

Wicoicaga Otipi
 Community Center





August 18th: Soccer (Outside) August 25th: Croquet (Outside)

September 1st: Flag Football (Outside)

September 8th: Matt Ball September 22nd: Bean Bags

September 29th: Volleyball

October 6th: Kick Ball October 13th: Basketball October 20th: Ladder Ball

October 27th: Jail Ball Made with PosterMyWall.com

Everyone is welcome. Basic rules with games to follow. If persons under 13 attend, they must bring chaperone or adult.

Contact Sylvia Roy @ 573-4195



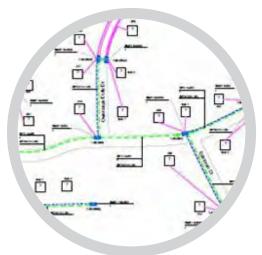






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When I was brought on this past April one of the goals the Executive Committee tasked me with was reimagining the newsletter. It was a challenge that I was happy to take on. Thankfully I was not alone on this endeavor. I have had a lot of great suggestions, participation and feedback from the community and tribal entities.

Some content was universally agreed upon; what was happening in business and government. Of course that is important. I will endeavor to provide you with the most accurate information that I can. Whether it is what is current with the tribes businesses, or what projects that the tribal government is working on, as well as sneak peeks at what the tribe may work on in the future

But there is also over 300 tribal members, as well as your families, living in our community. You, your children, and your children's children. And every one of you has a story. My hope is to make the newsletter a good source of information for the community. But my wish is for the heart of the newsletter to be the community itself.

Please feel encouraged to share with the community what is important in your life right now. Marriage announcements, children graduating, new parents, anniversaries, memorials dedicated to lost loved ones. Our community is small; but it has a lot going on within it. Too much to put in one publication.

I hope this will become something everyone will look forward to seeing every month.

David Kills A Hundred

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hau Mitakuapi

It's hard to believe another summer has gone by and that we are already welcoming October. We hope you enjoy the new newsletter format and look forward to the opening of new lines of communication with the goals to keep the tribal membership as informed as we can but we will strive to continue to get better.

We continue to push forward with our new ventures and hope to add more tribal partners across the globe. As September comes to an end the new council members are diving in and trying to get familiarized with the moving parts and inner workings of our tribe. The eagerness to learn is

promising as to what kind of leaders they will be. We have hired an Administrator for the new Assisted Living center so we are excited to see that new project begin to move to operations. The search took longer than expected as we had gotten to the contract point of negotiations with an original administrator whom then got offered more money and decided to remain at their current position. We began the search again only to have something similar happen to the second candidate. However as they say the third time is the charm and we have our Administrator and look forward to a community introduction very soon.

A few weeks ago we held our first tribal member evening social and had several of our operations people available to answer questions and the turnout was a great success. We look forward on having these throughout the year as it gives the membership opportunities to have one on one discussion with our businesses and departments in an open environment. At the next event I hope to have an agenda with time slots for each entity to get up and speak on the progress and goals that the business and programs have. That way the members can plan their evening with their schedules to be able to attend the presentations that they would like to hear. Any feed back or suggestions would be very helpful so that we can try to make sure the membership is getting the answers they are looking for from a communications standpoint. I hope everyone has a wonderful month and I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at our annual Tribal Member appreciation evening at Royal River Casino.

Anthony Reider

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### For the better part of a decade

the tribe has ruminated with the idea of a Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Justice Center. As far back as 2013 the idea of a legal facility for the tribe has been imagined, but has never really gotten past the conceptual phase.

Corrections have been a challenging endeavor to the Tribe, and has constantly posed serious issues with enforcing law. Currently, the Tribe has an agreement with the Robert's County Sheriff's Department to detain individuals arrested by the Tribal Police, which was entered into on September 4, 2015. The Tribe does not have any issues with services provided by the Roberts County Sheriff's Office, and finds them exemplary, but the facility is 125 miles from the Reservation, and transportation, booking, and returning home can take between three and four hours. The Tribe has added additional detention agreements with Pipestone County in Minnesota, Lake and Brookings County in South Dakota, and Woodbury County in Iowa for detention.

