# Wakpa Ipaksan

## Monthly News

***Canwapa Gi Wi*** *(September)- the month the leaves begin to turn color.*

***September 2026***

# First stretch of Flandreau bike path paved



Concrete workers poured and scored the first section of Flandreau's new bike and pedestrian path last Friday. Beginning near the west entrance to town, the path will connect with existing sidewalks and trails across the community. The long-term goal is to continue expanding local routes and eventually connect Flandreau with other area communities.

After years of planning, the first stretch of Flandreau's new bike and pedestrian path is now paved. Workers completed the section along Pipestone Avenue last Friday, marking a visible milestone for a project that has been discussed and developed for more than the past decade.

The path begins near the west entrance to Flandreau and follows Pipestone Avenue east toward the former Flandreau Motors property. From there, it will wind behind the Flandreau water tower, weave over to South Veterans Street and continue toward the existing tribal sidewalk and trail system.

This is the first of three planned phases intended to eventually create a more connected path through the community. Future portions are expected to extend toward the Crescent Street bridge, Flandreau Indian School and the north side of town, with the long-term goal of reaching the powwow grounds.

The path, local leaders say, is about more than offering residents another place to walk, run or ride. It is part of a broader, long-term effort to create a more active, engaged and vibrant community. Trails can help safely connect neighborhoods, schools, parks and businesses while encouraging people to spend more time outdoors, interact with one another and move through town without always needing a vehicle.

They also can add to a community's overall quality of life and make it more attractive to families, visitors and potential new residents.

Additional work remains, but those who have worked on the project say they are happy to see the community's long-planned bike path is no longer just an idea on paper.

The FSST Newsletter is always looking for news from the membership. If you have information and/or photos of happenings or events in your family or community please share with your Newsletter staff. Marcie.walker@fsst-nsn.gov The Newsletter is printed out on 13th of every month and distributed on 15th Per cap day.



## Membership Services & Enrollment

Hours

M-Thursday 8:00-5:00pm

Friday 8:00-4:30

## 2016 Senator Thune Visits the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe



## Tribal ID's have a new look!





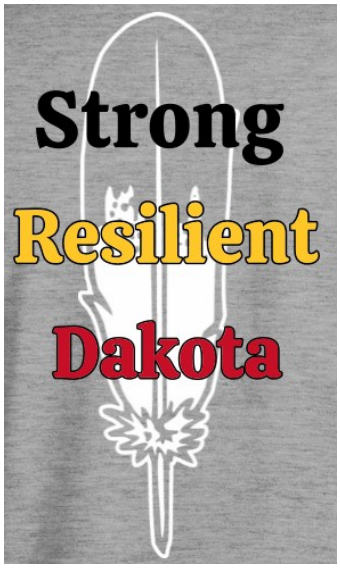


Set up appointment to get your new Tribal ID with Membership Services @997-3891 Ext 1251

There is no charge at this time but in the near future the cost will be $20

## 2016 Annual Dog and Cat Rabies Vaccination Clinic








# Feeling anxious about Childcare costs?

## We can help!

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Childcare Program is currently accepting applications to our **Childcare Subsidy Program.**

**Program Eligibility Requirements:**

- **Must reside in Moody County, or a neighboring county.** *Adjacent border.*
- **Child, Parent OR Grandparent must be an enrolled member of ANY federally recognized Tribe.** *If you are unsure or need help acquiring documentation, we may be able to help!*

If your family meets these initial criteria, stop in or scan the QR code for an application. Then come see us!

The FSST Childcare Program is currently partnered with the following quality providers:

**Local Participating Providers:**

- Babies & Tots Daycare (605) 366-5468
- Bethany Thielsen Family Daycare (605) 864-1100
- ECE Clubhouse of Moody County (605) 531-2011

**Neighboring County Participating Providers:**

- ECE Clubhouse of Brookings County (605) 692-3333
- The Sandlot Daycare in Dell Rapids (605) 428-5533
- Scarbrough Center at STI in Sioux Falls (605) 367-8444

**If you are a licensed provider interested in becoming one of our partnered providers, please call us at (605) 997-2311to learn more.**



# LEARN. PLAY. GROW.

## IMMEDIATE OPENINGS AVAILABLE

- **Priority enrollment for children born between April 19, 2025 and September 21, 2025**
- **Accepting children born after September 1, 2022**
- **JK and Kindergarten after school programming**

SCAN TO BEGIN THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS!

