

# Wasunpa Wi

July 2026

Wakpa Ipaksan Wowapi Newsletter



**A Historical Reason  
for Celebration?**



# A Historical Reason to Celebrate, but for who?

By Francis Wakeman III

When we turn back the clock 250 years ago, we were still under the delusion that we lived in harmony with the French and British Fur traders and explorers who were making their way across our territories. Unknown to us at that time, these foreign agents, aka our Allies, were surveying, mapping and carving up our territories for the great sale; the Louisiana Purchase of 1803.

Apparently, these French foreign agents, who we willingly married our daughters off too and wholeheartedly granted access to our resources, sold 828,000 acres of land, that was never theirs to sell. Greatly expanding the newly formed United States. As settlers flocked west to stake their claim to the newly acquired territory of the U.S., our abundant resource-rich homelands and navigable rivers were a primary economic acquisition, a point in history when our removal and extermination became necessary and a soon to be reality. A reason to celebrate?

We all know of the horrors of the Dakota War of 1862 and the violent end that our Akitcitas suffered for defending our nations. The true decimation of our civilization was yet to begin. By destroying, or in their terms, “Reinventing the Indian,” the very fabric of our identities changed forever; setting our families up for decades of self-inflicted abuse, ranging from alcoholism, physical abuse, sexual abuse and not to mention, the taking of our children. Yet another reason to celebrate?

For many in “Indian Country” the cause to commemorate and celebrate the nations 250th year of existence, which was modeled after indigenous governance, is nothing more than a public continuance of the disrespect we have all felt in our lives, in one way or another. Instead of celebrating the nation’s birthday, those of us with a historical conscience should celebrate 250 years of our mutual survival and the fact that, today, we hold the power to change our future and lives of our children and grandchildren.

Afterall, who doesn’t love a good fireworks display and a cookout?

# Happy Birthday Members!



07/01 Lucian Herrick	07/11 Robert Armstrong	07/22 Norma Kitto
07/02 Azure Eastman	07/11 Alfred Byrd	07/22 Jaiden Sully
07/03 David Ross	07/11 Issac Peterson	07/23 Dale Allen
07/03 Patricia Roy	07/12 Nadine Drapeau	07/23 Jaxon Gonzalez
07/04 Jack Crawford Jr.	07/12 Jailey Long	07/23 Darryl Graham
07/04 Erika Deal	07/12 Kevin Nelson	07/23 Gail Hawkins
07/04 Nathan Ross	07/12 Lainey Rederth	07/23 Gordon Jones Jr.
07/04 Monica Vensand	07/13 Brent Boutwell	07/24 Debra Amburn
07/04 Marilyn Williams	07/13 Vine Drapeau Jr.	07/24 Melodie Crow 2
07/05 Aaron Jaques Jr.	07/13 Merri Rederth	07/24 Andres Davis
07/05 Brandon Refsland	07/14 Veronica Bird	07/25 Okalani Cavender
07/06 Sydney Beane	07/14 Devon Drapeau	07/25 Cinthia Ekert
07/06 Brittany Marshall	07/14 Delson Long Jr.	07/25 Javen Kitto
07/06 Victoria Perez	07/15 Joshau Peterson	07/27 Jay Jackson
07/07 Hazen Eagle Elk	07/15 Farrah Rederth	07/27 Shirleigh Rederth
07/07 Dabbi Faulk	07/15 Vivian Sheely	07/28 Gabriel Douglas
07/07 Kari Fluery	07/17 Elise Chippewa	07/28 Kassandra Herrick Forman
07/07 Della Flute	07/18 Andrea Horan	07/28 Angeline Wilkins
07/07 Devon Himes	07/18 Michael Nordhausen	07/29 Rudolph Lovejoy
07/07 Julene Lupkes	07/20 Amos Jones	07/29 Zaxx Rederth
07/07 Gayla Pruett	07/20 Lilia Torres	07/30 Rose Flute Player
07/07 Sylvia Roy	07/20 Kaitlyn Wakeman-Locke	07/30 Theoda Schaitel
07/08 Brenda Weston-Penny	07/21 Rogelio DeLuna Jr.	07/30 Joseph Shopbell
07/10 Denis Faulk	07/21 Helen Ghost Dog	07/31 Ardetta Lovejoy
07/10 Tyanna Flute	07/21 Jarod Nesje	07/31 Teah Lovejoy

# Athletic Physicals

2026 - 2027



**Students playing organized sports starting in grade 7 usually require a yearly athletic physical. Please check with your school district for questions on when an athletic physical is needed to participate.**

*Back-to-school athletic physicals require appointments and guardians must be present to consent to vaccinations and provide accurate medical history.*

**Check out designated times for back-to-school athletic physicals and schedule yours now!**

Monday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00am - 12:00pm
Monday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am - 12:00pm



Give us a call at 605-997-2642 to kickstart your back-to-school to-do list. We have designated times for your convenience, or if these don't work, feel free to schedule an appointment that works best for you!