These facilities are costly, and create coverage gaps when transporting to and from the facilities.

The current operation creates coverage and safety issues for Tribal Police. If one officer is transporting an individual after an arrest, it leaves our second officer on-call or patrolling without immediate back up. Officer fatigue is also prevalent, as jailing people this far away requires work well beyond the typical 40 hours. The overtime also stresses an already small budget. If the Tribe had its own facility to house these individuals, it could completely alleviate this problem.

However, reluctance for the project has come from many directions. We already have a tribal court. Is this going to be solely for holding? Or are we going to put an emphasis on rehabilitation? How would we pay for it and could we fund such a venture? Do we really want holding facilities in our community? Perhaps the late great comedian George Carlin put it best; "BUILD MORE PRISONS!...just not here!"

A project like this would most likely be funded through grants from Congressional Appropriations Subcommittees in Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies. The breakdown for a project like this would be as such: Detention Center/Police: Construction costs in the \$450.00/ SF Range and 30% added to that for Owner's Soft Cost. That brings the total to a range of \$585.00/ SF without any additional cost escalators. Based on previous South Dakota projects, and market data, a construction partner estimated that in 2023 will most likely cost in the range of \$8.7M. Regarding the Court: It is estimated that the courts and other offices will likely cost an additional \$2M. These were 2021 figures and most likely would need to be adjusted for inflation.

The Tribe would utilize this funding to create a justice facility in Moody County to house people arrested under the jurisdiction of the Tribe, and would contract with other agencies to meet their correctional needs as well including the Moody County Sheriff's

Office and Flandreau Police Department. This building would also house the Tribal Court, and Police Department. The Tribe has developed a master plan utilizing the LEO A DALY Architecture Firm, and would modify it slightly to add adult male and female detention, and juvenile detention, totaling between 30 and 40 beds (although number of beds could always change).

Arguably more important than cost would be purpose. This facility would be a jail, also known as a holding facility, not a prison. It would be used for jailing someone who has been arrested for a minor offense or someone who is awaiting trial for the crime they are accused of having committed. Or someone who is awaiting transfer to another detention facility. The period of incarceration is relatively short compared to a prison. Holding would serve as a function, but not necessarily the purpose. The Justice Center would put a strong focus on rehabilitation.

Many times the Justice System addresses the topic

while neglecting the issue. A crime committed by a person is typically the byproduct of years of neglect, abuse, trauma etc. The crime committed by a person on another person does not affect just those two people, there is a radius of impact. A person committing domestic abuse on their partner traumatizes all those in the household, not just the partner. Children who never took a punch none the less feel the hit. Generational trauma is something that the Native American community is all too familiar with. One could argue that the American prison system could be compared to a factory. Injured people go in, career criminals come out.

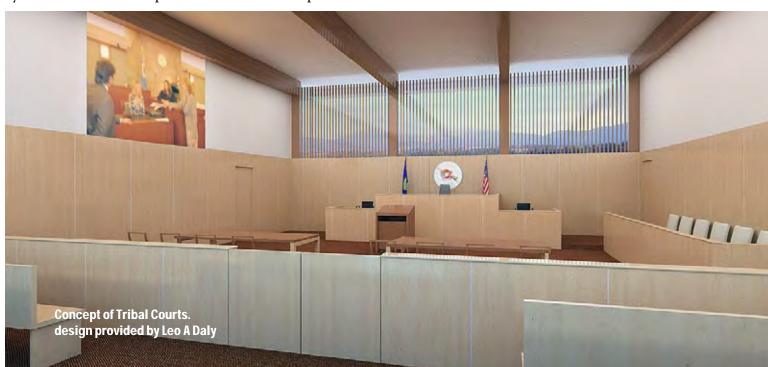
The Justice Center could offer so much more than simply holding facilities for people accused of committing a crime. It can offer counseling and other social programs for those struggling to renter society. It could offer counseling and support groups for those suffering from addiction or mental illness such as schizophrenia or borderline

personality disorder. It could even offer counseling and support for the people traumatized by the crimes committed against them. A great example of a program that can be utilized by the tribe would be Generation Red Road. An organization that promotes healing through Cultural teachings in indigenous communities.

