

# Wowapi



Wa-zu-ste-ca-sa Wi

June / The Moon when the Strawberries are red



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Governor  
Noem vs.  
The Nine  
Tribes

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*Angie Eastman*

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**Battle of Little Big Horn  
Battle of Greasy Grass  
Custer's Last Stand**

**Wakpa Ipaksan  
Holiday  
June 25th**



**FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE**  
**2024 ELECTION NOTICE - AMENDED**  
**NOTIFICATION OF PRIMARY CANDIDATES**

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**VICE PRESIDENT**

Cynthia Allen-Weddell

Mary Hasvold

Tyler Rambeau

**TRUSTEE II**

Lindsay Bose

Donalda Montoya

Jean Paul Roy

Jonathan Schrader, Sr.

Bruce Schumacher

**TRUSTEE IV**

Nicholas Flute

Richard Jones

Norman Kitto

Steve Studsdahl

Kenneth Weston

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**FSST PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Friday, June 14, 2024**

**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.

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**ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION**

**May 30 to June 13, 2024**

Absentee Ballots and affidavits for the Primary Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours which are **Monday to Thursday, 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. and Friday, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M..**

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**IF ANY CANDIDATE OR TRIBAL MEMBERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE OR THE ELECTION, THEY MAY SUBMIT THEM TO THE ELECTION BOARD IN WRITING, OR CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER DIRECTLY.**

*Approved By: 2024 FSST Election Board on May 29, 2024.*





# Strawberry Recipes

## Wo-ja-pi Wa-zu-ste-ca

Wa-zu-ste-ca E-tan-han Wi-ya-tke To-pa

(4 Cups of Strawberries)

Mi-ni E-tan-han Wi-ya-tka

(1/2 Cup of Water)

Tuh-ma-ga-ca-han-pi E-tan-han Wi-ya-tke

(1/4 Cup of Honey)

### Method

Place all ingredients in an appropriate sized pot. Bring to a simmer over medium heat until berries are broken down and a thick sauce is achieved.

Serve warm or cold.

Use to dip your fry bread or spill over cheesecake or other desserts.

## Wo-pe-mni-sp-an

### Wa-zu-ste-ca

Wa-zu-ste-ca E-tan-han Tke-i-yu-ta-pi

(1 Pound of Strawberries)

Mi-ni E-tan-han Wi-ya-tka Wan-zi

(1 Cup of Water)

Ca-han-pi E-tan-han Wi-ya-tke Wan-zi

(1 Cup of Sugar)

3 Tablespoons of Strawberry Gelatin

3 Tablespoons of Cornstarch

1 Ready to use Pie Crust

### Method

Add Cornstarch, Gelatin, Sugar & Water in pot of appropriate size. Bring to a boil over medium heat stirring constantly to avoid scorching. Allow to cool.

Wash and Hull Strawberries. Cut in half and arrange neatly over prepared pie crust. When cooled, pour the strawberry gelatin mixture over the arranged strawberries. Place in refrigerator until set.

Serve with whipped cream!



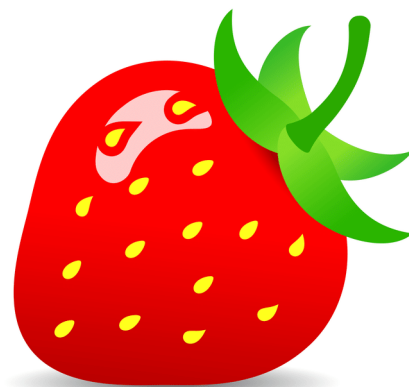


Please join us in wishing your fellow members, near and far, a very Happy Birthday during the month of June.

06/01 Angela Weston  
 06/02 Debra Smith  
 06/02 Nathan Andersen  
 06/03 Lillie Lovejoy  
 06/04 Derek Bose  
 06/07 Nicholas Taylor  
 06/07 Jeremy Geffre  
 06/07 Cherish Neconish  
 06/07 Joan Kingsly  
 06/08 Julian Kitto  
 06/09 Pam Byrd  
 06/09 Vanessa Lavaliti  
 06/09 Shila Mourning  
 06/09 Emma Allen  
 06/10 Grace Flute Player  
 06/10 Joslyn Red Feather  
 06/11 Juanita Wakeman  
 06/11 Aaron Blair  
 06/12 Justin Earley  
 06/13 Victoria Anderson  
 06/13 Madelyn Allen  
 06/13 Mila Flute  
 06/14 Marsha Zenio  
 06/14 Desiree Nelson

