

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Monthly Newsletter

March 2022

March - *Ista Wicayazan Wi* - (Moon of the Sore Eyes)

The sun reflecting off the melting snow would cause tenderness and chapping to the eyes.



Gas prices climb

Could gas prices hit an all-time high even this week? Economists are anticipating we'll continue to see prices climb as the national average break the \$4 per gallon mark for the first time since 2008.

The price of regular gas rose by almost 41 cents over the course of the first full week of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, according to the AAA motor club — the second largest jump in average national prices in a week. In fact the gas jumped

up 10 cents per gallon between the time a photo of a sign in Flandreau was taken and the paper hit the newsstands.

"As Russia's war on Ukraine continues to evolve and we head into a season where gas prices typically increase, Americans should prepare to pay more for gas than they ever have before," Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy, said in a statement.

The all-time high for average gasoline prices was set on July 17, 2008 at \$4.10 per gallon.

Prices in South Dakota remain below the national average with a gallon of regular at \$3.686 and diesel at \$4.115. California, on Sunday, had the highest average price per gallon at \$5.29, while Missouri had the lowest at around \$3.60. The crisis in the Ukraine along with an increase in travel now that mask mandates are lifting and an increase in consumer spending are also cited as possible contributing factors.

Neither President Joe Biden nor Congress has moved to ban the import of Russian oil or place energy sanc-

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Lunday awarded Spirit of Su Award



Son of Ed and Tammy Lundy

Tash Lunday is only the second Flier ever to be recognized with the "Spirit of Su" award. The award is the top individual honor given to one senior in each class at both the Boys and Girls State Basketball Tournaments. Players must demonstrate excellence both on and off the court. Coaches submit name based athletic ability, sportsmanship, leadership, character and academic ability.

The award is in memory of SuAnne Big Crow, one of the best girls' players ever to take to the court in South Dakota. Big Crow, from Pine Ridge, died in 1992 in a car crash while on her way to the Miss Basketball Banquet in Huron. Since 1994, the South Dakota High School Activities Association presents the award annually at each of the six boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments. The recipients receive an American Indian star quilt as part of the award presenta-



Flandreau's Tash Lunday eyes the defense during the Dakota Valley game on Friday. Photo compliment of SDPB

“Dear Beverly, Thanks for the memories.”

Friends, family continue to reflect on Wakeman’s legacy

by Carleen Wild
Moody County Enterprise

Rarely do we meet someone the likes of Beverly Wakeman.

It has been weeks now that the oldest living Flandreau Santee Sioux tribal member passed at the age of 88, yet the above sentiment continues to be shared in countless conversations; at the local coffee shop where Wakeman would meet with friends every afternoon; at the Senior Center and the Bakery where she would meet others for coffee as well; at the Flandreau Indian School where she spent the entirety of her career, 40 years, serving the student population as a custodian in the high school, where she helped to raise money each year for scholarships for graduating seniors and as a board member for the union that represented the school’s workers; at the Hospital where she served as a longtime Auxiliary member; at the Moody County Historical Society where she took great care to curate any information she could about both the tribal and non-tribal communities in order for it to be preserved for generations to come; at the Breadbasket Food Pantry where she served for decades as a volunteer; at Second was a deacon, a member of the ladies group Esther Circle and in charge of helping with funeral services and where Sunday services and other events were rarely missed; at Royal River Casino and Hotel where she would often be seen with family enjoying a meal; at tribal meetings where if she felt something needed to be addressed, she didn’t hesitate to share her thoughts; at the cemetery where she would take great care each Memorial Day to almost single handedly place American flags and crosses on every service members gravesite, her husband Keith and son Cary were both Marines; and in homes and in many other places throughout Moody County, the region and the nation.

Because that was her reach.

“I have hardly known along

my journey of life anyone more caring, kindly, and a real born-again Christian, community-minded, and all-around leadership person,” wrote Tony Firman, a former colleague and longtime friend. Firman, a former Chaplain at FIS, worked alongside Wakeman at the school for 36 years. “We had the pleasure of at least four road trips together a year as we transported the FIS students. We would bring them to the school in the fall, take them home again at Christmas, bring them back, and again transport them home at the end of the semester. Our trips were never without some challenges,” Firman said. “Mostly the weather. Beverly never spoke with anything but kind words and she showed great concern for all of the students we dealt with.”

“I call her the Betty White of Flandreau,” said Helen Rose, a longtime close friend. “Everyone knew her and loved her and it seemed like she’d be here forever.”

Several other close friends — including Sally Allen and Roxee Johnson — spent time with Rose this past Sunday afternoon sharing memories of Wakeman. In particular, the three continued to mention Wakeman’s faith. “It’s what got her through a lot of things. Her faith and kindness,” said Rose, who got to know Wakeman through Second Presbyterian. “Some of the things she’s been through...she always had a smile. You would never ever know it.”

“She was a gem,” added Allen. “Such a strong person. Never prejudiced.”