The Clubhouse
Early Childhood Enrichment Center

**Other spaces available**
**Contact us for details!**
**605-531-2011**

**www.greatfuturessd.org/FlandreauClubhouse**








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| 09/01 | Flute, Maverick John |
| 09/02 | Himes, Jonah Earl |
| 09/02 | Mull, Erin Louise |
| 09/03 | Allen, Mark Douglas |
| 09/03 | Mulroy, Patsy Lynne |
| 09/03 | Simons, Robert James |
| 09/04 | Figueroa, Ariel Chelle |
| 09/04 | Geffre, Ryan Edwin |
| 09/05 | Two Bulls, Shane Lewis |
| 09/06 | Bursheim, Beverly Jean |
| 09/06 | Severson, Debra Lynn |
| 09/08 | Taylor, Justin Miles |
| 09/09 | Allen, Victor Steven |
| 09/09 | Flute, Lacee Rose |
| 09/09 | Jenson, Donna Faye |
| 09/10 | Barse, Christopher Honesty |
| 09/10 | Kills A Hundred, Donovan Paul |
| 09/10 | Two Bulls, Phoenix Whirlwind |
| 09/11 | Allen, Sandra Kay |
| 09/11 | Bose, Wakinyan Isanti |
| 09/11 | Crow, Rosemary Donna |
| 09/13 | Beaulieu, Wacantkiya Win |
| 09/13 | Miyasato, Simone Lea |
| 09/13 | Nichols, Mya Shyelle |
| 09/14 | Bad Heart Bull, Carly Eastman |
| 09/14 | Beane, Katherine Elizabeth |
| 09/14 | Jones, Richard Dean |
| 09/14 | Long, Sandee Lucy |
| 09/14 | Redwing, Major Jay |
| 09/15 | Johnson, Nathan Wilbourne |
| 09/15 | Jones Sr., Timothy Walter |
| 09/15 | Jones, Jill Marie |
| 09/15 | Long, Jayla Elaine |
| 09/15 | Rambeau, Tyler Erin |
| 09/16 | Fisherman, Aaron David |

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| 09/16 | Nesje, Wayne Robert |
| 09/17 | Galvan Jr., Charles |
| 09/17 | Nepstad, Valerie Kaye |
| 09/17 | Shepherd, Wakinyan Hotain Taylor |
| 09/18 | Long, Jalen Anfernee |
| 09/18 | Rederth, Gracie Kaye |
| 09/19 | Lovejoy, Jill Kristina |
| 09/20 | Soward, Nina Gail |
| 09/20 | Swindell, Amy Suzanne |
| 09/21 | Himes, Levi Marion |
| 09/21 | Jones, Trinity Dean |
| 09/22 | Korus, Danette Rae |
| 09/23 | Bose, Kikta Isanti |
| 09/23 | Taylor, Aaron Eugene |
| 09/24 | Van Hofwegen, Cora Elizabeth |
| 09/24 | Williams, Vine Redd Bison |
| 09/25 | Fyten, Leah Marie |
| 09/25 | Owen, Lisa Leigh |
| 09/26 | Smith, Nevaeh Raye Anne |
| 09/27 | Flute, Sara Marie |
| 09/28 | Eastman, Aleah AIM |
| 09/28 | Jones, Frederick Christian |
| 09/28 | Romero, Emanuel Wade |
| 09/28 | Weston, Sage-Belva Wicanhpi Wiyakpa |
| 09/29 | Beaulieu, Wanbdi Hdeska Tainiciya |
| 09/29 | Corcoran, Bradlee David |
| 09/29 | Jaques, Alicia Amber |
| 09/30 | Long Sr Sr., Delson Leonard |

***Happy Birthday to Our Tribal Members***



## Slow Cooker Tex-Mex Chicken

**Prep Time:** 15 min
**Ready In**: 6-8 hours
**Servings:** 4

**Nutrition Facts:** Per 1 serving—**without rice**
219 calories, 4.1 fat (1 g saturated fat),
59 mg cholesterol, 699 mg sodium,
19 g carbohydrate, 4.7 g fiber,
26 g protein.

