Final Details In Place For 2011 McGovern Conference In Mitchell

MITCHELL — The annual Mc-Govern Conference at Dakota Wesleyan University, Nov. 14, will feature the authors of "The Plains Political Tradition: Essays on South Dakota Political Culture," a newly released book published the South Dakota State Historical Society Press.

"Anyone with an interest in South Dakota politics knows there was a great need for such a book," said Dr. Donald Simmons, director of the McGovern Center. "Thanks to support and partnerships between the SDSHS Press, McGovern Center and the Great Plains Education Foundation, there is now a book that explores the undercurrents of our state's political culture."

Sen. George McGovern, 2008 World Food Prize recipient and first United Nations Global Ambassador on Hunger, will open the conference at 10 a.m. and also be available to autograph his new book, "What It Means to be a Democrat" (Blue Rider Press, 2011).

Both "The Plains Political Tradition" and "What It Means to be a Democrat" are available in the Campus Bookstore.

Attendees will have the opportunity, along with politicians, political party leaders, and issue advocates, to discuss the intricacies of the state's unique political environs that often appear confusing and contradictory to political observers.

Program presenters and participants include:

• Jon K. Lauck, author of "Daschle v. Thune: Anatomy of a High Plains Senate Race" (University of Oklahoma Press, 2007) and "Prairie Republic: The Political Culture of Dakota Territory" (University of Oklahoma Press, 2010).

• John E. Miller, retired South Dakota State University professor and author of many books on South Dakota history including, "Looking for History on Highway 14" (South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2001) and "Becoming Laura Ingalls Wilder; The Woman Behind the Legend" (University of Missouri Press, 2006), as well as "Governor Philip F. La Follete, the Wisconsin Progressive and the New Deal" (University of Missouri Press, 1982).

• Ben Nesselhuf, chairman of the South Dakota Democratic Party.

• Gretchen Heefner, author of "The Missile Next Door" (Harvard University Press, 2012).

• Paula M. Nelson, author of "After the West was Won: Homesteaders and Townbuilders in Western South Dakota, 1900-1917" (University of Iowa Press, 1989) and "The Prairie Winnows Out its Own: The West River Country of South Dakota the Years of Depression and Dust" (University of Iowa Press, 2005).

• Dusty Johnson, Gov. Dennis Daugaard's chief of staff and former chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Dr. Rich Lofthus of Mount Marty College will also be attending the McGovern Conference. He will be the moderator for the 10 a.m. opening session of the conference that will feature Sen. Mc-Govern. The session is entitled "Reflections on South Dakota's Political Past, Present and Future."

A new book entitled "The Plains Political Tradition: Essays on South Dakota Political Culture has just been released by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press, and it will be introduced at the McGovern Conference. Dr. Lofthus contributed to the book by compiling information about South Dakota's political parties, election results and voter turnout statistics.

The 2011 McGovern Conference is made possible, in part, by a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For a complete list of program presenters and participants and additional information about the conference program, or to register, visit www.mcgoverncenter.org.

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Governor's Order Extends Permit Suspension To Transport Hay

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has re-issued an Executive Order that suspends the permits needed for oversize vehicles that are transporting baled livestock feed to other states.

The Governor's Executive Order extends the permit suspension until midnight, Dec. 22, 2011.

The livestock industry in the southwestern United States, especially Texas, has been especially hard hit by drought. As conditions continue to deteriorate, farmers and ranchers in extremely dry areas are struggling to find forage for their livestock. Texas State Climatologist John Nielson-Gammon recently noted drought conditions over the past nine months could actually last through the decade.

The Departments of Agriculture in Texas, South Dakota and North Dakota are requesting that the USDA Farm Service Agency allow any hay cut on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to be donated to drought-stricken livestock producers such as those in Texas.

The three state agriculture departments also requested that the haying and grazing restriction on CRP lands be waived through the end of 2011 as well as waiving the 25 percent reduction penalty in CRP payments for haying or grazing under these extreme circumstances.

"Southwest portions of the country are facing prolonged drought, and the situation for livestock producers is getting worse," said South Dakota Agriculture Secretary Walt Bones. "We want to be equipped to help those producers any way we can. One way we can help is to get hay down there quickly. Being able to donate hay cut from CRP acres would also be a big help to those cattle producers." Although the permit require-

NRCS Technical Committee To Meet In Huron

HURON - The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold the State Technical Committee (STC) meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Crossroads Hotel and Convention Center in Huron. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 10 a.m. The STC serves as an advisor to the NRCS State Conservationist. The tentative agenda for the meeting will include conservation programs update. These programs include the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Wetlands Reserve Program

(WRP), Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP), and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Other topics of discussion include the Payment Schedule, Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Persons needing special accommodations should contact Jeff McGuire at (605) 352-1228 or jeffery.mcguire@sd.usda.gov at least one week in advance of the meeting date. ment for oversize vehicles hauling hay across South Dakota borders has been temporarily suspended, several highways in the state have width restrictions in place because of construction. Truckers are encouraged to check routes ahead of time for width restrictions.

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