

Wowapi



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Cover Story

Ta-Ton-ka Program

Did you know that we the people own a herd of 120 Ta-tan-ka and the care needed?

Here are some interesting facts about our relatives: An adult male can weigh from 1,000 to 2,200 lbs. and an adult female can weigh from 790 to 1,200 lbs. and can measure up to 9.3 ft. in length. A 2,000 lb. Ta-Ton-ka must consume at least 1.6% their body mass in grass per day and can require up to 30 gallons of water per day, especially when its hotter than Hades.

During the month of April calving season begins and we are expecting many new babies this month. The gestation period is approximately 283 days or just a little longer than the 9 months needed for a Dakota baby to be born.

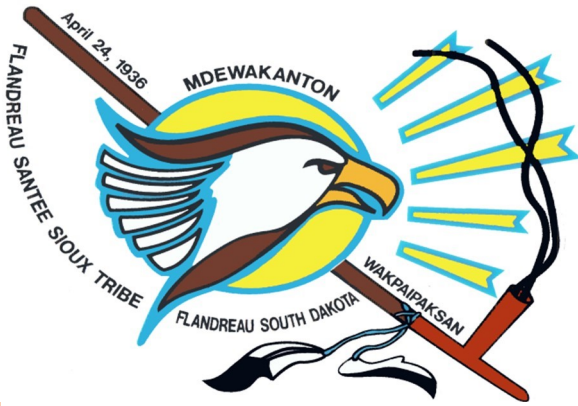


Once the calves are born, our staff separates the bulls from the cows and their calves. Later, during the breeding season, which occurs in July, the herd is brought back together to accomplish this important renewal of life.



This fall, the annual round up will occur between August and October. Members are encouraged to attend, as the round-up may include taking down a buffalo and having the members participate in the processing the meat and hide.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the Fall Roundup as time approaches.



Communications Officer

Hau Mitakodapi:

My name is Francis Wakeman III. I am the son of Francis (Stub) & Marilyn Wakeman and the grandson of Francis Wakeman Sr. and Inez G. Hillers Wakeman. I join you as the Communications Officer for our

Tribe and look forward to keeping you up-to-date on the happenings of our community.

I am currently working with our IT department to bring a “Members Only” portal to our website. As a member you can gain access through the portal to our Community Newsletter, Executive Committee Minutes, and online forms, such as Members Credit or Updating your Contact Information, etc. In addition, our community newsletter will now be distributed on the 1st of every month to ensure you have the most up-to-date information available for the month ahead.

We will be continuing the Blast from the Past pictures in our next issue, if you have any photographs that you would like to share with our community from the past or present, please let me know and I can assist you in scanning or copying your photos and/or writing a story to be included in the next newsletter. Also, while visiting the Tribal Office, I encourage you all to take a look at the old photographs located on the walls around the hallways. It’s truly amazing to see all our ancestors and photos of the past. If you’d like to add your family photo to our collection, stop by and see me.

I will also be including a section highlighting our elders living in the community. Documenting their history with a little advice for our future generations. May 2024 edition will feature none other than our beautiful Kunsi, Betty Taylor. If you would like to nominate an elder for the next newsletter in June, please feel free to contact me at the tribal office, my extension is 1238 or email me at francis.wakeman@fsst-nsn.gov.

Lastly, we will be utilizing our Tribal Facebook page and Text Messaging Service for up-to-date information regarding community events. If you have not signed up for the Text Messaging service, please contact Marcie Walker, Member Services.

Best Wishes,

Francis Wakeman III

Communications Officer

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FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE

2024 ELECTION NOTICE

POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION

| <u>Four (4) Year Position</u> | <u>Currently Held By:</u> | <u>Term Expiration</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Vice President | Cynthia J. Allen Weddell | August 8, 2024 |
| Trustee II | Jonathan Schrader, Sr. | August 8, 2024 |
| Trustee IV | Richard Jones | August 8, 2024 |

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDACY FOR OFFICE

In accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the FSST Constitution, and Title 20 of the FSST Law and Order Code entitled "Elections", to be nominated for office, a person must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe;
2. Be twenty-one (21) years of age or over;
3. Be a resident of Moody County or such territory held or acquired by the Tribe, and established residency in Moody County for 1 year prior to the date of the primary election;
4. Must not be convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; and
5. Must not be dishonorably discharged from military service.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Monday, April 1, 2024 | Nominating Petitions Open Date Candidates interested in running for one of the open positions may pick up their nominating petitions at the Tribal Office during normal business hours. Potential candidates may only seek one position for office. |
| Friday, May 17, 2024 | Nominating Petitions Submission Deadline Nominating petitions must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. with a \$100.00 non-refundable application fee to be paid by cash or money order only. |
| Wednesday, May 29, 2024 | Deadline for Posting of Eligible Candidates for Office |
| May 30 to June 13, 2024 | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election Absentee Ballots and affidavits for the Primary Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours. |
| Friday, June 14, 2024 | FSST PRIMARY ELECTION Polling will be held at Eastman Hall, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The unofficial results of the Primary Election will be posted immediately after the polls close and the count has been completed. Official results will be posted in accordance with the FSST Constitution and Title 20. |
| July 19 to August 2, 2024 | Absentee Ballots for the General Election Absentee Ballots and affidavits for the General Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours. |
| Saturday, August 3, 2024 | FSST GENERAL ELECTION Polling will be held at Eastman Hall from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The unofficial results of the General Election will be posted immediately after the polls close and the count has been completed. Official results will be posted in accordance with the FSST Constitution and Title 20. |

