

A full moon is positioned in the upper center of the frame, set against a deep blue, star-filled night sky. Below the moon, a wide, shallow river flows through a snowy landscape. The river's surface is dark and textured with ripples and small ice floes. On the right bank, two reindeer stand alert, their dark fur contrasting with the bright white snow. The background features snow-covered evergreen trees and distant, softly lit mountains under the glow of the moon. The overall scene is serene and captures the beauty of a winter night.

Wanicokean Wi

The Midwinter Moon



Fundraiser
First Presbyterian
Church

Friday, December 31st

**Win
Donated
Cash &
Prizes!**

Eastman Hall

**Doors Open at 5 pm
Games Start at 6 pm**

**\$500
Cash
Payout**

**New Year's
Eve 2026**



612 S. Center, Flandreau, SD



Thanksgiving Feast

On Friday, November 21st we hosted a dinner for all FSST Employees and Elders. The Executive Committee served the meal which was prepared by Gayle Soward and her amazing team.





LET'S CELEBRATE YOU!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2025

CTS. *Tanya Andersen*

12/07

12/21

Kevin Dudley BFFLO.

I.T. *Hunter Henderson*

12/08

12/25

Pamela Kitto S.C.

THPO *Carrie Kills A Hundred*

12/14

EDU *Dustin Beaulieu*

12/20

12/27

Nicholas Zachariasen I.T.

FSST Management would like to wish those of you with birthdays in December
a Happy Birthday! a light lunch and sweet treat will be provided in the finance/hr
conference room at the old clinic, located at 701 w broad avenue.

we'll see you there!



*12/01 Steven Cadotte Sr.
12/01 Steven Taylor
12/02 Cecil Smith
12/03 Kimberthly Patterson
12/04 Howard Allen Sr.
12/04 Richard Allen
12/04 Richard Allen
12/04 Ilyah Rederth
12/05 Steward Jones
12/05 Regina Lewis
12/05 Stacia Paulson
12/06 Cynthia Rederth
12/07 Tanya Andersen
12/07 Canteskuya Garcia
12/07 Amanda Johnson
12/07 Patricia O'hara
12/07 Marie Penny
12/07 Dean Wade
12/08 George Gullicksons
12/08 Priscilla Horland
12/09 Lindsay Bose
12/10 Blue Curry
12/10 Mona Miyasato
12/11 Jennifer Alderman
12/11 Barbara Ferguson
12/11 Mekayla Ray
12/11 Wilder Van Hofwegen
12/12 Thomas Harri
12/13 Lavona Allen
12/13 Montana Armstrong
12/14 Garrie Kells A Hundred
12/14 Iris Rederth*

*12/16 Laureen Herrick
12/16 Maya Rivera
12/16 Raymond Wakeman
12/17 Tate Curry
12/17 Jean Wade-Lane
12/18 Jacquelyn Barse
12/19 Travis Anderson
12/19 Joshua Weston Jr.
12/20 Phillip Allen Jr.
12/20 Timothy Cadotte
12/20 Valiyah Jones
12/20 Jamie Long
12/21 Dominic Cournoyer
12/21 Kevin Dudley
12/21 Daniel Flute
12/21 Bruce Ramlo
12/21 Mia Schrader
12/22 John Armstrong
12/22 Paige Corcoran
12/22 Ashkii Roy
12/24 Nikko Cole
12/25 Timothy Bivens
12/25 Cory Burkhardt
12/26 Candice Shoppbell - Martin
12/27 Kerry Groves
12/27 Trista Nelson
12/28 Jacqueline Allen
12/28 Morning Glory Lovejoy
12/29 Sienna Himes
12/29 Dennis Ramlo
12/29 Wardene Yellow Cloud
12/30 Thomas Ranfranz*

Member Birthdays!