06/15 Blake Reider  
 06/16 Adam Bose  
 06/17 Richard Schumacher  
 06/17 John Bean  
 06/17 Robin Kooi  
 06/19 Tamyra Calahan  
 06/19 Valerie Kuckelburg  
 06/19 Taylor Cadotte  
 06/20 Dana Bledsoe  
 06/21 Daniel Rederth  
 06/21 Gabriel Weston  
 06/21 Eric Marshall  
 06/22 Adrian Holly Bull  
 06/23 Wendy Gilbert  
 06/23 Arthur Schmidt  
 06/25 Kevin Blankartz  
 06/25 Lathaniel Armstrong  
 06/25 Aimee Cadotte  
 06/25 Bruce Allen  
 06/26 Richard Ross  
 06/26 Lalo Montoya Jr.  
 06/27 Darryl Shopbell  
 06/27 Donald Allen  
 06/27 Charles Wasson

06/27 Monte Lovejoy  
 06/27 Kaylani Roy  
 06/27 Kaine Roy  
 06/27 Stormy Bursheim  
 06/28 Tammy Lovejoy  
 06/29 Angeline Eastman  
 06/29 Chance Wasson  
 06/29 Cash Jones  
 06/30 Lloyd Crow Jr.  
 06/30 Marvin Nepstad  
 06/30 Steven Cadotte Jr.





*06/01 Izzabella Bietz*

*06/04 Derrick Bose*

*06/07 Nicholas Taylor*

*06/07 Kylee Nelson*

*06/07 Hapi Flute Player*

*06/11 Tre Gillaspie*

*06/13 Victoria Anderson*

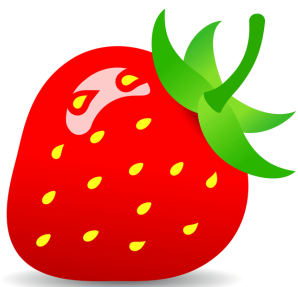
*06/14 Desiree Nelson*

*06/15 Adrian Jancie-Howe*

*06/17 Stanage Mattison*

*06/25 Victoria Olson*

*06/25 Robert Byrnes*



*Please join us in wishing our*

*employees a very*

*Happy Birthday this month!*



# JUNE

## Men's Health Awareness Month

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4 Diabetic Clinic: Men's Health	5 Alzheimer's Event 9am-1pm 	6	7
10	11 Diabetic Clinic: Water Importance	12 Men's Health Event 9am-1pm 	13	14 Closed for Employee Appreciation
17	18 Diabetic Clinic: Fitness/Nutrition	19 Closed for Juneteenth	20	21
24	25 Closed for Victory Day	26	27 Nourish Knowledge Maynard's 2-5pm 	28 



@ Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Center



@ FSST\_HC

### Health & Wellness Center Events:

June 5 - Alzheimer's Event 9am-1pm @ WOCC

June 12 - Men's Health Event 9am-1pm @ WOCC

June 27- Nourish Knowledge 2-5pm @ Maynards Food

### FSST Health and Wellness Center closures:

June 14 - Employee Appreciation

June 19 - Juneteenth

June 25 - Victory Day

### Interim Wellness Center Programs:

**NEW**

**Strength Training with Sam**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12-1p

*Find your strength with Sam!*

Beginner's Fitness - Tuesday & Thursday 11-12p

Healthy Weight for Life - Thursday 12:15-12:45p

Health Center Programs:

Diabetic Clinic - Tuesdays 9-12pm



# OYATÉ OWŌŽU KIn

(oh-yah-tay oh-whoa-zhoo keen)

## "THE PEOPLE'S GARDEN"



The seeds have  
been planted!

OUR STAFF AT FSST HC ARE BUSY GROWING THIS  
SEASONS "BOUNTIFUL BASKET" STAY TUNED FOR  
HARVESTS TO SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY!



### BOUNTIFUL BASKET

A SDPI sponsored program



Fresh, healthy eating, just  
one more way to Wicozani!