**THE DATES OF THE ELECTION WERE APPROVED BY THE FSST ELECTION BOARD ON
MARCH 19, 2024.**



First Presbyterian Church

On Sunday April 7th, John Burshiem, Commissioned Ruling Elder will be ordained Minister by the surrounding Presbyterian Ministers.

John was born on April 9, 1963 in Anchorage, Alaska to Geno Burshiem of the Sissetonwan Oyate and Sophie Marlene Labatte Crawford, who was a descendant of Itanca, Ta-Oyate-Duta. John is a veteran who served 11 years in the military and is married to Yvette Eagle Burshiem.

John became a member of the church and progressed to and Elder, then a Ruling Elder, and then a Commissioned Ruling Elder or CRE. The final step being ordained as a minister. John was limited as what he could perform as a CRE; however, once ordained John will be able to officiate weddings, baptisms, funerals and more.

Please join us in celebrating John's Ordination on April 7th, followed by fellowship in the newly remodeled Guild Hall.



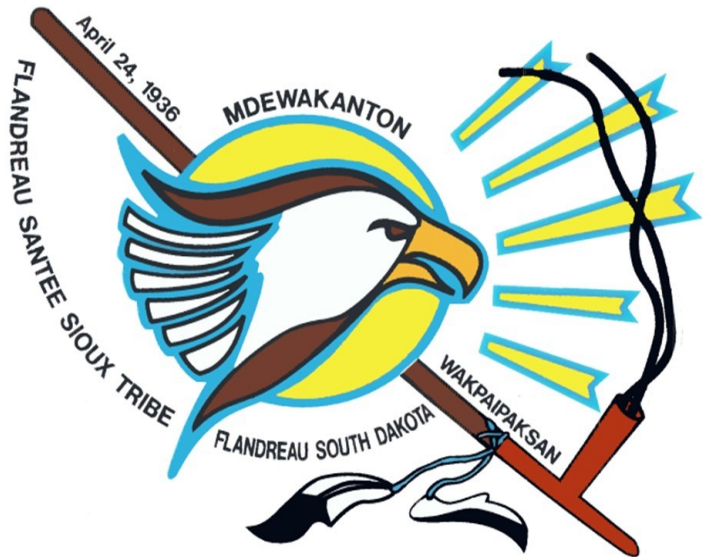
Church Services begin 10 a.m. every Sunday!

Dakota Hymnal Singers Needed/

A great way to learn the Dakota Language.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS**



City of Flandreau

ATTENTION:

Parents, Grandparents, Guardians and Care Givers

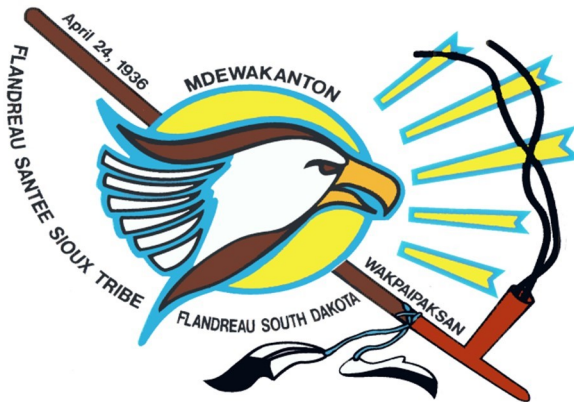
When: April 18, 2024

Where: Royal River Casino & Hotel—Royal Room

Time: Noon & 6 p.m.

What: Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting regarding the Boys & Girls Club expansion with refreshments available. Members and Tribal employees, who have children in their care are encouraged to attend; light refreshments will be made available during the meetings.



Anpetu Tu-we-ka-ga

Founder's Day 2024

Please join us as we celebrate the history of Wakpa Ipaksan and the members who founded our community.

Who: All Members

When: Wednesday, April 24th

Where: Royal River Casino & Hotel / Royal Room

Time: 6 p.m.

What: Celebrating our history and community with a gathering and dinner.



You are cordially Invited ...