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb boneless, skinless Chicken Breast, cut into 1-inch strips
- 2 Tbsp Taco Seasoning Mix
- 2 Tbsp Flour
- Each, Green and Red Pepper, cut into 1-inch wide strips
- 1 cup frozen Corn
- 1 1/2 cups Salsa
- Optional toppings: Green Onions, Cilantro

**Directions**

1. Toss chicken with taco seasoning and flour in slow cooker. Stir in vegetables and salsa; cover with lid.
2. Cook on LOW 6 to 8 hours (or on HIGH 3 to 4 hours.)
3. Can serve over rice with optional toppings if desired.



## Banana Berry Frozen Yogurt Bars

**Prep Time:** 15 min plus freezing
**Servings:** 21, 1 bar each

**Nutrition Facts:** 1 serving
50 calories, 1 g fat (0.5 g saturated fat),
0 mg cholesterol, 45 mg sodium,
9 g carbohydrate, <1 g fiber,
2 g protein.

**Ingredients**

- 10 1/2 Graham Crackers, broken into quarters
- 1/2 cup sliced fresh Strawberries
- 1/2 cup Blueberries
- 1 cup Vanilla Non-Fat Greek Yogurt
- 1 cup thawed frozen Whipped Topping

**Directions**

1. Line 9-inch square pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides. Arrange half the graham pieces, in 3 rows of 7, on bottom of pan.
2. Pulse fruits in blender or food processor just until blended. (Some chunks should remain.) Spoon fruit into medium bowl; stir in yogurt and whipped topping. Spread over graham pieces in pan; top with remaining graham pieces, aligning over graham pieces on bottom layer.
3. Freeze 4 hours. Use foil handles to lift dessert from pan; cut between grahams into 21 bars. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

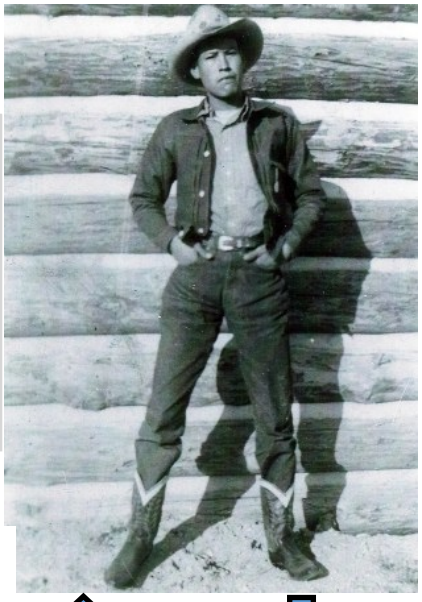
# Memory Lane











Sid Byrd



Garment Factory Workers- FIS



*Front Row L To R: Grace Moore, Agnes Ross, Nina Kitto*

*Middle Row L to R: Victoria Allen, Elisie Wakeman, Mr.Schwab, Gloria Lovejoy*

*Back Row L to R: Elisa Crawford, Agnes Heminger, Fannie Cavender, Pearl Wakeman*

## July 4 1929



## Forrest Lovejoy Home




## First Presbyterian Church 1957





# 2026-2027 Flandreau School Calendar

**July 2026**

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**July**

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| 4 | Independence day |
| | All Wednesdays = 3:00 pm dismissals unless otherwise noted |

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**August**

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| 11 | Staff In-service |
| 12 | Staff In-service |
| 13 | Staff Workday and Open House = 5:30 - 7:00 pm |
| 17 | Staff In-service |
| 18 | First day of school - 1:30 pm dismissal |

**September 2026**

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**September**

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| 7 | No School = Labor Day |
| 30 | 1:30 pm dismissal |

