



Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Monthly Newsletter

April 2021

April- *Maga'Okada Wi* - (Moon of Geese) Geese have returned and built their nest, lining their nests with soft down feathers.

Writes her way to a scholarship



Rachel Eastman won a national scholarship for a portfolio of her writing from the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. She plans to attend Hunter College in New York City.



Flandreau senior Rachel Eastman has won a national scholarship for her writing, the second time the high schooler has been recognized for her talent. Eastman was named a silver medalist with distinction in the Scholastic Writing Awards by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. She is one of 30 students recognized nationally and received a \$1,000 scholarship for her effort. Eastman was chosen from a portfolio of her work, that included seven pieces of work, including six short stories in the genre of mystery, sci-fi, drama and thriller.

More than 80,000 students submitted nearly 230,000 works of art and writing to the contest. Eastman, 18, said she writes at least three times a week and gets her ideas through life experiences.

"I see something in real life and get inspired. I go off that with my imagination and creativity," she said.

As a sophomore, Eastman also was rewarded for her writing skills by winning a silver medal nationally for the Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards for her fiction novel, "The Daniel Project."

She first was recognized at the state level with a Gold Key before advancing to the national competition among teens in grades 7-12 in 29 categories.



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GUIDELINES:

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marcie.walker@fsst.org

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Her teacher at Flandreau High School, Jamie Fryslie, said Eastman has grown as a writer and is taking more risks with her stories.

“As a sophomore, Rachel was interested in writing novel-length fiction that seemed to be greatly influenced by her own life experiences. This year, Rachel’s portfolio included a great variety of writing, almost all in short story form,” Fryslie said.

Eastman also works on her skills.

“Rachel is the most prolific student writer I have ever worked with. She understands that good writing comes from practice,” Fryslie said. “All of your writing won’t be good, but the more you work that writing muscle, the better of a writer you will become; this is a hard concept for many students to understand. But Rachel makes time to write.”

Eastman, who was a remote learner her senior year, also has completed all of her coursework in order to graduate in May. She is one of two students who completed early.

Eastman also works as a server at her uncle’s downtown café, the Hunkake Café.

She plans to attend Hunter College in New York City, a public school where she will major in English literature and possibly secondary education.

But her first goal is to be a professional writer someday. She recently got a tattoo of a manual typewriter to celebrate her love of writing.

“I would like to be a professional writer at least by the time I’m 30. If I would have to get a second job, I would like to





MAY 17TH-JUNE 28TH

WALK WITH EASE



Walk With Ease is a 6-week walking program aimed at helping individuals start or maintain a personalized walking program.

**We will meet at the Flandreau Track on
Monday, Wednesday, Fridays from
10:00am-11:00am CT
600 W Community Drive
Social Distancing will be
required**

REGISTRATION

To register, visit: <https://bcbh-live.questionpro.com/>
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The number of COVID-19 cases in Moody County went up by three in the last week to 626 as of Saturday. The number of people who have been hospitalized also increased by one person to a total of 51. Typical Monday numbers after a holiday weekend were not available by press time. That leaves 605 people who have recovered and four active cases in the county. A total of 17 people have died in the last year, and there have been 1,827 negative tests. The county's vaccination numbers have climbed to 968 people who have gotten two doses of the vaccine. That number doesn't include people who have gotten shots through the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe because those doses come from the federal government. An additional 633 people have gotten their first shot for a total of 2,569 vaccinations given in the county to 1,601 people.



Historic dam faces changes



The engineers art to the right shows one proposal for removing the current dam. This would affect water levels.

Removal will lower upstream water, cause faster flow downstream

The history of the Flandreau dam dates back to 1881 when a grist mill needed the power of water to operate. That first dam was wooden and in 1946 was replaced with a new concrete dam that still controls the Big Sioux River today. But the lifespan of the bridge may be coming to an end, as city officials look at ways to eliminate the dam in an effort to make it safer and open up additional recreation on the river, they say. But first, the city needs buy-in from other government agencies, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and local residents on an estimated \$1.5 million plan to remove the historic structure. A low estimate is \$1.28 million, while a high estimate is \$1.96 million. "This conversation is going to continue, and we hope to have public engagement with us as we move forward with a decision," Mayor Dan Sutton said at a March 15 online city council meeting with Barr Engineering. The public meeting was attended by several residents, the county council and engineers through a Zoom call. "The over goal is to try to create safer recreational opportunities for the general public to utilize that area," Sutton said. "No decisions are near being made on that." Barr's design as presented to the council is a starting point.

