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May / The Moon when the Leaves are Green



Elder Spotlight

featuring

Betty Taylor



FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE

2024 ELECTION NOTICE

POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION

<u>Four (4) Year Position</u>	<u>Currently Held By:</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Vice President	Cynthia J. Allen Weddell	August 8, 2024
Trustee II	Jonathan Schrader, Sr.	August 8, 2024
Trustee IV	Richard Jones	August 8, 2024

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDACY FOR OFFICE

In accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the FSST Constitution, and Title 20 of the FSST Law and Order Code entitled "Elections", to be nominated for office, a person must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe;
2. Be twenty-one (21) years of age or over;
3. Be a resident of Moody County or such territory held or acquired by the Tribe, and established residency in Moody County for 1 year prior to the date of the primary election;
4. Must not be convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; and
5. Must not be dishonorably discharged from military service.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Monday, April 1, 2024	Nominating Petitions Open Date Candidates interested in running for one of the open positions may pick up their nominating petitions at the Tribal Office during normal business hours. Potential candidates may only seek one position for office.
Friday, May 17, 2024	Nominating Petitions Submission Deadline Nominating petitions must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. with a \$100.00 non-refundable application fee to be paid by cash or money order only.
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	Deadline for Posting of Eligible Candidates for Office
May 30 to June 13, 2024	Absentee Ballots for Primary Election Absentee Ballots and affidavits for the Primary Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours.
Friday, June 14, 2024	FSST PRIMARY ELECTION 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.
July 19 to August 2, 2024	Absentee Ballots for the General Election Absentee Ballots and affidavits for the General Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours.
Saturday, August 3, 2024	FSST GENERAL ELECTION Polling will be held at Eastman Hall from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The unofficial results of the General 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.

**THE DATES OF THE ELECTION WERE APPROVED BY THE FSST ELECTION BOARD ON
MARCH 19, 2024.**

Betty Taylor

Growing up in Wakpa Ipaksan was an amazing experience for me. Not only did I get to hang out with the older folks but listening to their stories about their parents and others that had long since passed was a treasured part of my childhood. This month's Elder Spotlight focuses on one of our most treasured matriarchs, Betty Taylor, who not only grew up in a era of civil unrest across the country but was an integral part of our history as a people.

Betty was born February 16, 1937 at the old hospital located at the Flandreau Indian School. She was born to Theodore and Anne Taylor. When Betty was 2 years old she moved away from Flandreau, living briefly in Pipestone and then moving to Minneapolis, MN. It was here that Betty's life became historically interwoven in the struggle for civil rights and social justice for Native Americans; the American Indian Movement (AIM).

The American Indian Movement was founded in Minneapolis, MN in July of 1968. A grassroots organization that was centered in urban areas and quickly spread across the country. Their founding members and friends of Betty, Dennis Banks, Clyde & Peggy Bellecourt, Jerry & Pat Roy, George Mitchell, and Russell Mean focused AIM's organizational efforts on addressing the systemic issues of poverty, discrimination and police brutality inflicted on Native Americans.



Betty recalled a time when she and her friends were brutally beaten by police officers, who attempted to hobble her by smashing her feet during a protest. A glint of a smile crossed Betty's face as she recalled taking over the BIA building in Washington D.C. during a protest at the Department of Interior headquarters, which began November 3, 1972 and lasted for 6 days. Betty states that this was one of the most memorable times of her life, raising her family among the American Indian Movement, while enjoying the music of the Allman Brothers, Santana & the Rolling Stones to the backdrop of a generational movement for social justice.

In 1979 Betty recalls returning to Wakpa Ipaksan, where women from the community, such as Ellen Weston, Inez Hillers, Cheryl Rederth and Fannie Armstrong, helped her and her family regain their footing at home, while working at the Flandreau Indian School. Betty is very proud of her family; a mother of four (Jenny, Scott, Vicki & Leah), has 37 grandchildren and one on the way and also considers her sister Pat's grandchildren as her own, bringing the total number of ta-ko-zas to 48 in total.

A book would be more fitting to accurately depict the life of Betty Taylor rather than a page in our newsletter. Her stories, well known to her family, need to be heard and studied by younger generations who often fail to understand the struggles of our ancestors and Native Americans across the country. We are truly blessed to have this strong, historical Native woman; who rose up to protest social injustices on behalf of all Native Americans and who continues to walk among our community to this day.



Pidamayaye do, Kungsi Taylor for sharing your memories with us!



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

05/02 Everett Hasvold

05/02 Shelli Marshall

05/02 William Gilbert

05/03 Abel Eastman

05/06 Michael Kruse

05/07 Elmer Weston

05/07 Amanda Taylor

05/08 Charles Allen Jr.

