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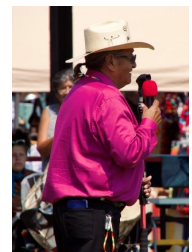
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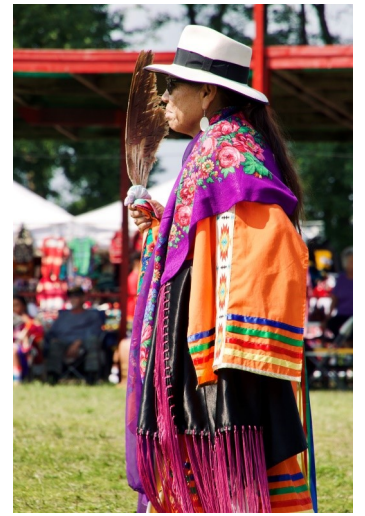
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Native America Calling: Welcoming home children who died at Carlisle Indian School



Four stuffed bears are shown inside a tipi erected in Sioux City, Iowa, to represent four of nine Rosebud Lakota children whose remains were returned to their homelands in South Dakota. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



A "Welcome Home" sign rests outside a tipi erected in Sioux City, Iowa, to honor nine Rosebud Lakota children whose remains were returned to their homelands in South Dakota. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

Nine Lakota children who died at an infamous Indian boarding school more than 140 years ago began their last morning away from their homelands on Friday. Here are photos from a departure ceremony that took place in Sioux City, Iowa.



The Legion Riders prepare for the start of a caravan of motorcycles and other vehicles that departed from Sioux City, Iowa on July 16, 2021, en route to the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



Members of the American Legion Riders prepare for the start of a caravan of motorcycles and other vehicles that departed from Sioux City, Iowa on July 16, 2021, en route to the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



A young Native girl takes part in a ceremony held Friday to honor nine Rosebud Lakota children whose remains were returned to their homelands in South Dakota. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



A member of the Sicangu Youth Council (left) shakes hands with a boarding school survivor during a ceremony held on July 16, 2021, to honor nine Rosebud Lakota children whose remains were returned to their homelands in South Dakota. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



You're Invited!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

Handreau Santee Sioux Tribe
TRIBAL DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT
GIFTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO FSST MEMBERS

Royal Room

5PM - DOORS OPEN & APPETIZERS

5:15PM - FSST YOUTH DRUM GROUP

5:45PM - WELCOME BY FSST TRIBAL PRESIDENT TONY REIDER

5:50PM - PRAYER BY MATO OHODA MANI (DUSTIN BEAULIEU)

6PM - DINNER

7PM - ENTERTAINMENT BY CONWAY KOOTENAY

2021 FLANDREAU, SD RODEO



FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE

INNER TOUR QUALIFIER SEPTEMBER 18 & 19



FREE ENTERTAINMENT

EVERYONE WELCOME
ROYAL RIVER
SEPT. 18 | 9PM - 1AM
★ BRIANNA ★
★ HELBLING ★

SLACK 10AM ★ GRAND ENTRY 3PM

FAMILY FUN CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY AREA 10AM - 3PM

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\$75,000
+ EVENT BUCKLES

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- BULL RIDING ★ LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING
- STEER WRESTLING ★ CALF ROPING
- TEAM ROPING ★ LADIES BARREL RACING
- SR TEAM ROPING ★ SR BREAKAWAY ROPING
- JR BULL RIDING ★ JR BREAKAWAY ROPING ★ JR GIRLS BARREL RACING

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\$600 CASH PER TEAM | \$300 CASH PER TEAM
100% PAYBACK + EVENT BUCKLES TO WINNING TEAM EACH DAY
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Lakota children spend final morning away from homelands



Members of the Sicangu Youth Council take part in a ceremony held Friday to honor nine Rosebud Lakota children whose remains were returned to their homelands in South Dakota. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



A young boy plays during an honoring ceremony held in Sioux City, Iowa, on Friday for nine Rosebud Lakota children whose remains were taken back to their homelands in South Dakota. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

With both grief and relief, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe welcomed the return of nine children who were buried at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania 140 years ago.

The effort took more than six years and was driven by young people from the tribe.

It's part of the ongoing effort to repatriate remains from the U.S. boarding schools that aimed to assimilate Native children.



