

# Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Monthly Newsletter March 2024

**March** - Ista Wicayazan Wi - (Moon of the Sore Eyes)
The sun reflecting off the melting snow would cause tenderness and chapping to the eyes.

### Bill to create Indian Child Advisory Council endorsed by committee despite DSS opposition

PIERRE — Lawmakers on a House committee approved a bill Wednesday to establish an advisory council to oversee communication on the welfare of Native American children in South Dakota's foster care system. But the same committee also voted to reject a bill that would have created a two-year task force to study the welfare of Native children in foster care.

Rep. Tamara St. John, R-Sisseton, sponsored the <u>advisory council bill</u>, describing it as a way for stakeholders from tribes, the Department of Social Services and the South Dakota Legislature to come together once a year to hold a formalized discussion about Native foster children.

"Where do we have that space for innovation, that focus on prevention, or how do we know what we're looking at in the form of data?" said St. John, a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton tribe.

A six-month joint investigation by <u>South Dakota Searchlight</u> and the <u>Argus Leader</u> following last year's legislative session explored the causes, effects and potential solutions to the decades-long overrepresentation of Native American children in South Dakota's foster care system. Native American children accounted for nearly 74% of the foster care system in June 2023, despite accounting for only 13% of the state's overall child population.

Rep. Peri Pourier, D-Rapid City, sponsored the failed bill to create a 21-member task force to study the problem and expand portions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act into state law, which would have been part of the task force's duties. Pourier, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and St. John brought their bills as a way to further the conversation around children in state care. St. John's advisory council bill originally had the group meeting four times a year, but she brought an amendment reducing the frequency to once a year. At the end of that annual meeting, minutes would be available for lawmakers to refer back to if they want to bring future legislation.

Jessica Morson, the ICWA Coalition director, also spoke in favor of HB 1232, saying that it served as a "step forward" and "enhances focus on solutions-based collaboration in a smaller, more effective setting by review of existing practices and laws."

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5 work days before the 15th of each month

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### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION**

### **GUIDELINES:**

All information submitted for newsletter must be received 5 (five) working days before the 15 of each month. We cannot guarantee inclusion of any submissions after that date in that month's newsletter. Submissions must be made in typewritten (or computer generated) format. They can be submitted directly to Marcie Walker in hardcopy, on disk or via email at:

marcie.walker@fsst.org

The FSST reserves the right to edit submission for content and clarity when appropriate. Additionally, submissions not of a time sensitive nature may be delayed for next month The only opposition came from Department of Social Services Secretary Matt Althoff, who said the department already has the ability to hold the conversations now in a less formal environment.

He said despite wonderful intentions, it's unlikely the advisory council "is going to achieve much given the totality of what it faces."

The department also opposed Pourier's task force bill, saying it's already working individually with tribes on how to better support Native children in care and foster families across the state.

Althoff added that the task force, modeled after a 2006 task force that studied the same issue, may not be successful because of various competing interests.

"Please understand that the work continues regardless of the bill, so you have our assurances that we will not relent and are wanting to continue to keep these lines of communications and these intersects between tribal officials and ourselves ongoing," he said.

Lawmakers voiced concerns about the size of the task force and recommended a summer study as a possible avenue for future conversation. The committee voted 10-1 to reject the bill with the lone dissenting voice coming from Rep. Erin Healy, D-Sioux Falls.

But, lawmakers liked the idea of St. John's formalized council. Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt, R-Sioux Falls, said it would serve as a baseline to gather data.

"If we're in the same spot as we were the year before, then that tells us that we're probably not doing something right, and so even if we can just do that one small thing of establishing that something else needs to happen, that we're clearly not making steps in the right direction, I think that alone is worth having something," she said.

Rep. Will Mortenson, R-Fort Pierre, noted that while the council won't stop children from entering into the foster care system, it wouldn't be an undue burden on the department, an argument that had been voiced by Rep. Rocky Blaire, R-Ideal, when he spoke in opposition to the bill.

Mortenson noted that everyone would have to address one of the leading reasons why children are removed from their parents in the first place: alcohol and drug abuse. Parental substance abuse is 57% of the reason why South Dakota children are removed from their families and placed into foster care, according to federal data.

"I think that we're doing a disservice to this topic if we don't acknowledge phase one of this problem and try to train our collective focus there," he said.

The advisory council bill passed 10-2 to the House floor where it'll be debated next.



### Blast from the past.....

Who remembers

"PEJUTA SAPA COFFEE SHOP"? (Black Medicine)

The late Francis Wakeman Jr (Stub) his wife Marilyn and sister Deb Wakeman open Coffee Shop on June 29, 2001.

Coffee Shop was a hit and very tasty





FSST Executive Committee gives back...





Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Anna Duncan Title accepted a donation of \$7500.00 on behalf of the Moody County Resource Center from the Flandreau Santee Executive Council. And Beverly Wakeman accepted a donation of \$25,000.00 on behalf of the Moody County Museum.

### Congratulations on a job well done!!!





Pictured above 8th grade girls basketball team.

FSST MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

Congrats to Bruce for Completing the Tokyo

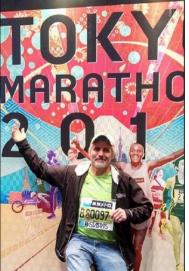
Marathon!!!

We are all very proud of you!!!

FSST MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER









### **Looking Back 2015 Newsletter**









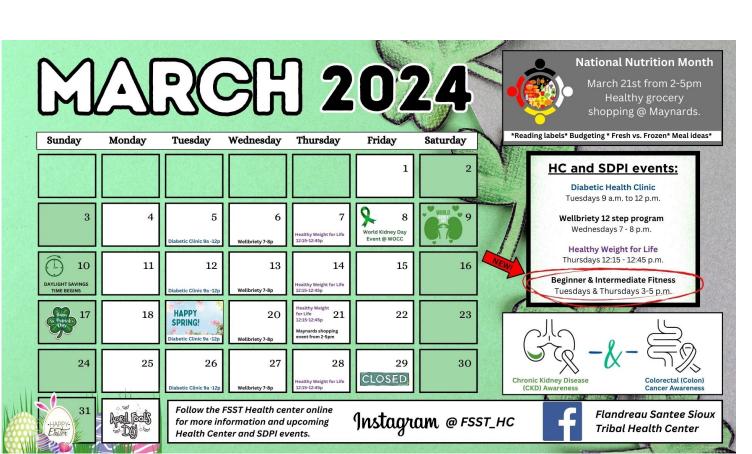
Happy 10th Birthday to
Alli Walker on March 7th
Love, Mom

Happy 21st Birthday to
Trinity Redday on March 22nd
Love ,Mom









2024 *Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center*Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday 1 2 Mat Ball 3:30-6pm 6 7 8 9 Soccer 3:30-6pm Jail Ball 3:30-6pm 3-on-3 Tourney 3-6pm Volleyball 3:30-6pm Walk 3:30-6pm 11 12 13 14 15 10 16 3-ON-3 Volleyball Tourney 3-6pm DRAFT Lacrosse 3:30-6pm Sports Night: Vollegbaff @6 Been Begs 3:30-6pm Flag Football 3:30-6pm Popular Vote 3:30-6pm TOURNEY OPEN GYM @ 6-9PM 19 22 20 21 18 23 Bean Bag Tourney 3-6pm Croquet 3:30-6pm Sports Night: Beau Bag @6 Walk 3:30-6pm Ladder Ball 3:30-6pm Jail Ball 3:30-6pm OPEN GYM @ 6-9PM 24 25 26 30 27 28 3-ON-3 Croquet Tourney 3-6pm DRAFT Mat Ball 3:30-6pm Tiwahe Night 6:30pm Basketball 3:30-6pm aster Games 3:30-6on OPEN GYM @ 6-9PM



Tuesday Nights February 6, 13, 20 & 27 March 5, 12, 19 & 26

6-9pm 13+Year Olds Must have an updated

SST Recreation Membership

### James L. Herrick

James Leslie Herrick, age 59, journeyed to the Spirit World on February 22, 2024 in Sioux Falls, SD.

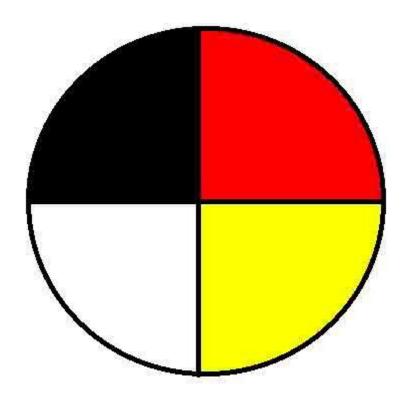
He was born on December 17, 1964 in Flandreau, SD the son of Lauren and Nancy (Robertson) Herrick.

Although he hasn't been able to ride for years, James loved motorcycles. He enjoyed cooking and worked in different restaurants over the years.

Survived by his three daughters, Alicia Jasper, Catherine Herrick and Jamie Herrick; sisters Laureen and Laura; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his mom Nancy; dad Lauren; and brothers Larry and Lauren Jr "Chip"

Private family services will be held at a later date.





Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center

Agenda:

February 14th: Matt Ball

February 21st: Obstacle Course March 15th: Volleyball

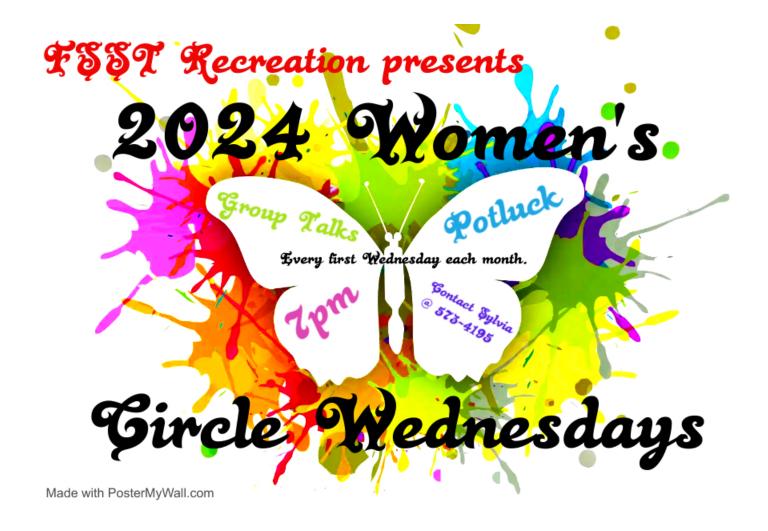
March 22nd: Bean Bag Tournament

April 10th: Jail Ball

April 17th: Popular Vote! Everyone is welcome. Basic

rules then games to follow. If persons under 13 attend, they must bring chaperone or adult."

Contact Sylvia Roy @ 573-4195



# Attention FSST Members:

Energy Assistance

Program will be closed on March 31st.





Services Provided: Child Protection, 24hr on call for emergencies, Child Placement management Services (for children in the care of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe) and reunification services to families (Individualized Cases Management Services) Foster Home Recruitment and licensing, Foster Parent Training, Referrals to aging supportive services, Investigation of elder abuse/neglect, General Assistance with Community resources, Conservator Guardianship Services, ICWA and QEW Services, Family Preservation/Prevention Services (supports for families and children that may min or difficulties providing basic needs in the home) and Emergency services, such as families affected by unforeseen circumstances.

Area Served: All Flandreau Indian Reservation and for ICWA Children who are eligible for enrollment with FSST or who are enrolled with FSST residing anywhere off the Flandreau Indian Reservation.

Eligible Participants: All Native American Children and families residing on the Flandreau Indian Reservation. For ICWA Program all eligible or enrolled Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal children and families residing anywhere off the Flandreau Santee Sioux Reservation.

Location: Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Headquarters

603 West Broad Ave

Flandreau, SD 57028

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Contact: Social Service Office 605 997 5055 Fax: 605 997 3878

### **WICOICAGA OTIPI COMMUNITY CENTER**



# VOLLEYBALL

LEAGUE &
TOURNAMENT

GAMES START March 14th to AT 6PM April 25th, 2024

\$5 A PLAYER. 10 MAX PER TEAM.
ANYONE WELCOME.
END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT.
CHAMPIONS WILL GET PRIZES.

Contact Sylvia Roy @ 573-4195 or sylvia.roy@fsst.org to get a team in by March 11th, 2024. WICOICAGA OTIPI COMMUNITY CENTER 03.27.2024 @ 6:30pm



# EASTER EASTER CANES

# TIWAHE NIGHT

Easter Egg Hunt & Games
POTLUCK THEME: Easter
Appetizer, Entree or Dessert

Awards for BEST POTLUCKS!

Any questions, Contact Sylvia Roy @ 573-4195



Sundays: March 10th & 24th, 2024 Draft Draw at 1:00pm Gym opens at 12pm to start taking names

© Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center 503 W. Broad Ave.

First Round: Captains selected at RANDOM Second Round: Each Captain picks 2nd teammate Final Round(s): Remaining are selected at RANDOM

Sylvia Roy @ sylvia.roy@fsst.org or (605) 573-4195

### VAPING VS. CIGARETTES



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Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Center (605) 997-2642

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Plan activities with family, friends, or co-workers that include physical activity, like biking or hiking.

### BE PROUD OF YOUR DECISION AND REMIND YOURSELF WHY YOU WANT TO QUIT IN THE FIRST PLACE!

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Stop by and "get distracted" until the craving passes, while improving your health!

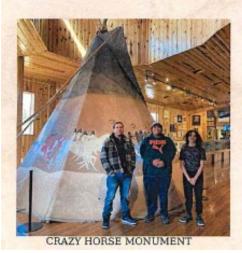
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### WESTERN COLLEGE TOUR



### **COLLEGES WE VISITED**

In February, we took 18 high school (9th-12th) students to the Black Hills for college visits. We attended four schools total including Black Hills State University, South Dakota School of Mines, OLC He Sapa Location, and Indian University of North America 7 Generations Summer Program!



SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES

### BOYS' POOL TOURNAMENT



During our down time, a very competitive game of pool took place! Devin came out victorious!

### SOME FUN AND BONDING ACTIVITIES!



FLAGS AND WHEELS ARCADE



CARD GAMES BEFORE BED!



SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES



"GETTING THE PERFECT ANGLE



TIRING WALKING 8 MILE DAYS!



OF COURSE, HAD TO STOP & SHOP!



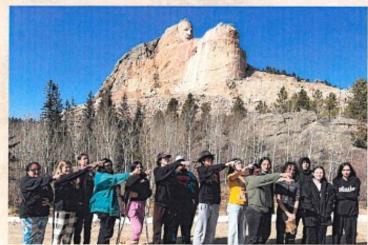
LEARNING AND LOVING BHSU!



RACING GO CARTS AT FLAGS AND WHEELS!



BHSU'S FOOTBALL/ TRACK FIELD



SEEM FAMILIAR?



EATING LUNCH AT CRAZY HORSE!

# FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBAL HEALTH CLINIC

# WELLNESS CENTER

(LOCATED EAST SIDE ENTRANCE OF THE WOCC)

# ARE YOU EMPLOYED BY THE FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE?



GRACE MOORE SENIOR CENTER



FSST LONG TERM CARE



FSST HEALTH CENTER

If you are employed by ANY FSST ENTITY you are eligible to join the Wellness Center and bring a friend or family member!

Contact Wellness center staff @ 605.573.4188 or stop by the Wellness center to sign up or for more information.



### **RECYCLING & RESALE**

SEAM accepts various types of electronic assets, batteries, and bulbs for recycling and remarketing:

Sterilized Medical & Lab

Technology



Communications

Equipment







TVs &

Monitors

& Other Bulbs &

NonPCB Ballasts



Audio & Video

Equipment

Ink/toner Cartridges



Other Electronic Devices

Servers &

IT Equipment

Materials that could adversely impact SEAM's health and safety policies or result in environmental concerns are not accepted at SEAM's discretion. If any of the following materials are found at any point in the process, they will be returned to the generator and may result in additional fees including but not limited to labor, delivery and storage.





Asbestos Containing Materials (construction waste, tiles, roofing)



Chemical, Medical or Biohazard Waste

(oils, powders, human or animal waste)

Processing fees apply for some accepted items. Contact SEAM if there are any questions about acceptance of materials.



### FIGHT CRAVINGS WITH EXERCISE



Trying to quit smoking?

Why not try a new approach?

"Studies show that even short periods of physical activity, especially aerobic exercise, reduce the urge to smoke."

Aerobic exercise is physical activity that makes you sweat, causes you to breathe harder, and gets your heart beating faster.

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### Uniting to combat vaping





Although the Flandreau School Board learned several good news items at its February 12 regular obard meeting, they also learned that vaping by students is a huge concern.

Sheriff Troy Wellman displayed a gallon size evidence bag full of vapes, empty shell casings, and nitrous oxide cartridges to board members and those present. School Resource Deputy Frias explained that the content of the bag was everything that was either confiscated or found on school property.

Much of the content of the bag which can be seen are vapes. The vapes are both nicotine and THC. While vape detectors were installed in the bathrooms, they are inoperable due to the school's firewall. SRD Frias continues to investigate a resolution to the issue and reaching out to other SRD/SROs in the area on how they are combatting the issue.

The uptick in vaping on school premises already prompted the change in the Use of Tobacco/Tobacco-Like Products prior to the 23-24 school year. The current policy now reads as follows:

Smoking and the use of tobacco products is against South Dakota law. No student shall possess, use, sell, or dispense any tobacco/tobacco-like products during a school activity or on school property which includes buildings, grounds, parking lots and school buses. The student shall be subject to the following penalties:

- 1. First Violation: 5 days in alternative learning room
- 2. Second Violation: 10 days in alternative learning room
- 3. Third Violation: Recommendation for Long Term Suspension

NOTE: Smoking of any kind, with any device will be referred to law enforcement officials for a citation. Possession of smoking-related items such as lighters, matches, etc. will also result in suspension. Such items serve no legitimate educational purpose at school. (To include cigarette, vape, vape juice, juul, e-cigarette, or any inhalation device that can contain nicotine, tobacco, or other substance considered illegal for consumption.)

The policy allowed for uniform handling of every incident and added that "smoking of any kind, with any device will be referred to law enforcement officials for a citation." Prior to the update the SRD would handle each student on a case-by-case basis.

