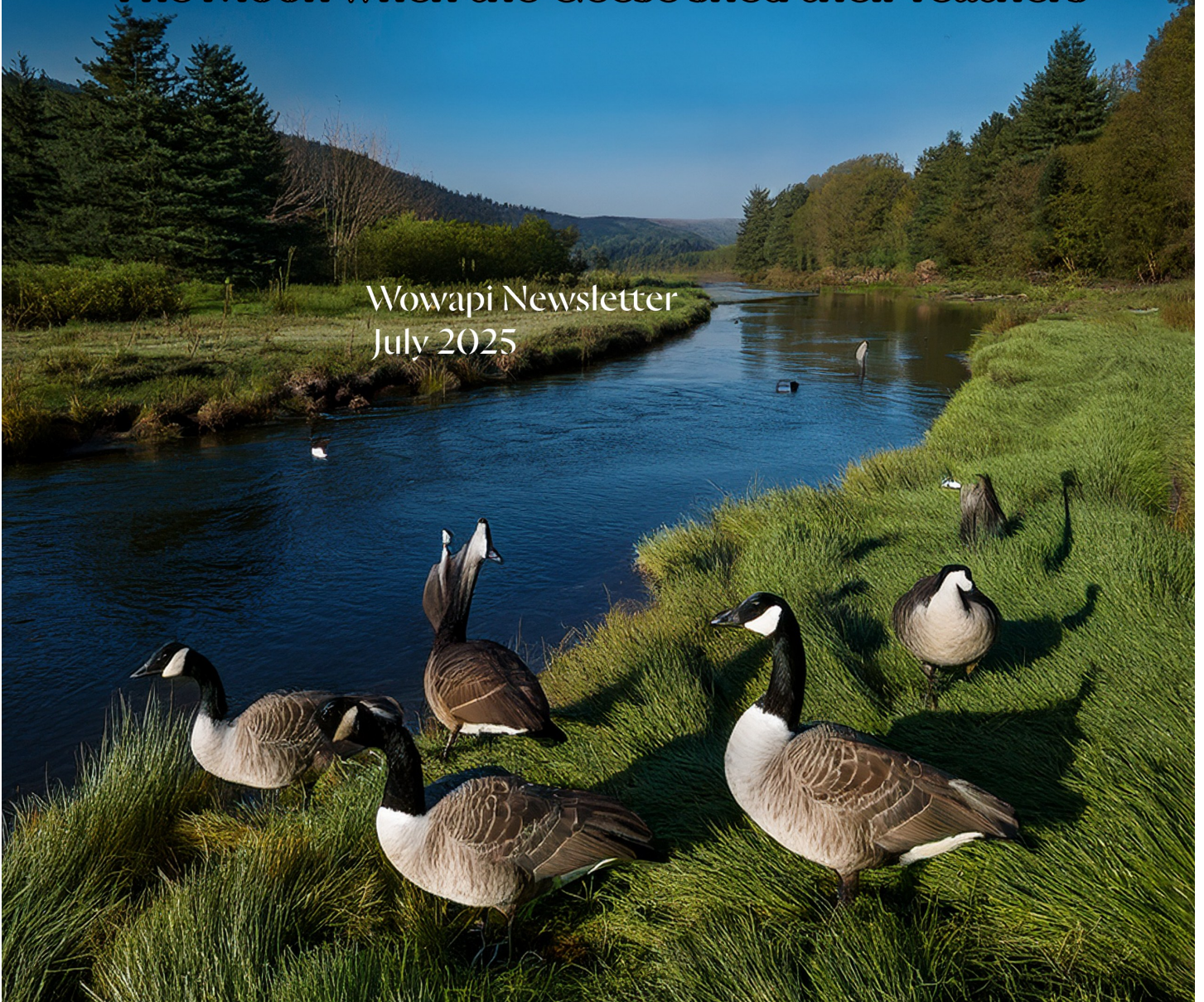




Wasunpa Wi

The Moon when the Geese shed their feathers

Wowapi Newsletter
July 2025



Wa-s-un-pa Wi

(Wah- shoon-pah We)

This month, the Dakota Word for July is Wasunpa Wi or the Moon when the Geese shed their feathers. The name of the Moon / Month can vary from region to region, tiospaye to tiospaye. Some refer to the month of July as the Moon when the chokecherries ripen. This year, we chose to honor our feathered kodos of the north.