05/09 Jesse Smith

05/09 David Shopbell

05/10 Traci Barse

05/11 Victor Sherman

05/11 Brock Nelson

05/11 Duwayne Weston

05/12 Joaquin Peterson

05/12 Mary Kills A Hundred

05/12 Crystal Edwards

05/12 Judy Allen

05/13 Braelyn Armstrong

05/14 Raven Armstrong

05/14 Justin Burkhardt

05/14 Cinda Landes

05/15 Arianna Weston

05/15 Cecil Long

05/16 Dylon Armstrong

05/17 Kelly Jo Ormseth

05/18 Kelli Paumen

05/18 Alixandra One Feather

05/19 Harley Stellmach

05/19 Harper Stellmach

05/19 Skye Nelson

05/21 Howard Allen Jr.

05/23 Chante Allen

05/23 Shannyn Schweigert

05/24 Joseph Hansen

05/24 Arthur Wasson

05/24 Laurel Tye-Wade

05/25 Theresa Thomas

05/25 Arlowene Conway

05/26 Antonia Serrano

05/26 Jeremiah Rederth

05/26 Jean Paul Roy

05/26 Cynthia Allen-Weddell

05/27 Isla Jones

05/27 Lozen Jones

05/27 Violet Barse

05/27 Cameron Flute

05/27 Joshua Weston

05/27 Leon Hoss

05/27 Scott Anderson

05/28 Sinona Flute

05/28 Anthony Reider

05/28 Jennifer Wingo

05/29 Scarlett Anderson

05/29 Jessica Hoveland

05/30 Albert Wade Black

05/31 Chris Wolfhorse

05/31 Estelle Hansen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

05/01 *Geoffrey Drapeau*

05/02 *Shelli Marshall*

05/04 *Brian Casey*

05/05 *Joseph Prasek*

05/12 *Mary Kills A Hundred*

05/17 *Elizabethta Goiomo-James*

05/19 *Vicki Albers*

05/19 *Kimberly Trende-Johnson*

05/21 *Jara Bakkedahl*

05/24 *Perry Lufkins*

05/26 *Cynthia Weddell*

05/26 *Antonia Ferrano*

05/27 *Scott Anderson*

05/27 *Alyssa Skliris*

05/28 *Anthony Reider*

05/28 *Billy Thurman*

05/31 *Gale Perry*



*Please join us in wishing our President, Vice President
and Wakpa Ipaksan's employees a very
Happy Birthday this month!*

May is Mental Health Awareness

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Walk-ins 9am	2 Beginner Fitness Healthy weight for life HIIT	3 Bike Club
6 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Walk-ins 10am Bike Club	7 Mental Health & Diabetes Beginner Fitness HIIT	8 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Walk-ins 9am	9 Beginner Fitness Healthy weight for life HIIT	10 Bike Club
13 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Walk-ins 10am Bike Club	14 Elder Health & Diabetes Beginner Fitness HIIT	15 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Walk-ins 9am	16 Beginner Fitness Healthy weight for life HIIT	17 Bike Club
20 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Walk-ins 10am Bike Club	21 Fitness & Mental Health Beginner Fitness HIIT	22 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Walk-ins 9am	23 Beginner Fitness Healthy weight for life HIIT	24 Bike Club
27 Closed for Memorial Day	28 Nutrition & Mental Health Beginner Fitness HIIT	29 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Walk-ins 9am	30 Beginner Fitness Healthy weight for life HIIT	31 Bike Club

"MENTAL HEALTH" IS HEALTH. YOUR OVERALL HEALTH AND WELLNESS IS IMPORTANT TO US! WE ARE HERE FOR ALL OF YOUR HEALTH CARE NEEDS.

FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

Main line - 605.997.2642
 Optical - 605.573.4132
 Dental - 605.573.4104
 Pharmacy - 605.573.4750
 Wellness Center - 605.573.4188



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER 605.997.3844

Health & Wellness Center Programs

Mondays & Fridays @ Wellness Center:
 Bike Club 9-11am & 2-4pm

Tuesdays @ Wellness Center:
 Beginner Fitness 11-12pm
 HIIT 3-4pm

Tuesdays @ HC Community room:
 Diabetic Clinic 9-12pm

Thursdays @ Wellness Center
 Beginner Fitness 11-12pm
 Healthy Weight for life 12:15-12:45pm
 HIIT 3-4pm

TRIBAL HOUSING



Spring Clean Up 2024



WAKPA IPAKSAN

**BREAKING
NEWS**

American Indian Veterans receive Congressional Charter Recognition

National American Indian Veterans Charter Meeting was held April 23rd & 24th, 2024 at Royal River Casino & Hotel.

Member, Sam Allen, states that 25 years ago the NAIV applied for a charter, which all other veterans groups enjoy and as of December 2023 it finally passed as part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024.