Now with the problem continuing the Moody County Boys and Girls Club is stepping in to assist. The Club alongside the Moody County States Attorney have established a Diversion program, as well reviving Teen Court.

The Diversion Program's mission state is to assist juvenile offenders in assuming responsibility for their criminal behavior; to hold them accountable for their actions and to teach them to make better decisions in the future, while treating them with respect and dignity; to involve the community through volunteer programs and community service opportunities; and to promote better communication between youths, parents, schools, law enforcement agencies, and the community.

Requirements of the program include an apology letter written to parents/or parties involved, weekly check-ins, and if applicable relevant classes. The program lasts 120-days and participants

must remain respectful and willing to participate in aspects of the program.

Things parents can do to help combat the vaping issue is know what your kids are doing and who they are with. You can do this by checking in on social media apps, cash transferring apps such as Venmo, or best of all speaking to your children about the risks of vaping.

Shell casings were empty and had fallen out of a truck after a weekend of hunting. Nitrous Oxide can be used as and inhalant to become intoxicated, also known as a "whippit"

# WICOZANI WOCC

Beginner & Intermediate fitness classes every Tuesday and Thursday in March, starting March 5th!



Regular exercise has many health benefits that will help you reach Wicozani or "the good way of life"

Beginner classes / East end Wellness center 3-4pm (resistance, stretching, basic mobility)

\*Ideal for Diabetic, Elderly or people with limited mobility\*

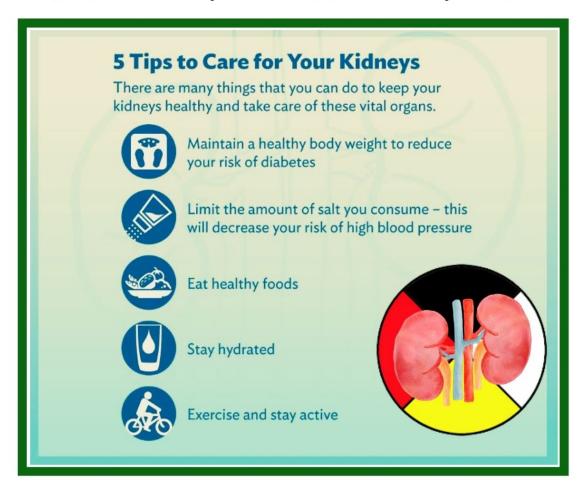
Intermediate classes / West end Gym 4-5pm (HIIT style workout)

\*Open to all ages\*

### MARCH IS NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

Higher rates of diabetes in Native communities goes hand in hand with higher rates of chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Did you know diabetes is a leading cause of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)? Kidney disease is often referred to as a "silent disease" and usually causes no symptoms until your kidneys are badly damaged. Many Americans who have chronic kidney disease (CKD) don't know they have the disease until it is very advanced.

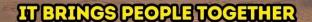


The good news is the earlier you find out you have kidney disease, the sooner you can take steps to protect your kidneys from further damage.

If you have a medical condition that increases your risk of kidney disease, your doctor may monitor your blood pressure and kidney function with urine and blood tests during office visits. Ask your doctor whether these tests are necessary for you.

### National Nutrition Month

In recognition of March being National Nutrition Month, we acknowledge that food is more than fuel that nourishes our bodies.



IT CONNECTS US TO OUR FAMILY AND ANCESTORS



Our diets and foods available have changed over time, which has contributed to an increase in chronic diseases such as diabetes. SDPI Nutritional programs are geared towards diabetes prevention, making healthier food choices and maintaining a healthy weight, which has multiple health benefits!

Tribal communities have made many advances with the help of the SDPI grant including the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Center community!

Challenges exist that prevent people from eating healthy all of the time. Things like access to healthy foods, family or work obligations, stress level, finding the time to prepare meals, and even one's cooking experience are common issues that can keep someone from eating healthy.

### UNDERSTANDING THESE CHALLENGES IS IMPORTANT.

"Food Advocates" have built a movement to bring back traditional food ways and more innovative nutrition programs. Our own "Food Advocate" Team consists of a Registered Dietitian, Nurses, Diabetes educators and Wellness center staff all working together to offer many programs and events to help bring "Wicozani" or "The good way of life" back to our community through nutrition!

Programs such as Healthy (Diabetic friendly) Cooking classes, Group and Individual weight management and even making fresh produce more available through urban gardening.

Our FSST HC SDPI team hosts a weekly "Diabetic Clinic" every Tuesday from 9a.m. to 12p.m. that will cover many diabetic prevention and management topics.

### ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

There is also opportunity for individual, private consultations on healthy weight management. Call us @ 605.997.2642 and ask to speak to Janine for more information.

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# WORLD KIDNEY DAY

WORLD KIDNEY DAY IS SATURDAY MARCH 9TH AND AN ANNUAL GLOBAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HOW IMPORTANT OUR KIDNEYS ARE TO OUR OVERALL HEALTH.

### HELP US CELEBRATE WORLD KIDNEY DAY BY PAMPERING YOURS!

### **ALL DAY ON FRIDAY MARCH 8TH, 2024**

JOIN US AT THE WELLNESS CENTER IN HONOR OF YOUR KIDNEYS! THESE UNDERRATED ORGANS KEEP YOU HEALTHY BY REGULATING THE TOXINS IN YOUR BODY. SHOW THEM SOME APPRECIATION BY JOINING US FOR ACTIVITIES AND TIPS TO KEEP YOUR KIDNEYS HEALTHY!

### Did you know diabetes is a leading cause of Chronic Kidney Disease?

### Don't wait to be sick to get healthy!

You can prevent or manage diabetes while keeping your kidneys healthy by managing your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels.



### Food is medicine!

### Move it or lose it!

Activities in which you need to move large muscle groups continuously have shown to be very beneficial for your kidney health.

Learn why staying hydrated is so important and which foods are good for kidney health and diabetes prevention & management.

### WEAR GREEN FOR KIDNEY AWARENESS

THERE WILL BE KIDNEY FRIENDLY EXERCISES, SNACKS, INFUSED WATER AND ADVICE ON KEEPING YOUR KIDNEYS AS HEALTHY AS POSSIBLE!

# FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBAL HEALTH CLINIC

# WELLNESS CENTER

(LOCATED EAST SIDE ENTRANCE OF THE WOCC)

# ARE YOU EMPLOYED BY THE FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE?



GRACE MOORE SENIOR CENTER



FSST LONG TERM CARE



FSST HEALTH CENTER

If you are employed by ANY FSST ENTITY you are eligible to join the Wellness Center.

Whether you are IHS eligible, or not.

Contact Wellness center staff @ 605.572.4188 or stop by the Wellness center to sign up or for more information.

Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center (WOCC) is located @ 503 W. Broad Ave

### FIGHT CRAVINGS WITH EXERCISE

### If you are trying to quit smoking, why not try a new approach?

Having cravings for a cigarette is one of the most common symptoms of nicotine withdrawal when you quit smoking. It helps to have a plan to manage cravings when they hit. Including exercise in your plan can help you get past cravings.



"STUDIES SHOW THAT EVEN SHORT PERIODS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY AEROBIC EXERCISE, REDUCE THE URGE TO SMOKE."



Aerobic exercise is physical activity that makes you sweat, causes you to breathe harder, and gets your heart beating faster.

Walking, swimming, running, dancing and cycling are a few types of aerobic exercise that strengthen your heart and lungs.

Withdrawal symptoms and cravings for cigarettes decrease during exercise and up to 50 minutes after.

Exercise decreases appetite and helps limit the weight gain some people have when they quit smoking.

Exercise helps you cope with stress, have more energy and improves your mood.

### EXERCISE CAN DISTRACT YOU AND KEEP YOU BUSY UNTIL THE CRAVING PASSES.

### Here are some tips to get you started with exercise and help you ride out cravings:

Try to set aside a regular time for exercise that works with your schedule.

Change your exercise routine or try a new activity from time to time so you don't get bored.

Do activities you enjoy. Walking is one way of getting more physical activity. You might also think about biking, swimming, dancing, or yoga.

Even housework or gardening can provide exercise benefits. Playing music while you clean out your closets will help you step up the pace.

Build exercise into other activities. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Wherever you go, park your car farther away and walk to your destination.

Plan activities with family, friends, or co-workers that include physical activity, like biking or hiking.

BE PROUD OF YOUR DECISION AND REMIND YOURSELF WHY YOU WANT TO QUIT IN THE FIRST PLACE!

The Wellness Center @ WOC is open 6am to 6pm Monday - Friday and Saturdays 6am-2pm. Stop by and "get distracted" until the craving passes, while improving your health!



**FOOD IS MEDICINE.** Our ancestors had access to a variety of foods that were important for maintaining gut health. Start adding some Indigenous foods into your diet to keep your gut healthy and help reduce your risk for diseases, like Colorectal cancer.

Nutritious indigenous foods like berries, nuts, seeds, wild rice, native plants, corn, beans & squash (The 3 Sisters) should be eaten regularly, if available.