# July 2026



## ULTRAVIOLET (UV) RADIATION AWARENESS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Seasons of Wellness	3 CLOSED for 4th of July	4 HAPPY 4TH of JULY
5	6	7 Wicozani Gathering	8	9 Seasons of Wellness	10	11
12	13	14 Wicozani Gathering	15	16 Seasons of Wellness	17 FSST Wacipi begins	18 SDPI Walk/Run
19 FSST Wacipi ends	20	21 Wicozani Gathering	22	23 Seasons of Wellness	24	25
26	27	28 Wicozani Gathering	29	30 Seasons of Wellness	31	

**HAPPY 4TH of JULY** Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Closed for 4th of July Holiday

 **Wicozani Gathering**  
Every TUESDAY - 9 to 11:30AM  
Health Center Community Room

 **Seasons of Wellness**  
Every THURSDAY - 10 to 11AM  
Starts in the Community Room

*Movement is Medicine*  
**Flandreau Wacipi SDPI Walk/Run 2026**  
July 18th (Saturday)  
7:30am registration | 8am start  
Health Center Community Room

**Wellness Challenge - CONNECT 30**

# UNEARTH A STORY™

Attention Kiddos!



Dinosaurs are taking over the library this June & July!

Kids can read for prizes this summer, and/or attend free weekly dino-tastic activities! Pick up a reading gameboard and schedule the last week in May from the tribal office or Moody County Resource Center!

## Activity Schedule:

Pre-K thru 2nd Grade = Storytime Thurs @ 10 am

K-4th = Wed @ 1 pm

Tweens & Teens (5th on up) = Tues @ 1 pm





*Attention  
Members!*

*If you are interested in purchasing a  
star quilt, our finance team will  
now assist you with your purchases.*

*Finance is located in the  
Administration Building,  
(the old clinic)*



# Important

# Announcement

## FSST Ordinance Title 13 Animal Control

**Section 13-2-1**  
Running at Large Prohibited



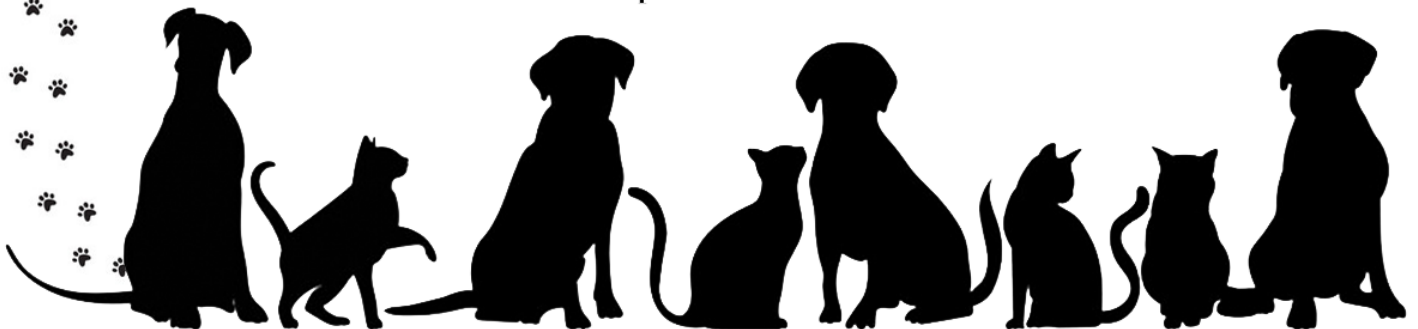
**Section 13-2-9**  
Immunizations Required



Lets do our part to keep our  
community, families and our  
furry families safe!

