakota State Historical Society will conduct a virtual tour of the cemetery using a PowerPoint presentation while discussing some of the area's early

residents who are buried there. This is a free presentation that will be shown in the education room at the Cultural Heritage Center.

For more information on South Dakota Archives Month please visit history.sd.gov/archives and click the Archives Month 2016 link.

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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.