### Eating healthier and more mindful includes consuming:

Plenty of fruits & vegetables
Healthy protein (plant-based foods, beans, or lean meats)
Good fats (nuts, seeds, fish, avocados, or olive oil)
Whole grains (like wild rice or quinoa)
Water, rather than sweetened drinks
Foods that are minimally processed



Colorectal or "Colon" Cancer is the second most common cancer among Native American people, and the second leading cause of cancer death.

Colorectal Cancer is a disease in the large intestine and rectum. Most cases will begin as small noncancerous clumps of cells called 'polyps.' There are usually no symptoms until it's too late; regular screenings can detect polyps in the colon early, before they turn into cancer.

Make an appointment with your health care provider to talk about when screening is best for you. It may help save your life!



### FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX HOUSING DEPARTMENT 100 Allen Avenue, Box 328, Flandreau, SD 57028-0328 Phone (605) 997-2194 - Housing@fsst-nsn.gov

March 8, 2024

To whom it may concern,

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe's Housing Department is managing a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Potable Water, which was enacted by Congress creating the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe received grant funding that will be used to help Tribal members from having water sources shut off or disconnected due to non-payment or overdue balances and will pay a portion of their water bill directly to the utility provider. The amount to be paid will be 75% of the water bill.

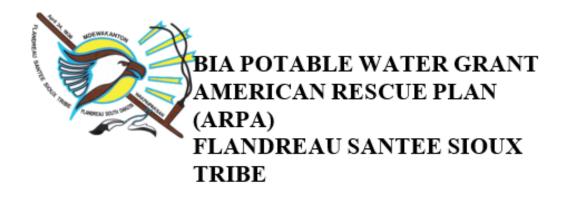
It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the Housing office with a completed application and a copy of their water bill. The Tribe will then determine the average water usage and will send a check for 3 months' worth directly to the utility provider, to apply towards their bill.

Applications are due once every 90 days starting March 15, 2024, and can be submitted to the Tribal Office, Housing Department, or by email at <a href="https://example.com/Housing/Department">Housing/Department</a>, or by email at <a href="https://example.com/Housing/Department/">Housi

Please give our office a call if you have any questions at (605)997-2194.

Sincerely,

Tyler Rambeau HAF/Housing Administrative Assistant



### BIA POTABLE WATER GRANT (ARPA) POLICY

### Background of funding:

On March 11, 2021, Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which appropriated funds to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Potable Water. The funds are made available pursuant to H.R. 1319, Public Law 117-2, American Rescue Plan of 2021 and are available until expended.

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe received grant allocation of \$106,225.34 for Tribal families of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Indian Reservation. The formula for these funds is limited to tribal households who reside within the FSST service area, which is Moody County.

### Purpose:

The purpose of these funds is for the purchase of emergency potable water, bottled water, and other similar uses. The funding may also be used to help prevent individuals and families from having water sources shut off or disconnected due to non-payment or overdue balances, provided that such funds shall not be used to pay an overdue balance but instead make a partial payment sufficient to prevent shut off or disconnection such that the account owner enter into a payment plan with the utility provider to maintain water service.

### Eligibility:

A "Tribal household" is defined as a Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal household who reside within the FSST Service area, which is Moody County

### Applications:

Applications can be picked up at the FSST Housing Department or Tribal Office. Applications can be turned in to the FSST Housing Department or Tribal Office. You may also email them to <a href="Housing@fsst.org">Housing@fsst.org</a>. You will be required to submit a water bill with your application and turn in your bill every month for payment. Please keep in mind that the turnaround time for payment is 7 business days.



BIA POTABLE WATER GRANT (ARPA) FSST HOUSING DEPARTMENT BOX 328, 100 ALLEN AVENUE FLANDREAU, SD 57028 (605)997-2194 HOUSING@FSST.ORG

### APPLICATION FOR BIA POTABLE WATER ASSISTANCE

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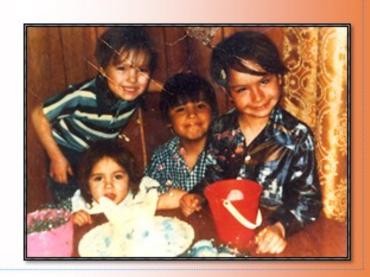


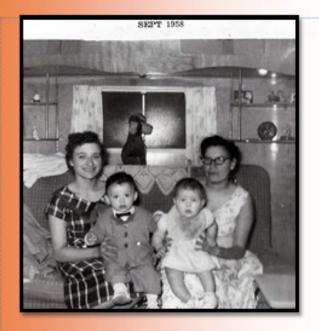
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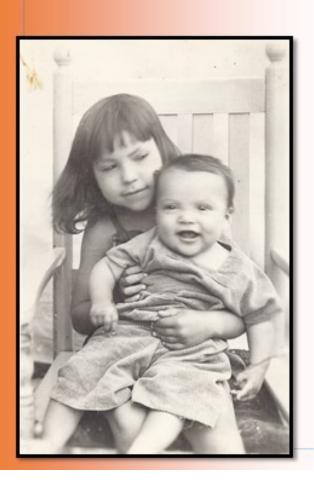








