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*The Moon in which the leaves turn green.
Wakpa Ipaksan
May 2026*



FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE

2026 ELECTION NOTICE

POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION

<u>Four (4) Year Position</u>	<u>Currently Held By:</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
President	Anthony Reider	August 6, 2026
Secretary	April Herrick	August 6, 2026
Trustee I	Kristi Bietz	August 6, 2026
Trustee III	David Ross	August 6, 2026

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDACY FOR OFFICE

In accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the FSST Constitution, and Title 20 of the FSST Law and Order Code entitled "Elections", to be nominated for office, a person must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe;
2. Be twenty-one (21) years of age or over;
3. Be a resident of Moody County or such territory held or acquired by the Tribe, and established residency in Moody County for 1 year prior to the date of the primary election;
4. Must not be convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; and
5. Must not be dishonorably discharged from military service.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Nominating Petitions Open Date Candidates interested in running for one of the open positions may pick up their nominating petitions at the Tribal Office during normal business hours. Potential candidates may only seek one position for office.
Friday, May 15, 2026	Nominating Petitions Submission Deadline Nominating petitions must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. with a \$100.00 non-refundable application fee to be paid by cash or money order only.
June 1 to June 12, 2026	Absentee Ballots for Primary Election Absentee Ballots and affidavits for the Primary Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours.
Monday, June 15, 2026	FSST PRIMARY ELECTION Polling will be held at Eastman Hall, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The unofficial results of the Primary Election will be posted immediately after the polls close, and the count has been completed. Official results will be posted in accordance with the FSST Constitution and Title 20.
July 20 to July 31, 2026	Absentee Ballots for the General Election Absentee Ballots and affidavits for the General Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours.
Saturday, August 1, 2026	FSST GENERAL ELECTION Polling will be held at Eastman Hall from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The unofficial results of the General Election will be posted immediately after the polls close, and the count has been completed. Official results will be posted in accordance with the FSST Constitution and Title 20.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE ELECTION WERE APPROVED BY THE FSST ELECTION BOARD ON MARCH 5, 2026.

Murdered & Missing Indigenous Woman

Indigenous Women
are Murdered 10x the
national average

Get Involved!

No More
Silence!

End Domestic
Violence!

Talk to your
families!

Report
Abuse!



Murder is the
3rd Leading
Cause of Death
Among
Indigenous
Women!

May 5, 2026

Wear Red, Show Your Support!

Anpetu Makoce Ina 2026



**Our Power, Our Planet
April 22, 2026**

Earth Day 2026

Every year, Elizabeth Wakeman, Brownfields Director, keeps our community focused on environmental responsibility. T-Shirts are given to the FPS student body along with a presentation attended by our Executive Committee, Mayor of Flandreau and Representatives of various environmental agencies.



Pidamayaye do, Elizabeth!



FSST – USACE Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is seeking input regarding the ecosystem restoration feasibility study along the Big Sioux River including, but not limited to, recreational ideas, oxbow restoration, and history of the area. NDN has been contracted by USACE to complete a Community Engagement Plan. Together, this study will focus on:

- Reducing erosion affecting cultural sites;
- Restoring riverine habitats; and
- Designing recreational features along the Big Sioux River for Tribal use.

On April 28, 2026, we will be visiting Tribal Council, Tribal Elders, and Tribal Youth. That evening, we will be hosting a Community Engagement Meeting at the Royal River Casino. Discussions at these meetings will revolve around:

- Recreational ideas along the Big Sioux River;
- Plant and animal species to be protected during the feasibility study and future projects or construction plans;
- Historical use of the land in Flandreau; and
- Identification of problem areas along the Big Sioux River, such as erosion or flooding areas.

The schedule for April 28, 2026, is as follows:

- **9:00 A.M** – USACE and NDN will be meeting with the FSST Tribal Council regarding the feasibility study.
- **12:00 P.M** – USACE and NDN will be meeting with Tribal Elders during their lunch.
- **1:30 P.M** - USACE and NDN will meet with Tribal Youth for their input on the project.
- **4:00 P.M – 6:00 P.M** – USACE and NDN will be holding a Community Engagement Meeting at the Royal River Casino. **Food will be provided.**

We would love for you to attend, and we appreciate any information you would like to share to make this be a successful, community-grounded project!