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**October**

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| 8 | 2:30 pm dismissal = Conferences |
| 8 | Parent-Teacher Conferences: 3:30 - 8:00 pm |
| 9 | No School = Conferences |
| 9 | Parent-Teacher Conferences: 7:30 - 10:00 am |
| 12 | No School = Native American Day |
| 16 | End of 1st nine weeks = 45 days |
| 28 | 1:30 pm dismissal |

**November 2026**

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**November**

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| 25 | No School |
| 26 | No School - Thanksgiving |
| 27 | No School |

**December 2026**

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**December**

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| 17 | 3:00 pm Dismissal - Semester Tests |
| 18 | 1:30 pm dismissal - End of Sem = 45/42 = 87 days |
| 21-31 | No School |
| 25 | Christmas Day |

**January 2027**

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**January**

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| 1 | New Year's Day |
| 1-4 | No School |
| 4 | Staff In-service |
| 5 | School resumes |
| 18 | No School = MLK Jr. Day = **snow make-up day** |
| 27 | 1:30 pm Dismissal |

**February 2027**

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**February**

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| 11 | 2:30 pm dismissal - Conferences |
| 11 | Parent-Teacher Conferences: 3:30 - 8:00 pm |
| 12 | No School = Conferences |
| 12 | Parent-Teacher Conferences: 7:30 - 10:00 am |
| 15 | No School = Presidents' Day = **snow make-up day** |
| 24 | 1:30 pm dismissal |

**March 2027**

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**March**

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| 5 | End of 3rd nine weeks = 43 days |
| 24 | No School = Spring Break |
| 25 | No School = Spring Break |
| 26 | No School = Easter Break |
| 29 | No School = Easter Break = **snow make-up day** |

**April 2027**

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**April**

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**May 2027**

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**May**

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| 13 | 1:30 pm dismissal |
| 13 | End of semester = 45/88/175 days |
| 15 | Graduation - 2:00 pm |
| 31 | Memorial Day |

**June 2027**

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| ** | All snow make-up days will require a 10 days' notice |
| ** | Snow make-up days:Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 29 |
| **** | All other make-up days will be on weekdays |
| **** | following May 13, 2027 excluding May 31, 2027 |

**June**

# NABS Raises Concerns Over Proposed National Archives Closures

by **Native News Online Staff** September 8, 2026



The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial School in Michigan. (Photo/Collins & Wightman / Library of Congress)


**Overview:**

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition is raising concerns over proposed closures of National Archives facilities in Chicago and San Francisco, warning that reduced access to federal records could hinder survivors, descendants and Tribal Nations seeking information about the Indian boarding school era. NABS is urging meaningful tribal consultation before any decisions are made about preserving, digitizing and providing access to these records.

# NABS Raises Concerns Over Proposed National Archives Closures

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) is expressing deep concern over reports that the National Archives and Records Administration plans to close regional facilities in Chicago and San Francisco without meaningful consultation with tribal nations and Native communities.

In a statement, NABS said the archives hold records that document the lives and histories of Native people, including records that can be critical to boarding school survivors and their descendants seeking information about their relatives.

“These archives hold pieces of our relatives’ lives and histories,” NABS said. “For boarding school survivors and descendants, these records can help answer questions about where our relatives were sent and what happened to them.”
The coalition said access to historical records is particularly important as survivors, descendants, Tribal Nations and communities continue efforts to understand and document the history and lasting impacts of the federal Indian boarding school system.

NABS created the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive (NIBSDA) to help make boarding school records more accessible to survivors, descendants, Tribal Nations, researchers and communities. The coalition said its work with the digital archive has reinforced the importance of access to records for truth-telling, accountability and healing.

“For survivors, descendants, and Tribal Nations, these records are not distant pieces of history. They hold the names, stories, and connections that families have spent generations searching for,” said Fallon Carey (Cherokee Nation), NABS digital archive director.

“Our work through NIBSDA has shown us just how important access to these records is,” Carey said. “Any decisions that make these records harder to access must include the Tribal Nations and communities whose histories they hold.”

NABS is urging the National Archives and Records Administration not to move forward with the proposed closures without meaningful consultation with Tribal Nations and Native communities.

The coalition specifically called for consultation regarding the preservation, digitization and accessibility of records held at the facilities.

