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Fall brings return of regular hours to Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. – With the advent of fall, regular operating hours have returned to the museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The museum is now open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT Monday-Saturday and 1-4:30 p.m. on Sundays and most holidays. During the summer, the museum was open 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

“Be sure to follow the museum on Facebook and Twitter for updates on our family-friendly events and programs,” said Jay Smith, museum director. “Our galleries feature hands-on activities that are sure to engage all ages – and remember that all kids 17 and under are always admitted to the museum free of charge!”

The newest exhibit, “Building South Dakota,” just opened in July in the Observation Gallery and shows how the state’s built environment has changed over time. Large images tell the story of South Dakota’s building evolution, and visitors of all ages can put together their own city or farm using hands-on activity tables.

The museum has a small admission fee for adults 18 and older; members of the South Dakota State Historical Society get in free. For more information call (605) 773-3458.

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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.