And she did everything with dignity, Johnson said, with a smile. “She just was a lady, and as well, a catalyst between the tribal and non-tribal communities. Similar to the bridge. (see article on page 1) That bridge was built to bridge a gap and



make it possible for people to cross over to the other side. When they first built that bridge, the Natives called it the ‘Peace Bridge’. That concrete is about to be torn down and I feel it’s symbolic. Beverly was that human bridge between the tribal community and the community of Flandreau. She had a foot in both, going back and forth, and setting an example along the way. Maybe she was unaware of the path she was forging, but she gave her all — her dedication and time and energy to each. Teaching us along the way if we were smart enough to watch left, we have to keep her legacy alive.”

FSST President Tony Reider agreed.

“She was caring, she loved her community, her tribe, and the City of Flandreau. I think that this bridge project really speaks volumes to what Beverly was...it’s always been about bridges in the community and she was a great bridge amongst the community by herself. She carried herself respectfully, she was just a great human being. You don’t meet many of them in your life and you’re fortunate to know one if you do.”

To say she will be missed is quite an understatement, Firman shared in his thoughts, ending with:

“Dear Beverly, thanks for the memories.

Sincerely, Anthony G. Firman
Chaplain Emeritus FIS”

A new Crescent Street Bridge?

by Carleen Wild
Moody County Enterprise

After years of no movement on the old Crescent Street Bridge in downtown Flandreau, big changes could be coming soon.

Discussions are underway between the City of Flandreau, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Leaders and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The three entities are looking into whether or not funding may be available through new infrastructure bills to build an entirely new bridge. The opportunity is one that many have hoped for, but believed was long gone.

During the regularly scheduled City Council meeting this past week in Flandreau, Mayor Dan Sutton was the first to publicly announce that meetings were underway between the city, tribe and the BIA.

"She's (Brenda Redwing) confident that we can get the funding to replace the bridge as a traffic bridge, but our first step is that we need to have it BIA inspected

before it gets torn down," FSST President Tony Reider told the Moody County Enterprise. "Once we get that done, we can look at the funding side of things."

Sutton told council members that he had already signed a letter on behalf of the city to give their engineer permission to go ahead and look at it.

The bridge has sat idle to any traffic for years while city and tribal leaders and community members have hashed out any number of ways to re-establish the direct connection between downtown and the Flandreau Indian School. No one could ever agree — mainly because of cost.

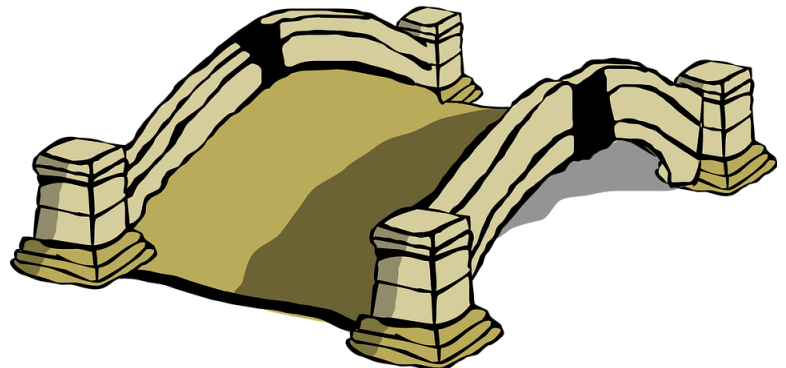
But with that element possibly removed, or at least greatly reduced, the need to get a BIA inspector on site quickly is imperative.

"We have the possibility of working with the contractor — there are two bridges he's working on here in Moody County," said Sutton. "Maybe he can work with the Moody County bridge first if we need more time."

"I think for the tribe we're very excited to help," said Reider. "We have a lot of people with FIS reach out to us with concerns of wanting to keep it open and trying to do whatever we could to help keep it open. Relations-wise over the years, there have been so many efforts to bridge the community. It really brought out tensions — political and racial and everything else. So to see it get taken care of is hopefully another strong step in that healing that we all need as a community."



Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe President Tony Reider and Flandreau Mayor Dan Sutton are working together as quickly as possible to try and secure funding for a new vehicle and pedestrian bridge over the Big Sioux River at the Flandreau Dam. The old Crescent Street Bridge, built by the WPA and J.C. Sorenson of Trent in 1935, was constructed for \$19,591.80 but it has been closed now for more than a decade over safety concerns.





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“Everything is for the community”



John Burshiem, pastor at First Presbyterian Church north of Flandreau, visits about what a gift of money will do for his church

What you may not know about First Presbyterian in Flandreau

We mentioned in this past issue the \$150,000 grant awarded First Presbyterian Church in Flandreau from the Santee Sioux Tribe. The money is to be used for repairs and renovations to the oldest continuously used church in South Dakota as well as to the guildhall (a building historically used by guilds for meetings and other purposes), which is located on the same campus, north of town off Highway 13.

First Presbyterian was built in 1873. Extensive repairs were first done in 2002 but much more needed to be done. The hope is that the new updates will ensure the church's future for generations to come and to restore it as a routine gathering place for worship and other important and much desired community events. This week we learned more about the upgrades through pastor John Burshiem.

