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**SWIPE AT A KIOSK AFTER EARNING 100 POINTS TO RECEIVE
YOUR GIFT VOUCHER & REDEEM AT THE PLAYER'S CLUB.**



**DECEMBER 7TH:
CHEF'S COUNTER
STAINLESS STEEL
8" FRYPAN**



**DECEMBER 14TH:
CHEF'S COUNTER
STAINLESS STEEL
10" FRYPAN**

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**DECEMBER 21ST:
CHEF'S COUNTER
STAINLESS STEEL
1.5QT SAUCEPAN WITH LID**

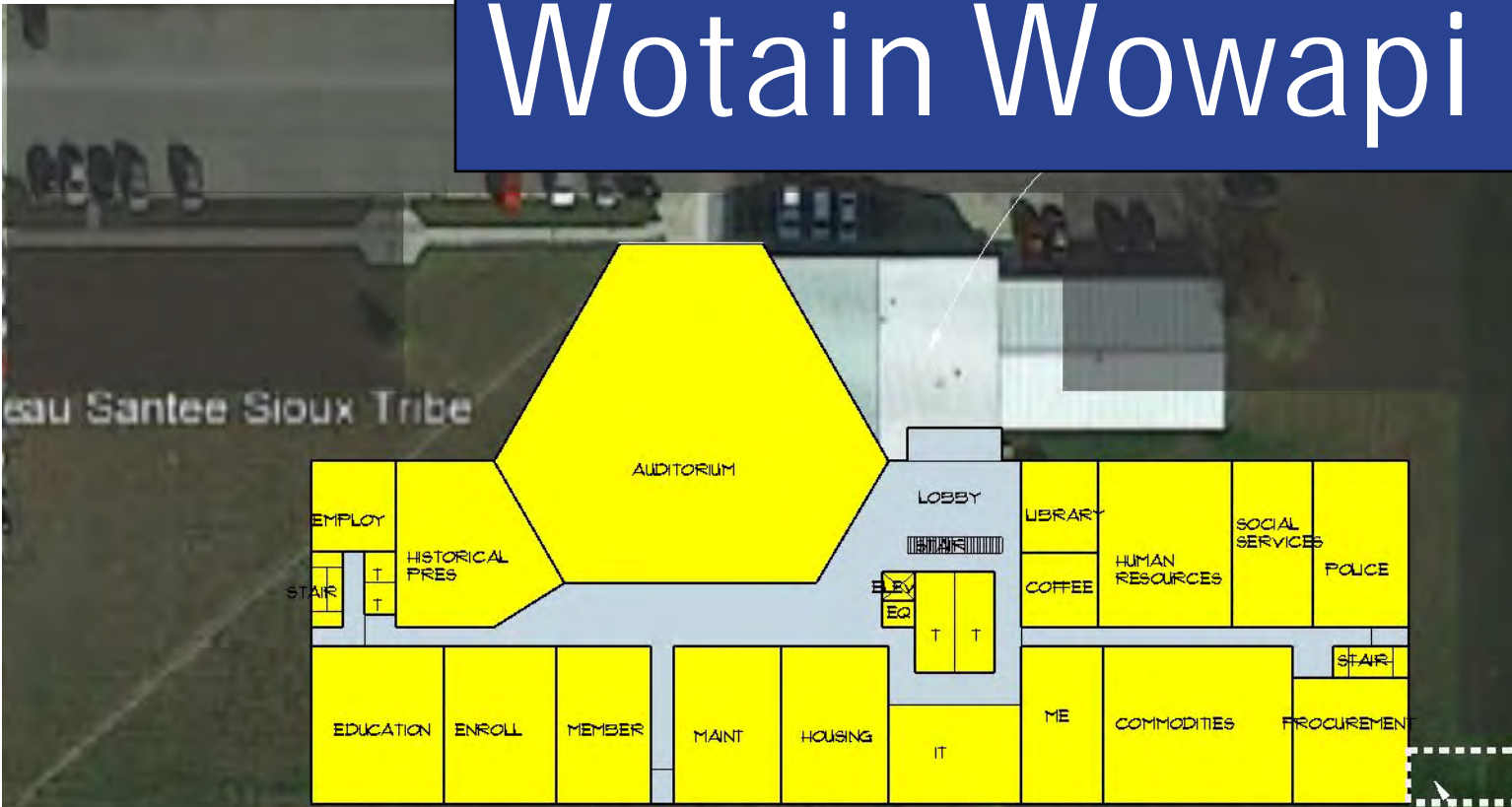


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CHEF'S COUNTER
STAINLESS STEEL
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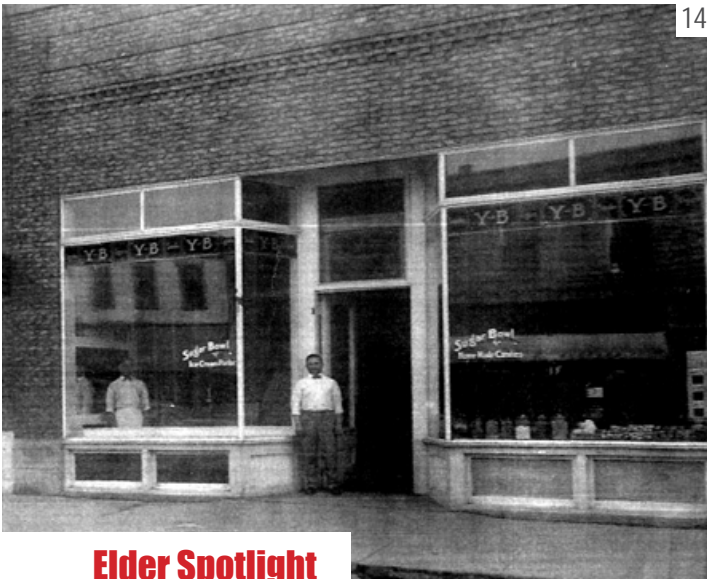


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SWIPE UP TO 3 TIMES A DAY

FIRST KIOSK SWIPE
FREE

SECOND KIOSK SWIPE
EARN 50 POINTS

THIRD KIOSK SWIPE
EARN 100 POINTS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hau Mitakuapi

The months are flying by as we look forward to December and soon a new year. We had a great general council meeting in November and find it ever so important to get out more information to the community more now than ever before as we have so many exciting things happening within the tribe. Our Care center is moving forward towards accepting residents and the facility has turned out fantastic.

Our revenue generating businesses continue to have consistent revenues with our cannabis operation opening two more grow facilities. We have plants started in New York as well as the old bowling alley that will start

sending additional revenues to the tribe this early spring after the first harvest, processing and new sales from additional product availability. As we expand our brand we will continue to look to sign more deals for more locations nationally as well as internationally for diversity and expansion to stay ahead of the emerging industry. We have a very unique opportunity to be the leader in this new industry with our status and business advantages by operating as a tribal enterprise.

The Executive Committee continues to look at the design of two new facilities the new Wellness Center as well as a new Tribal government center. We are also working on developing additional programs that will help our tribal members in several different areas. With the colder weather and upcoming snow I ask that we think of our neighbors and ask that we be kind to each other check up on each other and help each other out if we see someone in need. There are roughly 280 adult members living on reservation roughly 800 of us worldwide and a world population of approximately 7.8 Billion. We need each other in order for us to be successful together. We have plenty of hills to climb and much adversity to face as we compete with the rest of the world but we can continue to improve our great community with unity strength and support for each other. I pray everyone has a safe and healthy December and we will continue to work hard for our tribe. As always please feel free to reach out to the Tribal Office if you are in need of assistance and we will do our best to accommodate.

Mitakuye Oyasin

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DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE
ROYAL GATSBY

AROUND THE WORLD
12PM - 11PM: HOT SEAT DRAWINGS
WIN YOUR SHARE OF

\$1,500 FREE
PLAY



12AM: DRAWINGS
ONE GUEST WINS

2022 KUBOTA LX3310 HSDC TRACTOR
WITH LOADER, 10 SERIES QUICK HITCH,
66" ROTARY TILLER, 60" 3PT BOX BLADE
+ MORE CASH WINNERS!

2022
CELEBRATION!



ENTERTAINMENT

HOTEL CALIFORNIA EAGLES TRIBUTE
10PM-12:30AM | ROYAL ROOM
\$10 | FREE WITH ROYAL REWARDS CARD

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TRIBAL ADMIN HEADQUARTERS CONCEPT

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe is currently looking into constructing a new tribal government headquarters. It is still in the conceptual phase, but construction of a new tribal administration building is not a new thing. The idea of an FSST administration complex that could house most of its entities has been contemplated for quite some time. In the past it was considered impractical. Reasons ranging from lack of funding to simply taking a back seat to more pressing issues facing the tribe.

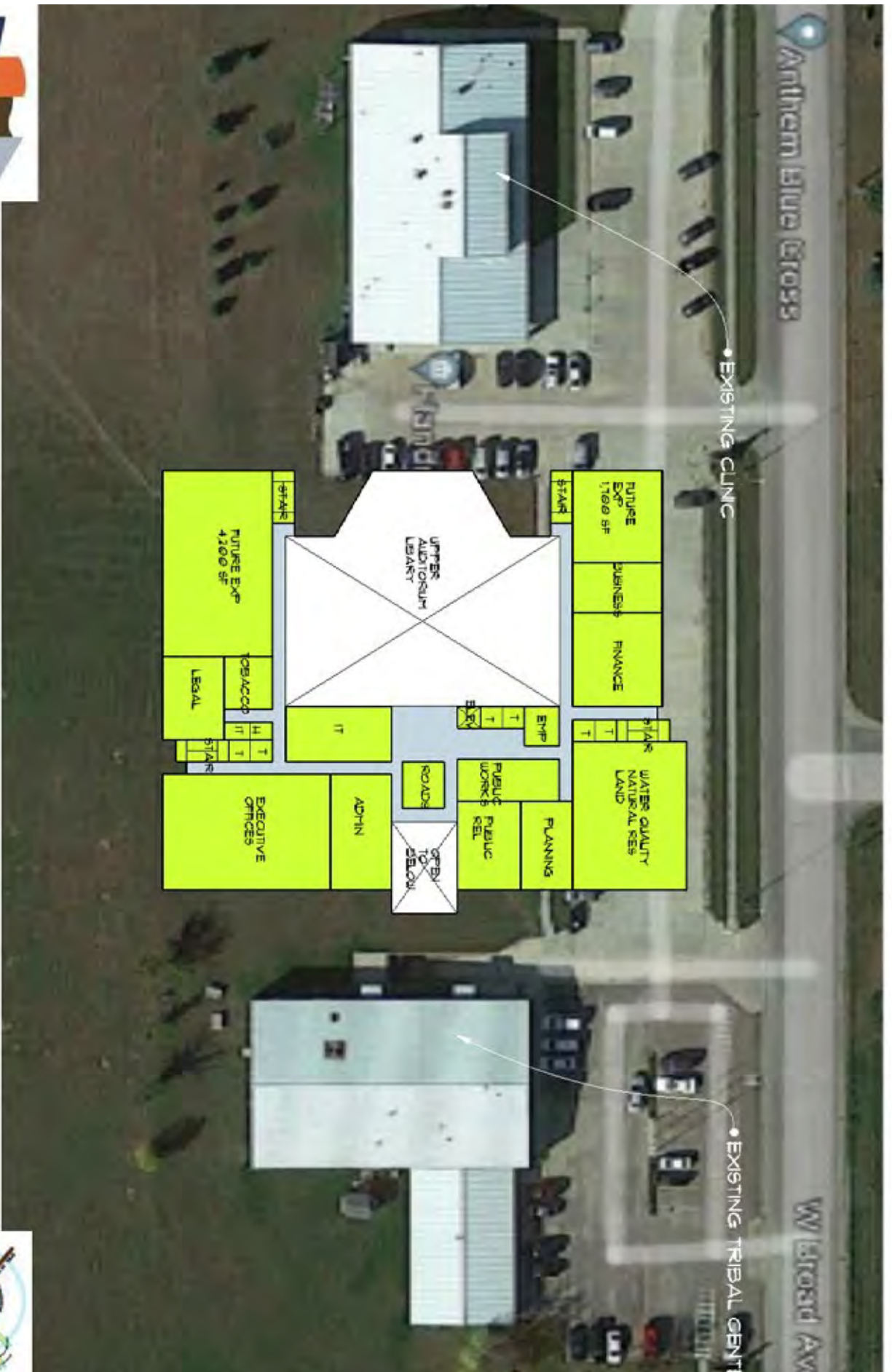
The current tribal headquarters building is over 30 years old and is in need of an upgrade. Beyond that, other tribal entities such as Maintenance, Natural Resources, Housing, Finance, and THPO just to name a few, are spread all across town. Which is why attention is being given to the project with the hopes of combining tribal entities into one location for more convenient access for members of the tribe.

This is a sneak peek at a few of the basic layouts that has been presented to the Executive Committee. Both are approximately the same square footage, both building layouts are two levels with elevator access, and both would include an auditorium and library. Both concepts also include offices for a Planning and Public Works department. At the moment, the Public Works and the Planning departments would be seen as a departments dedicated to Infrastructure in the tribe. Roads, sewage, zoning, tiling etc. There has been no official decision yet as to which design the tribe will go forward with.



FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE NEW TRIBAL CENTER
 DEVELOPMENT OPTION 1 LEVEL 1





Anthem Blue Cross

EXISTING CLINIC

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EXISTING TRIBAL CENTER

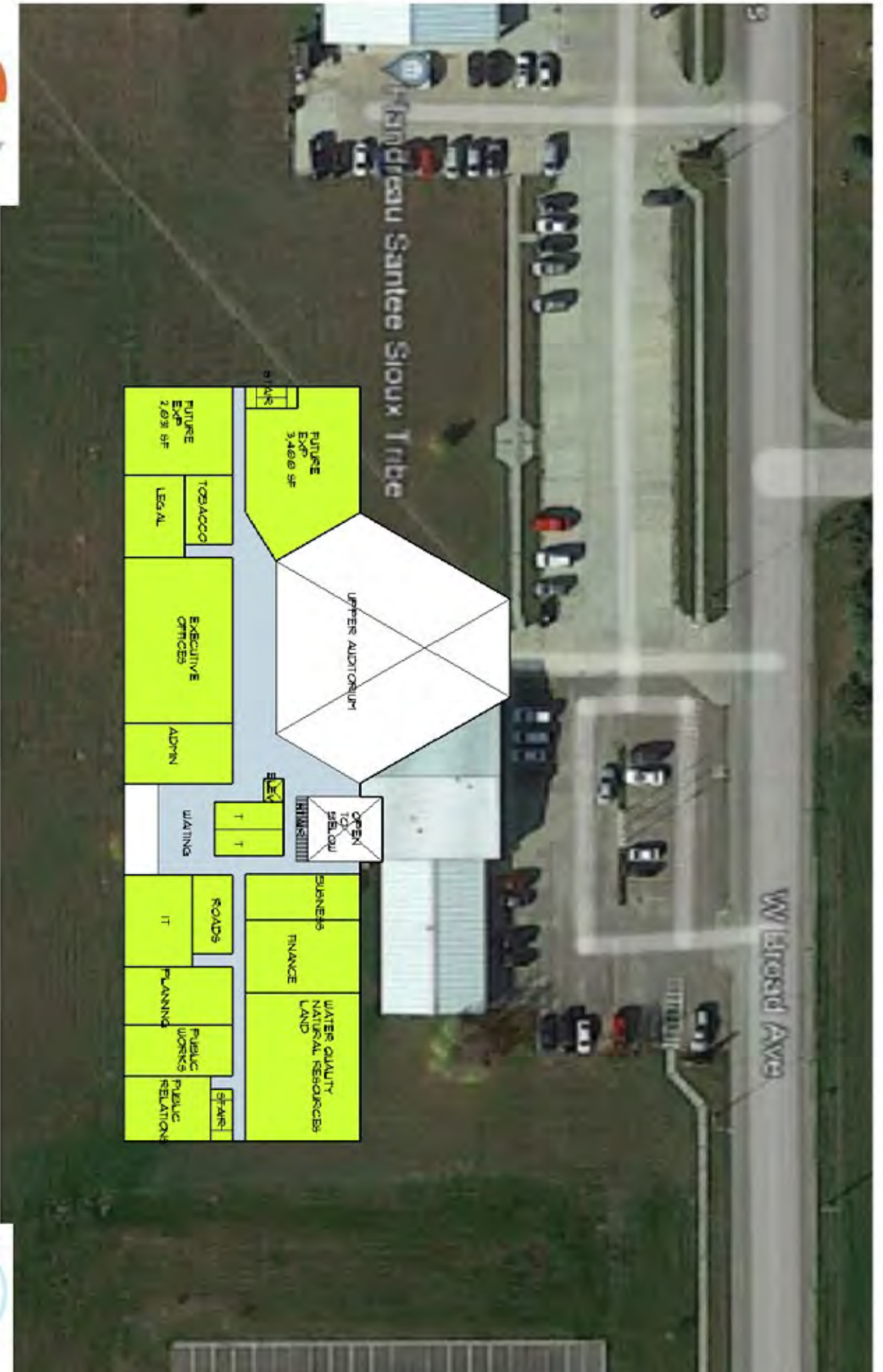
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 DEVELOPMENT OPTION 1 LEVEL 2





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DEVELOPMENT OPTION 2 LEVEL 1





FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE NEW TRIBAL CENTER
DEVELOPMENT OPTION 1 LEVEL 2



GROWING

Native Nations Cannabis aims to double its o



UP

Output capabilities with the new Grow Facility.

With a weekly increase of product to the processing, licensed lab, and packaging room Native Nations will benefit from a larger, more consistently available product selection which can facilitate lowering cost of goods and increase the profit margin. As the cost of goods decreases, the market cost of our cannabis can lower itself to provide unattainable market penetration compared to any competitor, which will then give Native Nations an uncompromised spot in the market for both Quality and availability. Additionally, the genetic diversity of the new facility will allow patients the maximum relief by providing sustainable quantities of medicine from across the cannabis spectrum.

The new facility is a purpose-built controlled environment for facilitating the compliant growth of medical grade cannabis. The tribe has previously been accomplishing the task with a retrofitted maintenance building. The new improved building, being two and a half times the size, should bring not only a proportional increase in weekly product but also an increase in the quality of the cannabis that is harvested from the facility. With new equipment and the facilities to help prevent diversions from the intended environment.

Renato Paoli says, “As cultivators, we will be able to fine tune our systems and continue to produce cannabis above the industry quality and standards.” Furthermore, the monitoring systems in the new building will allow cultivation management to keep tight parameters on the growth of the plants and push them to the apex of biological growth.

Virtually every department will expand with the continued expansion of the cultivation facilities. The expansion to the building that was previously the bowling alley has already generated 12 new positions in cultivation, two new positions within compliance, a procurement position and has necessitated supplementation of the trimming and packaging team. Within Native Nations Cannabis the new expansions will continue to add jobs in cultivation, packaging, trimming and various other departments while also bringing opportunities to the surrounding area with increased citywide economic traffic and attention. The continued opportunities facilitated by the new expansion will allow the tribe to generate revenue and new positions from a varied pool of assets across the country.

Native Nations Cannabis is currently the largest cannabis producer in the South Dakota market and the new building will help to maintain that spot and place NNC on the board across the United States. Renato adds, “Cultivation management and our grow team have worked tirelessly to select viable and top-quality genetics to aggregate the roster of medicine for patients.” Providing variation in genetics allows the patients to experience the differences in cannabinoid and terpene profile which gives them the freedom and control to treat their qualifying condition accordingly while also always having a steady supply of either the same or a similar plant-based medication. Dispensary staff will have more information to offer patients guidance on which genetics may mimic each other in biochemical effects and which terpene profiles may help to alleviate symptoms or conditions. In summation, Native Nations Cannabis patients will have significantly more information and medication.

Although Measure 27 would have been beneficial for the people of the United States and South Dakota, there is still a terrific opportunity for the Tribe’s medical cannabis operations to have continued success. Currently the tribe is producing more cannabis than any facility in the state and is setting the example for compliance, testing and facility management. With increased product supply, a falling cost of goods and continued customer acquisition the tribe can continue to dominate the medical market. At that point, the tribe could be the largest cannabis market player in the Midwest and would be on their way to being a large name in the National MSO market.

GETTING FROM THERE

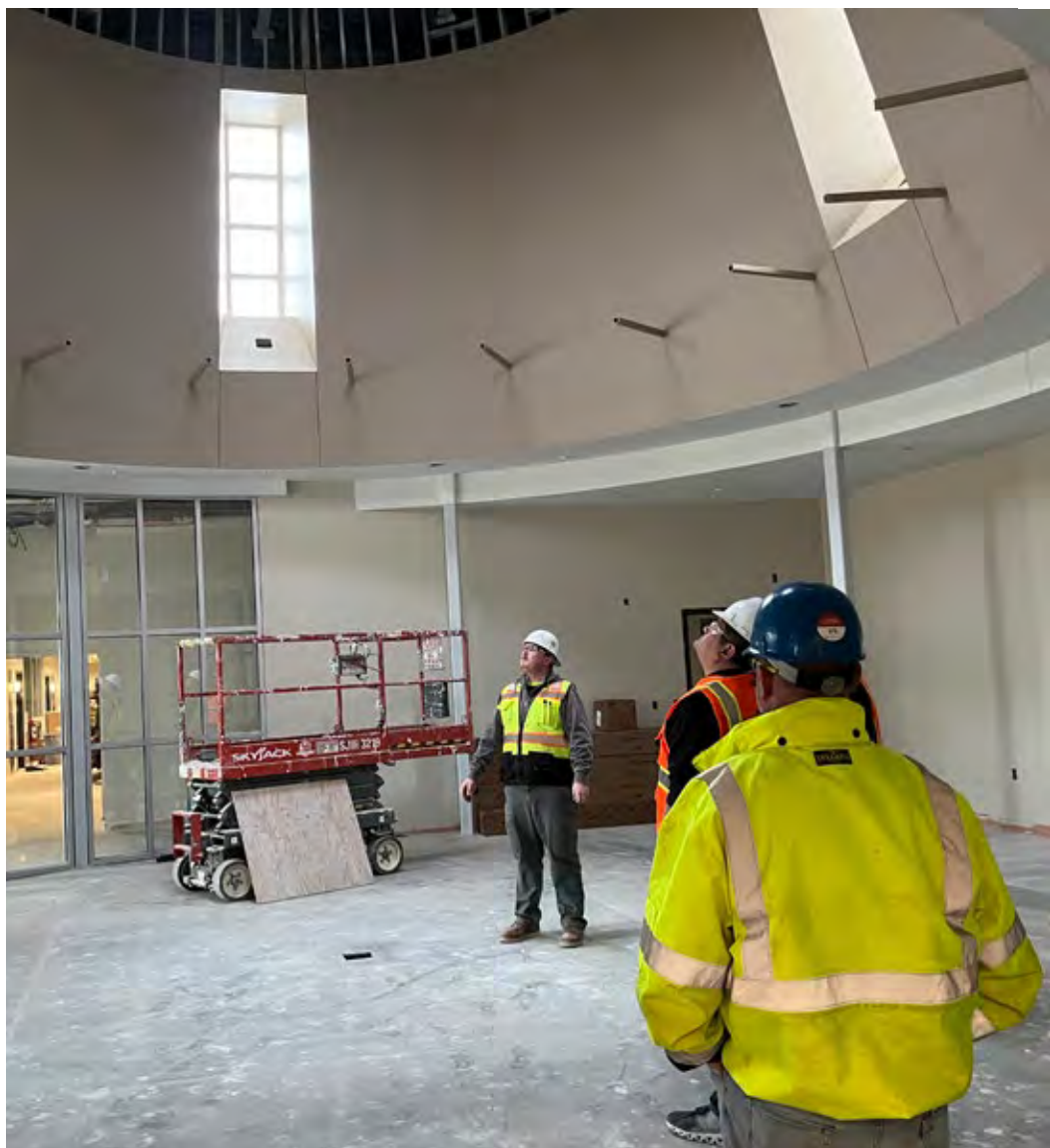
On November 4th, 2022, the tribe broke ground for its new Care Center. Almost two years later October 20th the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe held its community wide opening to celebrate the completion of the Care Center, on time and under budget. The Dakota Language Department blessed the building and star quilts were given to key individuals who helped bring the concept to fruition. The opening concluded with tours of the Care Center for all visitors being hosted for the remainder of the afternoon.

The Care Center is different from facilities like a Retirement community or an assisted living facility. Retirement communities are designed to assist with the very basics of tasks, such as meal preparation as an example. Assisted living facilities help those who additionally need some personal care assistance, such as bathing, dressing, etc., but are overall ambulatory without assistance.

Kassie Doty is the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Care Center's new Administrator. She explains the main difference between the Care Center and a retirement community or assisted living facility. "Nursing facilities assist with more extensive cares. We assist people who are not ambulatory and need assistance with transfers, medication management, rehabilitation needs, wound care, support after surgery, feeding tubes, IV medications, end of life care, etc."

In August of 2022, South Dakota had passed a dubious benchmark; over ten percent of South Dakota's nursing homes have closed their doors permanently. Nursing facilities in Salem, Lennox, Clear Lake, Ipswich, Custer, Hudson, Sioux Falls, Huron, Madison, Mobridge, Tripp, Bryant, Rosholt, and most recently in Florence, have closed in South Dakota over the past five years.

However, the FSST Care



Center does have an advantage over other facilities in the state. The main advantage that the facility has is the enhanced Medicaid rate the facility has managed to negotiate with the South Dakota Department of Health. Because it is a tribal facility located on the reservation, the Department of Health recognized the urgent need for the construction of this facility and allowed the Tribe to negotiate a significantly higher Medicaid reimbursement rate than what many facilities in South Dakota are able to obtain. Even if the state decides to raise reimbursement rates, the Care Center will most likely not be a part of that conversation.

If you wish to know how you or a family member could qualify to live at the care center, Kassie explains the first steps you will need to take. "The first step would simply be to reach out to us. We are still new and building, but we do have a Licensed Social Worker starting at the end of November. She will be the person's point of contact for a potential admission. From there, we will walk you through the process of finding out if you are a good candidate for long-term care. Another option is to speak with your primary care provider as they are able to make referrals to us if they believe a patient requires long term care."

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South Dakota Medicaid
reimbursement rate compared
to neighboring states

North Dakota

\$322
a day

Minnesota

\$270
a day

Nebraska

\$203
a day

South Dakota

\$159*
a day.

*Figure may be subject to change
with current medicade expansion

Left: The Tipi room
in April of 2022

Right: The Tipi
room today



My name is Kassie Doty and I am the Administrator for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Care Center and have worked in long term care facilities for nearly 15 years. I started as a CNA and gained my Medication Aide certification soon thereafter. I then went on to receive an associate's degree in business administration with an emphasis in human resources, a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration, and a master's degree in healthcare leadership. During this time I obtained my Licensed Nursing Home Administrator license and was employed in various roles as an administrator, dietary manager, central supply, and even maintenance.

Nancy (Robertson) Herrick



Nancy Herrick in 1957

Nancy Herrick was born in Pipestone, MN at the Pipestone Indian School Hospital on August 21st, 1939. Nancy's parents were Howard and Catherine (Cottier) Robertson. Her grandparents on her fathers side were Lincoln and Nancy (Barker) Robertson. Nancy's grandparents on her mothers side were Walter James and Louise (Ruleau) Cottier.

Nancy Herrick's parents met at the Flandreau Indian School. After graduating they were married and had five children. Nancy speaks about a standard that seems

ridiculous today, but was very real in the 1930's "They would not allow indians have their children born at the Flandreau hospital". Because of this Nancy's older sisters Wanda and Eleanor were born in Sisseton. Her younger sister Carol was born in the hospital at the Flandreau Indian School. Her younger brother Howard James was the only one out of her siblings to be born in the Flandreau hospital.

Nancy attended Flandreau Public School. Flandreau was even smaller than it is now, but the kids of Flandreau did have an escape.

"Oh there was the Sugar Bowl!" The Sugar Bowl was an establishment on Main St. in downtown Flandreau where the youth would go to socialize. "It had booths, a jukebox, and a soda fountain". Nancy and her friends Darliss Duncan, Helen Crow and Jeanie Jewette would frequent the Sugar Bowl, the Claymore in pipestone to dance on the weekends, and cruise around town for fun. Thinking about her friends Nancy jokingly says; "I used to run around with white kids, would you believe it?"