Did you know?

Canadian Geese, the species most commonly seen in our region cannot fly during a period from early June to early August. This period is known as the molting process, where birds lose their feathers, which are then replaced by new healthy feathers just in time for relocating to warmer climates. In the northern regions geese tend to molt later whereas southern flocks can begin molting as early as spring.

Dakota Significance

The Canadian Goose and other migratory birds marked the changing seasons for all who observed them throughout time. Their flight was often celebrated and their geese were often revered as beings capable of delivering prayers for good health and healing to the grandfathers of the north.

In addition to being a significant food source, their feathers, wings and other body parts were preserved and utilized in ceremonial artifacts and ceremonial events. The blessings that this elegant being brought to the people was recorded in oral traditions, teaching Dakota children virtues and how to respect their winged relatives.

Member Birthdays



Wishing our membership, near and far, a very Happy Birthday!

07/01 Lucian Herrick	07/11 Alfred Byrd	07/23 Dale Allen
07/02 Azure Eastman	07/12 Nadine Drapeau	07/23 Jaxon Gonzalez
07/03 David Ross	07/12 Jailey Long	07/23 Darryl Graham
07/03 Patricia Roy	07/12 Kevin Nelson	07/23 Gail Hawkins
07/04 Jack Crawford Jr.	07/12 Lainey Rederth	07/23 Gordon Jones Jr.
07/04 Erika Deal	07/13 Brent Boutwell	07/24 Debra Amburn
07/04 Nathan Ross	07/13 Vine Drapeau Jr.	07/24 Melodie Crow
07/04 Monica Vensand	07/13 Merri Rederth	07/24 Andres Davis
07/04 Marilyn Williams	07/14 Veronica Bird	07/25 Okalani Cavender
07/05 Aron Jaques	07/14 Devin Drapeau	07/25 Cinthia Eckert
07/05 Brandon Refsland	07/14 Delson Long Jr.	07/25 Javen Kitto
07/06 Sydney Beane	07/15 Joshua Peterson	07/27 Jay Jackson
07/06 Brittany Marshall	07/15 Farrah Rederth	07/27 Shirleigh Rederth
07/06 Victoria Perez	07/15 Vivian Sheely	07/28 Gabriel Douglas
07/07 Hazen Eagle Elk	07/17 Elise Chippewa	07/28 Cassandra Herrick Forman
07/07 Dabbi Faulk	07/18 Andrea Horan	07/28 Angeline Wilkins
07/07 Kari Fleury	07/18 Michael Nordhausen	07/29 Rudolph Lovejoy
07/07 Della Flute	07/20 Amos Jones	07/29 Zaxx Rederth
07/07 Devin Himes	07/20 Lilia Torres	07/30 Rose Flute Player
07/07 Julene Lupkes	07/20 Kaitlyn Wakeman-Locke	07/30 Theoda Schaitel
07/07 Gayla Pruett	07/21 Rogelio DeLuna	07/30 Joesph Shopbell
07/08 Sylvia Roy	07/21 Helen Ghost Dog	07/31 Ardetta Lovejoy
07/08 Brenda Weston-Penny	07/21 Jared Nesje	07/31 Teah Lovejoy
07/10 Denis Faulk	07/22 Norman Kitto	
07/10 Tyanna Flute	07/22 Jaden Sully	

WAKPA IPAKSAN WACIPI!

2025

FLANDREAU, SOUTH DAKOTA

Wacipi Committee Specials

Winucada & Wicacada Specials

Golden age 60+ plus Jingle,
Grass, Fancy & Traditional all
Categories Separated:

1st \$800 + Plaque
2nd \$600
3rd \$400

Adults Men & Women age 18-59

Jingle, Grass, Fancy & Traditional

1st \$600 + Wacipi Tee
2nd \$400
3rd \$200

Teens Boys & Girls: Grass, Jingle, Fancy & Traditional: 13-17

1st \$400 + Wacipi Tee
2nd \$300
3rd \$200

Veterans Special

1st \$500
2nd \$300
3rd \$200

Saturday 11:30 AM Bruce Allen Honoring
share a song, meal, shake hands & other
Tiwahe Special TBA

