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Holiday hours announced for Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. – Holiday hours for the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre have been announced by officials with the South Dakota State Historical Society.

The museum will be open extended hours, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. CST, through Tuesday, Dec. 23. Regular hours, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., will return on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

The center is closed on Thursday, Christmas Day.

On Friday, Dec. 26, the museum and Heritage Store are open from 1-4:30 p.m. All other society offices are closed.

Saturday hours for the museum and store are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and they are open 1-4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

“We hope people bring their holiday guests up to view the outstanding exhibits in the museum or do some last-minute or post-Christmas shopping in the Heritage Store,” said Jay D. Vogt, director of the SDSHS.

The popular exhibit “Play Ball! The National Pastime in South Dakota,” recently opened in the museum. The exhibit explores the history of baseball in the state. There is a small admission fee for the museum for adults; children 17-and-younger are always free.

The center is also closed on Thursday, New Year’s Day.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society 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.