Nancy and her friends would see movies at the Crystal Theater at least once a week as well, much to the dismay of the former proprietor of the Crystal Theater, Rolly Madsen. "Rolly Madsen would get mad at us several times. Because we laughed too loud". Ruining the emersion for her fellow moviegoers was not something that Nancy seems to regret. Laughingly she says; "We used to have a lot of fun."

Nancy Herrick happened to go to school with the former Governor of South Dakota, Bill Janklow. "He was terrible!" Nancy tells about a time when Bill Janklow gave her a ride home after band practice. Nancy pauses before continuing; "I have never had such a horrible ride in all my life". In a misplaced sense of young bravado, Janklow drove Nancy all the way to her home in reverse. She goes on to mention a time much later in her

life when she and a group of people working for the tribe met with Janklow in Pierre during his time in state government. “He was so dang glad to see me it wasn’t even funny.” He was so happy to see his old classmate that he hosted Nancy and her group in his home. “He just couldn’t get over all of us being from Flandreau and being with him. And just like he was tickled pink.” Despite his efforts to be a good host, Nancy did not mince words with him; “You’re a terrible driver!”

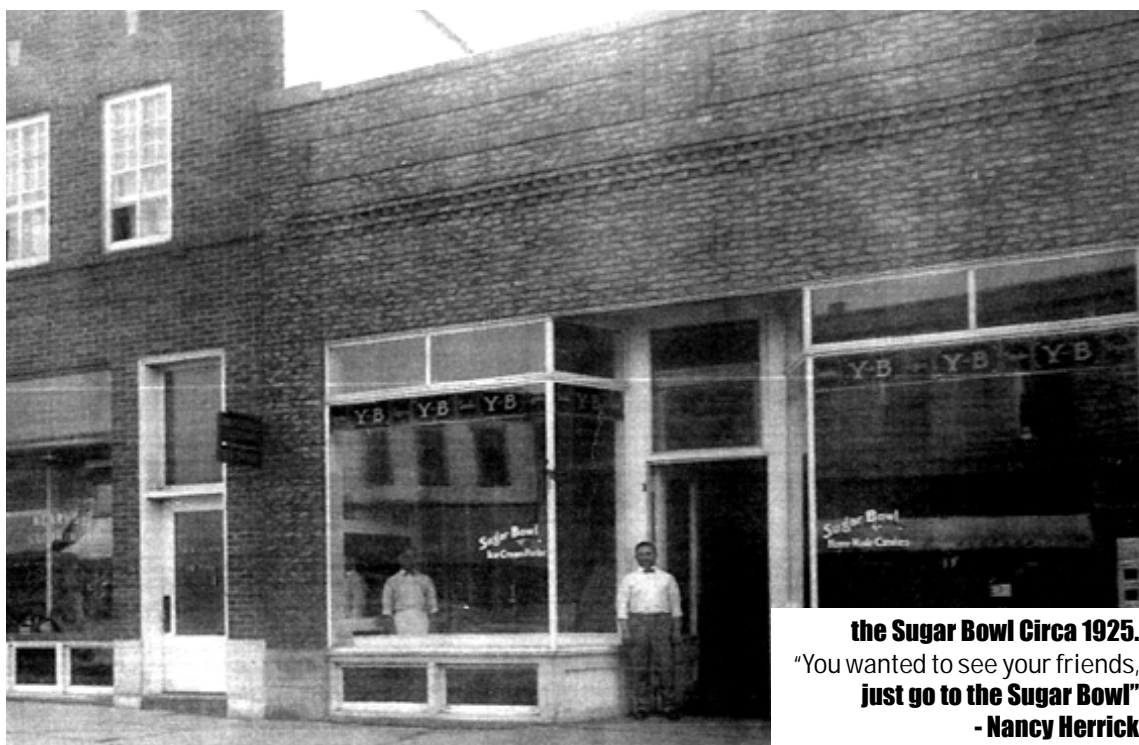
Nancy graduated from Flandreau Public High School in 1956 and soon after married Lauren Herrick Sr. Together they had five children. Lauren (Chipper), Larry, Laura, Laureen, Jim. Lauren Sr. worked for the State Highway Department. After Nancy’s children were all old enough for school she went to college at Dakota State University, eventually

earning her degree in business administration. Afterwards Nancy got a job in the Housing Department with Bill Nibbelink. After Bill resigned Nancy became housing director. She worked in tribal housing for a total of 19 years.

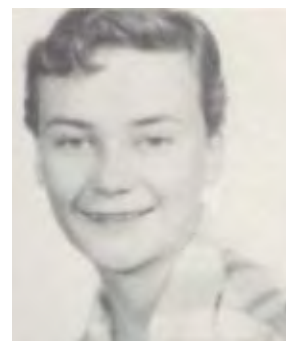
Nancy reflects on her husband Lauren Sr. “He was like my, I don’t know, strong person. Someone to talk to and lean on”. She exclaims; “He was a big ol’ cowboy! That’s why I still have a horse”. Their horse, Two Socks is very particular about who she lets get close to her. Nancy and her daughters Laura and Laureen are about the only people Two Socks is comfortable enough to be around. Often Two Socks makes a habit of digging around in Laura’s pockets in search of any food she may be carrying. Three years after Two Socks was born, around 2003, Lauren Herrick Sr. passed away due

to cancer.

Nancy has seen a lot of world changing events in her life. But when asked what one thing in her life that she saw captivated her the most, her answer was not what you may think. It wasn’t the moon landing. It wasn’t the Kennedy assassination, the civil rights movement, any of the wars fought, the Challenger Disaster, the fall of the Berlin Wall or the September 11th attacks. “No. Just watching my children grow and go to school. And I wanted them all to graduate. They all went on.” She continues with; “They’re my world.” When given the chance to talk about anything important that happened in the world, her reply was her children. She finishes the conversation with words of encouragement for her kids. “Be strong and believe in God. He’ll help you.”



the Sugar Bowl Circa 1925.
 “You wanted to see your friends,
just go to the Sugar Bowl!
 - Nancy Herrick



Above: Helen Crow
Below: Jean Jewett



A DATE WITH



DEADPOOL

The Halloween Dinner Party held this past October was a blast. The Dakota Language department exceeded their own expectations with the volume of people who attended the event. The Halloween music, the candy, and costumes all helped make it an enormous success.

Of everyone who attended one stood out amongst the rest; Wade Wilson. Better known as Deadpool, Wade made a surprise appearance at the Halloween party. Deadpool is commonly mistaken for a hero, he is not. He is not a villain, but he also is not an antihero. He is a mercenary. Oddly, he has never cashed any of his checks for his services.

Deadpool won the Grand Prize of the costume contest, a 75-inch smart TV. This caused contention with the other party goers. Contention because he was not in costume. He was wearing what he always wears. Luckily, Deadpool had nothing else planned for the night allowing me to get an exclusive interview.



Q: Hello Deadpool! I am a huge fan! Congratulations on winning the costume contest!

A: Uh-Oh. My “uncomfortable chat sense” is tingling.

Q: Ha! I was just wondering if you wouldn't mind answering a few questions if you aren't too busy.

A: Well, you do look lonely. You may need someone to talk to. Shoot.

Q: What brings you to Flandreau?

A: New York Times said that there was good chimichangas here. I was just rolling through and I could smell tortillas and thought I would stop in. Place is nice. Never seen a

Mexican restaurant that doesn't have chimichangas on the menu. But you have a gym and you gave me a TV, so Even Stevens I guess.

Q: How long have you been a mercenary?

A: Since The New Mutants #98 February, 1991. Introduced by the greatest artist ever! Rob Liefeld. But seriously, Rob Liefeld is a Hack.

Q: What? You're not in a comic book. You're here right now.

A: You're not educated in public relations. You're here right now.

Q: Fair enough. Did you enjoy the Halloween party?

A: I found it to be rather banal. You guys get points for trying. But all these people dressing like contemporary Native Americans? I think that is in really poor taste and I'm offended.

Q: No no! You're on a Reservation. This is the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal reservation.

A: Whatever makes you sleep at night David Duke.

Q: I apologize for the misunderstanding, but I assure you, this is all in fun. But on that note, what do you like to do for fun?

A: Hmmm. I do like going to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC.



Q: Oh cool! Really?

A: What? Do you think it makes me less of a man if I go the cherry blossom festival?

Q: No I-

A: You're laughing with your eyes! I can see it!

Q: I'm not! I just didn't expect that. I think it's really cool. Is that something that's personal for you? I mean is that a private thing for you? Or do you usually go with a friend?

A: ...Are you asking me out on a date?

Q: Are you serious?

A: I'm not hearing a 'no' ;)

Q: No, I'm not hitting on you.

A: Oh sad face! Probably just as well. But if you change your mind, call me. I'm kinda between love interests at the moment and I have two tickets for a romantic cruise through the Panama Canal.

Q: Ha! Well, thanks for coming to the party Deadpool. It was a lot of fun having you here. Any plans for the rest of the night?

A: Oh I don't know. Probably gonna eat till I'm tired and then sleep till I'm hungry.



Deadpool Data Sheet

Name: Wade Wilson

Alias's: Deadpool, the Merc with the Mouth, the Regenerating Degenerate. Mr. Pool. Poolhead.

Height: 6'2" (If I'm in one piece)

Weight: 210 lbs. (If I'm in one piece)

Eye Color: Blue

Birthdate:

Release Date. December 11, 1990

Cover Date. February 1991

Birthplace: Canada. I think.

Qualities I look for in others:

Maximum Effort. Making really good pancakes is a must! I'm super into gender and racial equality. Also people who like Skee-ball.

Biggest Pet Peeves: Racism. Pretty much anything Francis. People who don't celebrate International Women's Day. Pancakes.

Favorite Movie: Beaches. The original. Not that 2017 abomination.

Celebrity Crush: Skoden

3 things I can't live without:

Chimichanga's. My Katana's. And my Unicorn Plush dolls.

Favorite Quote: "Did you know how bad things were for me? No, because you wouldn't even open my letters! If you had even answered one, just one! Told me what a jerk I was, anything! But you didn't! You took your friendship away without even discussing it with me. So, thank you very much for forgiving me. But I don't forgive you!" – Bette Midler, Beaches. Makes me cry every time because Wolverine said the same thing to me once.





GRACE MOORE SENIOR CENTER QUARTERLY REPORT

NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Good Morning!

MEAL DELIVERY

The Senior Center delivery & congregate meal count for August, September and October was 3516 total meals. The Grace Moore Center just recently open for congregate meals on October 3rd. We are open to Tribal Elders and Native Americans 55+ only at this time. Deliveries are only made to those who have written doctor note. Please feel free to call the center if you have questions at 997-2924.

GRANT FUNDING

The grant writer and myself are currently working on the next 3 year funding for the Senior Center. We have been fully funded by grants for the last 3 years. This has helped out the Center in so many ways.

CAREGIVER/ELDER ASSISTANT

We have our new program in which Desiree Nelson is the Caregiver/Elder Assistant. If you would like to utilize this program please call the center at 997-2924 and ask for

Desiree. Thanks Desiree for the great job you are doing with this new program. Thank you to my kitchen staff Delia Lacroix and Pam Kitto on the great job preparing the meals and keeping the kitchen running great! I appreciate all of you! We hope to soon be able to get back fully to having our Fall Fling, Spring Fling and picnics again. But we are taking one step at a time. Covid is still on our minds and we want to keep our Elders safe!

COVID PRECAUTIONS

We will still be giving out sanitizer bags which will include paper towels, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, Kleenex , gloves, mask and Lysol wipes as covid is still hanging around!

We are all so happy to be open and see the Elders come it eat, visit and share their stories with us! We missed everyone!

Have a great day and stay safe!
Gayle Soward GMSC Director

NOVEMBER 2022

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2 STRESS 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day 	12	13
14 	15	16	17 THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT 	18	19 Closed 	
21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 NA Heritage day 	26	27
28	29	30	DECEMBER 2022...			

IMPORTANT DATES:

- NOVEMBER 2ND - STRESS AWARENESS DAY
- NOVEMBER 11TH - VETERANS DAY
- NOVEMBER 14TH - NATIONAL DIABETES DAY
- NOVEMBER 17TH - GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE OUT
- NOVEMBER 24TH - THANKSGIVING
- NOVEMBER 25TH - NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
- NOVEMBER 6-12TH - RADIATION TECH WEEK
- NOVEMBER 13TH - 19TH - NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

Flandreau Santee
Sioux Tribal Health
Center



Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Clinic Quarterly Update

October 2022

Dear FSST Community,

Happy New (Fiscal) Year!

October 1st marks the start of the financial year for the tribal clinic. It has been a productive year in light of the persistence of COVID. The patients served by the tribal clinic has increased from 1,700 to 2,680 active patients who have been served at least once in the last 3 years!

The tribal clinic is funded by HSS and that funding is administered by the Great Plains Indian Health Service. We are required to provide them with an annual report. I asked department heads to participate this year and to use this as an opportunity to raise up their accomplishments. They have done great work in advancing the care for this community. I've attached the report submitted for your review.

I would also like to share with you the profiles of (3) recent, new providers. Dr. Joseph Olson and Dr. Joseph McNish who were hired for the dental clinic and Josh Reinfeld who will be providing counseling and specialized EMDR and DBT treatments.

The tribal clinic is here for you. Please call the FSST Health Center (605) 997-2642 to schedule an appointment, or if you have concerns about COVID or symptoms, the COVID vaccine or for additional information about any of our services.

Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve this community.

Respectfully,
Cindy

Annual Narrative Report FY22

In accordance with the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, (25 U.S.C. § 5301-5332) (“ISDEAA”), the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (“Contractor”) shall administer the following programs, functions, services, and activities (“PFSAs”):

- A. Ambulatory Services
- B. Pharmacy Services
- C. Optometry Services
- D. Laboratory
- E. Physical/Occupational Therapy
- F. Imaging
- G. Dental
- H. Behavioral Health - Mental Health
- I. Behavioral Health - Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services
- J. Purchase/Referred Care
- K. Public Health Nursing/Case Management
- L. Community Health Representative
- M. Health Education/Disease Prevention
- N. Facilities Management

Target Population: Services will be provided to all eligible beneficiaries in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 136. The target population for this contract includes all eligible Native American people including individuals of Indian descent residing on or near the Flandreau Santee Sioux Reservation (Moody County) and Flandreau Indian School students.