Junior Boys & Girls: Grass, Jingle, Fancy & Traditional

1st \$150
2nd \$100
3rd \$50

Men's 18+ Chicken Dance Special

1st place \$300 + Wacipi Tee
2nd place \$200
3rd place \$100

All ages: Hat & Boot Special, Side Step & Clown Dance

WACIPI COMMITTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURY &
LOST & STOLEN ITEMS. 24 HOUR SECURITY

NO ALCOHOL NO DRUGS NO FIREWORKS OR NO FIREARMS ALLOWED

Waanatan (Sneak Up)

1st \$1000
2nd \$800
3rd \$600
4th \$400

WAKPA IPAKSUN SINGERS

Presents

Two Person Singing

Contest (Saturday Evening)

1st \$400
2nd \$300
3rd \$200

Trista Camey, Outgoing Mrs. Wakpalsun
Teen sidestep

1st \$300 and Ribbon Skirt
2nd \$200 and Ribbon Skirt
3rd \$100 and Ribbon Skirt

Memorial Softball Tournament for Miles Roy
(Saturday 19th) Contact Sylvia @ 605-531-3720

Registration Opens Friday Saturday-Opens
@ 10AM Closes 1230 PM Day Pay for all
dancers - Dancers must be in FULL regalia

DANCERS 18+ MUST HAVE VALID ID OR TRIBAL ID

Host Drum: Mato Pejuta

Arena Director: Chaske Lablanc
Eyapaha - Butch Felix

First 12 registered drums will be paid. Must have
at least 5 singers. NO DRUM HOPPING

Moccasin Games (Registration Sat AM @ Noon Start)

1st \$800
2nd \$600
3rd \$400
4th \$200

Memorial Softball Tournament for Miles Roy
(Saturday 19th) Contact Sylvia @ (605) 531-3720

Friday Evening Meal
Saturday Breakfast & Saturday Supper
Sunday Breakfast

Fireworks Saturday @ dusk
Comments, questions or concerns?
Contact: (Jon Schrader Sr. 605-633-1955
Monte Lovejoy 239-980-6075)

JULY 18, 19 & 20

Join the Powwow

CLEAN UP Crew



What we will do?

- Pick up & properly dispose of waste
- Ensure Powwow Ground Facilities are Clean

What to bring?

- Sunscreen
- Closed Toe Shoes
- Water Bottle



Where is it?

July 18-20th

Sign up for shifts

FSST Powwow Grounds

Ages 14-18



For more information Contact Victoria Olson or Dusty Beaulieu

THURSDAYS | 5PM-10PM

RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

STEAK *Night*

\$22.99

8OZ Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato,
Vegetable and Dinner Roll
Add a Lobster Tail +\$10

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Hungry?



EVERY THIRD FRIDAY
4:30PM-9:30PM

SEAFOOD BUFFET

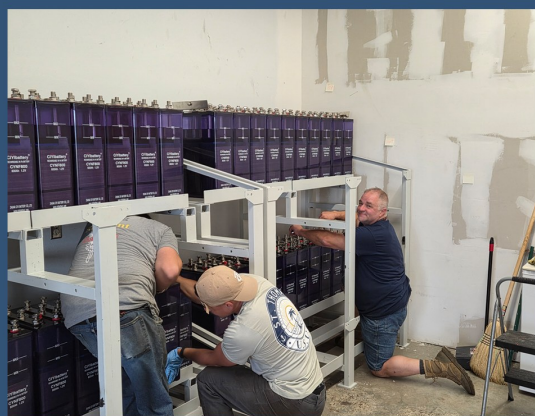
RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

ADULTS
\$50

CHILDREN
\$25

Enjoy unlimited crab legs and
an assortment of seafood.