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

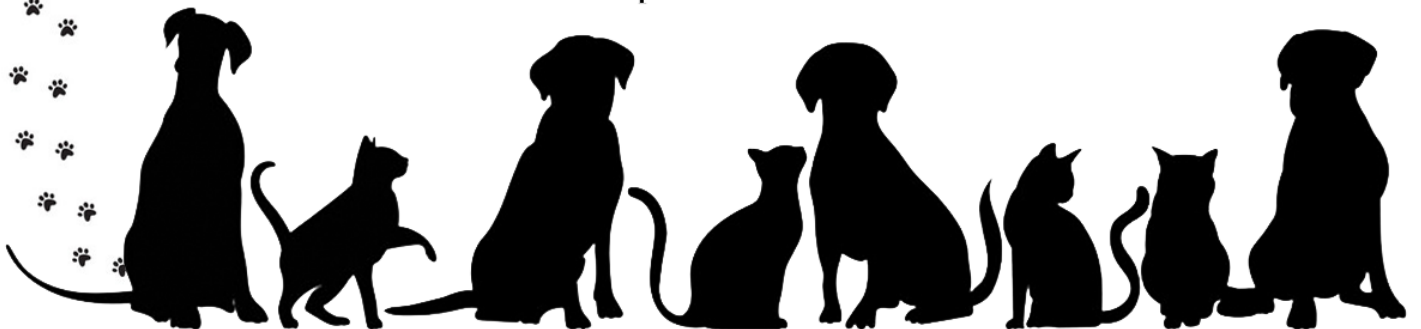
Section 13-2-9
Immunizations Required




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





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



Group will start on June 4th, 2026

**Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal
Health Center Community Room**

Every Thursday for 12-14 weeks
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM



This is a closed therapy group, registration is required. Please contact Behavioral Health by June 2nd @ 605.997.3844 for more information.



Parenting Can Be Challenging



Are you having difficulties as a parent/guardian or seeking new parenting methods? Do you often yell at your child instead of sharing laughter? Are you frustrated by repeating yourself with no results? Do you wish to strengthen your bond with your child and feel closer?

Child-Parent-Relationship (C-P-R) Training Can Help!

Learn skills that will make a difference in your life and the life of your child.

C-P-R Training is a Therapeutic Parenting Skills Group that consists of a 15-session group designed for parents of children aged 2 to 17 years.

Learn skills and strategies to help you:

- Feel more in control as a parent
- Understand your child's emotional needs
- Communicate more effectively with your child
- Develop your child's self-control and self-esteem
- Effectively discipline & limit inappropriate behavior

Parents report seeing improvement in:

- Child's behavior problems
- Parent-child communication
- Confidence in parenting skills
- Stress in the parent-child relationship



Contact our Behavioral Health Team at (605) 997-3844 to sign up or for more information.

Behavioral Health Group Room

Thursdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Meetings will begin on May 21, 2026

Give your children what they need most: YOU!

Wellness Center / Fitness Center

YES! 
WE'RE OPEN
DURING CONSTRUCTION

**Follow us online for
the latest news!**

At this time, the Wellness Center intends to stay open throughout the construction process. If we find ourselves unable to remain in the area, we will notify our members. Rest assured, we will make certain that access to fitness and gym equipment is maintained for all SDPI active users.

 [facebook](#) @ Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Center

 [Instagram](#) @ FSST_HC

Wellness Center Hours

Monday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday: CLOSED



503 W. Broad Ave | Flandreau, SD | 605.573.4188

Happy Birthday to our Employees!

- 05/19 Kimberly Trende-Johnson
- 05/21 Tara Bakkedahl
- 05/26 Antonia Serrano
- 05/26 Cynthia Weddell
- 05/28 Tony Reider
- 05/28 Bill Thurman
- 05/29 Elizabeth Grama
- 05/31 Brigitta Gayton



ROYAL RIVER CASINO & HOTEL MAY PROMOTIONS

1.877.912.LUCK | ROYALRIVERCASINO.COM | 607 S VETERANS STREET, FLANDREAU, SD

Royal River Casino & Hotel reserves all rights to cancel or modify this program at anytime. See Players Club for promotional rules and details. Must be 21.

CHECK OUT MORE DETAILS!