A. Ambulatory Services:

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Center (FSSTHC) provides ambulatory care services Monday through Thursday 8-5pm and Friday 8-4:30 pm. FSSTHC has two medical doctors and three nurse practitioners. A nurse practitioner is dedicated to providing same day acute care

services daily. Other providers provide chronic disease management, medication and pain management, acute care services and complete procedures such as sutures/removal, casting, IUD placement, specialty injections and other minor surgical procedures. Each provider has a dedicated nurse. A triage nurse is in place to assist patients with early intervention and direction while also assisting the same day clinic provider. Nursing is available during operating business hours to see patients in nurse only clinic for wound care, medication education, injections, treatments and specialty infusions.

Diabetic clinic events are being held every week on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. These clinics provide targeted education on diabetes topics, a nutrition focus with cooking and recipes, and a physical activity exercise. The diabetic health & wellness nurse and community health educator meet with patients 1:1 during diabetic check-ups to review blood sugar trends, vitals, weights, inform providers of exams due, discuss medications and provide foot care. Annual and interim diabetic audits are completed; these results drive diabetic quality assurance projects for the year, which focus on diabetic standards of care. FSST will be making application for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) FY23. If awarded, this funding will support additional programming for community engagement and prevention activities.

B. Pharmacy Services:

Pharmacy continues to accurately and efficiently provide medications and collaborate with providers to optimize patient outcomes. A new pharmacy software was implemented in April which allows for electronic prescribing through SureScripts. Remodeling of the pharmacy is planned to increase work space and improve functionality of the drive-through, which is greatly utilized by many of our patients.

C. Optometry Services:

Optical was one of our departments greatly impacted by COVID, and was completely shut down during the initial stages of the pandemic. We are just now really getting back to normal with Optical appointments and providing glasses. Currently, our optical department is open 5 days a week, where our optometrist sees patients three times a month. Patients are happy to have Optical back to normal and

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staffed with a friendly, experienced Optical Technician who also happens to be a FSST Tribal member. Patients express how fortunate they are to be able to get eye exams for free. We have experienced this more often since COVID, as COVID did bring several new patients to our facility for the first time, many of them from surrounding areas. It is always fun to hear these comments regarding our services and the appreciation our patients have for our clinic and its design. In the event a patient is in need of outside services, our Optical team works with the patient and the PRC team to help coordinate the referrals and care. Our current Optical Tech has previously worked with a larger nationwide eye care chain, so with her knowledge and experience she has been able to help many patients by making repairs to glasses or coming up with a temporary solution while new ones are ordered. All of which is greatly appreciated by our patients.

The FSST HC Optical program continues to provide discounts to our elders, diabetics, and students (K-12) on their glasses, through our annual voucher program. In the event that the patient's glasses are damaged, there is a warranty for one year from the day of purchase through our lab, Thundercloud Optical. They can get a one-time replacement of their frame and lenses for free. We have continued to support Thunder Cloud Optical, a Native- and Women-owned business who have in turn provided great service, support, and training to us.

The Flandreau Indian School (FIS) is another larger group that we serve, although COVID has reduced the number of students here at the school. Unfortunately, this is a population that was greatly impacted when Optical departments were shut down across the nation, leaving many high school-aged kids without an eye exam in several years. So as the students arrived back to campus for the first time this spring, we sent our staff up to provide vision screenings so the appointments could be prioritized, based on need. Our FIS and public-school students all participate in the Student Vision program where they can get a basic pair of glasses at no charge.

We have also started to provide all patients who get glasses with a glasses care kit, which includes glass cleaner and a microfiber cloth with their purchase once a year. Thundercloud Optical also provides a protective case with all glasses ordered. These help encourage the protection of their glasses.

And lastly, we have been working to improve our equipment and technology used to deliver eye care by purchasing a new digital refractor, and we are now ordering a new visual field analyzer, an Optical coherence tomography (OCT), and an ultra-wide field retinal imaging device to aid with early detection of eye disease and to provide more accurate prescriptions. We hope to continue to update our

equipment as our budget allows next year. All of which are important for our community and patients.

D. Laboratory Services:

The tribal clinic volume over the last year surpassed 20,000 lab tests. There is one medical lab technologist, phlebotomist and a full-time working supervisor. The lab was expanded to accommodate additional testing, including COVID, and to improve workflow. We are still awaiting purchased equipment due to be delivered, due to supply chain issues. The new Vitros 3400 will significantly reduce the number of lab tests sent to the outside contract laboratory. This will improve turn-around-time and reduce laboratory send out expenses. In-house laboratory capabilities includes chemistry, hematology, immunoassay, urinalysis, limited coagulation studies and various kit testing. The laboratory received an excellent report from the state inspection (CLIA). The two (2) inspectors spent four (4) hours combing over policies and procedures manuals, instruments, quality controls, calibrations and overall operations. The FSST laboratory achieved and fulfilled the requirements to be a CLJA Certified laboratory of moderate complexity.

E. Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Services:

The FSST Health Center will provide Physical/Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy to patients that need this service through a contracted provider.

F. Imaging Services:

The FSSTHC provides multiple imaging modalities for our patients. We have both digital x-ray & CT

(computed tomography) onsite, every day. Since bringing CT in house we have more than quadrupled our CT numbers and have saved our patients many trips out of town or up to the hospital, also saving on PRC dollars. We have mobile ultrasound that comes twice a week, with the ability to do all general, OB & vascular exams. Mobile MRI comes once a week & mobile Mammography comes once a month. We contract with Real Radiology for our radiologist services, which means we are able to have routine exams returned within 24 hours and STAT exams back within an hour. Both of our radiologic technologists are able to complete all XR & CT studies ordered at our clinic. Our radiology supervisor is both ARRT certified in radiology & mammography and cross trained in CT as well as has her bachelors in Healthcare Leadership & Administration. Our staff technologist is ARRT certified in radiology & CT We

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are continually looking for ways that we can best serve our patients through imaging. We have recently starting looking into different screening options with our CT scanner as well as DEXA possibilities within the clinic.

G. Dental:

The dental clinic has recently recruited 2 additional full time dentists. We now have 3 full time dentists; 2 expanded duty dental assistants; one dental assistant/hygienist; one dedicated hygienist and a dental receptionist. Dentrix was implemented in February 2021, and all 6 operatories have access to documentation and imaging (Dexis). We are in the process of completing and upgrading the surgical suite for more complex procedures including a CBCT Future budget plans for the purchase of an intraoral scanner for impressions.

H. Mental Health/Social Services:

Telemedicine Services:

Telehealth psychiatry services are being offered on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. There is a nurse dedicated to assisting the telehealth psychiatrist and a behavioral health coordinator that assists with referrals and additional scheduling needs. Tele health systems are in place for the advancement and addition of specialized services.

The behavioral health-mental health program was challenged by the turmoil of COVID and staff vacancies. We worked with local colleges and universities to secure 2 behavioral health interns during the course of the year. Interns participated in case management and educational activities.

We had a psychiatric nurse practitioner onsite for clinical rotation as part of the Mount Marty University/PSST Health Center collaborative learning experience program. The psychiatric nurse practitioner saw clients under the supervision of a contracted telehealth psychiatrist. The clinic hired a licensed play therapist who is a tribal member who sees clients and families both at the public school and in the tribal clinic.

We currently have a vacancy for a behavioral health director that we anticipate filling next year.

A new Fitness, Wellness and Spiritual Healing Center is in the planning and design development phase. This facility will be a place for community engagement, education and prevention programming.

I. Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services:

The clinic applied for and received \$58,000 in funding from the GPTLHB to support youth recreation and public health education. This was a 2-year sub-award through SAMHSA’s Tribal Opioid

Response grant. In summer 2023, FSSTHC will apply for the SAMHSA Tribal Opioid Response’s 2 year grant, with the assistance of the GPTLHB. The focus for current sub-award is opioid use and drug overdose prevention. Naloxone Hydrochloride (Naloxone) or Narcan is a medication that can be used to reverse an opioid-related overdose and help to save a life. The clinic is offering Narcan training to tribal business entities, schools and community members. We educated and distributed over 90 doses (double vials) of Narcan to the community. We are working closely with the Great Plain Area Tribal Opioid Response Program Officer to interview and deploy an IHS-COVID funded behavioral health tech to do outreach and community engagement and education with a peer recovery coach.

The Great Plains Area Tribal Opioid Program Officer visited the program. The visit encompassed an annual evaluation utilizing the scope of work and program standards, as well as outcomes and ongoing programming due to funding opportunity. The site visit was highly successful and exemplary feedback obtained.

J. Purchased/Referred Care Services:

Over the past couple of years, the Purchased Referred Care (PRC) Department has made numerous changes leading to a more efficient referral and payment process, allowing patients to receive care sooner as well as ensuring PRC can cover as many referrals as possible. PRC made the shift to a two-meeting format where a Medical Team meets to determine medical priority and then a Financial Team meets to evaluate the referral along the PRC guidelines and against budget. This process change has allowed us to approve all referrals as appropriate and has helped to eliminate the concern of running out of funding before the end of the fiscal year. In addition, for the 151 time in several years PRC has again been applying for Catastrophic Health Event Funding (CHEF) funding to help offset our high dollar referrals/cases. In the past two years PRC has been able to recoup nearly \$1 million in CHEF funds from cases that would have otherwise wiped out most of the PRC funds. Another key element of the PRC program that has developed in the past couple of years is the growth and development of our RN Case Manger role. And while we have experienced some staff turnover with this position it has been very helpful in better defining the roles and responsibilities of the Case Manager position, ultimately

leading to better communication between patients and the referral facility, laying the groundwork for better outcomes. The efforts for improved efficiencies are also a focus of the “back office” PRC work to ensure that the claims are processed as soon as possible so that a patient is not getting billed and working with the facility to educate around the PRC process. PRC has also benefited by the growth and activity of our Patient Benefits Coordinator (P BC) position. Our P BC plays a vital role in supporting the PRC “payer of last resort” requirement, by identifying alternate resources and assisting patients enroll. Our P BC has done a great job with supporting patients through the evaluation and enrollment processes with Medicaid, Medicare, Disability and private insurance plans. This past summer our PBC became a Certified Patient Navigator allowing her to help enroll patients with insurance through the Healthcare Market Place, most often with \$0.00 deductible/co-pay plans at no cost to the patient, helping to save critical PRC dollars. These changes combined with the additional COVID and ARP A funds have allowed us to fund the necessary outside emergency and specialty care without having to defer any care due to a lack of funds. While we have been able to fund our referrals as appropriate, these changes have also allowed us to better assess our “unmet needs” in looking at services offered through our clinic and with our facilities that we refer to. For example, Dental or Behavioral Health Services that cannot be provided at the FSST Health Center and do not really fall into one of the PRC guidelines have been a challenge, so we continue to look for ways to provide this and by bringing services in-house or working directly with facilities.

K. Public Health Nursing:

Public health nursing consists of a public health nurse, a health & wellness nurse, the support of a community health educator and a nurse case manager. The public health team has been critical this year in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic all while working to increase vaccination numbers for not only Covid-19 but for all childhood and adult immunizations. Diabetic clinic events were re-implemented and public health services have seen an increase in the number of patient visits in response to wellness exams, diabetic education, vaccination efforts, health promotion and chronic disease education, maternal/child health, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Public health and the RN Case Manager complete in-home assessments when necessary, assist with the coordination and recommendation of in-home care services, help meet needs post-hospitalization by aligning available resources to patients, and assist in obtaining necessary medical equipment needed to recover at home.

The tribal clinic sought additional COVID-19 surge staffing from the CDC Foundation. A Public Health Advisor arrived in August. She is paid by the CDC Foundation and is assisting the tribal clinic doing COVID-19 education, contact tracing, testing and is the primary contact for the Flandreau Indian School students who arrived on campus at the end of October. We were grateful to have the additional resource which was extended by the CDC from May 2022 through September 2022.

The CDC provided an additional public health resource when the region saw a surge in COVID cases early in 2022. She did contact tracing and case management. When the volumes subsided, she conducted a survey under the direction of the tribal clinic’s COVID response team and providers looking at COVID long hauler which were defined as COVID positive patients reporting lingering symptoms one month or longer after recovery from COVID. The goal was to identify COVID long haul patients for follow up and additional support. A total of 454 cases of COVID were identified between March 2020 and April 2022. Tiffany reached 120 patients who were willing to share their COVID experience. There were 44 patient reporting COVID long haul symptoms (32/emales and 12 males). Altered or prolonged loss of taste and/or smell was the most common symptom. Fatigue was the second most common, with the other symptoms being reported much less. Of the patients reporting long haul symptoms, 80% reported significantly improved post-COVID symptoms at the time of the survey call. Survey respondents said that they greatly appreciated the care they received from the clinic. The kit with vitamins and medicines were very useful for many of the patients; some are still taking the vitamins even after a year. The survey results were shared with the tribal clinic providers.

2,400+ doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered by our Public Health Nurses.

L. Community Health Representative:

The CHR.s play a large role in care continuity by assuring that patients are getting to their appointment for chronic disease management. Many of these community members have significant mobility issues and rely upon vehicles and CHR staff to get them to dialysis and other critical health services not onsite at the tribal health center. We currently have 3 dialysis patients who require transportation 2 times per week. The CHR.s are also do regular health and wellness checks on community members of high risk and concern. The tribal clinic has 3 full time CHR ’s.

M. Health Education:

The community health educator works in collaboration with the public health team to design, develop, and conduct the diabetic educational events that occur weekly, as well as assisting with COVID testing procedures, and the scheduling of COVID vaccines. Coordinates the tribal clinic annual health fair as well as the Pow Wow comfort station that provided basic first aid supplies, comfort items and health education. Health events and public health information is promoting on a variety of communication platforms including but not limited to: weekly ads in local papers; social media including Face book and Instagram; brochures and bulletin boards. The tribe applied for and received a \$25,000 award from the South Dakota Department of Health for the purchase and installation of a monument sign and digital board that is used for community education.

N. Facilities Management:

For our purpose, Facilities Management consists of three departments; Maintenance, Groundskeeping, and Housekeeping. For our purpose, Grounds Keeping falls under Maintenances responsibilities. Facilities Management is made up of 5 full-time employees. These employees are 1 Manager/Director, 2 Maintenance employees, and 2 Housekeeping employees. Due to increase in patient load, we could use 1 additional Housekeeper.