Visit <https://fst-nsn.gov/law-order-code>

**Section 13-3-1**  
Impounded Animals



# Happy Birthday to our Employees!

07/03 David Ross  
07/07 Sylvia Roy  
07/08 Brian Weddell  
07/08 Louis Payer Jr.  
07/08 Lindsey Weston  
07/13 Merri Rederth  
07/14 Devon Drapeau  
07/14 Jessica Morson

07/20 Amos Jones  
07/20 Lilia Torres  
07/20 Kaitlyn Wakeman  
07/22 Brian Arnold  
07/27 Shirleigh Rederth  
07/29 Monte Lovejoy  
07/30 Rose Flute Player

Mondays - Fridays  
8am - Midnight

**CAPTURE**  
*The Crown*

*Swipe once per day at the Kiosk*

**WIN UP TO 10X POINTS**

Every Swipe is a **WINNER!**

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POW WOW  
**GIFT SHOP**  
**SALE**

**July 17th - 19th**

**20%**  
OFF

Ribbon Items

**25%**  
OFF

Venario, Jewelry, CBD/Delta, Beadwork,  
Apparel, Drinkware, Statues & Wall Crosses

**40%**  
OFF

Rocks, Purses, Wallets, Ganz, Stuffed Animals  
& Blankets (Star Quilts not included)

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Management reserves the right to enhance, change or discontinue any promotional event at any time with or without prior notice. Must be 21.

## July Wellness Challenge: *Connect 30 Outside*

This challenge promotes spending more time outdoors, nurturing a bond with nature while boosting both physical and mental well-being. The goal is to inspire healthier habits through a variety of outdoor activities, such as walking, biking, swimming, golfing, hiking, camping, gardening, boating, fishing, and much more! Individuals who spend more time outdoors frequently report improved health and a heightened sense of well-being.



July 17 - 19 in Flandreau features the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe's annual Wacipi, a gathering of dancers, drummers, observers and Tribal Nations near and far.

**Attend our annual Flandreau Wacipi SDPI Walk/Run on July 18th to get your "30"!**



**Stop by for a challenge tracking calendar!**



# STAY AND PLAY

CHECK-IN TIME IS 4PM | CHECK-OUT TIME IS 11AM

## STAY & PLAY RATES

**\$125** +TAX

ONE-NIGHT STAY

STANDARD ROOM | \$20 FREE SLOT PLAY | \$30 DINING CREDIT

**\$155** +TAX

ONE-NIGHT STAY

ROYAL SUITE | \$20 FREE SLOT PLAY | \$30 DINING CREDIT

## BOOK YOUR GETAWAY

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EVERY FRIDAY

**5PM - 9PM**

Hourly Drawing:

WIN **\$200** FREE PLAY,

Roll Doubles and Win **\$400!**

EVERY SATURDAY

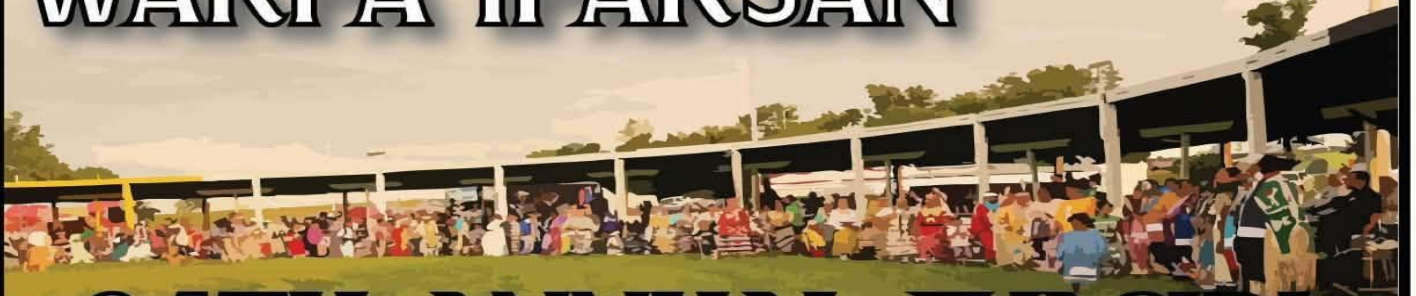
**10PM**

Final Drawing:

WIN **\$1,000** FREE PLAY,

Roll Doubles and Win **\$2,000!**

# WAKPA IPAKSAN



## 64TH ANNUAL WACIPI JULY 17.18.19 2026

100 WACIPI RD | FLANDREAU SD, 57028

### SPECIALS

#### WINUHCADAN & WICAHCADAN SPECIAL - 60 PLUS

*Traditional | Grass | Jingle | Fancy*  
All categories separated

1st: 800 | 2nd: 600 | 3rd: 400

#### ADULT 18-59

##### MEN & WOMEN

*Traditional | Grass | Jingle | Fancy*  
All categories separated

1st: 600 | 2nd: 400 | 3rd: 200

#### TEENS 13-17

*Traditional | Grass | Jingle | Fancy*  
All categories separated

1st: 400 | 2nd: 300 | 3rd: 200

#### JUNIOR 6-12

All Category

1st: 150 | 2nd: 100 | 3rd: 50

#### OUTGOING ROYALTY CONTEST

Miss Wakpa Ipaksan  
Jr. Miss Wakpa Ipaksan

#### ANASDATE WACI [SNEAK UP]

1st: 1000 | 2nd: 800  
3rd: 600 | 4th: 400

#### VETERANS SPECIAL

1st: 500 | 2nd: 300 | 3rd: 200

#### MEN VS WOMEN

1st: 300 | 2nd: 200 | 3rd: 100

#### HAT & BOOT | SIDESTEP

All Ages

1st: 400 | 2nd: 300 | 3rd: 200

### EYAPAHA

Butch Felix

Whitney Rencountre

### ARENA DIR.

Chaske LaBlanc

### HOST DRUM

Young Spirit

### HONOR GUARD

Gordon Weston Lodge

### SOUND

Louie Johnson

### MEALS

Friday: Supper

Saturday: Breakfast

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Sunday: Breakfast

### GRAND ENTRY

Fri: 1:00 pm

Sat: 1:00 pm | 7:00 pm

Sun: 1:00 pm

### WACIS'API

Registration open Friday &  
Saturday

@ 10:00am | closes 12:00pm

Dancers 18+ must have valid  
ID or Tribal ID

Dancers must be in full  
regalia

ALL REGISTERED  
DANCERS WILL RECEIVE  
DAY PAY

### DOWANS'API

First 12 registered drums will  
be paid

Must have at least 5 singers  
NO DRUM HOPPING

### FIREWORKS

Saturday at Dusk

### MORE INFORMATION

Monte: 239-980-6075 | Jon: 605-997-3891 Ext. 1231

Tribal building: 605-997-3891

No alcohol, No Drugs, No Fireworks, No Weapons allowed  
FSST is not responsible for injury, theft or damages | 24 hour security on premises

Ledger art by: Cetan Thomas



## **Attention Veterans & Family of Veterans**

**We are creating a comemorative wall in honor of our past and present Akicitas, both men and women of Wakpa Ipaksan who served in the armed forces.**

**The comemorative wall will be located next to the restaurant along side the Dell Iron Cloud Veteran's mural, just to the left of the Executive Committee portraits.**

**We would be honored if you would provide a copy of your military enlistment photo (8 x 10) or a picture of a family member who was or is a veteran for display on the wall. We can assist with copying and sizing photos for your convenience.**

**Call or Text me at (605) 864-7602 or stop by my office for more details.**



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RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT  
10AM-8PM

SNACK BAR  
7AM-12AM



**\$5 OFF**  
**Senior Meal Deal**  
Age 50+

Earn 5 points,  
receive \$5 in COMPS.



# SENIOR PLAY DAY

TUESDAYS 8AM-8PM



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

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# Seasons of Wellness



July

2 - 9 - 16 - 23 - 30

Thursdays 10 - 11am

Starts in the Community Room where Jaime will lead you out to the SDPI Gardens!

Join **Jaime**, *Public Health Nurse, key member of the SDPI Wellness Team and Expert Gardener* to learn more about nutrition, movement, momentum, harvest awareness and routine building.

Bring the kids with to learn more about rainbow foods, fun movement games and garden scavenger hunts.