SUNDAY 8AM - 8PM	MONDAY 8AM - MIDNIGHT	TUESDAY 8AM - 8PM	WEDNESDAY 8AM - 8PM	THURSDAY 8AM - MIDNIGHT	FRIDAY 5PM - 10PM	SATURDAY 5PM - 10PM

Happy Birthday Members

A birthday cake with lit candles and flowers. The cake is white with colorful sprinkles and is surrounded by pink and yellow flowers. The background is a soft-focus image of a birthday cake with lit candles and flowers.

05/02 William Gilbert
05/02 Everett Hasvold
05/02 Shelli Marshall
05/03 Abel Eastman
05/06 Michael Kruse
05/07 Amanda Taylor
05/07 Elmer Weston
05/08 Charles Allen Jr.
05/09 David Shopbell
05/09 Jesse Smith
05/10 Traci Barse
05/11 Brock Nelson
05/11 Victor Sherman
05/11 Duwayne Weston
05/12 Julia Allen
05/12 Crystal Edwards
05/12 Mary Kills A Hundred
05/12 Joaquin Peterson
05/13 Braelynn Armstrong
05/14 Raven Armstrong
05/14 Justin Burkhardt
05/14 Cinda Landes
05/15 Cecil Long
05/15 Mary Roy
05/15 Arianna Weston
05/16 Dylan Armstrong
05/17 Kelly Ormseth
05/18 Kelli Paumen
05/19 Skye Nelson
05/19 Harley Stellmach
05/19 Harper Stellmach
05/21 Howard Allen Jr.
05/23 Cante Allen
05/23 Shannyn Schweigert
05/24 Joesph Hansen
05/24 Laurel Tye-Wade
05/24 Arthur Wasson
05/25 Arlowene Conway
05/25 Theresa Thomas
05/26 Cynthia Allen Weddell
05/26 Jeremiah Rederth
05/26 Jean Paul Roy
05/26 Antonia Serrano
05/27 Scott Anderson
05/27 Violet Barse
05/27 Cameron Flute
05/27 Leon Hoss
05/27 Isla Jones
05/27 Lozen Jones
05/27 Joshua Weston
05/28 Sinona Flute
05/28 Anthony Reider
05/28 Jennifer Wingo
05/29 Scarlet Anderson
05/29 Jessica Hovland
05/30 Albert Black
05/31 Estelle Hansen
05/31 Chris Wolfhorse

RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT



Mother's Day BUFFET

MAY 10TH | 11AM-2PM

Treat the queen of the castle to a royal food pampering on her day!

Carving station featuring pork tenderloin, eggs cooked to order, and a variety of homestyle breakfast and lunch favorites.

ADULTS
AGES 14+

\$22

CHILDREN
AGES 13 & UNDER

\$13

Royal River
CASINO • HOTEL



MAY 10TH
8AM-12AM

Earn 10 points with your Royal Rewards Card, then swipe at the kiosk to

Win Free Play!

OPEN TO ALL

Royal River
CASINO • HOTEL



Hau Mitakodapi k'a Mitakuyepi,

I hope this reaches you and your family in the best of health. We are excited to report that the member's portal is now up and running. This concept was designed several years ago as a part of our overall web package. This tool is designed to display and communicate information to our member's only. We are planning to add future content such as videos and possible morning and weekly podcasts to keep the membership informed and to mitigate the spread of misinformation.

Currently we have Executive Committee minutes available through the end of March 2026 as well as forms for residency and exemptions. As with any new process there is a learning curve for all involved. Rest assured we will continue to move forward and fully anticipate that members will be able to use this convenient process to complete their bi-annual residency verification process, this Fall.

We are re-designing this process to make it fast and efficient for any one of us to upload and submit our residency documents from the convenience of our homes using our desktop or mobile devices. A few of us have utilized this process to test the system which is working as intended.

The next few pages will walk you through where to find the portal, how to register and how to access the portal once your access has been approved. We will always have the paper version available for members who do not wish to use the portal and are here to assist you with any questions.

Pidamayaye do!