Maintenance/Groundskeeping

Our philosophy is the patients’ or guests ‘ experience at the clinic begins with their arrival. Maintenance works

very hard to provide a clean and safe environment from the exterior to the interior of the building. The staff takes pride in the lawn care and landscaping. We are very excited about the weed control program that we were able to fully implement this year. Maintenance puts in many extra hours removing snow and ice during winter hours providing safe passage for patients and employees. On the interior, Maintenance performs duties ranging Ji-om preventative to repairs. Maintenance wears many hats and are always willing to assist staff and patients. Maintenance has helped with fl.at tires and jumps tarts in parking lot to patient transports. Maintenance also helps housekeeping when time allows or covering for vacations. If it feels heavy, call Maintenance.

Housekeeping

Housekeeping is often an overlooked and under thanked role. However our Housekeepers are vital to the patient/ staff experience not only in cleanliness but safety as well. Housekeepers are responsible for the cleanliness of all areas of the Clinic. Duties include vacuuming, garbage removal, windows, hard surface, ca,pet cleaning and disinfecting. The Housekeepers and Maintenance have played a vital role in protecting staff and patients against COVID exposure. The spraying program utilized allows for a safe environment after an exposure. This program has been a critical component to the Clinic being able to remain open/ operational during COVID exposures. If you don’t want to touch it, call Housekeeping.

Facilities Management plays a key role in the success of the overall operations of the Clinic and looks forward to the opportunity to assist in goal of accreditation.



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WELCOME

DR. JOE OLSON

(DENTIST)

Dr. Olson grew up in Eastern Montana and attended college at Montana State University. He then continued his education at UNLV School of Dental Medicine in Las Vegas. It was there he met his wife, Susan, who is also a dentist. The family also includes two sons, Benjamin and Thomas. After practicing for several years in Las Vegas the family moved to Wasilla, Alaska to get out of the desert and start a new adventure. Before moving to South Dakota he practiced in Southern California, where Susan grew up. The Olson family is very excited to be in South Dakota and feel like they have found a long term home here. Dr. Olson is very thankful for the opportunity to join the FSST Health Center team.



- **What is your favorite pastime?**

Spending time outdoors with my kids, Benjamin is 8 and Thomas is 6.

- **Where on earth are you hoping to travel next?**

In September I will be traveling to Hope, Idaho to visit family and attend my sister's wedding. I have an older brother and younger sister.

- **Could you imagine yourself doing something else instead of what you do now?**

Working on the family farm and ranch with my dad and brother.

- **In five years, what are your vision and hope?**

Buy a house with a nice yard for the kids to play in and hopefully be practicing dentistry here at FSST.

- **What is the location of your hometown?**

I was born in Wolf Point, Montana and graduated high school there. My parents and brother still live there.





WELCOME
Dr. Joe McBrish
(Dentist)

I grew up in the small town of Marysville, KS and then attended undergrad at Kansas State University graduating in 2017. I was accepted into dental school at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and graduated this past May (2022). It has been my dream to be a dentist ever since I was in elementary school and I am excited and honored to join the FSST Health Center as a dental provider. I enjoy reading, watching movies and playing tennis in my free time.

What is the location of your hometown?

Marysville, KS - Black Squirrel City

What is your favorite pastime?

Tennis with my younger brother.

Do you have any programs that you are currently binge-watching?

The series Stranger Things Season 4 on Netflix! It's hard to stop just at one episode every night!



What is one thing you cannot live without?

My dental loupes (magnifying glasses)

Are you striving to be known for anything in particular?

A good dentist who cares about his patients and treats them with empathy and respect.

What's Better Than:

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Josh Reinfeld

MSW, LCSW, CAC, QMHP

Josh specializes in EMDR and DBT. He will be available to provide trauma-informed therapeutic interventions, beginning November 2022. Please call 605.997.3884 for more information.

Are you striving to be known for anything particular?

No, not really, just a good person in general.

What is something unique about you (a fun fact) that few people are aware of?

I have a twin brother

Where is your favorite destination you've visited, and why?

Grand Teton National Park. I love the mountains.



What is the location of your hometown?

I grew up in Flandreau

With which cartoon character would you most wish to swap lives?

Sponge Bob Square Pants

What is your favorite pastime?

Riding my motorcycle.





BEING ACTIVE IS TRADITIONAL

For generations, Native people have lived active lives: growing crops, hunting, fishing, and gathering berries, herbs, and traditional medicines. Cultural ways are active, such as dancing, running, drumming, carving, and playing games. Being active improves mental and spiritual well-being—it is good medicine.

Movement helps muscles use sugar for energy, which may improve blood sugars. Any increase in movement is good for you.



Melva, doing a chest press at the gym.

I learned that exercise could mend this old body. I found out that exercise is the key. I found out I can control diabetes. I am the person who has to take care of my body. It is up to me to stay well. It's so simple. — Melva Withers (Alutiiq)

Why be active?

- Feel less stress and have a happier mood.
- Increase strength, balance, and flexibility.
- Improve blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels.
- Achieve or maintain a healthy weight.



How to get started

- Talk with your health care team about what is safe and best for you.
- Set a day and time for your activity, and write it on your calendar.
- Ask a friend to join you.
- Plan indoor and outdoor activities.

Fun ways to get moving

- Gardening, gathering berries and greens, and doing yardwork.
- Yoga and tai chi for balance and flexibility.
- Brisk walking, hiking, jogging, swimming and bike riding.
- Fitness classes and strength training.
- Chair exercises and arm movements.
- Do what you enjoy!



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How much activity to do

- Start slowly, even if it is 5 or 10 minutes a day, and build up from there.
- If sitting a lot, try to get up and move every 30 minutes.
- Try to increase your activity to 150 minutes a week, over three or more days.

Be safe when being active

- Choose a safe place. If you have a cell phone, take it with you.
- Check blood sugar before and after exercise. If less than 100, eat a food or drink with sugar, such as, a half cup of juice, or small fruit, or a few pieces of hard candy. For more information see, [Low Blood Sugar](#).
- Bring water and stay hydrated.
- Bring hard candy (not sugar-free) or glucose tablets in case your blood sugar drops too low while being active.
- Warm-up and cool down. Go at a slower pace at the start and end of your activity.
- Wear comfortable shoes. Check your feet for sores, cuts, blisters, corns, or redness before and after exercise, as well as daily. Let your provider know if you find any of these.



Take care of yourself and your spirit

Any increase in movement is good for you. Even adding chair exercises or arm movements helps you to be more active.

You may start with a slow walk at first. The more you do it, the farther you can walk and the stronger you will get. For more information see, [How to Get Started Walking](#).

Being active often brings peace and a feeling of pride. Your family will see how hard you have been working and how it is helping to manage your diabetes. They will be proud of you too!

I will take these steps to be more active:





Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

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GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022

FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

Victoria Anderson Child Care Program Administrator

Amber Allen Tribal Child Care Program Assistant

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Child Care Program is currently wrapping up the last quarter of our 2019-2022 CCDF funding by completing the data compilation of FY22 of CCDF dollars and hours of child care for ACF-700 Report. We will begin the narrative of FSST CCDF program along additional reporting for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Stabilization Grants.

(Pictured to the right: River LaDeaux son of Haley Rederth enjoying his higher quality childcare.)

Upon the completion of CCDF FY22 we will begin writing the CCDF Triennial FY 2023- 2025 Plan, we have already begun the pre-plan training, along with Victoria Anderson Child Care Program Administrator attending the CCDF Tribal Child Care Conference in Dallas Texas late in November, with Amber Allen Tribal Child Care Program Assistant attending virtually.



The FSST CCDF has continued providing partnered child care providers with economic stability payments to child care providers and employees. While providing assistance with mortgages, utilities, minor renovations and various COVID related supplies such as portable hand washing stations these expenses are meant to increase the supply of child care while maintaining the highest possible quality in safety and care for our communities' children. *(Pictured to left: New Beginnings Daycare renovated garage into classroom with assistance from the FSST CCDF)*

September 2022 FSST TCCP finished the 4th in bi-monthly diaper run purchasing \$3,000.00 in diapers for all children whom attend our three local partnered Family Home Daycares. This is done to help relieve local working native families from the expense of diapering while child(ren) are in care. Along with various amounts of cleaning and sanitation materials available to all our partnered child care providers.

(Pictured to the right FSST TCCP stockpile of diapering and sanitation supplies.)

FSST TCCP has been researching data concerning raising the rates of child care providers along with submitting a more cost saving sliding fee scale to better provide relief from the working low income native families of our community.



As always we will remain committed to protecting the children's health & safety, help Parents make informed decisions concerning child care, enhance and increase quality of care and provide equal access to all children regardless of income.

The FSST CCDF has funds available for relative child care providers if you reside on tribal land please contact us if you are interested.



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COORDINATOR'S CORNER



Dear Families,

Welcome to the first edition of the FSST Education Newsletter! This quarterly newsletter is another way to communicate with you about important education issues, news and events.

Stories focus on our main programs: JOM/FSST supports in K-12, Higher Education funding and GED preparation. You'll also hear from the Flandreau Indian Education (FIEC) and Higher Education (HEC) Committees.

Our goal is to provide information and ways in which you can access services or express your thoughts on education programs and policies. Public involvement in educational planning is vital, and there are many ways to have your voice heard. Check out the stories inside for details.

Serving as your Education Coordinator continues to be a pleasure. My door is open (and so is my phone line) if you ever have questions, concerns, suggestions or comments on the services we provide.

*Kathie Erdman Becker, EdD
FSST Education Coordinator*

FLANDREAU INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome Leah Fyten and Jessica Hovland as newly-elected parent representatives. Their elections fill the committee for the first time in almost two years! Your current representatives are:

- ◆ Hepi Flute Player (term expires October 2023)
- ◆ Serena Pederson (term expires October 2023)
- ◆ Tim Hardy (term expires October 2023)
- ◆ Leah Fyten (term expires October 2024)
- ◆ Jessica Hovland (term expires October 2024)

Watch here for future committee updates, follow FSST Education on Facebook, or visit the FSST Community Calendar on the Tribe's website for monthly meeting details. All meetings are open to the public and allow time for guests to speak, if they wish.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Social Studies Standards Public Comment Open through March 2023
- Free Books Available at the Education Office Library
- Important Dates and Deadlines

FROM THE EDUCATION OFFICE LIBRARY

The library currently has a large selection of new and used books for juvenile through adult readers.

The Revenge of Magic

Thirteen years ago, books of magic were discovered all around the world alongside the bones of dragons. Only children born after that day have the power to use the magic. Grades 3–7



How I Became a Spy

Bertie Bradshaw never set out to become a spy.

When a woman goes missing, leaving behind a coded notebook,



Bertie & his friends are determined to solve the mystery! Grades 3–7

Stargirl

The students at Mica High are enchanted with Star Girl's free spirit, at first. Suddenly, she is shunned for everything that makes her different. This celebration of nonconformity tells of the perils of popularity and the inspiration of a first love. Grades 7–9



Student Spotlight

Each newsletter will feature a student served by Education Department programs from Pre-K through adult.

Spotlights will include a photo and a short story appropriate to the person's age and education level.

Submit nominations to the Education Department

This is a great opportunity to showcase early and lifelong learners.

FSST DONATES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

In August, the FSST Education Department received over 1100 new books from Toys for Tots. Most were appropriate for middle school or higher reading levels. A mix of fiction and non-fiction, titles included *Forever Neverland*, *Island of Shadows*, *Voyage of Frostheart*, *Turtle Boy*, *The Complete Dr. Doolittle*, and more.

Books were distributed to the Flandreau and Colman-Egan School Libraries, Flandreau Indian School, and FSST Child Care. Remaining books are available FREE to the community. Stop by the Education office to browse the full selection of new and used books.

The Colman-Egan Public School Library is so fortunate to receive these books. Reading is so important! We appreciate it so much! Thank you!

—Lane Carroll, C-E School Librarian



Royal River Casino ran a Player's Club *Back to School Drive* in August whereby members earned points in exchange for school supplies. The result was overwhelming! A truckload of paper, pencils, backpacks, crayons, erasers, folders and more was delivered to Fliers Closet in mid-September. Thanks RRC for supporting education! Contact Fliers Closet if you are in need of supplies.



Flandreau Elementary Counselor, Chelsea Molden, accepting donations

"Knowing there are available supplies takes worries away from our staff, students, and families. It is so wonderful to be in a community where our students are supported and cared for."

—Emma Peters, FPS Social Worker

2022-23 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

FSST Education manages college grant awards for members of any federally-recognized tribe who reside in Moody County. FSST members are eligible for an additional FSST Scholarship. Award amounts vary by program and degree from short-term technical diplomas through graduate studies. Contact the Education Office to discuss funding for your education or to pick up an application.

*Priority Application Deadlines 2022-23**

Winter/Spring	Dec. 16, 2022
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THE K-12 SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS DEBATE

Proposed changes to the SD Social Studies Standards, which would take effect in 2024-25, are being strongly opposed by educators and parents for being age-inappropriate, too costly, divisive, irrelevant and too focused on memorization. Tribal educators are concerned that Native American history and culture is misrepresented or left out of key historical eras.

Those in support, including the SD Secretary of Education, contend the standards are rigorous, complete, free of jargon, inclusive of Native American history, and that memorization is a foundation for complex thinking (like in math).

Students and parents need to be aware that *standards determine what will be taught for at least five years*. History, civics, economics, and geography will look vastly different if these standards are approved.

Read the proposed standards to decide for yourself and comment if you wish. The report is over 120 pages, so you may want to skip to the sections relevant to your child's grade.

Over 700 written comments were submitted in September with 67 in support, 25 neutral and over 600 opposed.

To learn about current and proposed standards or submit written comment* (open until March 2023):

SD Dept. of Education's *Content Standards: Social Studies Revision Process* page
<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/socialstudies.aspx>

*Written comment requires providing your name, email, and group (Student, Educator, Parent, Other). Comments may focus on specific standards and/or the standards overall (scroll down by grade to overall).

To get information on the public meetings, view written comment, register to speak at a meeting, listen live, or access documents/recordings of prior meetings:

SD Board of Education Standards
<https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=32>

The next public meeting is Nov. 21 in Sioux Falls. Those wishing to speak in person or remotely must register by 2 pm Central time on Nov. 18. Additional meetings in Rapid City and Pierre will be held in early 2023.



SAVE THE DATE!