NOV 1ST - DEC 19TH

Angel Tree

BLESS THOSE IN NEED

*Choose an angel, donate a gift,
rejoice with free slot play!*

PLEASE PROVIDE AN UNSEALED GIFT BAG WITH ALL ITEMS
ON THE ANGEL TREE CARD WITH GIFT (KEEP CARD WITH GIFT).

MUST HAVE ROYAL REWARDS CARD TO RECEIVE FREE SLOT PLAY.

1ST GIFT DONATION, RECEIVES
\$10 FREE SLOT PLAY

2ND GIFT DONATION, RECEIVES
\$15 FREE SLOT PLAY

3RD GIFT DONATION, RECEIVES
\$20 FREE SLOT PLAY

4TH GIFT DONATION, RECEIVES
\$25 FREE SLOT PLAY

WE ARE PROUD TO DONATE TO LOCAL CHARITIES.

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*Christmas Times
a Comin'*

Sherwin
LINTON

TUES DEC 2ND 21+
FREE | 11AM + 2PM



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EARN 10 POINTS+

WIN
FREE PLAY!



DEC 24TH + 25TH
8AM - MIDNIGHT

**Naughty
or
Nice**

**EXCLUSIVE! GOLD + SILVER
ROYAL REWARDS CARDS**

DECEMBER 2025

Healthy Holidays



WICOZANI GATHERING

Community Room
Tuesdays from 9:00am to 11:30am

**DECEMBER 2ND – WE WILL LAUNCH OUR NEW EHR SYSTEM.
PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO WICOZANI GATHERING.**

December 9th - Emotional Self-Care

On the Menu - Chipotle Avocado Toast

December 16th - Balancing Life with Exercise

On the Menu - Breakfast Enchiladas

December 23rd - Healthy Eating on Special Occasions

On the Menu - Grinch Smoothie

December 30th - Goal Setting & Lifestyle Changes

On the Menu - Ham and bean soup

December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 EPIC GOES LIVE!! NO Wicozani Gathering	3	4  Healthy Holiday 5 - 6 pm	5
8	9 Wicozani Gathering 9 am - 11:30 am	10	11  Healthy Holiday 5 - 6 pm	12
15	16 Wicozani Gathering 9 am - 11:30 am	17	18  Healthy Holiday 5 - 6 pm	19 FSST CHRISTMAS CLOSING AT 12PM
22  Healthy Holiday 5 - 6 pm	23 Wicozani Gathering 9 am - 11:30 am	24  Christmas Eve CLOSING AT 12PM	25  Christmas Day Christmas - CLOSED	26  Dakota 38+2 - CLOSED
29	30 Wicozani Gathering 9 am - 11:30 am	31		




HOLIDAY HOURS

December 19th and December 24th
CLOSING AT 12:00PM

December 25th and December 26th
CLOSED for Christmas Day and in
memory of Dakota 38+2



**TRIBAL
HEALTH
CENTER**



HEALTHY HOLIDAY

5-6pm at Wicoicaga Otipi
Community Center (West)

December 4th
December 11th
December 18th
December 22nd

On December 2nd, after many months of preparation, our EHR upgrade to EPIC systems will GO LIVE! We appreciate your patience this holiday season as we strive to provide you with the gift of more convenient, high-quality healthcare right here in Flandreau, SD!

THURSDAYS | 5PM-9:30PM

HOT HIBACHI *Nights*

RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

\$24.99

Enjoy an All-You-Can-Eat Customizable Asian experience with a variety of vegetables, noodles, and meats sauteed in your favorite sauces right in front of you!

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Hungry?

11AM-8PM

11AM-2PM ON
SEAFOOD BUFFET NIGHT

FRY BREAD *Fridays*

RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

ADULTS

\$15

CHILDREN

\$10

Enjoy traditional fry bread made fresh and top with a large selection taco toppings and wojapi!

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RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PRIME RIB

SATURDAYS
4:30PM-9:30PM

\$21.99

Enjoy tender & juicy, house made dry-rubbed, and slow cooked prime rib with an assortment of sides and salad bar!

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Hungry?