NABS said the records are not simply historical documents but are part of the living histories of Native families and communities.

The proposed closures have raised concerns among tribal officials, historians, archivists and others who rely on federal records to research Native history, including the federal Indian boarding school era.

## *Shout out to our Newly Elected Council Members*

Chairman- Ryan Kills A Hundred

Secretary- Angie Eastman

Trustee I- Jessica Hovland

Trustee III- Kenny Weston



## FYI First Day Of Fall
## September 22



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# ROLLYN "ROLLY" HABEGER SAMP



SEP 20, 1943 — SEP 1, 2026

SIOUX FALLS

## Obituary

Visitation with the family present will be from 4 to 7 pm on Monday, September 7, 2026, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. A funeral service will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The church will be livestreaming the service on their Facebook page: facebook.com/stmarksluth

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the family to be distributed in Rolly's honor at a future date.

Rollyn Habeger Samp

September 20, 1943 – September 1, 2026

A South Dakota Original

Rollyn Habeger Samp, 82, of Sioux Falls, a South Dakota original whose life was built on family, faith in Christ, friendship, and the state he never stopped serving, passed into eternal rest on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, under the compassionate care of Dow Rummel Village Hospice in Sioux Falls, surrounded by family, after a short illness with cancer.

Rolly loved his wife, Karen, first, for whom his entire world revolved around. He loved his family. He loved the church. He loved his friends and his work. He also loved South Dakota with a loyalty that was not just sentimental, but also practical: he spent a lifetime fixing what was broken in it, writing what it needed, speaking for those who had no voice, and telling the truth when it wasn't popular. Clients called him when they were in trouble. Neighbors called him when a law needed changing. Young people called him when they needed a roof and a second chance. He always answered the call.

Rolly was born September 20, 1943, in Chester, South Dakota, the nearest hospital to Wentworth, where his mother lived and his grandparents farmed, the son of Elden Burmester Samp and Ardyce Habeger Samp. His first years unfolded while his father served in the Pacific in World War II with a fleet band that played for troops. When his father came home at Christmas 1945, the family made a life in the small towns of eastern South Dakota. His mother wrote for the Argus Leader and kept a food column that ran in newspapers across the Upper Midwest. His father directed high school bands, including in Flandreau, the town Rolly always named as home. Flandreau formed him: a prairie town, a tribal nation next door, and a sense that a person was supposed to be useful.

He carried that expectation to Augustana College, where he met a young lady named Karen who he decided he'd marry the moment he met her. Augie is where he earned a degree in political science and communications, debated on a national champion college team, and received the Sen. Francis Case Leadership Award and the Sen. Robert Taft Award. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1968 and was admitted to the South Dakota bar that same year. Fifty-eight years later, his peers still gave him the highest independent mark a lawyer can receive, the Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating. The rating measured skill and ethics. People who knew him measured something simpler. He was a true north of integrity in the public interest.

In June of 1964, in Bismarck, North Dakota, Rolly married that young lady he fell in love with, Karen Ann Moore. That same year the Argus Leader named them Newlywed Couple of the Year. They were dedicated to each other for 62 years. Together they raised seven children: Michael, Matthew, Rondina, John, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Susan, and he had a special bond with each of them. Together, Rolly and Karen also opened their home as foster parents to more than 70 young people over 18 years. They treated each person who entered 2609 as family. To this day, people who grew up in that house still call them Mom and Dad.

Faith was life. Rolly and Karen belonged to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, where he served on the building committee for the church's iconic pyramid sanctuary. He served as vice president and president of Hope Lutheran Church and as a delegate to the Dakota Crossroads Conference and the South Dakota ELCA State Convention. He sat on the Augustana College Fellows Cabinet. He founded the Fellowship of Christian Estate Planners and wrote Final Tithe: A Christian Approach to Estate Planning, a book that treated money as a matter of stewardship rather than mere accumulation. He liked to tell clients they could "run an estate from the grave." It was a joke with a sermon inside it: take care of the people you love and do it on purpose.