Mobile Users Access Guide to Portal



Step 1:

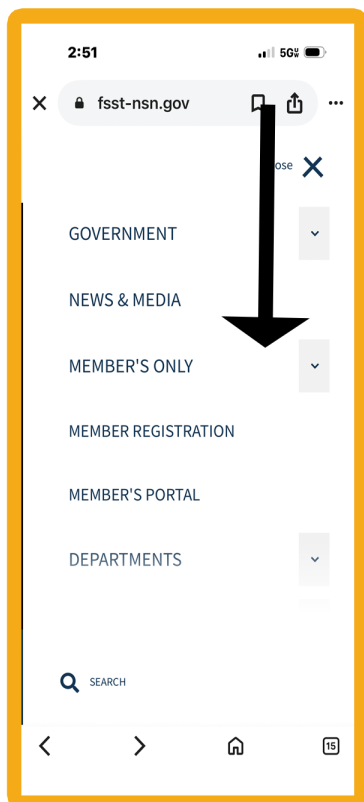
On your search engine, find our website

<https://fsst-nsn.gov/>

Step 2:

Click on the three bars in the upper right corner, just under the website URL.

See Red Arrow



Step 3:

Scroll Down until you see Member's Only. Click on the drop down to the right, two additional tabs will appear:

1) Member Registration

2) Member's Portal

See Black Arrow to the left.

Mobile Users Access Guide to Portal

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fsst-nsn.gov

Sign in to View the FSST Members Only Content

This page is only available to people who have been given access.

Email*

Email

Password* [Show password](#)

Password

Remember Me

[Forgot your password?](#)

LOGIN

After the registration process has been completed and your password has been set, you may access the portal by clicking on the tab **MEMBERS PORTAL.**

Enter your email and password and your in!

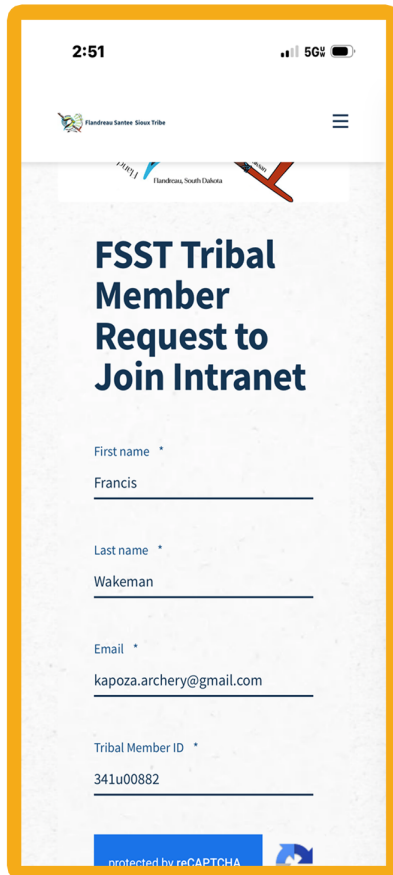
Should you forget your password, right above the login button is a link to reset your password:

Click

[FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?](#)

We do not have access to passwords. User must reset using the link. **SEE BLUE ARROW.**

Mobile Users Access Guide to Portal

A screenshot of a mobile application registration form. The form is titled "FSST Tribal Member Request to Join Intranet". It contains four input fields: "First name" with the value "Francis", "Last name" with the value "Wakeman", "Email" with the value "kapoza.archery@gmail.com", and "Tribal Member ID" with the value "341u00882". At the bottom of the form, there is a blue button and a reCAPTCHA logo. The form is set against a white background with a light blue header and footer. The time 2:51 and 56% battery are visible at the top of the screen.

Registration

Once you arrive on this screen, you will enter your First Name, Last Name, Email Address and your Tribal ID Number.

Then click the **SUBMIT** button.

You only need to do this **ONCE**.

You will then receive an email acknowledging your submission.

Your **REQUEST TO JOIN** is then digitally transmitted to member services, who will then approve your request.

Upon approval, an email will be sent to your inbox, where you will set your password. Once this process is complete you will only need your email and **PASSWORD** to access the portal.

RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT



Smoked Pork Belly
Carving Station
Paired with Eggs
Cooked to Order
& BBQ Specialties

ADULTS
AGES 14+

\$22

CHILDREN
AGES 13 & UNDER

\$13

MEMORIAL DAY BUFFET

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH | 11AM-2PM

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HAPPY
MEMORIAL
Day

Royal River
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MAY 25TH
8AM-12AM

EARN 10 POINTS WITH YOUR
ROYAL REWARDS CARD,
THEN SWIPE AT A KIOSK
FOR A CHANCE TO

WIN
FREE PLAY!



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.



RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

11AM-2PM

BRUNCH
Sundays

Enjoy a carving station, eggs to order station, soup, and salad bar with a bountiful amount of lunch and breakfast items.