11AM-2PM

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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Develop the capacity to heal from unresolved grief and losses created by historical and generational trauma.



MENDING BROKEN HEARTS:

A NATIVE AMERICAN GRIEF THERAPY GROUP

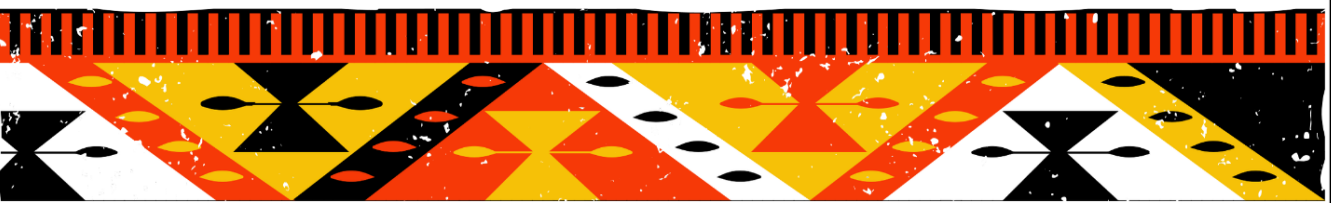
This is a closed therapy group



**Behavioral Health will be starting a
group on January 8, 2026**

**This will run for 12-14 weeks
Every Thursday from Noon to 1:30PM**

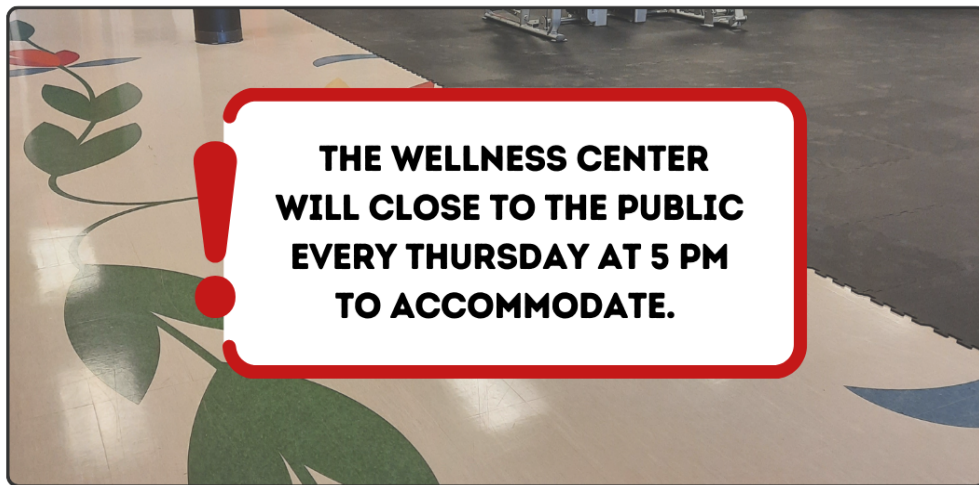
If you are interested in participating, please contact
Behavioral Health at 605.997.3844 for more information.



Thursdays in December:

EMPOWER HOUR

"Empower Hour" is a women's circuit training class held at 5pm every Thursday at the Wellness Center.



Empower Hour will be Women's Open Gym every Thursday in December.

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT
TO MAXI AT THE WELLNESS CENTER.**

503 W. Broad Ave | Flandreau, SD | 605.573.4188

Attention Patients

We are excited to announce that we will be launching our new Epic EHR on December 2, 2025.

To ensure a seamless transition and a positive experience for you, we kindly ask that you arrive 15–20 minutes early for your appointments. This extra time will allow us to complete the necessary paperwork and check you in efficiently. Please remember to bring your IDs and insurance information.

Thank you for your understanding!



EVERY THIRD FRIDAY
5PM-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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Hungry?

RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

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This buffet is even on *Santa's* wish list!

ADULTS
\$40

CHILDREN
\$20

Roast Tenderloin carving station
and other holiday meal favorites!