When people really needed a lawyer, they often called Rolly Samp. He fought for families, farmers, and small-business owners, taking cases other lawyers wouldn't touch. He masterminded and negotiated the release of a baby held hostage by Pablo Escobar's Medellín cartel. He served as co-counsel for a young woman wrongly accused of drug trafficking and helped win a verdict of innocence before Mexico's Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, the nation's highest court. He represented entities in more than $8 billion in Wall Street financing and, over a career, served more than 5,000 families and 1,000 businesses. He was an old-fashioned lawyer who listened hard, thought harder, and did not confuse cleverness with character.

South Dakota law bears his handwriting in many ways. He's credited with authoring the state's economic development tax incentive, its original homeschool legislation, amendments to state administrative procedure, Rural Ambulance District laws, and local-option tax legislation. He helped organize the citizen effort that authorized and funded a four-year medical school for the state; you know that today as the University of South Dakota Medical School. In 1976, he worked to authorize funding for students at private colleges. He helped pass the state's parochial and Christian school tuition law. In 1977, he was among the leaders who ended a 40-year ban on championship high school football playoffs. Later he served on the Governor's Task Force on trust reform and co-authored a 1999 University of South Dakota Law Review article, "The Negligent Situs of Trusts." The trust-law work that followed helped make South Dakota, in the judgment of Forbes, Fortune, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and a long list of financial institutions, one of the best places in the country to keep your money. He did not do that work to make the state fashionable. He did it because he believed the law should protect people who built something and wanted it to last.

Government was never a spectator sport for him. As a young man, he spent six years heading the South Dakota field staff of U.S. Rep. Ben Reifel, the first Plains Native American elected to Congress. At 25, he was chief of staff to Governor Frank Farrar. His political consulting firm handled more than 770 campaigns and won 92 percent. He was South Dakota's longest-serving Republican precinct committeeman, elected continuously since 1964. Governor William Janklow honored him with an Outstanding Citizen Award and had the back of the medal engraved: "You made me look good a lot of days." Rolly liked the line because it was honest. He was not interested in looking good. He wanted to get the work done.

That same instinct shaped his work with Native nations. He served eight years as chief tribal judge for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and belonged to the Northern Plains Tribal Judges Association. He helped defeat a referendum that would have mandated state jurisdiction over Indian reservations and helped organize the United Sioux Tribes. In 1986, the United Sioux Tribes gave him their highest honor, a blessed peace pipe, in thanks for decades of service. The honor sat alongside the quieter work: showing up for families who needed him and treating tribal sovereignty as law and people with dignity.

He had a gift for standing in rooms that did not look like a prairie law office. For 19 years he was risk manager for NFL Super Bowls. He held the same post for Ford's 100th anniversary celebration and for several NCAA Final Four tournaments. He produced "South Dakota Remembers," the World War II golden-anniversary celebration at the State Fair in 1995 and later produced the 2001 unveiling of the state's World War II Memorial on Capitol Lake. He served as secretary and director of the USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial and spent years helping preserve the legacy of the most decorated battleship of the Second World War.

For more than 25 years, he was president of SFEA, a nonprofit housing organization that served thousands of disadvantaged families, special-needs adults, and seniors in South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska. In 1985, he founded South Dakotans to Save Our Lakes and served as the group's president from 1987 to 1991. He sat more than 40 years as a director of the Lake Madison Development Association and was volunteer editor of The Lake News, which he liked to call the world's largest lake newspaper, for 38 years. He served as president of the Dakota Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and helped found cystic fibrosis clinics in the state. He coached youth basketball for 18 years and spent many years as a Cub Scout leader. In 1989, he received the Friend of 4-H Award and 4-H Humanitarian of the Year. In 1991, the South Dakota Hall of Fame presented him with a special achievement award. At the request of Mayor Mike Huether he served on the advisory committee that built the Midco Aquatic Center. He also served on the Minnehaha County Bicentennial Committee, the Siouxland Libraries board, the Minnehaha County Ambulance Study Committee, and as a delegate to the South Dakota Futures Convention.

