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We want to hear from you about your organization's activities

For 19 and one-half years we have been publishing “Hoofprints” as one way of keeping the state’s local history-related groups of all kinds up to date on a wide variety of activities, events, opportunities and organizations. We want you to know what is happening with your State Historical Society, as well as trends and tidbits from across the country and the state. One of the best parts of “Hoofprints” is the “Field Reports.” I enjoy learning who is leading the local history groups, the creative ideas for activities and programs, and the amazing projects and accomplishments taking place to collect, preserve, interpret and promote local history. All of these accomplishments provide great inspiration. Please send us the results of your organization’s elections, reports on your special events and programs, and brag about your successes. We want to hear from you!

Your information helps us also keep up to date the “Organizational Guide” on the State Historical Society website [www.history.sd.gov, click on “About Us” and then “Organizational Guide” under “Resources”]. We hope that the organizational guide directs people to your group and helps you interact with neighboring history-related groups. Past issues of “Hoofprints” can be found under “Publications” farther down the column. Nevertheless, we cannot keep this information current without your help. We want to hear from you. If your organization is listed but not highlighted, it means we do

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not have information about you. Send information on your organization to Jeff Mammenga, South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501 or email him at jeff.mammenga@state.sd.us. Jeff is our membership and public relations coordinator. If you know of other history-related groups, give them a copy of your “Hoofprints” and get them in contact with us. We like to know what is happening in South Dakota’s history world.

We also want to be of assistance to you. If you have questions relating to your archives or museum, feel free to contact the staff at the State Archives or the Museum of the South

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Field Reports

Paper proposals are now being accepted for the 23rd annual West River History Conference, which will be held Oct. 1-3, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rapid City. The theme of this year’s conference is “Let the Games Begin: Sports in South Dakota.” This can include all manner of sports, played by American Indians or settlers, biographies of sports promoters or athletes, sports events, venues or bygone leagues, stars and unsung heroes. Contact wrhistory-conf@gmail.com for more information.

This year’s WRHC board of directors includes: Shebby Lee — President; Bev Pechan — Vice President; Bobbi Sago — Secretary/Publications; Diana Hayes — Treasurer; Marguerite Kleven — Exhibits; Sandi McLain — Project Director; Wayne Gilbert — Sponsorships; Carolyn Weber — Corresponding Secretary; and Carol Saunders — Student Liaison.

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New officers of the Hermosa Arts & History Association in Hermosa include: John Preston — President; Delmar Clarke — Vice President; Kelly Edwards — Secretary; Roberta Upton — Treasurer; Pam Borglum — Curator; and Susan Crabtree — Public Relations Officer. The association’s annual “Hermosa Saturday Night” event is coming up in April. Call (605) 484-2370 for more information.

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The Brown County Historical Society held its annual meeting on Jan. 24 at the Alexander Mitchell Public Library in Aberdeen. The program featured Jessica Massa's 2014 paper that won the BCHS annual research and writing contest. The paper, which was read by BCHS president Sherri Rawstern, is titled "The Fischer Five: Surviving the Spotlight in Small Town South Dakota."

The 2015 BCHS officers are President – Sherri Rawstern; Vice-President – Brad Tennant; Secretary – Jean Rahja; and Treasurer – Dennis White. Other board members are Marie Schumacher, Rose Kraft, and Evelyn Blum. Future 2015 programs are scheduled for March 28, July 25 and Oct. 17.

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Rick Mills, director of the South Dakota State Railroad Museum in Hill City, will be among the roster of South Dakota Humanities Council Speakers Bureau presentations available to non-profit, historical and civic organizations that qualify for the program, now in its 43rd year. Mills' presentations include:

"Black Hills Railroads – Then and Now" -- A PowerPoint presentation and discussion providing an overview of railroad history and operations in the Black Hills region from 1874 to today.

"Old Railroads – New Trains: South Dakota Railroad Photography" A PowerPoint presentation and discus-

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Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center. The State Historic Preservation Office can assist with historic properties. We are available to help. In addition, if you are looking for a program or presentation, check out our roster of staff presentations. We want to hear from you. Let us know what your organization is doing and if we can be of any assistance to you. Thank you. jdv

sion of photographs from both sides of the Missouri River! Enjoy classic South Dakota railroad images, as well as some of Mills' favorite rail images and recollections from 40 years of rail photography.

"Railroading in Territorial Times" — A PowerPoint presentation and discussion detailing the development of homesteading, agriculture, business and cultural changes as related to railroading in Dakota Territory from 1861 to statehood in 1889.

If you have any questions, 2015 scholar information and booking support is available from Ryan Woodard, Humanities Council communications and outreach coordinator, at 605-688-6113 or ryan@sdhumanities.org.

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The latest exhibit at the Old Courthouse Museum in downtown Sioux Falls is "A Focus on Cameras from the Collection." Since its invention, the camera has revolutionized the way people see the world. Throughout time, cameras have allowed people to be creative and use their artistic ability through nonverbal messages. From the early start of boxed cameras to today's modern technology, cameras helped reshape history. This new exhibit encompasses how cameras have progressed through time.

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The Dalesburg Scandinavian Association of Vermillion works to preserve and promote the heritage of Dalesburg Lutheran Church and the Dalesburg Community. Its programs and activities are open to anyone who is interested in Scandinavia and Scandinavian-America. One of the association's biggest annual events is the Midsummer Festival, which this year will be held on June 19. Current association officers include: President and Membership — Ron Johnson; Treasurer — Connie Richards; ASI Liaison — Lorraine Carlson; Website — Jeff Erickson; Officers-At-Large — Carol Shubeck, Brendyn Richards and Virginia Johnson; Ex-Officio Officer — Pastor Martens.

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The Gold Camp Players volunteer community theatre at the Homestake Opera House performed a locally-written comedy play "Honeymoon On the Rusted Rail" at the Historic Homestake Opera House (HHOH) in Lead the last two weekends in February.

The play was written by Belle Fourche Community Theatre members Monte Amende and Derek Olson, both of Belle Fourche, and debuted as an original work in the summer of 2013 at the community center in Belle Fourche.

This funny who-done-it offers romance, murder, and a colorful cast of characters that meet up while traveling on the Algonquin Rail Queen. In the spirit of murder-mystery series creators Agatha Christi and Hercule Poirot, this original work by Amende and Olson will have you laughing while the story unveils unexpected twists.

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Seven South Dakota properties were recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The listed properties are the Anderson-Ridley Ranch, St. Onge vicinity; the Concrete Interstate Tipis of South Dakota located along Interstates 29 and 90; the Drake Claim House, Colman vicinity; the Kudrna Homestead and Ranch, Scenic vicinity; the Murdo State Bank, Murdo; the Norbeck-Nicholson Carriage House, Redfield; and the Quamman House, Lemmon.

The National Register is the official federal list of properties identified as important in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture. The State Historic Preservation Office of the State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre works in conjunction with the National Park Service, which oversees the National Register program, to list the properties.

For more information on the National Register or other historic preservation programs, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2217; telephone (605) 773-3458 or website history.sd.gov/Preservation and click on "National Register of Historic Places" in the right column.