



Energize! Exploring Innovative Rural Communities Conference

Program Schedule

| Wednesday, May 31, 2023 | | | | |
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| 10:30 a.m. | Registration and Lunch Buffet (Lunch Begins at 11:00 a.m.) Visit with Resource Partners/Exhibitors <i>Jerauld County Ag 4-H Building (559 2nd St NE)</i> | | | |
| Noon | 2023 Energize! Kick-Off Welcome Brian Bergeleen, <i>Major, City of Wessington Springs</i> Loree Gaikowski, <i>Board Member, Wessington Springs Economic Development</i> | | | |
| 12:30 p.m. | Opening Keynote: Creating Small Town Momentum-Success Stories That Work Danna Larson, <i>Rural Revival</i> | | | |
| 1:30 p.m. | Spotlight on Resources It's spotlight time! Resource partners who provide support to small businesses, communities, and all residents of South Dakota will share "resource bursts" so you will know how they can assist you. | | | |
| 2:15 p.m. | Break Visit with Resource Providers and locate your first break-out session. | | | |
| 2:45 p.m. | Lessons from a Rural Novelist Richard Skorupski, <i>Novelist, Frankfort</i> <i>Pin Twisters (311 Main St.)</i> | Coaching, Leading, and Living in a Small Town Bill Maxwell, <i>Youth Sports Coach, Parkston</i> <i>Humm-Dinger C-Store (105 Dakota Ave. S)</i> | Planning Your Way to Give Back to Your Community Judge Jessop, <i>Greater Lyman Foundation, Lyman County</i> <i>Total Oil (603 1st St.)</i> | Writing Successful Major Grants Gloria Hanson, <i>Mayor, City of Fort Pierre</i> <i>Jerauld County Ag 4-H Building (599 2nd St. NE)</i> |
| 3:45 p.m. | Refreshment Break <i>Senior Community Center (107 Barrett Ave. S)</i> | | | |
| 4:15 p.m. | Using the Arts to Build Your Community Lawrence Diggs, <i>Board Member, Arts South Dakota Roslyn</i> <i>True Dakotan (113 E Main St.)</i> | Work-Based Learning: Connecting Students to Local Employers Kelsey Beckstrom, <i>High School Counselor, Petersburg, ND</i> <i>Pin Twisters (311 Main St.)</i> | Leveraging Your Strengths for Community Child Care Mahra Strand & Erin Sibbel, <i>Board Members, Platte</i> <i>Spring Food Market (107 E Main St.)</i> | Marketing to Your Community Danna Larson, <i>Keynote Speaker</i> <i>Jerauld County Ag 4-H Building (599 2nd St NE)</i> |
| 5:15 p.m. | Break Time to get to evening meal location, network, or shop. | | | |
| 5:45 p.m. | Evening Activities Start <i>1095 Opera House (108 Dakota Ave. N)</i> | | | |

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| 5:45 p.m. | <p align="center">Group Photo</p> <p align="center">Everyone gathers in the 1095 Opera House on the stage for a quick group photo.</p> |
| 6:00 p.m. | <p align="center">History of 1905 Opera House</p> <p align="center">Brian Bergeleen, <i>Mayor, City of Wessington Springs</i></p> |
| 6:15 p.m. | <p align="center">Evening Social</p> <p align="center">Sponsored and hosted by Dakota Resources</p> |
| 6:45 p.m. | <p align="center">Wessington Springs Welcomes Dustin Evans & Local Talent</p> <p align="center">A Celebration of Music and Community (includes evening meal)</p> |