U.S. Senator Mike Round was integral in it's passage.



Wotani

New Beginnings Daycare a partner of the FSST Child Care program hit the road to attend the El Riad Shrine Circus on April 25th, 2024. Various goodies (snow cones, cotton candy, animal crackers) and assorted lighted toys were purchased for each of the 10 “big kids” during the festivities after the circus lunch was served at McDonald's. Before departing “The Wheels on the Bus” was sung by the “big kids” much to the enjoyment of other diners and employees before departing in the two tribal vehicles used for the day trip.

Thank you, Trish, Collette, Mary, and Megan for caring for our communities most treasured members.



MEMORIAL DAY 2024



Win Prizes for the
Best Hot Dish, Cold Salads
& Desserts



What: Community Gathering & Potluck

For: Clean Up The Graves for Memorial Day

Who: All Relatives of those who are peacefully laid to rest

Date: Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come join us in a time honored tradition of the community, who in the past, would come together, beautify the graves and share some of their families favorite dishes. Burgers and Hot Dogs provided by the First Presbyterian Church.



MEMORIAL DAY

21 GUN SALUTE

11 A.M.

Join us and the Gordon Weston Post on at the Cemetery for a 21 Gun Salute in honor of our Veterans past and present.



Department of Natural Resources

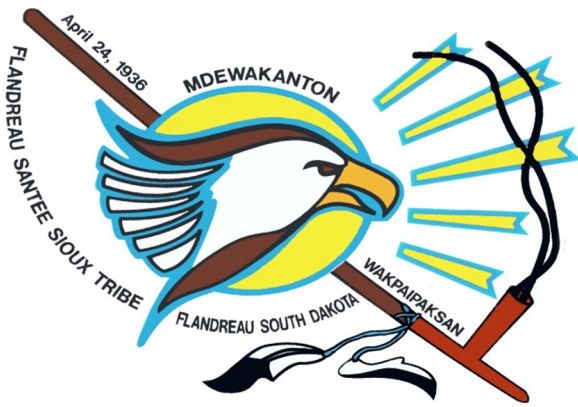


Earth Day 2024



This year's theme was Plastics and the damage they do not only to our waterways but also to all life on the planet. Congratulations to Elizabeth Wakeman and her team for delivering this important environmental message to the Community.





Save the dates!

May 2nd

*Community Gathering at the Community Center
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

May 4th

*Quarterly General Council Meeting at Community Center
Breakfast Buffet served 8 a.m.*

May 19th

*Community Gathering at First Presbyterian Cemetery
Service and Cleaning begins at 10 a.m. with Potluck to follow.*

May 27th

Gordon Weston Post / 21 Gun Salute / 11 a.m.

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MAY 2024 Menu


Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Spaghetti w/sauce Caesar Salad Onion cheese bread Cranberry Delight	6	Wild Rice Casserole Crunchy Veggie Salad Pistachio Salad	7	Sub Sandwich Mac Salad Chips Brownies	1	Sloppy Joe's Kris Mac.salad Baked Beans Peaches	2	Soft Shell Taco Green chili rice Mexican Bean Salad Tres Leches Cake	3
Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Scalloped potato's Confetti Cottage Cheese Fruit Cocktail cake	13	Baked Potato with Toppings Broccoli Salad Fruit Pizza	14	Hot Turkey Sand. Potato's/gravy Harvard Beets Fruit of Forest Pie	8	Potato Soup Ham Salad Sand. Oriental Slaw Pineapple upside down cake	9	Mother's Day Tea Chicken Salad on Croissant Angel Hair Pasta Salad Mandarin Spinach Salad Strawberry Éclair Cake	10
Waffles Scrambled Eggs Sausage/bacon Fruit	20	Dorito Chicken Casserole Creamy Coleslaw Spanish Rice Key Lime Dessert	21	Pork Chops Mashed Potato's Gravy Brussel Sprouts Cinnamon Baked Apples	15	Chicken Cordon Blue Rice Pilaf Glazed Carrots Tossed Salad Rice Krispy Bar	16	Special meal Education department Putting on meal for Seniors. More info to follow.	17
Center Closed MEMORIAL DAY	27	Pulled Pork Sand. Potato Wedges Carrot & Celery Stix with Ranch dip Fresh Melons	28	Swiss Steak over Noodles Broccoli Cucumber Salad Carrot Cake	22	Hamburgers Potato Salad Baked Beans Apple Pie	23	CLOSED 	24
				Lasagna Garlic Bread Spinach Maple Salad Blueberry Lush Dessert	29	Ham & Egg Quiche Cheesy Hashbrowns Coffee Cake	30	Ham & Bean Soup Fry Bread 7-Layer Salad Ice Cream Sundae	31

Grace Moore Senior Citizens Center 997-2924

*Menu subject to change without notice.