\*Sunscreen available for participants\*

# First Presbyterian Church



Follow Us on Facebook  
Watch Service Live  
Every Sunday

**Join Us!**

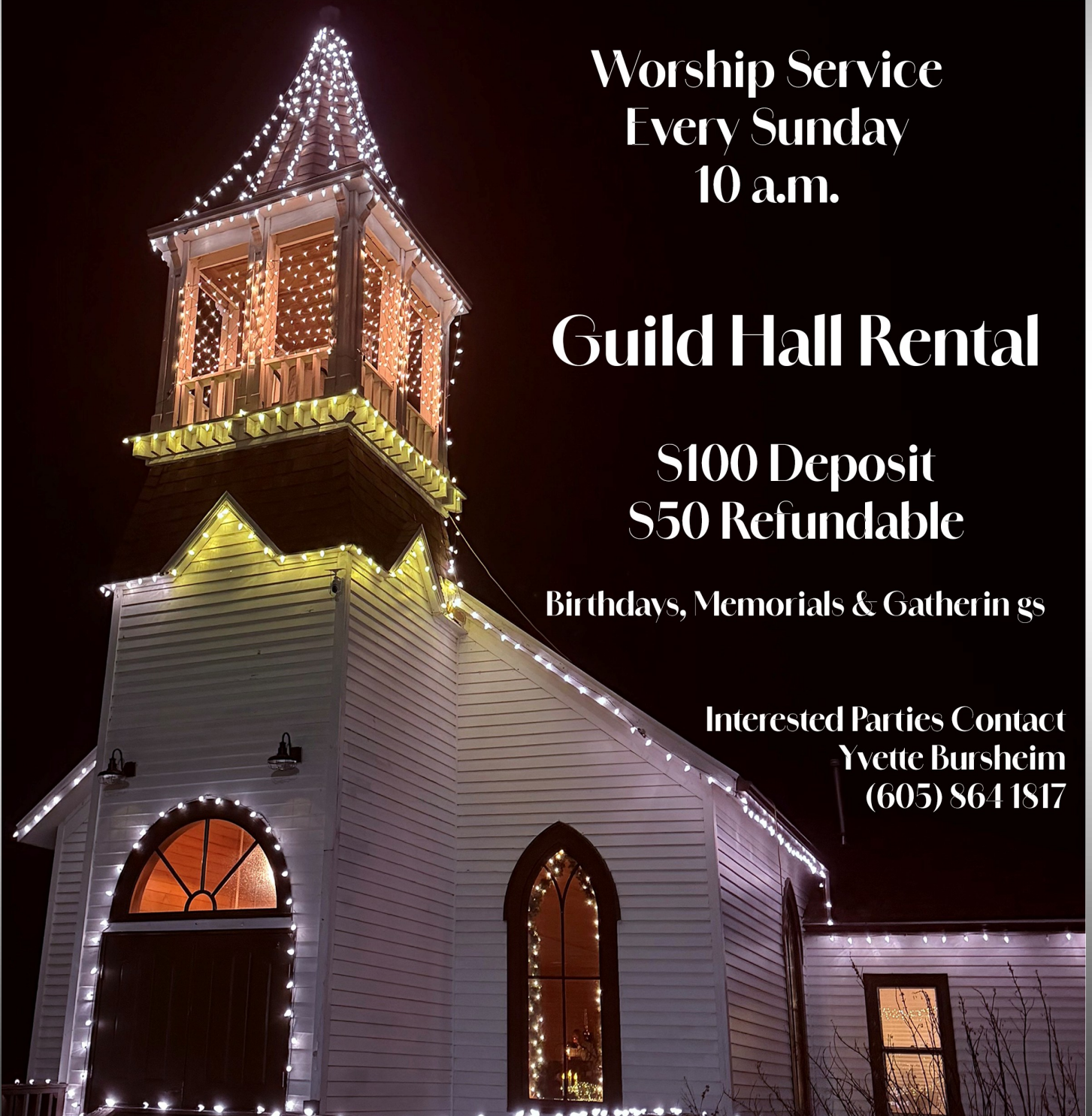
**Worship Service  
Every Sunday  
10 a.m.**

**Guild Hall Rental**

**\$100 Deposit  
\$50 Refundable**

**Birthdays, Memorials & Gatherings**

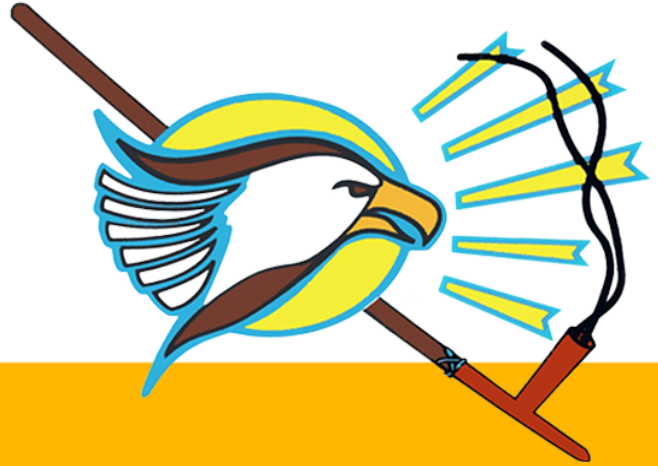
**Interested Parties Contact  
Yvette Bursheim  
(605) 864 1817**