Who: All FSST Members

Where: Royal Room, Royal River Casino & Hotel

When: April 25, 2024

Time: 6 p.m.

What: Honoring & Dinner for Justice Marshall

Please join us in honoring Justice Marshall for his years of service to our community. We will be presenting Justice Marshall with a Buffalo Robe and hosting a dinner for all members to enjoy.

Please RSVP by April 11th

Francis Wakeman or Brookie Corcoran

at (605) 997-3891

April 2024 MENU

Grace Moore Senior Center

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1 CLOSED EASTER MONDAY | 2 Chicken Casserole Creamy Coleslaw Apple sauce cake | 3 Taco Salad Spanish Rice Choc. Chip cookie poke cake | 4 Pepper Steak over Noodles Chuckwagon corn Mandarin Cottage Cheese Apple cake/vanilla sauce | 5 Chili Fry Bread Pumpkin Bars |
| 8 Fish Sandwich Potato O'Brien Broccoli/bacon Salad Cranberry Delight | 9 French Dip Sandwich Garlic Mashed Potato Apple Salad Pears | 10 Sub Sandwich Potato Salad Chips Snicker Fruit Salad | 11 Breaded Ranch Chicken Wild Rice Garden Blend Brussel Sprout Bake Rhubarb Crunch | 12 Chicken Noodle Soup Club Sandwich Chips Lemon Bars |
| 15 French Toast Sticks Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patties Hawaiian Cake | 16 Zucchini Garden Chowder Egg Salad Sandwich Carmel Rolls | 17 Chicken Fried Steak Potato's/gravy Buttered Corn Silver Glade Salad Strawberry Jam Bars | 18 Tator Tot hotdish Biscuits Corn Salad Cinnamon Baked Apples | 19 Tomato Bisque Soup Ham & Cheese Grilled Sandwich Mac Salad Fresh Fruit |
| 22 Orange Chicken Fried Rice Egg Rolls Angel food cake with toppings | 23 Chef Salad Focaccia Bread 5-way fruit | 24 CLOSED Constitution Day | 25 Beef Stroganoff Over noodles Mixed Veggies Nutty Apple Salad Frosted Banana Bar | 26 Broccoli Cheese Soup Turkey Sandwich Royal Salad Chips Apple Crisp |
| 29 Creamed Chicken Over Biscuits Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Cookies | 30 Meatloaf Bake Potato Buttered Squash Ice Cream | | | |

Grace Moore Senior Citizens Center 997-2924

*Menu subject to change without notice.



Please join us in wishing your fellow members, near and far, a very Happy Birthday during the month of April.

04/01 Sophia Anderson, Travis Two Bulls, Kasandra Wakeman, David Williams

04/02 David Dudley Nordhausen

04/03 Brandon Armstrong

04/04 Patricia Cook, Nicolas Flute

04/05 Carrie Howell, Roxee Johnson, Rudolph Lovejoy

04/06 Dale Hansen

04/07 Inkpa Weston

04/08 Jefferey Hansen, Debbie Nicholson

04/09 Mary Hasvold

04/10 Santana Hoss, Leanne Nesje

04/11 Colin Cavender, Kenneth Fleury, Peggy Geffre, Johnny Ghost Dog

04/12 Angelique Jones, Jasmine Jones, Hazel Simon

04/13 Natalya Laroche

04/15 Cody Thomas

04/16 Anthony Flute

04/17 Sally Larson

04/18 Kawhi Eastman, April Herrick

04/19 Sunshine Blair, Paul Corcoran Jr., Lloyd Flammond, Charles Wasson

04/21 Kary Jensen

04/24 Cecelia Blue, Kionna Eastman

04/25 Stephen Nelson, Lavonna Peterson

04/26 Doreen Bird, Eli Peterson

04/28 Thomas Allen Jr., Leonard Long, Jason Taylor, Todd Taylor

04/29 Daisy Lovejoy, Sacred Red Bear, Marcus Charlie Serrano

04/30 James Ranzfran



O-s'-pay-e



Wo'-on-spe-ka

Education Department

Friday, April 12th

Breakfast Fundraiser—TBD

Monday, April 15th

Lunch Fundraiser—TBD

Sunday, April 24th

Proclamation Day

Time: 6 pm

Royal Room - Royal River Casino

Saturday, April 27th

Women's Tipi Building Workshop

Time: 11 am

All Events, Programs and Classes held at the Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center, unless otherwise noted.

GED Program

Monday ~ Friday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Contact Sara for
more information!**

(605) 573-4917



Dakota /api

Every

Tuesday

& Thursday

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

FSST Housing



April 20, 2024 Spring Clean Up

Food & Prizes for kids and adults.

From the Desk of Leah Fyten:

The Housing Department currently manages 108 rental units and provides down payment assistance to eligible first time home buyers. There is currently a waiting list for rental units, please periodically check in with the housing office to ensure your application is up-to-date.