Christmas Day
BUFFET

DEC 25TH | 11AM-6PM



Happy & Healthy Holidays

Join us for one class each week throughout the entire month of December!

Each event is designed to help you navigate the holidays in a happy and healthy way!

All events will take place in the West Lobby of the Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center



Craft a Holiday Ornament | Education about the Flu

December 4th from 5 - 6 pm

Make a Christmas Ornament!

- Signs and symptoms of the flu
- Receive education about the flu vaccine
- How to care for yourself during the flu season

If you have not received your flu vaccine and would like help in setting yours up, Maxi will work with you!

Gift In a Mason Jar | Mental Health

December 11th from 5 - 6 pm

This event is designed to promote mental well-being and reduce financial strain, which can lead to health problems, especially when people find it difficult to purchase gifts during the holiday season. It offers a chance for family members to craft heartfelt presents for each other.



Craft supplies will be provided | Call Maxi for more information @ 605.573.4188



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Keep Moving During the Holidays

December 18th from 5 - 6 pm

Anytime Fitness from Pipestone will come to the wellness center to teach a 45-minute Yoga/Sculpt class.

YOU WILL NEED TO RSVP BY DECEMBER 11TH FOR A SPOT.

All participants are required to sign waivers.

Wellness members can utilize their current waiver.

This will help promote movement and exercise during the holidays, when many people tend to stray from their fitness routines. Education on the importance of staying physically healthy and regulating stress during the holidays will be provided.

HAPPY
YOGA



Yoga mats will be provided | Waivers must be signed



Family Festive Film Gathering

December 22nd from 5 - 6 pm

This event will give relatives a chance to sit with loved ones during the holidays.

Teach children there are healthy snack options when watching a movie. It does not need to be loaded butter popcorn, soda, candy, chips etc...

Snacks will be provided | Call Maxi for more information @ 605.573.4188

A portrait of Bobby Miller dressed as Prince, wearing a white shirt, black jacket, and dark sunglasses. He is making a hand gesture with both hands, showing off large rings. The background is dark with purple smoke effects.

THE PURPLE MADNESS

AMERICA'S #1 PRINCE TRIBUTE EXPERIENCE
FEATURING BOBBY MILLER

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 31, 2025

9:30PM DOORS OPEN
10:30 PM | FREE!
ROYAL ROOM

HIGHLIGHT THE NIGHT!
WEAR NEON RECEIVE
\$5 FREE PLAY
PLUS! PARTY FAVORS

Must be 21+
Must have a Royal Rewards Card
to receive free play.

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Ring in the New Year in Royalty Status

NEW YEAR'S EVE
BUFFET



WED, DEC 31
4PM - 10PM



RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

ADULTS
\$27

CHILDREN
\$15

Roast Beef carving station and
a variety of bountiful side dishes.

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Win Free Play for a Year!

New Year Bash

EARN ENTRIES DAILY

October 31 – December 31, 2025 | Midnight - 11:59PM

Receive 1 entry for every 10 points earned or 1 hour of tracked table games play.

EVERY FRI. & SAT. WINNERS!

NOVEMBER +
DECEMBER

5PM - 9PM 5 Winners
WIN \$200 FREE PLAY

10PM 1 Winner
WIN \$500 FREE PLAY

FINALE GIVEAWAYS!

WEDS. DEC. 31ST
MIDNIGHT

5 LUCKY WINNERS!

Win up to \$500 in weekly free play for 2026

Plus! **HIGHLIGHT THE NIGHT**
Wear Neon – Receive \$5 Free Play!

Enjoy! **PARTY FAVORS**

WEDS. DEC. 31ST



THE PURPLE MADNESS
AMERICA'S #1 PRINCE TRIBUTE EXPERIENCE
FEATURING BOBBY MILLER
10:30pm | Free | Royal Room



4pm – 10pm
**NEW YEAR'S EVE
BUFFET**
Ring in the New Year in Royalty Status
River's Bend Restaurant
Adults \$27 | Children \$15
Roast Beef carving station and
a variety of bountiful side dishes.



