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Book signing, discussion of new book about Crazy Horse coming Sept. 8

PIERRE, S.D. – A new perspective on one of the greatest American Indian warriors of the 19th century will be offered at events in Pierre.

Family members of Crazy Horse will sign copies and discuss the new book “Crazy Horse: The Lakota Warrior’s Life & Legacy” on Thursday, Sept. 8.

A book signing will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Prairie Pages Bookseller, 321 S. Pierre Street. The book discussion will begin at 7 p.m. at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive.

Floyd Clown, Doug War Eagle and Bill Matson are expected to attend both events. Clown and War Eagle are members of the Edward Clown family, descendants of Crazy Horse. Family members told stories of the Lakota warrior to Matson, with the resulting book being “Crazy Horse: The Lakota Warrior’s Life & Legacy.”

“The book is a new perspective on Crazy Horse. It’s the story of Crazy Horse told in an American Indian voice. The story is from the people who knew him best,” said Michael Lewis, president of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

The foundation is based at the Cultural Heritage Center and is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society. The foundation and Prairie Pages Bookseller are sponsoring the book signing and book discussion.

“This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the life of Crazy Horse as it has been handed down from one generation to another. Matson has put the family’s oral history into print. That oral history can differ in many ways from commonly held beliefs about Crazy Horse,” said Peggy Stout of Prairie Pages Bookseller.

Books go on sale Sept. 6 at both Prairie Pages and the Heritage Stores at the Cultural Heritage Center and the Capitol.

Call (605) 773-6006 for more information.

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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.

About the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation

The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is a private charitable nonprofit that seeks funding to assist the South Dakota State Historical Society in programming and projects to preserve South Dakota's history and heritage for future generations.