# *Can Wakan Duta Win*

*Angie Eastman*

Han Mitakuyapi. In 2020, I decided to fully pursue higher education and relocated to New Town, ND with my three daughters Rihanna, Dowan, and Azure in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. In December 2022, I graduated with honors from Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College with an Associate of Arts in Business Administration. In January 2023, I relocated to Mandan, N.D., and began my bachelor's degree program at United Tribes Technical College. In October 2023, I was one of four students selected to participate in a 2-year apprenticeship program on campus. My apprenticeship is in the Human Resources department and will allow me to become certified with the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM) upon completion.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, I graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. I was awarded the Horizon Award: for demonstrating exceptional promise and continued success for the academic year, and the Virtuous Leadership Award: for exemplifying Native virtues in education and my walk of life for the academic year.



Recently, I was accepted into the Master of Business Administration Program with a concentration in Project Management at the University of Mary which I begin this fall. This is an 11-month, accelerated program designed to accommodate students in the workforce. Although this is a heavy courseload, it will allow me to participate in the hooding ceremony in April 2025 with the completion of my degree in August 2025. An MBA in Project Management will equip me with skills and knowledge in strategic planning, budgeting, resource allocation, and risk management to oversee and complete successful projects. This degree will also contribute to the advancement of my leadership and communication skills.

I plan to take a one-year break to get established in my career, and then enroll in the Master of Legal Studies of Indigenous People's Law for non-attorneys at the University of Oklahoma. This online 16-month graduate program aligns with my strong passion for protecting tribal sovereignty and Indigenous rights. The skillset and knowledge I hope to gain will allow me to advocate more effectively in the interest of tribal communities with a more in-depth understanding of federal Indian law.

My career goals are to work for a tribal community, preferably my own. I have a wide array of interests in the field of business including grant writing, non-profit management, human resources, and other administrative roles within healthcare and education. I do not know where my career path will lead me at this time, but I hope that it lies within the Wakpa Ipaksan amongst my own people. My educational journey has not been easy- it has been full of sacrifice, determination, and hardship, but it has opened doors to opportunities I hadn't imagined. It has contributed to the magnitudes of my growth and development both personally and professionally.





# MEMORIAL DAY 2024



Community  
Gathering!

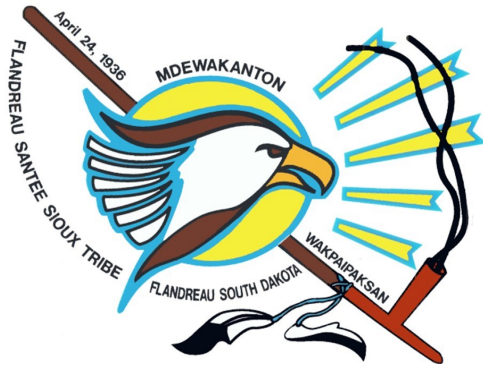


First Place Winners! Yvettee  
Burshiem, Debra Wakeman &  
Robbie Armstrong



Tidy & Decorate the Graves for  
Memorial Day





## Governor Noem vs. the Nine Tribes of South Dakota

It's been a testy few months between the nine Tribal Nations within the State of South Dakota and it's Governor, resulting in the unanimous decision by all nine tribes to issue banishment orders against Governor Noem. The issue stemming from comments made during several of her speeches, where she attempted to address issues relating to the education of Native American children and law enforcement on the reservations.

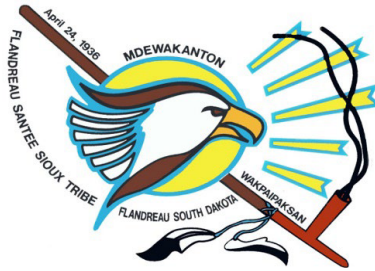
All agree that the Governor's comments were ill advised and incendiary to all tribes within the state's boundaries. Our fellow nations began to issue banishment orders against the governor. Although our tribal leadership took a cautious approach, it wasn't until two months later that the outraged spread to our nation, culminating in an emergency meeting by President Reider to hear the outcry from some of the membership.

At the request of tribal elders, President Reider opened a communication channel with the Governor's office, which promptly arrange a meeting between the two governments. The meeting was respectful and productive.

During the meeting, the Secretary of Tribal Relations, David Flute, stated that this was the first time a tribal delegation came to meet with the Governor. We were shocked to hear this confession from a man whose sole purpose is to foster good relationships and government-to-government partnerships between the tribes and the state.