Simply being held close to home can be advantageous. Not just in financial and manpower terms for the tribal PD, but also those being housed. Being close to home and systems of support would be hugely beneficial for those in desperate need of rehabilitation.

The concerns for a facility like this are valid. It's a lot for a community like ours to think about. A place like this forces us to look inwards, and that can be difficult for many. But just maybe, the time for a Justice Center has never been better.

For more in depth information on Generation Red Road visit https://www.genredroad.org/



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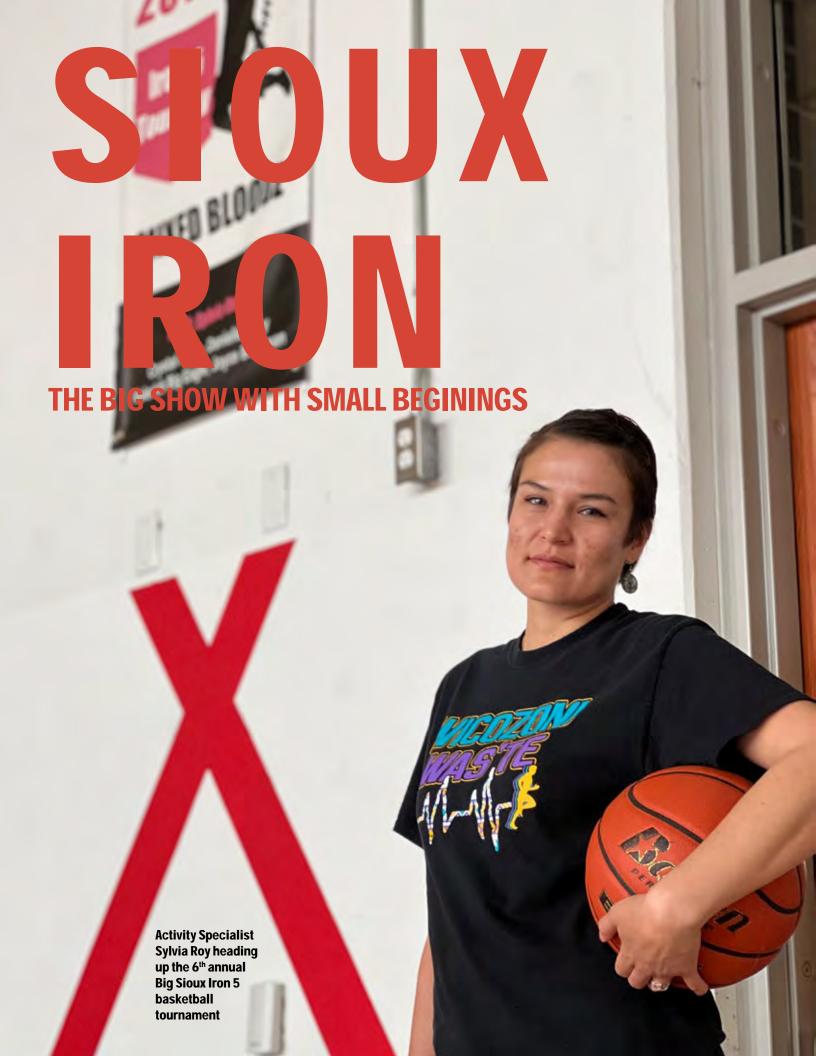
Fall Bi-Weekly \$160: Four bi-weekly deliveries beginning in August

Full Season Monthly \$200: Five monthly deliveries, May-September

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### The Big Sioux Iron 5

basketball tournament is happening a little earlier this year. The teams participating are independent, 5-player roster teams. Although the tournaments name is larger than life, in truth its origins are much more humble. The Tournament is open to all teams that pay the entry fee and wish to play. It is not exclusively for Native Americans.