He wrote the way he talked: in sentences meant to be used. He authored and coordinated The Governors of South Dakota. For over two decades, his weekly newspaper column, "What's the Law?", reached some 400,000 readers. His books include The Murdo Massacre and If You Like the '50s, You'll Love These Stories. He wrote for Communicating for Agriculture, Farm Forum, and Conservation Digest, and he was a special consultant to Dan Rather and CBS News for the 1987 television special "Farm Crisis." During the farm crisis, he helped save over 1,500 family farms.

In 2023, Dakota State University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Public Service. Friends of the university have said the school itself would not exist today without the breakfast conversation in which Rolly persuaded Governor Janklow not to close it and then helped point it toward a future in technology. He received the degree and said he had spent his life with words but could not find one for how he felt. That was as close as he came to being speechless.

People who sat across from him remember the rest. He offered sage advice to clients and anyone else who asked, without asking for a thing. He had a quick wit that could cut a pompous argument down to size and then, moments later, put a worried person at ease. He lived a life of serving others in way big and small but never seeking credit.

He is survived by the love of his life, his dedicated wife of 62 years, Karen Ann (Moore) Samp; and by their seven adult children and their families: Michael (Julie) and their children Jacob (Madison), Margaret, and Peter; Matthew (Matheus); Rondina Fire and her daughter Christine Egert, John Fire and his daughter Laramie, Rebecca (Dr. Kevin) Vande Berg; Elizabeth (Joseph) Antonio and their daughter Scarlett; Susan (Young) Chau and their children Eric, Alison, April, and Annie.

He is also survived by his sister, Cynthia (Duane) Boesch; his nephews Anthony (Jennifer) and Daniel (Katie) and his niece April; his cousins Nancy (William) Lustfield, and their son Travis; Bruce (Pawn) Marek, Greg (Monica), and Gail (Jeff) Spars; his brother-in-law James Patrick (Sam) Moore, nieces Jennifer (Shane) Randolph, Christine (Michael) Layman and their many children and grandchildren; and by many other cousins, relatives, and members of his extended family, whom he cared for deeply and who often sought his counsel and advice.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elden Burmester Samp; his mother, Ardyce Habeger Samp; his brother, Timothy Elden Samp; his grandparents Jacob and Rosella Habeger and Albert and Veda Samp; and his great-aunts LaVonne Habeger (Ralph) Hass and Eileen Habeger (Dr. Jerry) Marek.

Rolly Samp was a Flandreau boy who became a Sioux Falls lawyer, a churchman, a foster father, a writer, a judge, a political mechanic, a lake editor, and a keeper of other people's emergencies. He remained, to the end, a South Dakota original. The state is a better place because of Rolly. The people who loved him are better off today because he belonged to them.

# Some of us are Temporarily at new locations until our New Tribal Administration building is done.

Tribal Office is located at on the other side of Tribal Maintenance Shop or some might know it as the old Flandreau Motors building across the street from Family dollar.

In this building you will find Finance, Human Resources, Fleet & Roads, Natural Resources, THPO, Maintenance Assistant, Front desk receptionist, Membership Services/Enrollment and Administrative Officer

Tribal Council, Executive Assistant, Legal, Social Services, FSST Police department and IT are in the trailers at the RV park across the street from RRC.

*Signage has been order and will be put up as soon as it arrives.



# Eloise Nadine Drapeau

Oct 14, 1946 — Aug 28, 2026
Flandreau

Eloise Nadine Drapeau (Allen), age 79, of Flandreau, South Dakota, journeyed to the Spirit World on Friday, August 28, 2026, at her home in Flandreau.

Funeral services for Eloise Nadine Drapeau will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. at Eastman Hall in Flandreau, SD.

All-night wakes will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 starting at 7:00 P.M., and Wednesday, September 2, 2026 starting at 7:00 P.M. at Eastman Hall in Flandreau, SD.

Eloise was born on October 14, 1946, in Pipestone, MN, the daughter of George & Marie Allen.

Eloise graduated from Flandreau High School in 1966 and, after graduation, worked at Sioux Valley Hospital for about one year with her sister, Marie. Her mother then sent her and her sister off to college at Cook Christian Training School in Tempe, AZ, for a year, and then she went to Bacone Jr. College in Muskogee, OK, in 1967.