FREE PLAY
6pm-11pm
Receive
BONUS FREE PLAY
every hour!
RECHARGE
Royal Rewards Card Members:
• Silver \$10 Free Play
• Gold \$20 Free Play
• Platinum \$30 Free Play
• Diamond \$50 Free Play



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Must be playing with your Royal Rewards Card and be present to win. See Players Club for rules. Management reserves the right to enhance, change or discontinue any promotional event at any time with or without notice. Must be 21+.



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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!

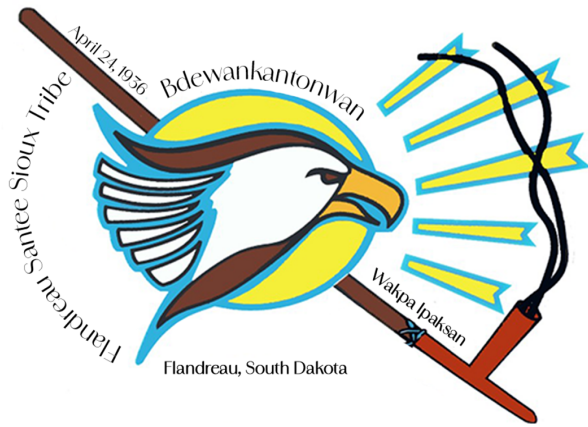
SENIOR PLAY DAY

TUESDAYS 8AM-8PM

AGES 50+ | **PLAY \$10, GET \$10 FREE PLAY**



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Save the dates!

December 6th

Flandreau Holiday Parade @ 6 p.m.
Tribal Float

December 19th and 24th

Tribal Government and Administrative
Office Closed Half 1/2 Day.

December 25th and 26th

Tribal Government and Administrative
Office Closed for holiday.

December 31st

New Years Eve Bingo
First Presbyterian Church
Doors Open at 5 p.m.
Games Begin at 6 p.m.
Eastman Hall

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December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Goulash Glazed Carrots Creamy Coleslaw Bread Stix Cream Puff Dessert	2 Chicken Breast Rice Pilaf Broccoli Autumn Tossed Salad Cookies	3 BBQ Ribs Baked Potato Green Beans Silver Glade Salad Broken Glass Jello	4 Hamburgers w/fixins Mac. Salad Baked Beans Apple Pie	5 Beef Stew Corn bread Veggie Pizza Choc/vanilla layer cake
8 Taco Salad Spanish Rice Red Bean Toss Seven Layer Bar	9 Tomato Bisque Soup Grilled Ham & Cheese Mac. Salad Brownies	10 Seniors Christmas Party Eastman Hall Baked ham Potato's/gravy Green Bean Casserole Festive Tossed Salad Pineapple Upside down cake	11 Baked Potato With toppings Carrot Salad Pumpkin Coffee Cake	12 Chili Fry bread 7 Layer Salad Banana Bar
15 Sausage Gravy over Biscuits Sausage Patty Scrambled Eggs Fruit Glazed Donut	16 Chicken Noodle Soup Turkey Sandwich Mandarin Orange Salad Chips Lemon Bread	17 Swedish Meatballs Potatoes/gravy Harvard Beets Creamsicle Cake Rhubarb Bars	18 Wild Rice Soup Roast Beef Sandwich Ham & Veggie Salad Choc. Pudding	19 Closed Staff Party 
22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED
				
29 Tator Tot Hotdish Mandarin Orange Salad Apple Crisp	30 Lasagna Caesar Salad Onion Cheese Bread Strawberry Éclair Cake	31 Meatloaf Potato's/gravy Cauliflower/cheese Tossed Salad Blueberry Delight		
<i>Grace Moore Senior Citizens Center 997-2924</i>				
				<i>*Menu subject to change without notice.</i>