MCE: What are the renovations being

Pastor Burshiem: “We are currently replacing the church windows as they are in need of repair. The wood is rotten and we are replacing them with aluminum windows that look like wood windows. They will last longer and they will not affect the historic value of the church according to the historical society. Our guildhall is where the main renovation is taking place. We are replacing the walls, the ceiling tiles, re-insulating everything, putting hardwood flooring in and running new piping for the water underground. We are getting new windows in the guildhall, new cabinets, a commercial refrigerator, two new stoves, microwaves, and new countertops. In the bathrooms we are getting new toilets, new sinks, new vanities and everything will be wood flooring. We are getting new lighting throughout. We will outfit the church and the guildhall with internet services and new doors. All the renovations in the guildhall are for future endeavors such as a women's group, a men's group, crafts, sewing, AA meetings, GA meetings, and NA meetings, and Bible study groups. Everything is for the community and for people who need someone to talk to.

MCE: What does the gift the tribe recently awarded you mean to these renovations and the ongoing sustainability of the church?

Pastor Burshiem: The gift the tribe gave to us is everything — to get us off on the right foot and to dive into some of these issues that are taking away our people, both Natives and whites. Addictions are not prejudiced or discriminative. It affects everyone and with this gift we can give our community help in overcoming whatever their needs are. We can offer them hope and introduce them to someone who can help. Once the renovations are complete, we can then start the work that Jesus Christ wants us to do in keeping the church going. The money the tribe gave us shaved off years of saving and fundraisers and I believe God had a Hand in this and blessed us through the tribe.

MCE: What's most important the community know about 1st Presbyterian church they may not already be aware of?

Pastor Burshiem: We serve the community, we want to help in any way possible, and that our congregation is not just made up of Native Americans, all are welcome in our church. We believe that God made man in his own image and so we welcome anyone who wants to pray to God almighty. Also, the church grounds and the church and guildhall are owned and operated through the Presbyterian church USA, it is not tribally owned. It was started by Native Americans. The congregation is primarily Native and all tribal ancestors are buried in the cemetery including Chief Little Crow, but there are white people buried in our cemetery also. We welcome all here.

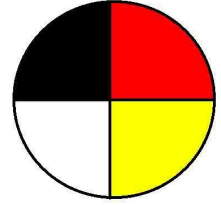
MCE: How do you feel being in the leadership role at 1st Presbyterian church and carrying on the unique resource it is and being a part of its legacy?

Pastor Burshiem: I feel honored to be the CRE here at First Presbyterian, my sister was a minister here and my dad was a minister here along with my brother-in-law. In our family tree we have a long list of ministers and medicine men, but what carried me to do the training was God who came to me in my sleep and urged me to pursue this. My first thoughts were that I'm not worthy, but God constantly reminded me of the importance of opening up the church. It played over and over in my mind and when I got a phone call that I was invited to the training, I went. I don't know the road God has planned for me. All I know is I will do my best. Besides the church itself and the guildhall, another major project is underway on church grounds to identify if a mass grave was placed out back of the church in the early 1900's. Burshiem will be working this spring with tribal historian Garrie Kills-a-Hundred and others on the exploration.



Shana LaRae Kaupp

January 17, 1982 - March 10, 2022



Shana LaRae Kaupp, “Bombshell”, age 40, of Flandreau, SD, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Shana was born on January 17, 1982 to John Kaupp and Julene Lupkes in Omaha, NE. She spent her early years in Gregory, SD and then moved to Colome, SD. Later, she moved to Flandreau with her mother where she attended Flandreau Public School. Shana would later attend Sinte Gleska University for Human Services. Shana held various jobs over the years but her most favorite were her summer spent as a Night Auditor for Custer State Park and the many years spent as the Host Supervisor for the Royal River Casino and Hotel in Flandreau.

Shana danced through life and lived it to the fullest. She loved cats, butterflies, and any chance to be a good hostess for her family and friends. She also enjoyed cooking, shopping, and pampering herself with a fresh manicure. Shana was unconcerned with what others thought of her and always encouraged people to be their authentic selves. She was comfortable in her own skin and was a strong advocate and leader for the LGBTQ+ community.

Shana is survived by her mother, Julene Lupkes, Colome; sisters: Stacia (Jason) Paulson, Colome; Dana Ellwanger, Flandreau; and Chelsea Lupkes, Huron, SD; 10 nieces and nephews; 3 great-nieces and nephews; and many other extended relatives and friends. Shana was preceded in death by her father, John Kaupp; sister, Erika Kaupp; great-nephew, Colten Bobeldyke; and grandparents: Oswald and Ellen Kaupp, Stanley Pitsenberger, and Blanche Hiller-Taylor.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am on Monday, March 14, 2022 at Eastman Hall, Flandreau, with burial in the Colome Cemetery, Colome, SD at a later date. An all-night wake service will begin at 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Eastman Hall, Flandreau.





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