*Wauṣpekuwa
Wičayuoniḥappi*

**Celebration
Honoring the
Students**

**SATURDAY
MAY 6, 2023**

**DETAILS
COMING SOON!**

MEET THE NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Flandreau Indian Education Committee (FIEC) has added two non-voting student representative positions. Student Representatives provide an important link between Indian students at Flandreau Schools and administration.

The FIEC feels students are in the position of knowing what's happening, sometimes behind the scenes, in the school. The Student Reps main role is to bring the voice of the Indian students as a whole to the Committee.

Student Representatives will be elected annually by their peers to serve one-year terms. Students may serve more than one term and must maintain good academic standing.

Flandreau High School students enrolled in the Title VI Indian Education program held elections in October. The race was tight, requiring a run-off between two candidates. It's encouraging to see such enthusiasm!

Congratulations to the 2022-23 Student Representatives

- ◆ **Asa Eastman, Senior**
- ◆ **Breyana Ramirez, Junior**

The pair will attend their first meeting in November. We look forward to their future contributions to the community. Watch the newsletter and social media for updates!

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IMPORTANT DATES!

- Dec. 16, 2022** Priority Deadline
Winter/Spring
Scholarship Apps
- Mar. 31, 2023** Deadline to submit
Honoring Surveys
Seniors & 8th Grade
- May 6, 2023** *Wauṣpekuwa
Wičayuoniḥappi*
Celebration Honoring
the Students





Adult & Higher Education

GED Preparation Program. This online, self-paced program prepares individuals for success in passing their GED test. The Education Department is available to assist with individual tutoring by request and provides free access to Wi-Fi and computers for students. GED study groups will be initiated this fall for those at all stages of preparation. The program is available free of charge to FSST members and at a low cost (\$25) to non-FSST members in the community.

Higher Education Grants & Scholarships. Financial assistance is available for those furthering their education beyond high school. Grants are available to members of federally-recognized tribes who reside in Moody County. Additional scholarships are also available to FSST members. Funding levels vary by the student's program, GPA, and year in college.

This fall, 13 students were approved for fall funding in programs ranging from one-year technical/trade school diploma programs to doctoral/professional degree programs. Several more have applied for spring assistance. These students and recent graduates will be featured regularly on our Facebook page and in the Education Department Newsletter beginning this fall.

Spring semester higher education assistance applications (new students only) must be received by Friday Dec. 16 for priority funding consideration. Spring applications received after Dec. 16 may be considered within one month of the student's first day of classes for winter/spring term.

Reminder to continuing students: *Send your final grades and next semester schedule as soon as possible after grades post in December to avoid spring funding delays! The easiest way to do this is with an unofficial transcript sent to us after 1) you complete registration for the next term, AND 2) The current term grades are all posted. Both will show on the transcript.*

Priorities in Process

The Education Department is currently working to identify grants and private resources in collaboration with other departments/agencies to develop programs identified as a need by the Indian Education Committee, Higher Education Committee, and the community at large. These include (in no particular order):

- Greater support and testing assistance for GED Prep Academy students
- Creating a culturally-sensitive student support position in the Flandreau Schools
- Community Education in areas such as financial well-being and college/career planning
- Internship program development

Contact the Education Department at 605-573-4197 or Education.Coordinator@fsst.org for more information or to sign up for the Education Department newsletter.

Pidaunyayapi,

Dr. Kathie Erdman Becker, Education Coordinator



QUARTERLY REPORT AUGUST - OCTOBER 2022

FSST Education promotes the educational growth and success of Indian children in K-12 and adults seeking to earn their GED or pursue higher education of all types (tech school-graduate/professional degrees).

EdNews is hot off the press!

The first edition of the new Education Department Newsletter, *EdNews*, has just gone out to those who signed up during fall registration. The quarterly newsletter is designed to keep families up to date with important notices and events, showcase our students at all levels of learning plus provide useful resources for life-long learning. Contact the Education Department if you'd like to be added to the mailing list. Let us know if you want to receive it via regular mail or email.

PreK- Grade 12

Education supports children in pre-kindergarten (age 3+) through graduation from high school with three programs:

- Johnson O'Malley (JOM) for children enrolled at Flandreau or Colman-Egan Schools who are members of federally-recognized tribes or have a blood quantum of 25% or higher that are not enrolled in a tribe. JOM provides school supplies primarily and special programming throughout the year as funding allows.
- FSST School Supplies for first-generation lineal descendants (at least one parent is an FSST Member)
- FSST Meals for FSST members who have children enrolled in area schools and reside in Moody County

JOM & FSST Program Registration was held in August in conjunction with Flandreau Public Registration Days and Colman-Egan Open House. This year, the official JOM count is 182 as of October 14, 2022. That is a whopping 22% increase from last year. Before you get too excited, this year's count is just slightly higher than the pre-COVID 2019-20 official count. The increase is the result of students returning to public schools from alternative enrollment during the pandemic and an increase in elementary and high school JOM enrollments.

The Flandreau Indian Education Committee held elections in October. Please welcome Jessica Hovland and Leah Fyten as your new parent representatives. They join existing committee members Hepi Flute Player, Serena Pederson and Tim Hardy to fill all open seats. Three seats will be up for election in 2023.

The next **FIEC Meeting is Tuesday, November 8 at 5:30 pm in the Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center or via Zoom.** Input from parents, students and families is always very welcomed and appreciated. Follow the FSST Education Department on Facebook or watch for updates on the FSST Community Calendar on the Tribe's homepage.

Higher Education Grants & Scholarships Available

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe is pleased to offer higher education assistance to local Native American students.

Qualifications:

- 1) Member of a federally-recognized tribe (verification required)
- 2) Resident of Moody County (FSST members exempt)
- 3) Admitted to a degree, diploma or certificate program at an accredited college or university



**Priority* Application Deadlines 2022-23!*

Fall 2022

July 15, 2022

Winter/Spring 2023

Dec. 16, 2022

May Interim 2023

April 17, 2023

Summer Term

May 15, 2023

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FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBAL CARE CENTER QUARTLY REPORT

November 5, 2022

The goal of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (FSST) was to develop a Nursing Home Business operation on its reservation in order to improve the social, economic, educational, and health services for its elderly members and the community. The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Care Center is a 42 bed long term care center. Of those 42 beds, 14 beds are located in a secure memory care unit. The facility's mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, and thriving environment to those needing 24/7 nursing care. The facility's design showcases a beautiful courtyard with a privacy fence, formal ceremonial space, state of the art dietary area, private family dining area, laboratory services area, and private rooms for all its residents.

Construction on the tribal care center started back in November of 2020, and is anticipated to be completed by the end of October of 2022. DSGW Architects were tasked with designing the facility, and Henry Carlson Company acted as the general contractor. Once construction is completed, the facility will apply for licensing from the South Dakota Department of Health. Once this is complete, the facility can accept a few residents and proceed with the CMS certification process. The facilities goal is to be able to accept their first resident by the end of November, finish the certification process, and be fully operational by the end of the year.





Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

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FSST HOUSING DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT

The FSST Housing Department is currently operating under the 2022 HUD Indian Housing Block Grant in the amount of \$432,459.00. The FSST Housing Department budget is supplemented by the Tate win (22 units) Project and Inka Duta (24 units) Project operating budgets. The FY 2023 Indian Housing Plan has been submitted. Current staff are as follows:

Leah Fyten, Housing Director
 Elizabeth Fisherman, Tenant Services
 Jackie Allen, Tenant Services/Admin Assistant
 Timothy Eagle Elk, Maintenance Technician
 Hovakah Bosin, Sr., Maintenance Technician
 One more employee is waiting for background check to clear.

Current/Future units:

Project	Current Units	Future Units
CAS Low Rent Units	35	
CAS Morning Sun Courts	15	5
NAHASDA Units	2	
Tribal Unit	1	
Tate Win Apartments	22	
Inka Duta Apartments	24	
Tiny homes (2 bedroom)		4
Governor homes (mortgage)		4
Total Units	99	112

Current Activities:

1. Renovation: two three bedroom rental units are vacant and awaiting rehabilitation. One apartment at Inka Duta Apartments is almost ready for occupancy.
2. Storm Damage: The Housing Department received all of the claims back on July 20, 2022. This work which is mostly roofs on the rental units will be contracted out. A bid was approved for three replacement of three roofs.
3. Morning Sun Court project: This project is being replaced with 20 new units. 15 of these units will be elderly and five will Tribal units. The project was originally expected to be

completed by December 2022 and has now changed to spring of 2023. This delay is due to electrical parts on back order. All of the apartments will have two bedrooms.

4. Tiny Home Project: there are currently 4 two-bedroom units with porches. These 4 homes had a scheduled completion date of December 2022 and has also been pushed back due to contractors waiting on materials. I would like to mention that this is a problem all of over the country (materials on back order).
5. Almost all of the inspections have been completed.
6. Leah and Elizabeth are on the new Tribal Administration Building team. DSGW Architects have the contract for the design of the new building.
7. Waiting List:

Unit Size	Tribal Member	Non-Tribal Member	Total
LR 3-4 Bedroom	2	5	7
LR 2 Bedroom	13	4	17
Morning Sun Court	5	4	9
Tate Win Apts	10		10
Inkpa Duta Apts	31	21	52
Total	61	34	95

*Five of the tribal members on the waiting lists are transfer requests.

*One is a nontribal tenant requesting a transfer.

*Four Tribal members are on two waiting lists

*One Tribal members is on three waiting lists

* This would mean there are 89 people/families in need of homes.

8. ERAP funding: the Tribe received an additional allocation of ERAP funds for rental Payments. This money will need to be obligated by December 31, 2022. The priority will be income eligible Tribal elders – one year of rent, Income eligible Tribal members living in housing or receiving the general welfare payments six month's rent payments. The Housing Department is proposing a plan to the Executive Committee for approval. Our goal is to have the rent payments begin January 1, 2023.

Future Activities:

1. Wakpa Ipaksan GONA (Gathering of Native Americans) Training. The dates are November 29, 30 and December 1, 2022. This is a free event to the leadership, collaborative partners and community members assisted by SAMHSA Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center. The training is a culture-based planning process to address community-identified issues and work towards a healthy community. More information will be available on the Tribal Facebook page, newsletter, and website.
2. Fill four Tiny Home units according to the current policies and waiting lists.
1. AMERIND Community Shield Program: The FSST Housing Department can assist any homeowner who is interested in obtaining homeowners insurance through AMERIND. Please contact the Housing Office if you are interested. A copy of the program is attached to this report.
2. AMERIND Renter's insurance: FSST Housing Tenants have an opportunity to purchase renter's insurance through the housing authority. A flyer with more information will be mailed to all tenants as soon as the program policy is in place.
3. Review and update current policies and procedures for the Housing Department. This is an ongoing activity.

MAINTENANCE GENERAL MEETING REPORT

NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Director Bill Kitto

Hello FSST Memberships! Happy Holiday's!

now season is approaching. Snow removal chain will be as followed: Tribal entities, Tribal elders and membership. Please have patience you will not be forgotten. For any work orders call Maintenance office 573-4270 if no answer leave a message. We will get back to you.

Housing Maintenance has 2 new hires. For any work orders please call Betsy or Jackie at housing 997-2194.

Attached is the Final Technical Report for Solar Energy Development.

Success has gone way beyond goals set out to accomplish. Installation of these systems throughout the core Tribal area has made the PV solar systems a part of daily Tribal life. They serve as a visible reminder of the Tribes commitment to energy stewardship and sustainability. This has spurred at least two privately owned systems and installation of another 40kW on new construction project

(Tribal Nursing Home) where the roof was designed for solar loading in the design of the roof before construction.

A very important component of the project is long term monitoring and savings verification. This physical verification of operation also allows FSST to collect production data each month to see actual figures for produced offset amounts. To date, the systems have saved FSST an estimated\$ 152,800 by offsetting 153MWh since projects were started.

The process of training FSST personnel to install the systems saved a lot of money and all materials were purchased directly at wholesale pricing for very efficient cost points. Ground mount systems were being installed for about \$2/watt installed cost.

The project was described in a local story in the Moody County Enterprise, Dec 11,2019

DOE Office of Indian Energy- Final Technical Report

Cover Sheet

Project Title:	Solar Energy Development on FSST Reservation
Date of Report:	25 Oct 2022
Award Number:	DE-IE0000118
Total Project Costs:	
Technical Contact:	Ryan Kills-a-Hundred, 605-864-8157
Business Contact:	Robert Byrnes, 402-201-7659

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Executive Summary:

FSST undertook this project to install PV solar with the goal of reducing retail power consumption at 11 Tribal buildings. A combined total of 31 BkW has been installed over these sites and power savings are being recorded every month.

The Tribe entered into the project with several specific

objectives that made this a unique effort. First of all, all of the systems were installed by Tribal maintenance personnel with some technical support. This model had been developed with previous projects that NRES had completed and had shown great success. This approach helped to ensure we met the DOE goal of 'building capacity' within the Tribe. There was some skepticism about this model in Flandreau at the onset of discussions, but the excellent final results spoke for themselves!

A second objective was to overcome the sore lessons that were learned after FSST invested in early deployment of pole mounted solar systems that were not sturdy enough for SD winds. It was a very courageous decision to move forward again with solar pole mounts (and other types) in this very high wind area. We shall report that the Tribe was fully successful in achieving what they set out to do there.

I final major objective was to deploy the PV Solar systems in such a way as to integrate them into their surroundings wherever possible. In some cases the mounting choice was clear, but in several locations, the system was designed to be a functional and aesthetically enhancing part of their surroundings. These elevated systems allowed the PV system to act as a shade structure and create useful space under them as well as making power. FSST had these elevated ground mount systems specially designed for our application by Ironridge and were rated for the tough winds of South Dakota (120MPH+).

