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## **Gov. Daugaard Proclaims October 'Archives Month'**

PIERRE, S.D. – October has been declared “Archives Month” in South Dakota by Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

“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 Historical Society-Archives and each of these organizations contains historical records that document the rich history of our state,” said Chelle Somsen, South Dakota state archivist. “October is a chance for South Dakotans to recognize the importance of archives and historical records.”

The 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. 12, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., LDS Church, 506 N Jefferson, Pierre**

Two State Archives staffers will be presenting. Virginia Hanson will be giving a presentation on “Unique Sources at the South Dakota State Archives” and Ken Stewart will discuss “Bizarre Characters in South Dakota history” as part of the Pierre/Fort Pierre Genealogical Society Family History Seminar.

### **Sunday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m., Cultural Heritage Center**

Showing of the “The Keystone Wye (Why) Bridge” film, a 1970 documentary recently repaired and converted to digital format for preservation and access. The 28-minute color film was produced by Nauman Films, Inc. of Custer from footage captured by the South Dakota Department of Transportation, and documents the construction of the Keystone Wye Bridge in the Black Hills between 1966 and 1968. Designed by Clyde Jundt, the Keystone Wye is a tri-level glued laminate timber bridge located at the interchange of U.S. Hwy. 16 and U.S. Hwy. 16A north of Keystone. The bridge was constructed as part of a SDDOT project to improve vehicle access to tourist destinations throughout the Black Hills.

### **Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 3900 S Fairhall Ave, Sioux Falls**

Virginia Hanson will present “Dakota Territorial Records for Genealogical Research” at the 2013 Family History Conference. Hanson will speak about the early territorial

records that are available at the South Dakota State Archives to provide researchers with a wealth of genealogical information.

**Sunday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m., Cultural Heritage Center**

The film "Beast from the Haunted Cave" will be shown. Originally released in 1959, the movie was filmed in the Black Hills of South Dakota and tells the story of a "blood-starved creature hidden in the depths of an old mine" and those attempting to fight off the hideous creature. Monte Hellman directed the film with stars Michael Forest, Sheila Carol and Frank Wolff.

For more information on South Dakota Archives Month, please visit [history.sd.gov/archives](http://history.sd.gov/archives) and click the link to "Archives Month 2013."

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**Editor's Note: The attached photo shows construction of the Keystone Wye Bridge in 1968. (Photo courtesy of the South Dakota State Historical Society-State Archives )**

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