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| 8:00 a.m. | <p align="center">Enjoy breakfast on your own.</p> | | | | |
| 8:30 a.m. | <p align="center">Arts Alive in Wessington Springs</p> <p align="center">Brain Bergeleen, <i>Mayor, City of Wessington Springs</i></p> <p align="center"><i>1905 Opera House (170 Dakota Ave. N)</i></p> | <p align="center">Investing in Youth = Generational Impact</p> <p align="center">Aaron Vaughn, <i>Director, Tokata Youth Center, Fort Thompson</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Springs Inn Cafe (201 Main St. E)</i></p> | <p align="center">WS Winter Park: Memories of the Past Lead to Revitalizing Outdoor Winter Activities</p> <p align="center">Gwyneth Dean-Fastnacht, <i>Activities Volunteer, WS Winter Park Wessington Springs</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Sweet Grass Cafe (116 Main St.)</i></p> | <p align="center">Building a Strong Business</p> <p align="center">Corinne Overweg, <i>Business Owner, Kimball</i></p> <p align="center"><i>American Legion/ Prairie Lounge (508 Dakota Ave. S)</i></p> | <p align="center">Marketing to Your Community</p> <p align="center">Danna Larson, <i>Keynote Speaker</i></p> <p align="center"><i>*Shakespeare Garden (501 Alene Ave. N)</i></p> |
| 9:30 a.m. | <p align="center">Refreshment Break</p> <p align="center"><i>Outside of Springs Food Market (107 E Main St.)</i></p> | | | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | <p align="center">Creating Arts Councils</p> <p align="center">Andrew Van Kuren, <i>Director, Campbell County Economic Development</i></p> <p align="center"><i>American Legion/ Prairie Lounge (508 Dakota Ave. S)</i></p> | <p align="center">Enriching Lives by Discovering Potential</p> <p align="center">Olivia Wooden Knife, <i>Program Coordinator, Sicangu Co Learning & Development Mission</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Springs Inn Cafe (201 Main St. E)</i></p> | <p align="center">Innovative Ways to Fund Community Projects</p> <p align="center">Jared Hybertson, <i>Community Economic Development Coordinator, Centerville</i></p> <p align="center"><i>**Shakespeare Garden (501 Alene Ave. N)</i></p> | <p align="center">Building Excitement for the HWY 14 Trail & Tower Project</p> <p align="center">Rita Anderson, <i>Chairman, De Smet Community Foundation</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Jerauld County Ag 4-H Building (599 2nd St. NE)</i></p> | <p align="center">Writing Successful Major Grants</p> <p align="center">Gloria Hanson, <i>Mayor, City of Fort Pierre</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Sweet Grass Cafe (116 Main St.)</i></p> |
| 11:00 a.m. | <p align="center">Break</p> <p align="center">Last chance to visit with Resource Partners.</p> | | | | |

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| 11:30 a.m. | <p>Closing Panel: Voices of the Next Generation: Young Entrepreneurs</p> <p>This panel of young entrepreneurs, under 21 years in age, have chosen to start and operate their own business. We are sure to be inspired by their amazing stories.</p> <p><i>Entrepreneurs include Oliver Moeckly (Au Fait Apparel, Briton-Hecla), Swade Reis (Swade's Eggs, Reliance), Hope Karels (HK Cupcakes, Milbank) and Aiden Friesen (Friesen Feed & Seed, Menno).</i></p> <p>Prize Drawings - Must be present to win!</p> <p><i>Jerauld County Ag 4-H Building (599 2nd St NE)</i></p> |
| 12:30 p.m. | <p>Wrap Up</p> <p>It's time to say, "see you next year!" Thank you for attending Energize! Watch for the location of the 2024 Energize! Exploring Innovative Rural Communities Conference. We could be coming to your community!</p> |
| 1:00 p.m. | <p>We encourage you to enjoy lunch in Wessington Springs before you head home.</p> <p>Now is a great time to use the \$10 Chamber Bucks (found in your conference packet) for lunch and shopping at Wessington Springs Businesses!</p> |

* In case of inclement weather, this session will be held in the Jerauld County Ag 4-H Building (599 2nd St. NE)

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| Blue | Arts and Culture in Your Community |
| Yellow | Youth Engagement |
| Green | Funding Community Projects |
| Purple | Creative Community Growth |
| Gray | Creative Community Growth Repeat Sessions |