A boarding school survivor hugs a member of the Sicangu Youth Council as a caravan of Rosebud youth and their chaperones prepared to leave Sioux City, Iowa, on Friday, July 16, 2021, on their way home to the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



Michelle Free-LaMere (right) and a young Native woman visit with each other during an honoring ceremony held in Sioux City, Iowa, on Thursday for nine Rosebud Lakota children whose remains were taken back to their homelands in South Dakota. Photo by Kevin Abourezk



Rosebud Lakota chef Anthony Warrior speaks during an honoring ceremony held Friday in Sioux City, Iowa, for nine Rosebud Lakota children whose remains were taken back to their homelands. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

FPS going 'back to normal'



Workers install new tile in the Flandreau High School hallways on Monday. New purple lockers were put into place earlier this summer replacing the original ones from 1968.

Flandreau schools will start the year without masks but will move to additional precautions if cases of COVID-19 start escalating.

The district also will have all students report to school to be in classrooms learning face-to-face with teachers and peers, but there will be exceptions for vulnerable children.

The Flandreau School Board approved the Stay Well Plan at a special meeting Sunday night, in advance of student registration this week.

Under the policy, masks will be permitted but not required, under a green phase of the policy.

“Green phase is roughly normal,” said Superintendent Rick Weber.

That would escalate to required mask wearing if there is a jump in cases under the red phase.

Schools also would be closed under the red phase.

The yellow phase would be a lot like how school started last year, with masks required and plexiglass in place.

The policy, which was developed by a committee of about 25 staff, school board members, community members, health care workers and others, met virtually no challenge by the board and was approved unanimously.

There is no number of cases that would determine when the school would introduce more precautions, but it would be decided taking the community and school numbers into consideration, like last year.

The policy is similar to what other schools are doing, Weber said.

“I think it looks good,” said board member Kevin Christenson, who moved to pass the policy.

In other action,

- The board approved a computer policy that waived the student fee for one more year.
- The board also heard from Sheriff Troy Wellman about ways to work together on a school resource officer plan. The board said it was interested in knowing what additional help the county would need financially.



TRIBAL MEMBERS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE TRIBAL INFO via TXT

TEXTFSST (no space) to 24251

FILL OUT ALL INFO...NAME & EMAIL

Ribbon cutting Ceremony



Tony Reider, Santee Sioux President, cuts the ribbon at Native Nations Cannabis on Thursday, July 1, 2021, in Flandreau.

July 1st 2021



An enormous opportunity': Business booms at Flandreau's Native Nations Cannabis dispensary

At the end of June, a warehouse in Moody County, South Dakota, had 10,000 marijuana plants growing inside.

It wasn't enough to keep up with demand.

A month of legal medical marijuana sales at South Dakota's one and only dispensary on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Reservation shows cannabis in the state is popular – so popular that expansion is already in the works.

Meanwhile, cities across the state are grappling with how to regulate the industry. In Sioux Falls, rules that would make the vast majority of the city off limits for dispensaries are moving ahead, with other municipalities hesitant to do anything until they see where their counterparts in Minnehaha and Pennington counties land.

But as city councils and mayors work on their regulatory schemes for medical marijuana, the tribe is literally at work.

Native Nations Cannabis, the corporation the tribe is using to run its marijuana operation, not only sells marijuana at the dispensary, it also grows, packages and trims products within its facilities on the southern edge of the Moody County seat.

The entire operation has required Native Nations Cannabis to amass a roster of 50 employees. And CEO Eric Hagen said it's still been hard — impossible at times — to keep up with demand.

With the South Dakota Department of Health having until this fall to begin issuing both medical cards and commercial cannabis licenses, the tribe's dispensary has been the only legal marijuana store in the entire state since medical marijuana became legal on July 1.

And that's led to long lines at the tribe's shop, at times stretching into the parking lot.

As Hagen gave a tour of the facility this week, business was steady. Potential customers had to show a tribal-issued medical marijuana ID card to a security guard outside. Once inside, they stood in a waiting room until called into the dispensary where they could peruse various cannabis products like edibles and pre-rolled joints.

Flower, the traditional marijuana buds most commonly found on the black market, is also offered at the tribe's dispensary. At least, most of the time.

For a time in July, the dispensary completely ran out of cured flower, Hagen said. Once more flower became ready for sale, the dispensary had to reduce its self-applied cap on purchases from 1 ounce to a quarter ounce.

“This dispensary would be considered – what’s the right way to word this – this would rival or stack up to a dispensary in a large metro area,” said Hagen, who is a veteran in the industry.

“It’s obviously busy,” he added. “It’s crazy.”

Cannabis industry experts say they're not surprised by what's happening in Flandreau or the indirect economic activity that's come along with it.

Ned Horsted, the executive director of the Cannabis Industry Association of South Dakota, said he hopes other communities, where public officials are not enthusiastic about medical marijuana being legal, will find a lesson in what's happening in Flandreau.

