

# TEDxUSD

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## University of South Dakota Holds TEDx-USD

VERMILLION, S.D. — The University of South Dakota will host TEDxUSD 2015 on Saturday, Nov. 7, which will feature a diverse lineup of topics and speakers, including a former USD kicker who is now a chemistry fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a tribal attorney and a USD law professor.

Tickets to the live event in Old Main's Farber Hall already have sold out. But it will be streamed on the Internet and in the Muenster University Center on campus, which will be open to the public.

Designed to showcase the ideas and talents of the USD community in engaging 18-minute presentations, TEDxUSD presenters were chosen from a pool of candidates:

- Tiffany Graham, associate dean of the USD Law School
- Sarah Jennings, South Dakota director of AARP
- Frank Leibfarth, former USD football kicker currently studying at MIT
- Steve Miller, pastor and USD adjunct professor of history

- Seth Permian, tribal attorney for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
  - Michell Williams, director of strategic program management at Citibank in Sioux Falls
  - Kelsey Collier-Wise, executive director of United Way of Vermillion and Vermillion City Council member
- The final speaker order has yet to be determined.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is an independently organized program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized.

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or fewer) delivered by today's leading thinkers and doers. Many of these talks are given at TED's annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and made available, free, on TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

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### Clay County, SD LAND AUCTION

138.69 +/- Pleasant Valley Township  
Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:30 AM

We will sell the following real estate at public auction at the land site located from the Wakonda exit #42 on I-29, 9 1/2 miles west on 302nd St. and 1 mile south on 461st Ave. Or from Wakonda SD, 6 miles east on 302nd St. and 1 south on 461st Ave. Or from the intersection of SD Hwy 46 and SD Hwy 19 go 5 miles south on Hwy 19, 1 mile west on 302nd St. and 1 mile south on 461st Ave.

If you are looking to expand your current operation or considering land as an investment, here is an opportunity to purchase productive Clay County farmland located in southeast South Dakota's prime agricultural producing region. The land is currently in a corn/soybean rotation and is available to the new owner for the 2016 crop year. Predominate soils include: Lex Clay loam 0-2% slopes and Baltic silty clay loams, 0 to 1 percent slopes. According to Surety /AgriData the productivity index rating is 65.6. According to the Clay County FSA there are 138.14 acres of cropland with a 76.7 acre corn base - 66.5 acres with a 152 bu. PLC yield and 10.2 acres with a 109 bu. PLC Yield. A 59.46 acre soybean base - 52.16 acres with a 36 bu. PLC yield and 7.3 acres with a 33 bu. PLC Yield. And a 1.85 acre Wheat base with a 89 bu. PLC Yield. Taxes: \$3,053.72.

**Abbreviated Legal Description:** N 1/2 NW 1/4 Lot 2; W 1/2 W 1/2 Lot 2 NE 1/4; W 1/2 E 1/2 W 1/2 Lot 2 NE 1/4; E 1/2 E 1/2 W 1/2 Lot 2 NE 1/4; N 1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 All located in 3-94-52 Clay County, SD.

**TERMS:** 15% nonrefundable down payment day of sale with the balance due at closing on or before January 6, 2016. Title insurance and closing costs split 50/50 between buyer and seller. 2015 taxes due in 2016 paid by the seller. The acres in this property are based on acres stated in the county tax records with acres to be understood to be "more or less". The sellers do not warranty or guarantee that the existing fences lie on the true and correct boundary and new fencing, if any, will be the responsibility of the purchaser pursuant to SD statutes. The property is sold in as is condition and as a cash sale with no financing contingency. Sold subject to existing easements, restrictions, reservations, or highway of record, if any. Information is deemed to be correct but it is not guaranteed. All prospective buyers are encouraged to inspect the property and verify all data provided. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all written advertising. Real Estate licensees are agents for the seller. Sold subject to confirmation of owners.

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## Getting Ready For Winter

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE  
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Contrary to the beautiful fall weather we have been enjoying this fall in South Dakota, unfortunately it is coming: Winter Weather.

In an effort to help the residents of Vermillion stay safe this winter Clay County Emergency Management director Layne Stewart offered a few tips for keeping your winter blues related only to the temperature.

"We have been pretty blessed this fall with amazing weather, but it looks like next week it is going to start looking more seasonal," Stewart said. "There are a few things that people can do to stay safe first and foremost, that first snow or ice event, slow down on the roads. There is no place you need to be that you can't take a few extra minutes to get there and be safe."

He also said that before that first snow event happens it is important to make sure your vehicle is ready for the cold, including packing a survival kit.

"If the worst case situation was to occur and you were to end up in the ditch somewhere, a survival kit could be the difference," he said. "A survival kit should include a shovel, a flashlight and batteries, any medications you may be on, water, granola bars, jumper cables, a phone charge and blankets."

He added that if you are heading out on the road and conditions are sketchy to call ahead.

"If you are going home to visit your parents and you call when you leave, if the trip is supposed to take two hours and five hours later you have still not arrived they know that something could be wrong," Stewart said.

However, he warned winter weather safety awareness doesn't just mean safety in a vehicle.