Sylvia Roy is currently the Activity Specialist at the Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center. With her enthusiasm for the game of basketball one could be forgiven for thinking that the Iron 5 was her brainchild. However, initially Sylvia approached the creation of the tournament with no small amount of reluctance. "Actually the council asked me, I was working at the casino. And all they knew was I played basketball and they asked me to put in a bid for it." She goes on to laughingly say; "And I'm like, really? Cause I play basketball, now I can run tournaments?"

Any trepidation that she might have had with taking point on the new tournament was replaced with excitement and a sense of accomplishment once all

was said and done. Sylvia is already preparing for the next tournament in January 2023.

The first tournament was held in 2014 just a few short weeks before the annual Pow Wow. The first tournament hosted only 6 teams with each team paying an entry fee. The grand prize for the first tournament being 60 percent of the entry fees payed by the participating teams.

One of the oddities with the Big Sioux Iron 5 is that even though it is hosted by the tribe and utilizes the Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center, very few of the teams are actually from Flandreau. "I think, like, one year there was none." She goes on to add "I have these tournaments, and to me it's huge, it's big. And we don't even have a home team."

Even so the Iron 5 has become a passion project for Sylvia. Her hopes are for an ever growing venue with future Big Sioux Iron 5 Banners lining the walls of the community center. "I'm honestly trying to leave my mark with all these murals and banners. Cause one day I'm not gonna be here but this stuff will"

The 6th Annual Big Sioux Iron 5 will be held at the Wicoicaga **Otipi Community Center starting** January 14th through January 15th. The teams will be 5 players max and all players must be over 18 years old. For more information on being part of the Big Sioux **Iron 5 Tournament contact Sylvia Roy** at (605) 573-4195 or email her at Sylvia.roy@fsst.org

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### Saving the Lac La Croix Pony

### In the early 1900's a special breed

of horse known as the Lac La Croix Pony, or Ojibwe Pony, were plentiful in the Great Lakes transboundary area of southern Canada and the northern United States. Thousands could be found in the First Nation reservations of the area. By 1977 there were only four known breeding mares left.

The Canadian government labeled the four remaining mares a public nuisance and slated them for destruction. Before the Canadian officials could destroy the horses, individuals from the Bois Forte and the Lac La Croix smuggled the remaining ponies across the Canadian border to a farm in Minnesota where they would be free to roam. A Spanish Mustang was bred with the mares and produced two stallions Keokuk and Nimkii, who are responsible for the modern-day Lac La Croix Pony bloodlines.

So, why go through so much trouble to preserve them? What is their significance? The Ojibwe pony is a small hardy breed renowned for being gentle and intelligent. They are a semi-feral Canadian horse breed. Essentially making it an indigenous horse. Wesley Hansen has his own views on why it is so important to protect the ponies.

"The general accepted theory is, like the Indians came from the Bering Strait, is that; the Spanish brought the first horses to North America. And then they spread from the south, to the southwest and then up into the plains." He goes on to say "That's bourgeois! Because we had horses long before the Spanish brought their Mustangs."

The idea that one or more species of Equus might have survived the Pleistocene is a thought-provoking one to be sure. And while he would like to see the narratives in the history and science books

rewritten, that does not seem to be Mr. Hansen's ultimate goal. "I think it's a chance for us to regain our relationship with the horse." Mr. Hansen was made aware of Ojibwe ponies after recently hearing about them on a Minnesota Public Radio broadcast. While the Tribe has not actually discussed purchasing any of the ponies, Mr. Hansen would like to see that happen. "Horses are good for people. To be around a horse is a good thing."