"This is an enormous opportunity," he said. "And there are some cities and communities that are taking a friendly look at this and are looking forward to bringing new economic opportunity to their communities."

Luckily, he added, the tribe had stockpiled products that could be premade, and thus, could always offer some products to meet demand.



Jordan Kuusela, front, and Louis Payer work on defolating the marijuana plants to ensure the budding flowers get as many nutrients as possible at the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation Tuesday.



A flowering marijuana plant at the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation



Anthony Flute, a manager at the facility, trims young marijuana plants during a tour of the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation.

Big growth coming for the cannabis dispensary

Behind the retail portion of the dispensary, a construction crew was busy at work. The dispensary is adding three more point-of-sale areas to speed up purchases and limit wait times.

The tribe started with 10,000 square feet of space to grow cannabis. Crews were working to add an additional 24,000 square feet.

The unfinished backrooms of the dispensary will eventually hold a commercial-grade kitchen and another portion will hold a hydro carbon extraction lab. The kitchen will be a major upgrade to allow the production of edible products.

The hydro carbon extraction lab will enable the operation to efficiently

"When it's done, this area will look like a pharmaceutical lab," Hagen said.



A digital billboard at Royal River Casino advertises for Native Nations Cannabis on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation Tuesday.

How much of an impact is the dispensary having on the broader community? Hagen points to a next door gas station that's full of cars. Before, there were always open pumps. Hagen says he expects area restaurants and businesses are going to see increases in business.

Kelly Ramsdell, a businesswoman and the president of the Flandreau Development Corp., said it's too early to know what effect, if any, Native Nations Cannabis is having on the city's economy.

The evidence, she said, will be found in the city's monthly sales tax reports.

But, she added, there have been more vehicles in town.

"There is more traffic, yes, absolutely," she said.



CEO Eric Hagen, left, and COO Jonathan Hunt give a tour of the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation Tuesday.



Jonathan Hunt gives a tour of the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation.



CEO Eric Hagen, right, and COO Jonathan Hunt give a tour of the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation Tuesday.



A growing, but not yet flowering marijuana plant at the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation.



A group of flowering marijuana plants at the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation.



A group of young marijuana plants at the Native Nations Cannabis facilities on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe reservation



Jonathan Schrader, Sr., Santee Sioux Tribe trustee, makes the first purchase of marijuana from Aaron Fisherman and Brooki Corcoran on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau. He said he uses it as a treatment for anxiety and depression.



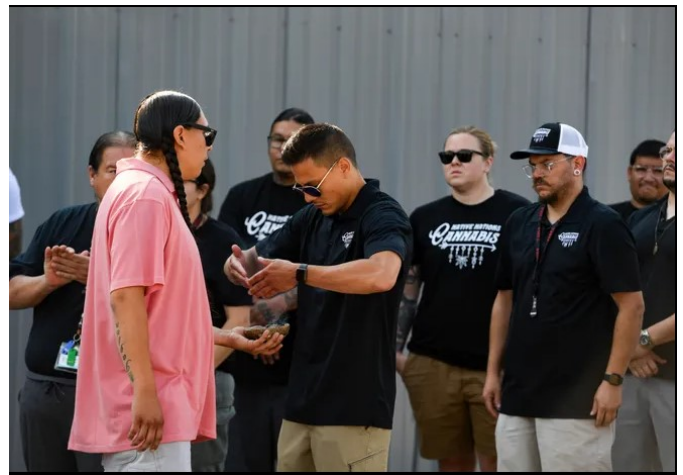
A variety of marijuana products are available at Native Nations Cannabis, including vape cartridges, nectars, waxes and rerolled joints, on Thursday, July 1, 2021, in Flandreau.



Members of the Flandreau Santee-Sioux Tribe smudge the space before a ribbon cutting on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau.



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An employee stocks merchandise in a display case ahead of their official opening on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau.



Joints sit in a case on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau.



The first legal marijuana sales in South Dakota take place on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau.



Brooki Cocoran looks over a customer's medical marijuana ID card before making a sale on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau.



A salesperson describes the variety of marijuana products and differences between them to a customer on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau.



An employee counts change on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau. The business is cash-only.



An employee folds apparel for sale on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau.



A small crowd gathers for the first legal marijuana sales in South Dakota on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Native Nations Cannabis in Flandreau.



Dulce Esperanza Chacon receives her medical marijuana ID card on Thursday, July 1, 2021, in an event space set up for processing applications at the Royal River Casino in Flandreau.



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