"This weekend is when the clocks are changed, which you know means that people should be checking their smoke detectors and CO detectors," he said. "Also, this time of year before it is really cold, many people choose to use small portable heaters instead of the furnace. They need to remember to turn them off if they are not in the room with them."

Stewart said as people begin turning on their furnaces they should make sure that the filters are clean and fireplaces are not blocked.

"I don't claim to be a big HVAC expert, but you want to make sure that if you turn on your furnace it is ready to go," he said.

As it gets closer to Christmas and people turn on their outdoor holiday decorations, Stewart also advised making sure you are using the correct decorations for outdoors.

"Just remember as the temperatures drop and you head outside to dress in layers," he added. "Wear a hat, you lose a lot of heat through your head, where gloves. No matter where you are going just take your time and get their safely."

For more safety tips for winter weather go to: [http://dps.sd.gov/emergency\\_services/emergency\\_management/documents/Winter2015.pdf](http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/emergency_management/documents/Winter2015.pdf)

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### Union County, SD LAND AUCTION

78.20 +/- Acres Emmet Township  
Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:30 AM

We will sell the following real estate at public auction at the landsite located from Beresford, SD, 5 miles south on I-29 to the Alcester/Wakonda Exit #42, 1/2 mile west on 302nd St and 1 3/4 mile south on 470th Ave.

If you are looking to expand your current operation or to invest in SD farmland, here is an opportunity to purchase productive southeastern SD agricultural land in Union County. The land is currently in a corn/soybean rotation and is available to the new owner for the 2016 crop year. Predominate soils include: Wentworth silty clay loam, 0-2 slopes; Egan Schindler complex, 2-6 percent slopes; Worthing-Chancellor silty clay loams. According to the Union County Director of Equalization the land has a county soil rating of .819 and according to Surety/AgriData a productivity rating of 71.8. Taxes: \$2304.32.

**Legal Description:** S 1/2 SW 1/4 less H-1, 6-94-50, Union County, SD

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## Economy's Slow Growth Isn't Promising For State

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PJERRE - The pace quickened a tad for South Dakota's economy during recent months, after slow growth for the past year, state government's chief economist said Wednesday.

Jim Terwilliger told members of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers that state sales tax revenue was up 5 percent so far for the 2016 fiscal year that began July 1.

That was better news after a sluggish fiscal 2015 that ended June 30 with sales tax revenue up 2.2 percent.

Terwilliger is a member of the state Bureau of Finance and Management staff that is gathering information for Gov. Dennis Daugaard to make his 2017 budget recommendations.

The governor's budget speech to the Legislature is scheduled for Dec. 8.

Terwilliger said the 2017 budget would have a deficit of \$32.6 million if nothing changed from where it stood Wednesday. That won't be the final proposal the Legislature gets.

"We've got about three weeks left," he said.

Right now the 2017 recommendations call for a 2.1 percent increase in state payments to health care providers and an inflationary increase of 0.3 percent in state aid to schools.

The governor also plans to support a \$5.3 million buy-down of tuition for resident students at the state universities and public technical institutes.

Helping offset slow growth in the economy would be a \$21 million reduction in state government's share of Medicaid payments.

A task force appointed by Daugaard to study K-12

teachers and students holds its final meeting today (Thursday). Some panel members seem intent on a tax increase to provide more funding to schools to spend on teacher pay.

The state sales tax rate is 4 percent. An additional one-half percent would generate upward of \$110 million.

That would allow for approximately \$30 million of additional property-tax relief and about \$80 million more for schools.

Gross domestic product for South Dakota hasn't been strong in recent years, according to Ralph Brown, a retired professor from the University of South Dakota.

He told the council that South Dakota GDP fell 0.9 percent in 2012 and grew by 0.9 percent in 2013 and 0.6 percent in 2014.

Non-farm employment numbers show South Dakota hasn't fully recovered from the 2009-2010 recession.

Brown said manufacturing jobs are above their pre-recession level and construction is even again but financial services haven't caught up.

Yet South Dakota ranked twenty-third nationally in personal income per capita and twenty-second for disposable income for 2014.

The explanation might be farms and ranches. South Dakota is coming off a seven-year run of the highest agricultural income in its history.

The bad news there is farm income is forecast to fall to about \$1.5 billion in South Dakota this year, down by 40 percent from two years ago and the lowest since back in 2007 when the big run began.

"Obviously the low commodity prices are having an effect," Terwilliger said.



Pictured above is Moses Bowers, Direct Support Professional, center, Rennae O'Connor, Director of Services, right, and Molly Hammit, Home Manger, left

## Bowers, SESDAC, Inc. Employee of the Month

Moses Bowers, Direct Support Professional, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. October, 2015 Employee of the Month. Moses has been a part of our organization since November, 2013.

Moses was nominated for the award by his fellow co-workers, based on his dedication to his job and the people he supports.

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Moses... "Moses is one of the most important people we have at Cedar. He makes everyone's days run much smoother. I can't say enough about how he tirelessly works throughout the night and is always smiling and happy up until the time he leaves in the AM."

Moses and his family currently reside in Vermillion. SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 96 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.



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