Equestrian therapy is gaining more popularity. It has been shown to be useful when employed in individuals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, anxiety autism, dementia, and delay in mental development, Down syndrome as well as other genetic syndromes. Equestrian therapy has also been employed to help with several types of depression, trauma and brain injuries, behavior and abuse issues and other mental health issues. In this capacity, the Ojibwe ponies could be a blessing for many in our community.

"The species is known to be small and docile. As far as equine therapy, you wouldn't want a better horse for that. I mean they're made for equine therapy."

With the last Ojibwe stallions dying in the 1960's and being left with little choice but to breed the remaining mares with a Spanish Mustang stallion, some may argue that the time to preserve the species has come and gone. "Just like the horse, we're dying." Wes laments "So, I mean, we can relate to that horse." He also warns about the cost of doing nothing for the pony. "The cost would be knowing that they're there, and us not doing anything. We're close to it geographically. Logistically it makes sense. So, I think the cost would be letting not only the horse down, our own people down, but our neighbor tribes down. I think it would be tragic."



# CONNECTING

### **Painful Lessons**

The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the lack of reliable broadband internet for our community. Distance learning was important of course, but the sheer volume of students and teachers online stretched the servers to their limits. Sometimes to their breaking point. Even if you do not count the pandemic, tribal members living in the rural areas still rely heavily on access to the Internet for their everyday lives.

Like it or not, the internet is here. The internet is how many people keep up with events, it is how they do their daily shopping, how they manage their daily affairs and business. Having access to the World Wide Web is paramount.

### **Planning Ahead**

Even before the pandemic swept the globe, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe had been working on securing federal funding to provide Internet services to its members. The Tribe paired with Valley FiberCom as the designated internet service provider and first submitted their "FSST Broadband Adoption and Sustainability Project" grant application in December of 2021. In May of 2022, the Tribe received an award notice for approximately 2.5 million dollars through the National Telecommunications and Information Administrations Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

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Take a break after that last sentence. You've earned it.

### Next Step: Implementation

The funds awarded to the project will allow for five years of prepaid internet services and a laptop for all qualifying households. While the tribe is responsible for securing the grant, it is Valley Fibercom that is responsible for all internet services, maintenance of internet services, and distribution of laptops to the qualifying tribal households. Valley FiberCom will also provide lessons on how to use the laptops for tribal elders, or anyone else who needs guidance on how to operate a laptop.

# THE DOTS

### **Bringing fiber Gigabit internet to the tribe**



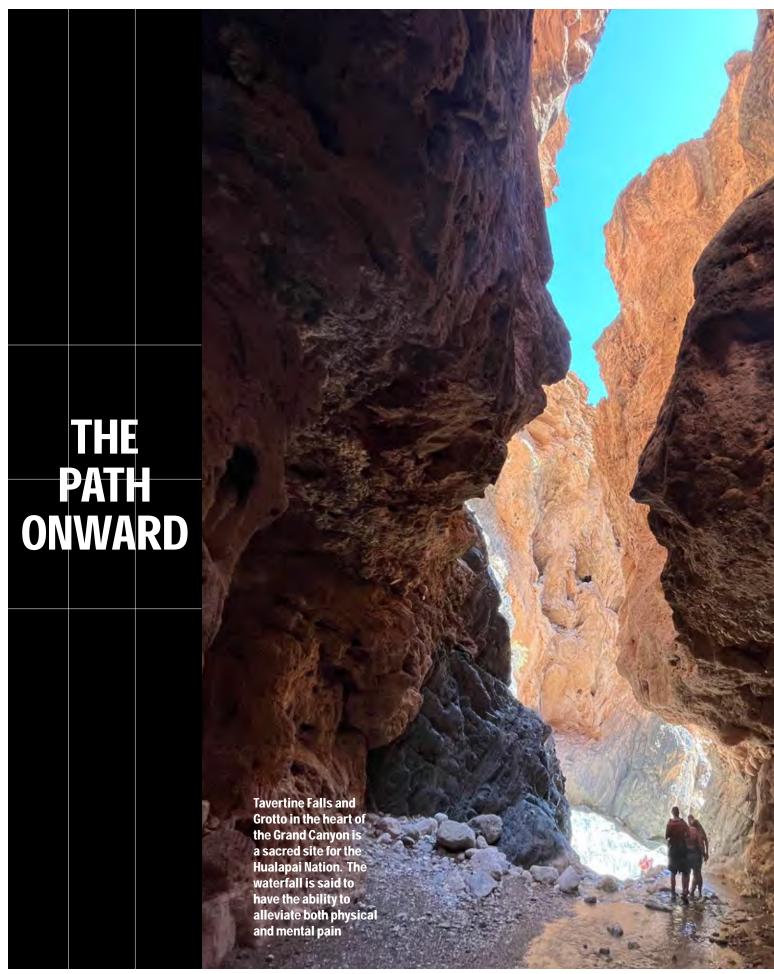
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### **Quality Security Speed**