"It's a much broader conversation yet, but we have to start somewhere," Sutton said.

The firm's plan calls for complete removal of the dam, which has been called a death trap for anyone who falls in the water and gets caught in its hydraulic roll. Instead of the dam, the river would have four J-hooks, constructed out of filter rock, riprap and boulders, between the dam site and the Crescent Street bridge, which also is planned for removal.

The fate of the dam is a discussion that has been going on for at least six years, but the plans are finally being designed by engineers, who had to wait until water levels were low enough to survey the area.

The plan, one of five the city chose to see as a 30-percent design, will not only improve safety but will create more fish habitat and an exciting area for paddlers, said Ron Koth with Barr Engineering.

The removal of the dam under the proposed plan would not only lower the water level at the dam site dramatically but would lower water levels in the city park and at the golf course by several feet, at times, the proposal showed. Water at the dam would be about 9 feet lower.

"The lowering will be noticeable," Tom MacDonald, with Barr, said.

Anglers are attracted to that area now because fish congregate below the dam. Paddlers use the area too and portage around the dam.

"When the dam is removed, the river will be flowing a little bit faster," he said. "We feel it would be prudent to protect the lower parts of the riverbank. The upper banks that are well covered with trees, we would leave them alone."

The drop in water levels at the park and golf course concern Alderman Brad Bjerke. While it might make it less likely to flood, it could take away from recreation by compromising the flow of the river there.

"There's extreme angst on what fishing will be compared to what it is now," he said. "There are a lot of children with the campers down there that fish that. That's part of the fishing that probably shouldn't be overlooked."

The city council has the restoration of the area around the dam on its priority list of Capital Improvement Projects. The tribe also is working on what could be put in place once the Crescent Street Bridge is removed.

The biggest questions at the dam are how to make it safe while preserving recreation, how much the project will cost and whether the city and any partnering agencies can afford it, Sutton said.

How medical marijuana is playing out among South Dakota's neighbors

By Bart Pfankuch

South Dakota News Watch – March 25, 2021 – If medical marijuana becomes legal starting July 1, 2021, in South Dakota, as proposed so far, the state will join 36 other U.S. states where medicinal pot is legal, including neighboring states North Dakota, Montana and Minnesota.

Iowa and Nebraska do not allow marijuana in any form; Wyoming has no legal-marijuana laws, and a legislative effort in the 2021 session to legalize both medical and recreational pot appears to have died.

South Dakota voters in November 2020 also approved a constitutional amendment to legalize recreational marijuana sales, possession and use by adults, but that measure is facing a legal

challenge that seems likely to delay its scheduled implementation date of July 1.

North Dakota lawmakers considered legislation that would legalize the use and tax the sales of recreational marijuana in the state, but that measure appeared to fail in late March.

Here is a look at how medical marijuana legalization has fared in neighboring states.

NORTH DAKOTA

South Dakota's neighbor to the north is the most recent of nearby states to approve a medical marijuana program.

In North Dakota, 64% of voters approved an initiated measure in November 2016 to legalize medical marijuana, but lawmakers suspended the act the following January before passing a new, more detailed measure

approving medicinal pot that took effect in April 2017. The Legislature felt compelled to overturn and redo the medical marijuana act because the ballot language, copied from a similar measure passed in Delaware, did not account for changes needed in other laws, and would have made legitimate medical marijuana users subject to felonies for possession if laws were not updated.

"When we talk about an initiated measure that did need some work, there were a lot of things that were in that initiated measure that needed some work," said Jason Wahl, director of the North Dakota Division of Medical Marijuana. "I don't believe the people who wrote the measure intended to set up a program that put people in illegal possession when they bought products, but that is in effect what

intractable pain, which accounts for almost 60% of all prescriptions, followed by PTSD, muscle spasms, cancer and sleep apnea.