I've included the press releases, which detail our tribe's response to this stir, for your review.





### **For Immediate Release**

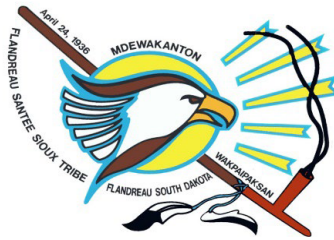
FLANDREAU, SD May 21, 2024

President Reider called an emergency meeting on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to address the comments made by Governor Kristi Noem and the potential for banishing her from the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe. The meeting was contentious at times, as some members vocalized their opposition. Out of respect for the elders, President Reider made contact with the Governor's Office, which promptly set a meeting between the two governments. That meeting took place on Monday.

President Reider and Vice President Weddell met with Governor Noem and addressed the recent statements made in reference to "Indian Country." The conversation was respectful and productive.

After months of discussion, observing and hearing the reactions of fellow tribal nations; today, the Executive Council continued their deliberations, which focused on the advice that the governor has received in communicating with the tribal nations and ultimately the effectiveness of that message, which all agreed, was ill advised and escalated the situation. The Executive Committee calls on the governor to reconsider the effectiveness of the liaisons she has appointed and whether or not they truly have an understanding of the issues affecting tribal nations as well as their ability to foster a cooperative relationships between the Tribes and the State of South Dakota.

President Reider informed the governor that a ban from our territories is imminent and requested that the Governor refrain from making future blanket statements that offend the tribes within the boundaries of the State of South Dakota, some of which depend on state services for the needs of their people. It was recommended that the Governor clarify her statements and issue an apology to all tribal nations for the misunderstanding. Until such a time, the Executive Council and the people of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe stand with our fellow nations.



For Immediate Release

May 23, 2024 - Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

In regards to fostering relationships with Tribal Nations, within the borders of South Dakota, it starts by understanding that we are all different nations. Flandreau being formed from exiles from the Dakota War of 1862, who after the signing of the Fort Laramie Treaty, converted to Christianity and took to agriculture as a way of survival. Our history much different from that of our fellow tribal nations.

It is unrealistic to believe that one person should know every facet of our culture or vice versa and we certainly do not expect any Governor to be a guru of Native American history, philosophy or to have an appreciation for our way of life. However, when choosing a secretary, whose sole purpose is to develop and foster relationships between the nine tribes and the State of South Dakota, isn't cultivating the advancement of diplomatic government-to-government partnerships; it's time to examine the effectiveness of this office. On Monday, we were shocked to learn that our delegation's meeting with Governor Noem was the first of its kind.

Secretary Flute of the State's Department of Tribal Relations was appointed to this position over 5 years ago. Our expectation of this office is to conduct itself in a manner that exemplifies its mission statement. As of today, two seats remain open on the Secretary's Indian Education Advisory Board, one seat belonging and unknown to the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe.

There are many areas where cooperation is essential between the nine tribal nations and the state, two of which relate to the comments made by the Governor; Education and Law Enforcement. In regards to the Governor's comments on the educational challenges of Native American children, you would think that someone would have informed her of the state's data that clearly shows, where there is diversity in the state's school districts, the ability of that district to meet the needs of all students regardless of race, declines significantly, while labeling children as disadvantaged and receiving state and federal funding for their efforts to educate our labeled children.



In terms of law enforcement, our tribal police department works cooperatively with city, county & state police departments to ensure that our communities are safe. One of our fellow tribal nation's leaders describe the sheer differences between the numbers of law enforcement officers in Rapid City vs. the numbers on their tribal nation; a disparity not mentioned in the governor's comments.

In light of the recent expulsion bans, with Governor Noem at the center of the nine tribe's displeasure, we must join others in asking who is advising the governor. It clearly seems that the wrong advice has been given.

We would like to reiterate that our meeting with the Governor this past Monday, was a model of cordiality, respect and productivity, which only a face to face meeting can deliver.

