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## **State Historical Society to Host Smithsonian Sunday Program on Sept. 14**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society will host a special webcast of the Smithsonian Channel program entitled “Silicon Valley Rebels” at 2 p.m. CDT on Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The program, in the center’s education room, was produced in 2010 for the Smithsonian Channel, and explores the development of Silicon Valley before Steve Jobs and Bill Gates. In the late 1950s, there was the "Fairchild Eight," who built Silicon Valley from the ground up. This film reveals how willpower, jealousy and the joy of making the impossible possible drove these men to reinvent the American Dream.

“This is a very interesting program,” said Jay Smith, director of the Museum of the State Historical Society. “It is a fascinating human as well as technological story of a period in time that changed the future of the United States and the world.”

There is no fee to view the program, but standard admission fees apply for visitors wanting to go into the museum galleries. “Silicon Valley Rebels” was originally broadcast in 2010 by the Smithsonian Channel.

The South Dakota State Historical Society became a Smithsonian Affiliate in January 2013, and it is the only affiliate in the state. Since 2013, the museum has hosted a “Smithsonian Sunday” program on the second Sunday of each month.

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### ***About the South Dakota State Historical Society***

*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, 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 [history.sd.gov](http://history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*

### ***About Smithsonian Affiliations***

*Established in 1996, Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. The long-term goal of Smithsonian Affiliations is to facilitate a two-way relationship among Affiliate organizations and the Smithsonian Institution to increase discovery and inspire lifelong*

*learning in communities across America. More information about the Smithsonian Affiliations program and Affiliate activity is available at <https://affiliations.si.edu>.*