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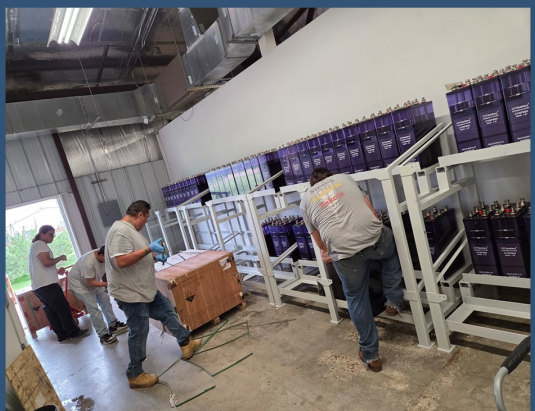


Our Government Office Building is now undergoing an installation of solar storage batteries for the solar panels, which will be mounted on the roof.

Each battery is approximately 200 lbs. and there are 160 of them providing 160 kW per hour. Once completed the Government building could be powered for up to 2 days and be recharged via generators during an outage or emergency.



Robert Byrnes and his team are working hard on this massive installation. Each rack shown, houses 40 batteries.



Pictured: Robert Byrnes, Aaron Fisherman, CJ Williams, Kevin Payer, Buster Cadotte & Lucian Herrick.

Great Job from all of us!

Busier than Bees!



Employee Appreciation Day

Wednesday, June 18th

Our Human Resource Departments have outdone themselves once again, on Wednesday June 18th FSST Employees were treated to an amazing day away from work.

Each employee received a coupon for lunch at one of two food trucks on site as well as a coupon for ice cream in addition to a \$200 bonus for all their hardwork.

Pidamayaye Tanka do to our Human Resource Professional for a job well done!



Food Trucks!

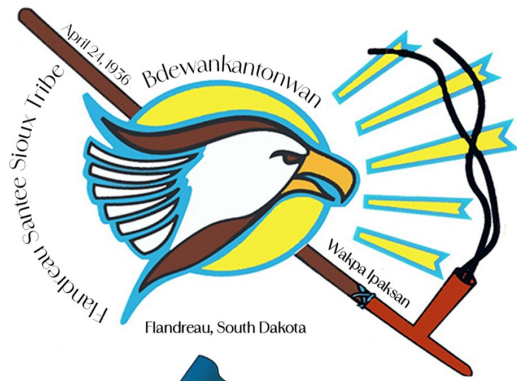


FAMILY FUN



Prizes!





June 4, 2025

Wakpa Ipaksan received a visit from South Dakota's new governor, Larry Rhoden. President Reider informed the governor of the tribe's economic development efforts across the U.S. and emphasized the necessity for our nation to being unreliant on the federal government in the future.

Govenor Rhoden emphasised developing a cooperative relationship with open lines of communications, reaffirming his Open Door Policy. Gifts were exchanged with Governor Rhoden receiving a beautiful star quilt.

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in wishing our employees a very Happy Birthday!

07/03 David Ross
07/07 Sylvia Roy
07/08 Lindsey Weston
07/14 Jessica Morson
07/14 Devin Drapeau
07/20 Amos Jones
07/20 Lilia Torres
07/21 Aubrey Liedle
07/23 Brian Arnold
07/23 Gordon Jones
07/27 Shirleigh Rederth
07/28 Tarin Allen
07/29 Rudolph Lovejoy





SMOKEHOUSE BUFFET

RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

SATURDAYS
4:30PM-9:30PM

Enjoy a savory buffet
with various slow cooked
and smoked favorites.

ADULTS
\$32

CHILDREN
\$19

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Hungry?



BRUNCH *Sundays*

RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

Enjoy a delicious buffet with an assortment of
all your breakfast and lunch favorites.

ADULTS
\$20

CHILDREN
\$13

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Attention Artist!

Display & Sell Your Crafts
Every 1st & 15th of the Month

Display Tables Available **Reserve Your Space!**

Government Building
603 West Broad Avenue



FSST YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM



- ✓ FIELD TRIPS
- ✓ RECREATION
- ✓ CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- ✓ EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES



**JULY 1ST-
AUGUST 7TH**

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
9AM-1PM**

**SIGN UP DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS JUNE
23-24 & PARENT MEETING JUNE 26TH AT 5:30PM**

LACROSSE CAMP



JULY 14-15TH

JULY 14-15TH

Basics and learning
10am-3pm

JULY 15TH

Scrimmage
5pm

RISING 5TH GRADE TO SENIORS

For more information contact Destiny
Nelson
(605) 530-6256



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WARRIOR
WEDNESDAY

8AM-8PM

Show a valid Military ID,
DD-214, or Veterans ID Card
at the Service Center for

\$15 FREE PLAY



Weekly Promotions!