The Governor providing this written statement to our Executive Council:

*"It was never my intent to cause offense by speaking truth to the real challenges that are being faced in some areas of Indian country. I want to focus on solutions that lead to safer communities for all our families, better educational outcomes for all of our children, and declining addiction numbers for all of our people. It is my hope that the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe will give us the opportunity to partner together in a way that can be an example for all."*

President Reider adding his thoughts:

*"The far left wing and the far right wing are very far apart and don't realize they belong to the same bird. We all need to work together and as native people, we believe it all stems from the heart, which lies in the center of the bird. When you get too far from the center the balance is thrown off.*

*We need to come back to the center, find that balance by working cooperatively and respectfully with one another. Building a model that transcends our respective borders and if allowed to flourish, has the potential to unify a divided nation and provide a better life for all our citizens."*



## **The Battle of Little Big Horn**

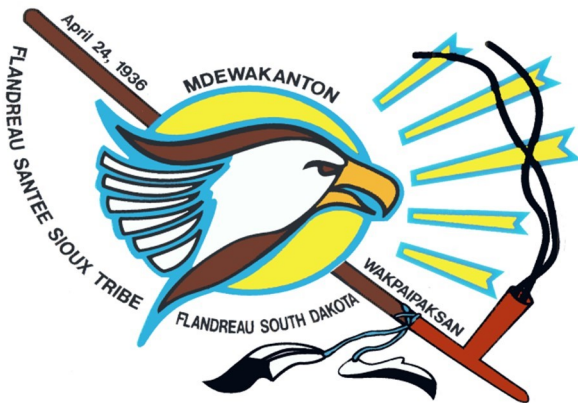
## **The Battle of Greasy Grass**

## **Custer's Last Stand**

The Battle of the Little Bighorn, fought on June 25, 1876, near the Little Bighorn River in Montana Territory, pitted federal troops led by Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer (1839-76) against a band of Lakota Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Tensions between the two groups had been rising since the discovery of gold on Native American lands. When a number of tribes missed a federal deadline to move to reservations, the U.S. Army, including Custer and his 7th Cavalry, was dispatched to confront them. Custer was unaware of the number of Indians fighting under the command of Sitting Bull (c.1831-90) at Little Bighorn, and his forces were outnumbered and quickly overwhelmed in what became known as Custer's Last Stand.

Our Tribe commemorates this day with a holiday. All offices are closed.





# *Save the dates!*

- June 14th      Employee Appreciation Day  
Tribal Office Closed*
- June 19th      Juneteenth National Holiday  
Tribal Office Closed*
- June 25th - Native American Day / Battle of Little Big  
Horn or Greasy Grass Remembrance  
Tribal Office Closed*

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# June 2024 Menu





Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

					
3 Goulash Biscuit Apple Pecan Slaw Pudding	4 Fish Sandwich Potato Wedges Sliced tomato's Peaches	5 Pork Loin Potato's/gravy Buttered Carrots Cucumber Salad Muffins	6 Enchilada Soup Turkey Sandwich Corn Salad Apple Crisp	7 <b>CLOSED</b> <b>SPRING FLING</b> <b>EASTMAN HALL</b>	
10 Wisconsin Cheese Soup Tuna Salad Sandwich Carrot Salad Cake	11 Cobb Salad Bread Stix Cracker/cheese Frosted Lemon Jello Salad	12 Meat Loaf Scalloped Potato's Buttered Squash Springtime Salad Frosted Banana Bar	13 Ribs Baked Potato Green Bean Casserole Lemon Pie <b>Fathers Day Meal !</b>	14 <b>CLOSED</b> <b>EMPLOYEE</b> <b>PICNIC</b>	
17 Beef Stroganoff Over noodles Cali-blend Veggies Fresh Melons	18 Baked Ham Scalloped Potato's Buttered Beets Fruited Jello	19 <b>CLOSED</b> 	20 Chicken Salad on Croissant Mac Salad Straight A Salad Wild Berry Tart	21 Tomato Soup Grilled cheese Sand. Veggies w/ dip Fresh Fruit	
24 Sausage Gravy Over Biscuits Scrambled Eggs Glazed Donut	25 <b>CLOSED</b> 	26 Oven Baked Chicken Potato/gravy Buttered Corn Festive Lettuce Salad Choc. Cake	28 Homemade Pizza Crunchy Veggie Salad Watermelon	28 Hominy Soup Woja pi Fry Bread	
<b>Grace Moore Senior Citizens Center 997-2924</b>					<b>*Menu subject to change without notice.</b>