ADULTS AGES 14+	CHILDREN AGES 13 & UNDER
\$22	\$13



RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

THURSDAYS | 5PM-8PM

BREAKFAST FOR *Dinner*

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Breakfast meats, potatoes, egg bakes, crepes, waffles, French toast sticks, sweet breads (donuts and cinnamon rolls), fruit, and carving and eggs cooked to order station.

\$19.99



RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

Chef's Choice

BUFFET

FRIDAYS | 5PM-8PM

NOT SERVED SEAFOOD BUFFET FRIDAYS

Savor a rotating weekly all-you-can-eat dinner buffet, featuring a carving station paired with a selection of sides, along with a soup and salad bar and a variety of desserts.

ADULTS AGES 14+	CHILDREN AGES 13 & UNDER
\$22	\$13



RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

SEAFOOD
BUFFET

EVERY THIRD FRIDAY
5PM-8PM

Enjoy unlimited crab legs and an assortment of seafood.

ADULTS AGES 14+	CHILDREN AGES 13 & UNDER
\$50	\$25



RIVER'S BEND RESTAURANT

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
PRIME RIB
& SHRIMP

SATURDAYS | 5PM-8PM

All-you-can eat prime rib and shrimp with a pasta sauté station.

ADULTS AGES 14+	CHILDREN AGES 13 & UNDER
\$25	\$13

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

**Spring Fling
Grace Moore
Senior Center**

Friday June 5, 2026

Eastman Hall

612 South Center

8:00am-2:00pm

Spring

Fundraiser Grace Moore Senior Center

BBQ'S, Mac. Salad, Baked Beans, Chips & drink

\$10.00

Senior Center will be selling all kinds of bake goods!

Carmel Rolls will be ready at 8:00 am

Calling all Vendors!!

Rent a table to sell your goods!

\$15.00 per table

Call Grace Moore Senior Center

997-2924

To reserve a table or for questions

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**





Wowapi Newsletter

Save the dates!

May 2, 2026

General Council Meeting
Royal River Casino & Hotel

May 5, 2026

MMIW - Wear RED to show your support

May 5th

Cinco De Mayo
Mexican Independence Day

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MAY 2026 Menu


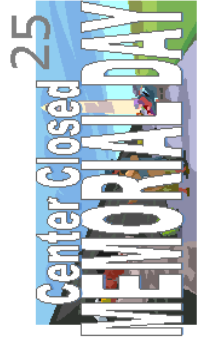
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p>Goulash Green Beans Home-made Bread Peaches</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Soft Shell Taco Spanish Rice Tres Leches Cake</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Hot Turkey Sand. Potato's/gravy Autum Tossed Salad Harvard Beets Blueberry Pie</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Ribs O'Brien Potato's Brussels Sprout Bake Oriental Slaw Chocolate Chip Poke Cake</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Ham & Bean Soup 7-layer salad Corn Bread Lemon Cranberry muffin</p> <p>1</p>
<p>Waffles Scrambled Eggs Sausage/Bacon Fruit</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Breaded Ranch Chicken Breast Rice Pilaf Silverglade Salad Raspberrry Zinger Cake</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Pork Chops Mashed Potato's Gravy Brussel Sprouts Cinnamon Baked Apples</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Pizza Supreme Corn Salad Mandarin Orange Cup</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Wisconsin Cheese Soup Ham Salad Sandwich Crunchy Tossed Salad 7 layer Bars</p> <p>15</p>
<p>Spaghetti/meat sauce Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Lemon Bars</p> <p>18</p>	<p>French Dip Sandwich Red Potato Bake Carrot & Celery Stix With Ranch dressing Straight A Salad Cranberry Bar</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato's/gravy Buttered Corn Creamy Coleslaw Jello</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Bake Potato with Toppings Veggie Bars Apple Tart</p> <p>21</p>	 <p>22</p>
 <p>25</p>	<p>Fish Sandwich Potato Wedges Mixed Veggies Apple Tossed Salad Butterscotch Pudding</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Lasagna Garlic Bread Caesar Salad Fresh Grapes</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Pulled Pork Sandwich Garlic Mashed Potato's Tossed Salad Carmel Rolls</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Potato Soup Roast Beef Sandwich Veggie Bar Boston Cream Poke Cake</p> <p>29</p>

Grace Moore Senior Citizens Center 997-2924

*Menu subject to change without notice.