The state charges most patients \$200 for a medical card that must be prescribed by one of about 1,850 certified practitioners across the state. Minnesota has 13 approved dispensaries spread out across the state; home cultivation of marijuana is not allowed.

MONTANA

Montana was among the first dozen or so U.S. states to vote to legalize medical marijuana when voters approved a ballot measure in 2004 (California was first in 1996), but the road to legal sales and use of medical marijuana in Montana has been bumpy since then.

In 2011, the Legislature cracked down on medical marijuana sales with a sweeping bill that made it harder to get a prescription and severely limited opportunities to purchase marijuana. A years-long court challenge ensued until 2016, when a subsequent statewide initiative eliminated the strictest limits on obtaining a prescription and marijuana products, and added chronic pain and PTSD as qualifying conditions.

The current laws allow for a prescription to be obtained by patients with one of 11 qualifying conditions, including PTSD, severe chronic pain, painful neuropathy (severe nerve pain), intractable nausea, cancer, glaucoma and epilepsy. By far, the top condition cited by patients is severe chronic pain, followed by PTSD and painful neuropathy.



CRF- Corona virus relief funds became available in spring of 2020. Corona virus relief funds were released to tribes & states with strict guidelines how & how not to spend the corona virus relief funds. Corona virus relief funds will be audited, audits started in December of 2020. Throughout the pandemic the Executive committee diligently worked together to create programs that assisted tribal members during this unprecedented time. Isolation Assistance Program & Coronavirus assistance program both programs assisted tribal members w/ Visa & Hy-Vee gift card if you contracted the virus or had to quarantine due to exposure. List below are just some of the programs that FSST tribe has offered to tribal members throughout the pandemic.

August 2020

- Corona Virus Assistance Program-\$500-Bills
- Isolation & Quarantine assistance program: Visa & Hy-Vee gift card
- Food distributions: Beef , Pork, corn on the cob & fruit boxes
- Elderly meals delivered

September 2020

- Corona Virus Assistance program: increased & extended until December 2021
- Isolation & Quarantine assistance program: Visa & Hy-Vee gift card
- Beef on back order should be in Dec or Jan 2020
- Food Distribution: Pork & corn on the cob
- Elderly Meals delivered

October 2020

- Corona Virus Assistance Program:
- Isolation & Quarantine assistance program: Visa & Hy-Vee gift card
- Elderly Meals delivered
- Due to pandemic beef on back order

November 2020

- Corona Virus assistance Program:
- Isolation & Quarantine assistance program: Visa & Hy-Vee gift card
- Food Security
- Elderly Meals delivered
- Beef should be in by end of December / January 2021
- During holidays Hunkake & Bistro vouchers were purchased in place of the elderly deliveries
- Off-reservation corona virus assistance- Dec 2020

December 2020

- Corona Virus assistance program: extended until Feb 2021
- Isolation & Quarantine assistance program: Visa & Hy-Vee gift card
- Food Security
- FSST minors assistance
- Elderly meals delivered

- During holidays Hunkake café & Bistro vouchers were purchased in place of the elderly deliveries
- Off-Reservation corona virus assistance- ended Dec 2020

January 2021

- Coronavirus Assistance program: extended until Feb 2021
- Isolation & Quarantine assistance program: Visa & Hy-Vee gift card
- Pork distribution
- Elder meals delivered

February 2021

- Corona virus Assistance Program: Last month
- Isolation & Quarantine assistance program: Visa & Hy-Vee gift card
- Elderly meals delivered
- Beef & Pork distribution

March 2021

- Corona virus assistance program: extended until March 31st,2021
- Isolation & Quarantine assistance program : Visa & Hy-Vee gift card
- Elderly meals delivered
- Additional beef shipment to be announced.
- Food box distribution



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Executive Summary

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Care Center

What's New

Work is continuing on footings and foundations and should wrap up in April. The exterior framing is following the concrete work and is completed on the north wing and part of the core area. The mason is on site working on the CMU towers and our structural steel is scheduled to arrive in early April. The west road construction should start up again possibly in late April if the weather cooperates.