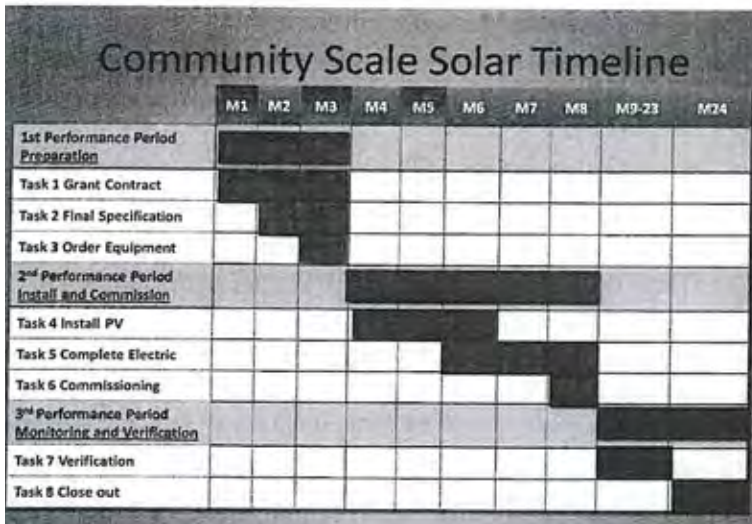
Project Objectives:

Project objectives are shown above. Major tasks were to prepare, install and verify operation of the 11 solar systems. These systems were all commissioned within the first year and have been in the monitoring program for about two years (on average).

Maintenance

The FSST PV solar project was very concise and all objectives were met and commentary on how that all went is included in section 5. The preparation period was critical to ensure we had final designs and specifications for all systems and placed all orders up front so that materials were available when needed.

The installation period was prefaced by training to FSST maintenance personnel by NRES so that safety and



technical information was shared. The ‘big picture’ of the 318kW project was reviewed and the many small points regarding the various mounting systems. The project intentionally include all of the various types of mounting systems for maximum exposure and training opportunities (building capacity). These included single pole mounts as well as multiple pole mounted shade arrays, standard and elevated ground mounts and flush roof mounts using S-5! Clamps on their standing seam metal roofs. Once installed, the systems were commissioned.

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Description of Activities Performed:

Our project activities following the preparation task was controlled by weather. We were able to commission the Pharms system completely and installed pole mount pipes before Winter set in. Having the poles installed already allowed us to follow up with completing installation right away before Spring, when we were preparing to install the balance of the systems.

As the project progressed we had some steps overlap between different systems to allow concrete set or

something, but generally we stayed on one project site and completed installation to the point it was ready for the electrician and commissioning.

FSST Maintenance had regular duties as well supporting Tribal operations, so personnel able to support the PV installations was variable. To further ensure development of internal capacity and maximum value to the grant, tools and equipment needed for the installations were purchased an in kind cash match. The extra deep holes for the pole mounts were undertaken by the city who owned a special deep drill, otherwise FSST will be ready in both training and tools to install their own additional systems in the future with only a minimum of technical support, if any. This was a major goal for this project.

These skills will be both refreshed and expanded as we prepare to install a 40kW system on the recently completed FSST Nursing Home which will utilize a ballasted tray system to support panels on the flat roof. This would represent a 6th approach to mounting panels and one they have not used yet, but with tools, skills and confidence gained by this DOE project.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

We had several specific successes that went beyond simply achieving the goals we had set out to accomplish. One was that the systems had been designed for extreme weather and they proved themselves well in May of this year when the site saw recorded wind speeds of 120MPH+. There was no system damage as a result of the storm, except one ground mount that was damaged by flying debris. The elevated panel sites saw no damage as the additional height allowed ground debris to go underneath the mount and not do any damage to the panels. All of our hard work on design and building strong paid off!

The 20-30 degree incident angles we installed the panels at provided the least wind exposure and uplift as well, enhancing the survivability of the system in extreme storms and coverage by snow.

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Because the interconnection policy in South Dakota was

more like 'net billing' than 'net metering', system sizes were carefully selected by studying years of past power use. Systems were sized for about 30% offset (with a 50kW cap), so that a bare minimum of energy was pushed back to the grid as excess. These excess deliveries to the grid were only valued at 'avoided cost' so we specifically tried to ensure maximum retail value offset was achieved for best economy and ROI.

The project was described in a local story in the Moody County Enterprise, 11 Dec 2019. Presentation at DOE Energy Conference 12/20 and 11 /21.

Lessons Learned:

This was a major undertaking for the FSST and with any such effort, a review of challenges and approaches to addressing them are critical to ensure that we learn and grow from the experiences.

The interconnection agreements with the City of Flandreau had to be developed from scratch which took much longer

than we thought, though it did not hold up any production as units were brought online after state electrical inspection. In the future, this process will be much smoother. The city was less than enthusiastic with our efforts to buy less power.

Personnel losses and turnover created challenges with reporting requirements and this was the reason why we had trouble getting quarterly reports together sometimes and requested an extension to close the grant out. FSST will take a different approach and place a greater emphasis on the selection of the grant team. Personnel losses can never be completely eliminated and will always have the potential to create challenges for the grant team.

The elevated ground mount systems were a great success in creating usable space under the panels while demonstrating better storm resiliency as described above. The was a great achievement for the Tribe and the project. Their construction was more challenging than the standard ground mount, so a technique using a pre-assembly approach on the ground and lifting into place with the rented 6k forklift was developed to make installation quicker and easier.



THPO QUARTERLY REPORT

Good Morning, I have been meeting with Laura Wolf, Regional coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Forest Service; Patricia Weyrich, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources/ forestry division; Tanner Clausen, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and natural resources /watershed protection; Amanda Morrison , South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources/ Policy planner and grant writer.

Together we are looking at the Big Sioux river (specifically tribal land) for areas to build buffers and forests for animal habitats and sanctuaries. In doing so we can decrease the spraying of farm chemicals, create a ground cover to clean as much farm chemicals as possible from the ground. Also, we will provide areas for beavers that clean the environment naturally. Depending upon how much land the tribe is willing to allow for this project, we can apply for \$50,000 or as much as \$300,000. The type of trees, bushes and ground cover is up to us.

If we had enough land we could design a campground for funds to sustain the project. The deadline for this years funding is a week away so we have planned to have a well organized budget and plan for next year.

CO2 pipeline

I have started to meet with the company ... Summit Carbon Solutions .. that is affiliated with the pipeline. The one meeting we had was for maps, introductions to pipeline workers and potential changes. We will have monthly meetings throughout winter. I will be making alliances with Dakota Rural Action and other tribes. One branch of the pipeline is mapped to go through the Egan cemetery.

Youth Programs

When I first was hired for this job I believed that a part to historic preservation was to educate our youth. Prepare them for life as best we could and enable them to choose the life, methods and techniques necessary for the way that they want to live.

I believe that our young must travel to see the world, but not in the context of serving the military. Do not misunderstand me, my father Henry marched across France in World War 2 to stop Hitler's overwhelming military force but I doubt he would enlist to invade a small country that doesn't have a air force . He would not invade a small country ... divide indigenous people ... and then bomb and kill innocent people in the name of preventing terrorism. If we want to fight terrorism then we need to go to Somalia, Rhodesia, Ukraine and help them.

If we could create a foreign exchange program that involved students or workers to spend time getting to see and meet people from other countries, the experiences would be wonderful.

Several years ago I was blessed to be selected by Doctor Marilyn Harms to be a member of a medical mission team that saved up our money ... paid our own travel expenses and donated to cases in countries we were in. We traveled through Belize and Guatemala and I will never forget the countries and people that we met.

The Mayan people were prepared to like me. That I know of, the Mayans have 3 words that are spoken the same and those 3 words have the same meaning as how we use them.

The people of those countries are poor. They have been exploited by capitalism too. Yet, they have not resorted to war and they have worked their way back by regrouping and building their fruit supplies back to what it once was. I have thought of investing in a project that my friend from Belize has built. He has a very impressive, yet modest, passionfruit jam and jelly production operation.

If only our young people could travel the world and meet ambitious, intelligent and productive people. I am reaching out to many people that I have met to get ideas and methods that we might be able to use to accomplish something like this



CLIMATE SUMMARIES

FY22 4th Quarter

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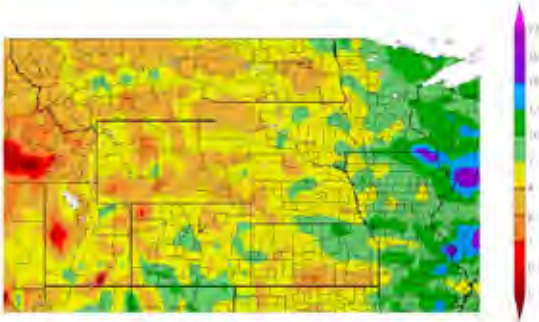
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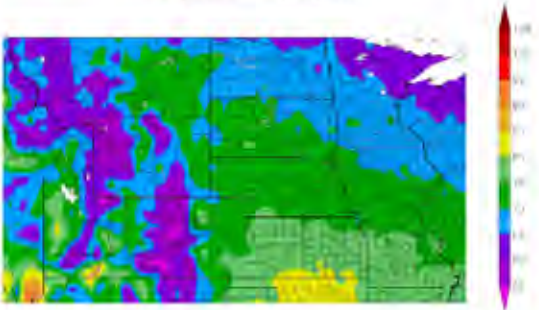
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Precipitation (in)
7/1/2022 - 9/30/2022



Source: National Climatic Data Center, NOAA

Temperature (F)
7/1/2022 - 9/30/2022



Source: National Climatic Data Center, NOAA

[High Plains Regional Climate Center \(unl.edu\)](https://hprcc.unl.edu)

Oct - Dec 2022

... looking ahead!

The outlook for October through December indicates equal chances of above, below and near normal temperatures and precipitation are present throughout the northern portion of the Basin.

Highlights for the Missouri River Basin for Jul 2022 - Sep 2022

Snow melted rapidly in Montana and parts of Yellowstone park in June causing record flooding. Damage to infrastructure was severe due to recorded flows doubled the previously recorded flows.

Drought conditions continued in CO, KS, and NE (tri-state area). August was an arid month with near record dryness in numerous locations within the tri-state area.

August temperatures were scorching in the northwestern portions of the Basin due to a prolonged heat wave, causing MT and WY to be ranked in the top 10 warmest states in August.

<https://hprcc.unl.edu/pdf/climatesummary/MORB-Summer2022.pdf>



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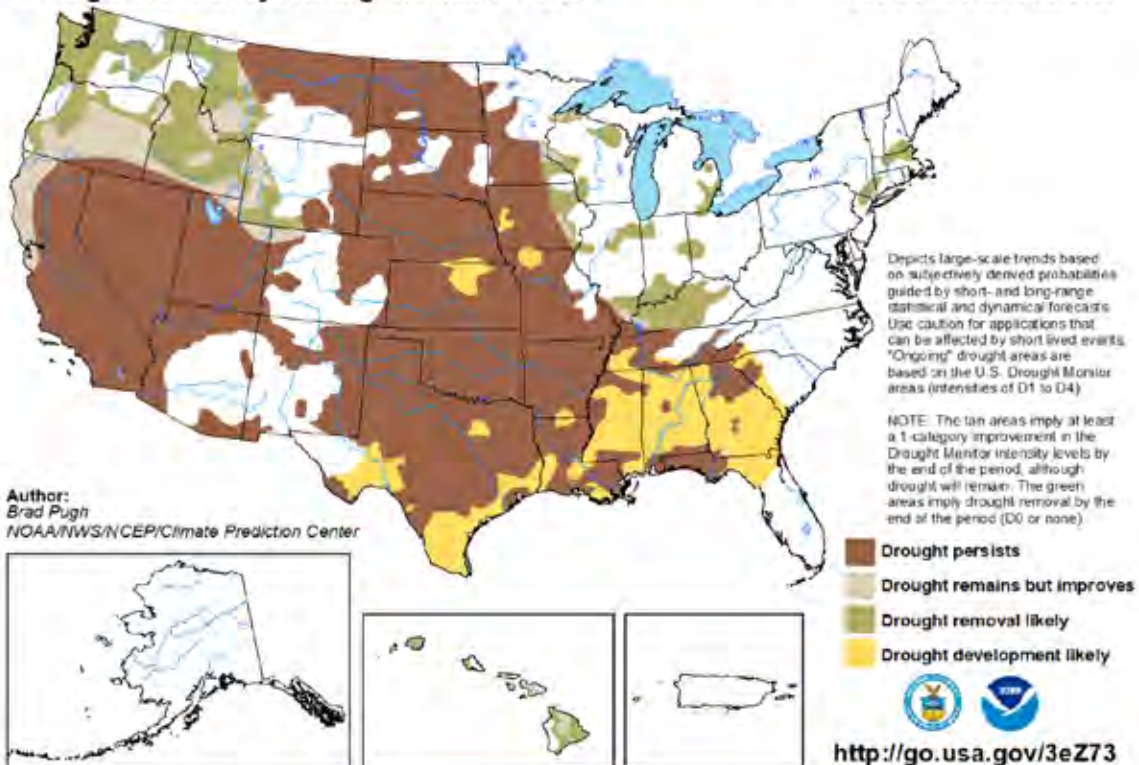
Drought Assessment

Latest Monthly Assessment - Drought expanded and intensified across the Pacific Northwest, Great Plains, Mississippi Valley, Ohio Valley, and Southeast since mid-September. This large drought expansion was due to an unusually dry September and a continuation of a dry pattern into early October. Improving drought conditions were limited to the East Coast and Southwest. The highest forecast confidence in the seasonal drought outlook (valid from October 20, 2022 - January 31, 2023) exists across the Great Plains and Southeast where drought is likely to persist with additional development. The persistence over the Great Plains is related in part to an increasingly dry climatology during the late fall and winter, while the forecast in the Southeast is consistent with typical La Niña impacts and the seasonal precipitation outlook. Prospects for drought improvement or removal increase for parts of the Midwest, but forecast confidence is low for this region. Drought coverage decreased in recent weeks along the East Coast and drought is expected to end across the Northeast during the outlook period.

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/sdo_summary.php

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for October 20, 2022 - January 31, 2023
Released October 20, 2022



[Climate Prediction Center \(noaa.gov\)](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov)



Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

2022 Climate Summary

4th Quarter



Air Temperature

Avg	71 °F
From Normal	+2 °F
Min	44 °F, Jun 1
Max	101 °F, Aug 2
Min Wind Chill	39 °F, Jun 1
Max Heat Index	106 °F, Aug 2
Frost	0 Days



Wind

Max Gust	49 mph, Aug 2
Max Speed	33 mph, Jun 29
Avg Speed	8 mph



Rain+Snowmelt

Total	4.39 in
From Normal	-7.1 in
Greatest	1.06 in, Aug 19
Rain	28 Days



Solar Radiation

Avg	6.2 kWh/m ²
Greatest	8.3 kWh/m ² , Jun 17
Least	1.9 kWh/m ² , Aug 15



Soil Temperature

Avg (4 in, bare)	78 °F
Min (4 in, bare)	49 °F, Jun 1
Max (4 in, bare)	108 °F, Jul 15
<u>Deepest Frost</u>	0 in, Jun 1



Pressure

Min	29.41 inHg, Jun 14
Max	30.32 inHg, Jun 27

Weather Indicators

Jun-Jul-Aug 2022

The air temperature, wind, precipitation, solar radiation, soil temperature, and pressure are reported for the months of June, July, and August 2022.