While at Bacone, she fell in love with her future husband, Vine Drapeau Sr., and they married August 17, 1968, and shortly after moved back to Flandreau.

Eloise lived the vast majority of her life in Flandreau and worked various occupations throughout her life. While living in Flandreau, she worked at Eaton Dakota, Flandreau Indian School Kitchen for years, as a CHR for Tribal Health, and as a member of the Gaming Commission Board for FSST, and served as Secretary on Tribal Council for four years. Eloise retired shortly after the birth of her second grandchild in 2005.

Eloise is survived by sons: Vine "KK" Drapeau Jr. and Lisa Drapeau of Chandler, AZ, and Brian Drapeau of Albuquerque, NM; three grandchildren: Brianna Garcia of Amarillo, TX, Devin Drapeau, Nadine Drapeau, and one great-grandchild, Willow Drapeau, all of Flandreau, SD; one sister: Marie (Dave) Penney of Lewiston, ID, and 32 of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Eloise was preceded in death by her parents, George & Marie Allen; brother, George Allen Jr.; husband, Vine Drapeau Sr.; and daughter, Marie Drapeau.

# September 2026 Menu

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | 1<br>Goulash<br>Corn Salad<br>Grapes | 2<br>Roast Beef<br>Potato Casserole<br>Buttered Carrots<br>Broccoli Orange Salad<br>Fresh Fruit | 3<br>Homemade Pizza<br>Tossed Salad<br>Watermelon | 4<br>CLOSED<br> |
| 7<br>CLOSED<br> | 8<br>Tator Tot Hotdish<br>Kris Mac. Salad<br>Peaches | 9<br>Meatloaf<br>Mashed Potato/gravy<br>Cali-blend veggies<br>Caesar Salad<br>Strawberry Éclair Cake | 10<br>Flavorful Chicken<br>Baked Potato<br>Buttered Beets<br>Tangy Coleslaw<br>Reese's Stuffed Brownie | 11<br>Broccoli &Cheese Soup<br>Turkey & Cheese Sand.<br>Mandarin Orange Salad<br>Peanut butter sheet cake |
| 14<br>Chicken Cordon Blue<br>Rice Pilaf<br>Green Bean Casserole<br>Tossed Salad<br>White Choc. Cranberry Cookies | 15<br>Grilled Roast Beef Sandwich<br>Oven Browned Potato's<br>Buttered Corn<br>Straight A Salad<br>Humming Bird Cake | 16<br>Pork Chops<br>Mashed potato/gravy<br>Spinach Salad<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Fruited Jello | 17<br>Italian Beef Sand.<br>Potato Wedges<br>Festive Tossed Salad<br>Pumpkin Layered Magic cake | 18<br>Wild Rice Soup<br>Roast Beef & Cheese Sandwich<br>Confetti Cottage Cheese<br>Choc. Pudding Cup |
| 21<br>Polish Sausage w/sour kraut<br>Parslied Potato's<br>Spinach Maple Salad<br>Fruit | 22<br>Hamburgers<br>Mac. Salad<br>Baked Beans<br>Apple Pie | 23<br>Oven Browned Steak<br>Mashed potato/gravy<br>Buttered Carrots<br>Straight A Salad<br>Cookies | 24<br>Chef Salad<br>Bread Stix<br>Rice Krispy Bar | 25<br>Minestrone Soup<br>Ham & Cheese Sandwich<br>Watergate Salad<br>Apricots |
| 28<br>Sloppy Joe's<br>Mac & Cheese<br>Crunchy Veggie Salad<br>Orange Dreamsicle Salad | 29<br>Crunchy Onion Chicken Breast<br>Garlic Mashed Potato's<br>Harvard Beets<br>Fruit Pizza | 30<br>Swedish Meatballs<br>Mashed Potato/gravy<br>Glazed Carrots<br>Silverglade Salad<br>Choc. Chip Potato Cookies | October 1<br>Creamed Chicken/Biscuit<br>Apple Pecan Slaw<br>Pears | October 2<br>Chili<br>Fry Bread<br>Wojapi |

***Grace Moore Senior Citizens Center 997-2924*** ****Menu subject to change without notice.***