# Your Voice

# Matters!

Vote August 1st  
In Person



## Absentee Voting

July 17 through July 31  
Tribal Office

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### FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION OFFICIAL RESULTS

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TRUSTEE I</u>	<u>TRUSTEE III</u>
Ryan L. Kills-A-Hundred <b>120</b>	Angeline A. Eastman <b>85</b>	Tanya Anderson <b>36</b>	Elizabeth Fisherman <b>57</b>
David Ross <b>77</b>	April Herrick <b>36</b>	Kristi Bietz <b>54</b>	Anthony Reider <b>69</b>
Gabriel Weston <b>23</b>	Donalda Montoya <b>33</b>	Brooki L. Corcoran <b>42</b>	Kenneth D. Weston <b>94</b>
	Sylvia A. Roy <b>22</b>	Mary Hasvold <b>29</b>	
	Francis Wakeman III <b>42</b>	Jessica C. Hovland <b>57</b>	
<i>Spoiled Ballots</i> <b>1</b>	<i>Spoiled Ballots</i> <b>3</b>	<i>Spoiled Ballots</i> <b>3</b>	<i>Spoiled Ballots</i> <b>3</b>
<i>Total Ballots</i> <b>221</b>	<i>Total Ballots</i> <b>221</b>	<i>Total Ballots</i> <b>221</b>	<i>Total Ballots</i> <b>223</b>

By the 2026 FSST Election Board on June 23, 2026:

DocuSigned by:  
*Dana Ellwanger*  
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Dana Ellwanger, Chair

Signed by:  
*Kelly Pitsenberger*  
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Kelly Pitsenberger, Secretary



# July 2026 Menu


Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p>Soft Shell Taco Green Chil Rice Corn Salad Tres-Leches Cake</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Ruben Sandwich Macaroni &amp; Cheese Carrot &amp; Celery Stix w/ranch dip Blueberry Delight</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Cobb Salad Bread Stix Fresh Fruit</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Ham &amp; Bean Soup Corn Bread Fruit &amp; Nut Tossed Salad Apple Crisp</p> <p>2</p>	<p><b>Closed</b> 3</p> 
<p>Sloppy joe's Mac. Salad Baked Beans Chips Apple Pie</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Chicken Breast Rice Pilaf Brussel Sprout Bake Tossed Salad Lemon Bread</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Pork Chops Mash Potato's/gravy Buttered Carrots Royal Salad Cream Puff Dessert</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Hot Turkey Sandwich Potato/gravy Green Beans Tossed Salad Pumpkin Pie</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Chicken Noodle Soup Ham Salad Sandwich Springtime Pasta Salad Reese Stuffed Brownies</p> <p>10</p>
<p>Goulash Biscuits Buttered Corn Caesar Salad Cookies</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Tator Tot Hotdish Mixed Veggies Mandarin Orange Salad Fruit</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Baked Ham w/sauce Potato's/gravy Flavorful green beans Confetti Cottage Cheese Pineapple Upside down cake</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Wild Rice Soup Chicken Salad Sand. 7-Layer salad Creamsicle Cake</p> <p>16</p>	<p><b>CLOSED</b> 17 <b>ENJOY YOUR POW-WOW WEEKEND</b></p>
<p>Waffles Scrambled Eggs Sausage/bacon Apple Muffin</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Sub Sandwich Mac. Salad Chips Cranberry Bar</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Pepper Steak over Noodles Mixed Veggies Silverglade Salad Frosted Pumpkin Bars</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Chicken Chop Suey Fried Rice Egg Roll Oriental Slaw Fresh Fruit</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Beef Stew Corn Bread Silver Glade Salad Lemon Lasagna</p> <p>24</p>
<p>Waffles Scrambled Eggs Sausage/bacon Apple Muffin</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Barbeque Ribs Baked Potato Harvard Beets Crunchy Veggie Salad Choc. Pudding</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Chili Autumn Tossed Salad Fry Bread Wojapi</p> <p>30</p>	<p><b>CLOSED</b> 31</p> 