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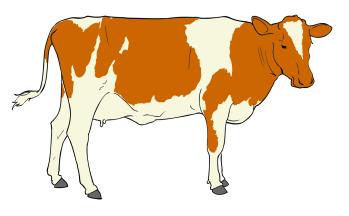




### Flandreau Meat Locker changes hands

**Opening Soon** 





New Ownership" signs line the drive of what had been the old Flandreau Meat Locker on South Veterans Avenue in Flandreau.

For those wondering who might be turning the lights back on, Heather and Ethan Hill of rural Flandreau along with a business partner plan to reopen the idled longtime business as Grizzly Meats. The young couple along with their family and friends are excited for the opportunity.

The Moody County Enterprise will be sitting down with the Hills to learn more about them, their plans for the business and the path they've been on in regard to this acquisition along with some of the other work the couple does you might be familiar with.

The couple wants to wait to share more however until their new sign arrives for the front of the building. For those wanting to follow their progress in the meantime, additional information can be found on the businesses' new Facebook page.

Watch for more in the coming weeks.

### Flandreau housing development delayed

A much-needed multi-unit apartment complex planned for development on Broad Street in Flandreau has suffered a setback. The primary contractor interested in the project has reportedly hit a snag with financing options.

Survey and topographic work through Banner Associates, Inc. is still underway on the property however, as the Housing Corporation has identified the north side of the block across from the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Headquarters as a primary area of interest for the development of apartment homes within the city.

Affordable and starter housing in the market is in short supply and has been for quite some time, the most recent housing study done shows. Multiple local contractors are currently working on various levels of properties to fill the need, but businesses, individuals and families of all ages routinely cite to city officials a lack of housing options available for why they might not stay or choose to move to the area. The Housing Corporation will need to get together and discuss our options, as far as the approach we wish to take," said City Administrator Cohl Turnquist..

"Before the group looks to invest significant funding to develop the property, it will be essential to locate a developer who is willing to place housing upon the property."

Tribal officials are also working to provide updated and affordable housing throughout the community through the development of a new tiny home community, which is located just to the south of the Royal River complex, and new apartment and duplex homes.

Also of note, as FSST continues to grow a relatively new solar program, it continues to work with the City of Flandreau on agreements for the purchase of excess power generation. Turnquist said that on this specific project, FSST installed a <40 kW solar panel system at the Elder Care Center.

In order for the solar to be connected into the City system, plans need to be reviewed by the City consulting engineer, and an interconnect agreement remains yet to be finalized.



# MARCH 2024 MENU

Goulash Mixed Veggies Biscuit Peaches	Tuna Casserole 18 Peas Spinach/apple Salad Cherry Choc. Cake	Country Style Ribs 11 Garlic Mash Potato's 11 Green Beans Cucumber Salad Brownies	Waffles Scramble Eggs Sausage/Bacon Carrot Cake	Monday
Ham & Bean Soup 26 Corn Bread 7-Layer Salad Fresh Strawberries	Pork Chop/onion grayy9 Mashed potato's Lima Bean Bake Crunchy tossed salad Hot Choc.Lasagna Dessert	Homemade Pizza 12 Straight A Salad Strawberry Fudge Cake	Spaghetti Hotdish Caesar Salad Focaccia Bread Choc. cupcakes	Tuesday
Oven Baked Chicken 27 Mash potato/gravy Buttered Corn Pumpkin Pie	Lasagna Garlic Toast Tossed Salad Fruited Lemon Jello	Swedish Meatballs 13 Mashed Potato/gravy Harvard Beets Cranberry cookies	Hot Beef Mashed Potato/gravy6 Flavorful Green Beans Confetti Cottage Cheese Candied Applesauce	Wednesday
CLOSED 28	Hot Turkey Sandwich 1 Mash potato/gravy Glazed Carrots Cookies	Wild Rice Soup 14 Turkey Sandwich Strawberry Spinach Salad Apricots	Crunchy Onion Chicken Breast Rice Pilaf Cali Blend Veggies Various Pies	Thursday
Good Friday  CLOSCO	Vegetable Beef Soup 2 Ham&Cheese sand. Springtime Salad Butterscotch pudding	Corned Beef Cabbage Red Potato's Irish Soda Bread Lime Jello	Potato Soup/bacon Roast Beef Sandwich Cherry Salad Cranberry/lemon Muffin	Friday