We currently have two grants that are available to assist elders with their housing needs. The Elder's Rehabilitation Project and the BIA/HIP Emergency Grant. Currently, there are 34 elders who have been approved for this program. Home inspections for the Rehabilitation Grant are to be completed during the next four weeks. One of our staff members will be contacting the recipients with a date and time of the inspections.

The Emergency Grant is available to elders whose repairs would cause harm to the homeowner or cause further damage to the home. The Potable Water Grant is to prevent families from having water sources shut off or disconnected due to non-payment or overdue balances. It is a partial payment to prevent shut off. There are no income guidelines for this grant.

The second half of Morning Sun Courts is expected to be completed during the month of July. Seven units will be designated for the elderly, two will be available for tribal with no income guidelines and one unit will be designated as a NAHASDA unit, which has income guidelines. All three of these grant opportunities are funded by the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.

Our annual Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 20, 2024. There will be food and prizes available for all participants. For more information please stop by or contact us at (605) 997-2194 or email us at housing@fsst-nsn.gov.



Human Resource Department

*Welcome to
the Team...*

Francis Wakeman

Phillip Allen

Dana Ellwanger

Careers

Long Term Care:

Administration

Casual Labor:

For a complete and up-to-date listing of employment opportunities and/or to fill out an application online, visit

<https://fsst-nsn.gov/employment>

HIPPA TRAINING HELD



During March, our HR Department hosted Julie Carr to conduct an annual HIPPA training. Ms. Carr held a 3 Day Training Seminar on HIPPA. The Tribal Council and staff from our Long Term Care facility, our Health Clinic and members of Royal River Management team attended. The training was a great refresher course for our staff, ensuring their understanding of the law and our ultimate compliance as a government and an organization. The following is a excerpt of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website in regards to HIPPA.

“The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") issued the Privacy Rule to implement the requirement of the **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA")**. A major goal of the Privacy Rule is to assure that individuals' health information is properly protected while allowing the flow of health information needed to provide and promote high quality health care and to protect the public's health and well being. The key elements of the Privacy Rule includes who is covered, what information is protected, and how protected health information can be used and disclosed.”





Kassandra Wakeman (Maintenance)

Allen Pooler (Police Department)

April Herrick (Tribal Secretary)

Employees

Annabelle Hart (LTC)

Hovakah Boisín Sr. (Housing)

Raul Abayon (LTC)



Department of Natural Resources



Earth Day 2024

In honor of Earth Day the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe's Brownsfield Program will be giving the community information on the 2024 theme:

PLANET vs. PLASTICS.

Liz Wakeman, FSST Brownsfield Director, holds an annual event educating our local public schools of the importance of Earth Day and gives information about how plastics have become a significant part of our daily lives and how plastics do not break down but are reduced into micro plastics that can remain in our environment forever. Luckily by making a few small changes in our lives we can do our part to minimize the effect of plastic pollution.

Plastic Pollution affects wildlife across the planet; we can do our part by picking up litter and making sure trash is secured. Litter pickup events in our community is a fun way to beautify our community while protecting wildlife. Picking up one piece of plastic means that one piece won't end up in our rivers and oceans. Currently, there is a garbage patch floating in the ocean the size of Texas. We all can do our part to minimize the affects plastic pollution.



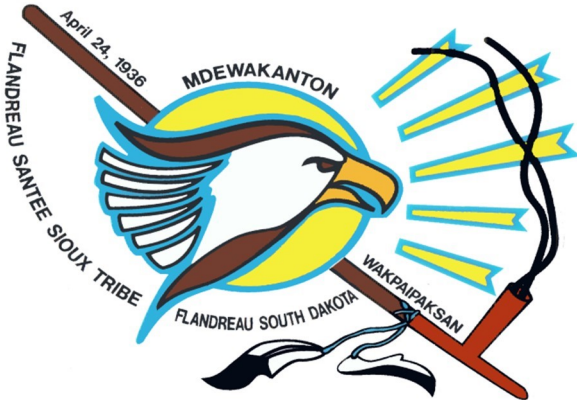
For more information on how you can do your part, please contact Elizabeth Wakeman, FSST Brownsfield Director at (605) 997-3891 ext. 1271



recycle
it's easy!

Did you know...

Recyclables can be dropped off at the City Office located on the West Side of the Industrial Park. Styrofoam, Plastic Bags and Glass are not permitted but all other recyclables can be deposited there as well as between the Administrative Buildings on the tribal campus.



Save the dates!

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Community Gathering

We will be honoring our Tribal employees for their years of service followed by a community cookout featuring Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads and Chips. Bring the whole family to the event, which will be held at our Community Center.

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Quarterly General Council Meeting

Breakfast Buffet will be provided. Come hungry and catch up on the latest news and happening of our community.