[SD Mesonet Archive \(sdstate.edu\)](https://sdmesonet.sdstate.edu)

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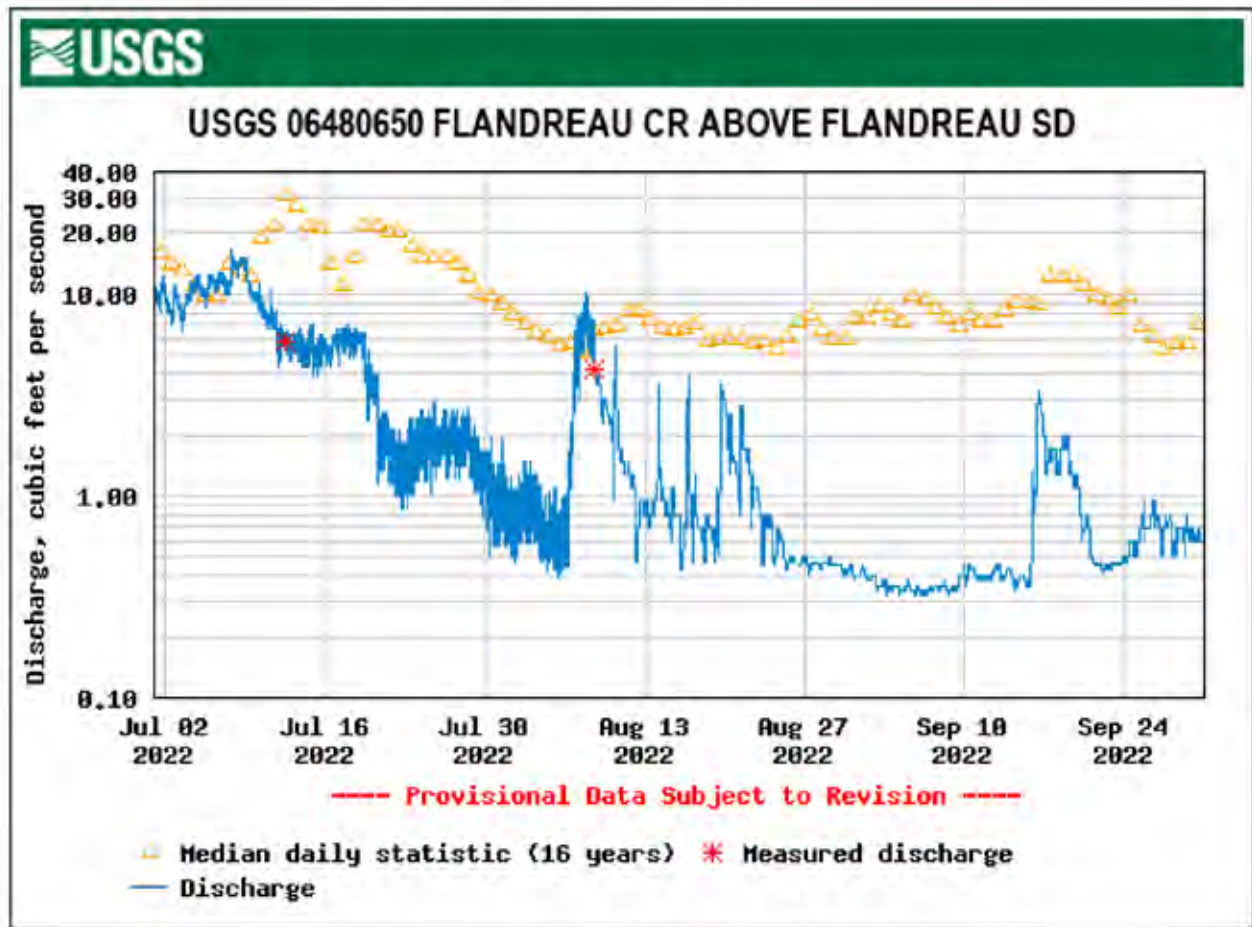
2022 Climate Summary

4th Quarter



USGS Station 06480650 above Flandreau, South Dakota

The conditions in the 2022 3rd quarter are shown in the figure below. This information is available through the U.S. Geological Survey.



https://waterdata.usgs.gov/sd/nwis/uv?referred_module=sw&search_criteria=search_station_nm&search_criteria=site_tp_cd&submitted_form=introduction

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
2022 Climate Summary
4th Quarter



Temperature/Precipitation Outlooks for October - December 2022

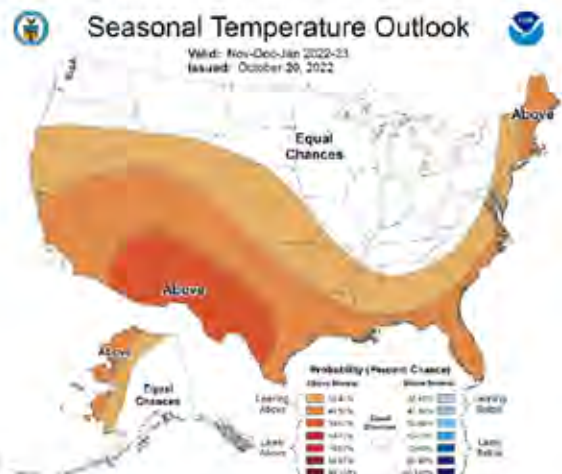
SUMMARY OF THE OUTLOOK FOR NON-TECHNICAL USERS

La Niña conditions return during the winter months which will cause above average temperatures for the Southwest U.S., Gulf Coast, and Eastern Seaboard according to NOAA’s U.S. Winter Outlook. La Niña is favored to continue into the Northern Hemisphere winter. In addition to the forecast ENSO evolution, current anomalous soil moisture and snow cover and depth along with numerical and statistical model output inform the seasonal temperature and precipitation outlooks.

The November, December, and January (NDJ) 2022-2023 temperature outlook favors equal chances of below or above normal temperatures in the northern portion of the U.S. and much of the Midwest. Above-normal temperatures are most likely for portions of the southern U.S., the Rockies, along the east coast, and the western portion of Alaska. The seasonal outlook going into spring indicated below normal temperatures for the northern most states and above normal temperatures for the southern most states with equal chances of above or below normal throughout the central states.

The NDJ 2022-2023 precipitation outlook favors above-normal seasonal total precipitation amounts the Pacific Northwest and the Western portion of Alaska. Below-normal precipitation is most likely for the southern U.S., and equal chances of above or below normal precipitation is anticipated for the majority of the states. The area of below-normal precipitation is forecast to shift more north and west as the spring and summer months progress, while above-normal precipitation is favored to shift eastward to the Midwest over the same period.

[Climate Prediction Center - Seasonal Outlook \(noaa.gov\)](https://www.noaa.gov/climate-prediction-center-seasonal-outlook)



Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe CWA 106 Program

FY 2022 4th Quarter

Prepared by Terrance Elder

Water Quality Specialist

Date: 10-28-22

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe CWA 106 Program

FY 2022 4th Quarter

1.) Personnel: During this quarter the water quality staff consisted of Interim Water Quality Specialist (WQS), Terrance Elder, GAP/GIS coordinator, Mark Allen, Brownfield and BIA Water Coordinator Liz Wakeman.

2.) Work Plan Progress:

Component 1- Program Administration:

Commitment 1.1- Tracking of financial information continued through this quarter. No inconsistencies were found regarding financial transactions or budget.

Commitment 1.2- - Sampling for the 2021 sample year was concluded in November and all relevant data was received in December 2021. Data for the 2021 sample season have been uploaded into the local database. Data was uploaded into the national database and WQS worked with AWQMS staff to reconcile formatting issues for analysis during the 1st quarter of 2023.

Commitment 1.3- Record management system SOP was revised in the first quarter and was maintained as new records arrived.

Commitment 1.4- Supply and equipment management system was maintained.

Commitment 1.5- Inventory of calibration solutions and sample prep materials are in place and is being maintained.

Commitment 1.6- Laboratory equipment was cleaned and stored until the next sample season begins.

Commitment 1.7- This report is the 4th report of this commitment.

Commitment 1.8- In the previous quarter the 319 and 106 grant proposals were combined into a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) proposal along with the GAP grant to be managed by the water quality department. No work needs to be completed on this task as the grant was approved for a two-year period. Approval was received for the 2023-24 grant years and funding levels have been accepted by EPA

Commitment 1.9- Current success story document was updated as the department staff are being trained in the continued development of technical skills. USACE has granted a Section 22 reward to study the wetlands on the reservation.

Component 2- Develop Staff Skills:

Commitment 2.1- Due to a change in the WQS, no training occurred in the 4th Quarter.

Commitment 2.2- Due to a change in the WQS, no training occurred in the 4th Quarter.

Commitment 2.3- No annual meeting was scheduled this year. Quarterly meetings are being held remotely with the water quality team for regular updates and assistance planning. One meeting was held this quarter.

Commitment 2.4- Due to a change in the WQS, no training occurred in the 4th Quarter.

Component 3- Water Quality Monitoring Design

Commitment 3.1- Monitoring strategy and Sample Analysis Plan (SAP) updates have been updated and included in the latest version of the QAPP. Increased analysis will take place on tribal land to concentrate focus on parameters of the most concern. An additional wetlands inventory has been scheduled for the upcoming monitoring season. USACE is in the process of a Section 22 study of the reservation aquatic resources.

Natural Resources

Commitment 3.2- FSST Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for the primary monitoring project needed no updating at this time. CSM was revised during the 3rd quarter of FY 2021 and incorporated into the Monitoring Strategy. The conceptual site model for the primary 106 program remains intact.

Commitment 3.3- This commitment was completed during the 2nd quarter.

Commitment 3.4- This commitment was completed during the 2nd quarter.

Commitment 3.5- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 3rd quarter.

Component 4- Public Involvement and Outreach

Commitment 4.1- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 4.2- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 4.3- Due to a change in the WQS, no meetings were attended in the 4th quarter.

Commitment 4.4- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 4.5- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 4.6- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 4.7- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 4.8- Due to a change in the WQS, no

meetings were attended in the 4th quarter.

Component 5- Water Quality Monitoring Program

Commitment 5.1- Review of component 3 continues and revisions are being made.

Commitment 5.2- Sampling for 2022 was completed at each of the sample sites listed during the 1st quarter. 1 site was sampled twice in May 2022 for a total of 7 sampling events.

Commitment 5.3- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 5.4- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 5.5- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 5.6- Sampling for 2022 was completed at each of the sample sites listed during the 2nd quarter. 2 sites were sampled in May 2022 for a total of 7 sampling events.

Commitment 5.7- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 5.8- No work has been completed on this commitment during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 5.9- Quality Control samples were taken during the 1st quarter of 2022 pursuant to approved QAPP guidelines. No other samples have been taken during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 5.10- Revisions and staff training in AWQMS was received during the 1st quarter of 2022. In previous quarters, data were analyzed, reviewed and validated. WQS uploaded all data into the national STORET database. The data processing has been completed. Draft 1 of the FSST Nonpoint Source and Water Quality Assessment Report, has been submitted to EPA for review.

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe CWA 319 Program

Prepared by Terrance Elder

Water Quality Specialist

Date: October 28, 2022

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe CWA 319 Program

FY 2022 4th Quarter



1.) Personnel: During this quarter the water quality staff consisted of Interim Water Quality Specialist (WQS), Terrance Elder, GAP/GIS coordinator, Mark Allen, Brownfield and BIA Water Coordinator Liz Wakeman.

2.) Work Plan Progress:

Component 1- Program Administration:

Commitment 1.1- Tracking of financial expenditures was updated with 4th quarter expense. No inconsistencies with the finance department were found during this quarter.

Commitment 1.2- Record management and electronic document systems were reviewed and no updates were needed in the 4th quarter.

Commitment 1.3- No trainings were scheduled or attended during the 4th quarter.

Commitment 1.4- No workshops or webinars were attended in the 4th quarter

Commitment 1.5- In the 2nd quarter the 319 and 106 grant proposals were combined into a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) proposal along with the GAP grant to be managed by the water quality department. No work needs to be completed on this task as the grant was approved for a two-year period. Approval was received for the 2023-24 grant years and funding levels have been accepted by EPA.

Component 2- Program Productivity:

Commitment 2.1- NPS Assessment report will be updated during the 4th after completion of the comprehensive Water Quality Assessment report. A preliminary assessment report has been developed. The final lab data from the 2022 sample season was received at the end of October and has since been uploaded into the AWQMS data management system for analysis. WQS worked with AWQMS and EPA staff to develop reports.

Commitment 2.2- In previous quarters, agricultural BMPs, including stock tank installation, cover crop, and no-till production are being compiled and cooperation with other local conservation districts and watershed management groups were considered to reduce redundancy and increase positive impact. Remote sensing data was partially compiled to use to improve decision making in natural resource management and to assist in delineating wetland boundaries for land cover/land use analysis.

Commitment 2.3- In previous quarters work has been performed to combine the CWA 106 and CWA 319 program QAPP documents into one stand-alone document.

Component 3- Water Quality Monitoring Design

Commitment 3.1- Stream table will be provided to the community for education outreach. It will also be used for school presentations and display.

Commitment 3.2- Big Sioux Watershed Project meetings are being attended quarterly as updates to the project occur. BMPs regarding e. coli reduction have been very promising as examples to be used on Tribal land adjacent to Tribal waters. The South Dakota State Non-Point Source Task force has also invited the FSST to attend its annual meeting to address any Tribal issues or concerns that may have.

Commitment 3.3- All trainings provided by the USEPA are being attended wherever scheduling is not a conflict. There have been no trainings during this quarter.

EARN ENTRIES OCT. 30 - DEC. 31



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FINALE GIVEAWAY

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AT MIDNIGHT**

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HSDC TRACTOR
WITH LOADER
- : 10 SERIES QUICK HITCH
- : 66" ROTARY TILLER
- : 60" 3PT BOX BLADE



MSRP: \$44,282

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