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SINFUL SPINS

GOLDEN ROYAL WHEEL

SUNDAYS | 2PM - MIDNIGHT

WIN FREE PLAY

EARN 5 POINTS OR HIGHER ON
YOUR ROYAL REWARDS CARD TO
PLAY THE KIOSK GAME AND
REVEAL YOUR FREE PLAY PRIZE!



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RIVER'S BEND
RESTAURANT

**DAILY
7AM-7PM**

\$5 OFF
Senior Meal Deal
Ages 50+

Earn 5 points or higher with your Royal Rewards Card and receive \$5 in COMPS from the kiosk directly to your card. Redeem at the River's Bend Restaurant or Snack Bar.

Weekly Promotions!

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**ROYAL RIVER
OPEN**
GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
BROOKINGS COUNTRY CLUB | BROOKINGS, SD

8AM - REGISTRATION

9AM - SHOTGUN START

6PM - ROYAL RIVER ROYAL ROOM
AWARDS BANQUET

**CALL 605.997.5353
FOR DETAILS + SIGN UP**



\$10K
HOLE-IN-ONE

Elder Day

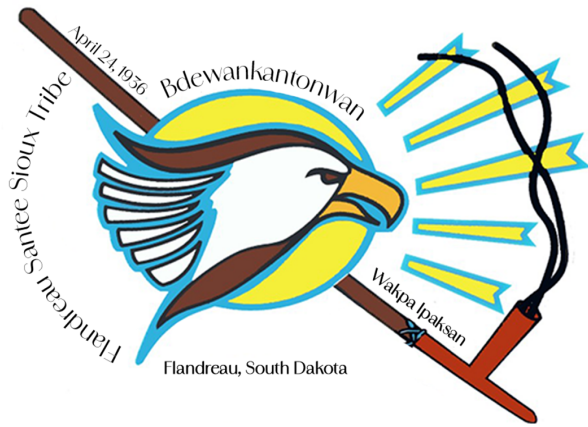
Youth assisting our elders in projects or other activities around their home and yard.

Tuesday, July 22nd

9am-1pm



**Elders 55+ Contact Victoria Olson at
(605)291-2210 to get added to our list!**



Save the dates!

07/04 ~ July 4th Holiday
Closed for the Holiday

07/18 ~ Wacipi Weekend Begins
Tribal Government &
Administration Closed

07/25 ~ Food Distribution
2:00 pm
Maintenance Building

07/31 ~ Town Hall / Community Gathering
5:00 pm
Community Center

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July 2025 Menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

		Closed 4			
		3		Sloppy Joe's Mac. Salad Baked Beans Watermelon	
		2		Oven Baked Chicken Potato/gravy Buttered Corn Festive Lettuce Salad Choc. Cake	
		1		Meat Loaf Scalloped Potato's Buttered Squash Springtime Salad Frosted Banana Bar	
		8		Ruben Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese Relishes w/dip Fruit Pizza	
		7		Beef Burritos Green Chil Rice Corn Salad Tres-Leches Cake	
		15		Chicken Breast Rice Pilaf Brussel Sprout Bake Tossed Salad Lemon Bread	
		14		Spaghetti w/meat Sauce Caesar Salad Garlic Toast Strawberry Fudge Poke cake	
		22		Pizza Tossed Salad Raspberry Zinger Cake	
		21		Chicken Cordon Blue Hashbrown Casserole Glazed Carrots Rhubarb Dessert	
		29		Taco Salad Fresh Fruit	
		30		Barbeque Ribs Baked Potato Harvard Beets Crunchy Veggie Salad Choc. Pudding	
		31		Scalloped Potato's & Ham Buttered Corn Tossed Salad Angel Food Cake w/ strawberries	
		25		Beef Stew Corn Bread Silver Glade Salad Lemon Lasagna	
		18		CLOSED ENJOY YOUR POW-WOW WEEKEND	
		17		CLOSED 	
		24		Pepper Steak over Noodles Mixed Veggies Royal Salad Choc. pudding	
		1		August 1 Wild Rice Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich 7-layer salad Humming Bird Cake	