Past Month

- » Footing/foundation work is completed on the core area, north and east wings. South wing is about 50% complete.
- » Interior concrete piers are completed except for the south wing.
- » Foundations are being waterproofed, insulated and backfilled as they are completed.
- » Exterior framing is underway. The north wing is complete along with part of the core area.
- » Site grading is underway as the frost is out and the site is drying up.
- » Masonry work has started on the CMU towers.

Next Month

- » Foundation work will wrap up.
- » Masonry CMU towers will be completed.
- » Exterior framing will continue to the east and south wings.
- » Structural steel work will start in early April on the north wing and core areas.





PERIODIC FIELD OBSERVATION REPORT

Project: FSST Care Center Date: 4/5/2021
Owner: Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe A/E Project Number: 020044.00
Re: Henry Carlson Company

Weather:
Temp: 70's, dry and windy

Persons Contacted:
Al Fincher

Work Observed:
CMU walls being erected.
Exterior framing about 50% complete
Foundation work 95% complete

Items Discussed:
Portion of steel was delivered, rest to be delivered this week
Foundation work to be completed this week if weather allows.
Steel and Bar Joist to be completed early May.

Remarks:
Work site is clean, organized, and in good condition.

Signed by: 

Date: 4/5/2021

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**FIELD OBSERVATION
PHOTOS**

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2021 FLANDREAU FLIERS



Class Motto: "21 n done"
 Class Color: White and Gold
 Class Flower: Cactus
 Saturday, May 15, 2021 • 2 pm
 at The Flandreau High School Gym

Back row left to right: Austin Dexter, Payne Gilbert, Kolton Walford, Sky Fox, Brayden Saylor, Brenna Geraets, Braden Peters, Gage Gullickson, Colton Pulscher, Brady Johnson, Bradley Heinemann, James Drietz, Jose Martinez Portillo
Middle row left to right: Shawn Shortman, Bradon Weber, Sam Gassman, Kevin Fernandez, Lars Dailey, Alison Rice, Kennedy Peper, Macy Kneebone, Cassidy Keith, Kyeauna Schmit, Macy Kneebone
Front row left to right: Jose Trujillo Vargas, Johnny Debera, Teiloni Hardy, Rachel Eastman, Emily Martinez Soto, Elizabeth Hursey, Whitley Olinger, Vidalia Renville, Trinity Redday. **Not pictured:** Mario Bonilla, Jairo Garcia, Karly Grengs, Karla Hernandez, Brayan Sanchez, Taryn Ukestine

Dollar General Coming to Colman



Colman's new business park is getting a Dollar General variety store this year.

The company, based in Tennessee, has agreed to build along Highway 34 near the east end of Hillcrest Industrial Park. It is the second business within the last year to locate there. Premier Drive Thru Storage build late last year, offering 10 drive-thru storage units for larger vehicles, such as RVs.

Dollar General will break ground the first part of May and intends to be open in September, said Colman

Mayor Gloria Van Duyn.

"It will be such an asset to our community. It's going to give outside people another place to stop in Colman to see what we have to offer," she said. Colman gets traffic from people headed to Lake Madison and Lake Herman, giving the option for travelers to stop and pick up something they need. The community also has a campground, golf course and swimming pool that bring people to town in the summer.

In addition, the store will be helpful to older people in the community who don't want to leave town to shop, she said. "This will have such a huge variety. It will be such a good thing for our senior citizens. They won't have to go out of Colman to get toilet paper and some of the essentials that you need."

Colman has a lumberyard with a hardware store in its industrial park that offers some general items for shoppers and has 34 Stop, a convenience store.

The new store also will offer local jobs, Van Duyn said.

Dollar General has more than 16,000 stores nationwide, including stores in nearby Flandreau and Dell Rapids. The store sells some groceries, snacks and beverages; cleaning supplies and household items; clothing; toys; cards and party supplies; décor; seasonal items; baby basics, and health and beauty. Merchandise is sold for various prices, depending on the product.

In the past year, Colman has grown rapidly with new houses going up. The community is working on opening up a new housing development area because all of the current lots are sold.

"We're working on the next phase on that. Hopefully, we have that ready to go this year yet," Van Duyn said. "We're moving forward, and a lot of good things are happening."

DOLLAR GENERAL