The fiber Gigabit internet service (1000Mb/s) being delivered to FSST households by the "FSST Broadband Adoption and Sustainability Project" grant is not only the fastest residential internet in the region it is the most secure, reliable, stabile, resilient and future ready of all internet delivery methods. Fiber internet service typically has been reserved for business use due the high cost of the infrastructure and operating expenses. The reasons stated above are also why business will almost always choose a fiber internet provider over DSL, cable, or satellite.

As to how fast fiber gigabit internet is, for comparison the Tribe has been operating all campus entities on a shared fiber internet connection for many years first at 30Mb/s, then at 150Mb/s, and until last year 1000Mb/s. The FSST campus at any given time has more than two hundred devices accessing internet resources. Long story short gigabit services to your household will be amazing!





When Native Nations Cannabis opened in July of 2021 it had a business strategy that can best be summed up by Staff Sergeant Lincoln Osiris a.k.a. Kirk Lazarus; SURVIVE!

There was no guarantee that State officials, backed up by Federal agents, would not force the tribe to repeat the destruction of the cannabis crop like they did in 2014. Every day Native Nations Cannabis was open for business was a blessing.

The next strategy Native Nations took was outward expansion. The reasons for this were two-fold.

Lessons from the past; if cannabis was here to stay, then NNC needed to capitalize on its lead and branch out to mitigate the impact of inevitable competition. More immediate; partnering with other Tribes across the country was vital for ensuring the continuation of Native Nations Cannabis in the instance that law enforcement shut down operations in Flandreau. While at the same time cementing good will and lasting relationships with other Tribes by helping them set up a thriving business, creating employment opportunities, and help increase the standard of living for their people.

Now a new phase for NNC is set to begin. Native Nations Cannabis has reached out to Tinhorse Consulting LLC. April Tinhorse is a member of the Hualapai Tribe of Northwestern Arizona and specializes in marketing and consulting. In particular April would assist NNC with the drafting a 5 year plan for NNC. The Tribe has experience with the benefits of a 5 year plan. It was the implementation of a 5 year plan that helped bring the Casino back from a long decline in business and profits.

Although NNC has proved successful, there was more of a focus on preparing for the worst rather than structuring internally. By exercising its sovereignty the Tribe has emboldened others, native and non-native, to open dispensaries across the state of South Dakota. With outward interference becoming less of a threat; Native Nations Cannabis feels the time is right to set its sights inward.

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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.



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5PM - DOORS OPEN & APPETIZERS

5:15PM - FSST YOUTH DRUM GROUP

5:45PM - WELCOME BY FSST TRIBAL

PRESIDENT TONY REIDER

5:50PM - PRAYER BY MATO OHODA MANI

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6PM - DINNER

7PM - BRULE FOR ENTERTAINMENT

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