Hundreds of Contestants Lined Up for Inaugural Flandreau Rodeo Weekend
June 8 & 9

Two days and two separate rodeos this weekend in Flandreau have contestants riding for “some of the richest prize packages” on the SDRA circuit.

The events kick off Saturday morning in Flandreau and the community is excited to host both participants and visitors. Royal River Casino and Hotel, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and many others in the region saw an opportunity to start a local rodeo, especially after the nearby longtime Crooks rodeo came to an end in recent years.
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HANSON FAMILY
Jugglers & Unicyclists

Location: William J. Janklow Community Center
802 W Community Dr., Flandreau

Date: Tues, July 17th  Time: 1 pm

* Free Community Show Sponsored by the Moody County Resource Center
Fannie R. Armstrong

November 05, 1932 - June 26, 2018

Fannie R. Armstrong, 85, of Flandreau, SD, passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Riverview Healthcare Community, Flandreau. Fannie was born November 5, 1932 at Flandreau, SD, to Hazen and Mable Cavender. She received her education at Flandreau and Pipestone Indian School. Fannie then worked at the egg plant in Flandreau. She married John Armstrong on December 28, 1956 at Pipestone. Fannie worked at the Flandreau Indian School where she was a dorm matron, cook and teacher's aide. Then she worked at Riverview manor as a cook. Fannie worked at Royal River Casino as a hostess and in the bingo hall. She was also in charge of tribal enrollment until she retired in 2005. Fannie was a member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, First Presbyterian Church and was a choir member. She enjoyed dancing, embroidering, going to rummage sales and out to eat, bingo/casino, making homemade pancakes. Fannie had a good sense of humor and enjoyed joking with everyone.

Fannie is survived by four children, Neldie Montoya, Jason, Betty and Robert Armstrong, all of Flandreau; 12 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John, daughter Paula, granddaughter Libby, son-in-law Tony Montoya, three sisters, Evelyn, Julie, Floreen and one brother Sam.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation begins Thursday at 5:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. wake service at Skroch Funeral Chapel.
Funeral service for Perry Joseph Bobtail Bear, “Wambli Sungmaza” 69, of Flandreau, SD will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 10:00A.M. at the Sisseton Wahpeton Community Center, Agency Village, SD with Leroy Bobtail Bear, Jr. Heminger, and JC Crawford officiating. Pianist will be grandson Billy Kohl and drum group will be all Singers. Pallbearers will be Verdel Bobtail Bear, Snow Bobtail Bear, Vilay Crawford-Kirk, Aydan Kirk, Morris Canku, Bill Canku, Dicky Johnson, Jay Crawford, Thomas German, and Louie Johnson. Honorary Pallbearers will be all of Perry’s family and friends. Military Rites by All Veterans. Interment will be in the Goodwill Presbyterian Cemetery, Agency Village, SD. All night wake service will be held on Friday June 29, 2018 starting at 7:00 P.M. at the Sisseton Wahpeton Community Center.

Perry was born on March 15, 1949 at home in Little Eagle, SD to William and Thelma (Lawrence) Bobtail Bear. He attended elementary school at Little Eagle Day School and graduated from High School in Fort Yates, ND in 1968. Perry joined the Goodwill Church in April of 1986. He married Lynette Crawford on January 17, 1986 at Goodwill Church. He joined the Army on July 25, 1968. He was in the 173rd Airborne Brigade and was a Paratrooper. While serving his country he received the National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Air Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 60 and Vietnam Service Medal. After his service he then attended college for Cook Training School in Tempe, AZ. He worked as an educator in various schools. Then later in life, he retired from the Royal River Casino, as a Chef. He was a sundancer and grassdancer: singer for Running Antelope and Little eagle Singers. Perry passed away on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at his home in Flandreau, SD surrounded by his family.

Perry is survived by his wife, Lynette (Nona) Bobtail Bears; children: Denise Bobtail Bear, Bear Bobtail Bear, Theo Bobtail Bear and Thea Bobtail Bear; grandchildren: TyAnne and Tyleeya Bobtail Bear, Senya and Aiden Bobtail Bear, Rafael, Miguel, and Javier Reyes; Siblings: Valerie Archambrut, Tony Bobtail Bear Sr., Gayle Henry, Alverda Littledog, Kim Weasel and Dean Littledog; Mother in-law Alberta Crawford; sister in law Nettie Kirk; brother in-laws Sam Crawford Jr., and Leon Crawford; Lala Lyle Noisyhawk; hunka sisters, Warlene Yellow Cloud, and Myrna Louis; hunka brothers, Sandy Weston, Jerry Dearly, and Sylvan Little Hawk, and JB Weston; hunka son Arnold Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Thelma Bobtail Bear; Paternal grandparents Paul Joe Rainbow and Jennie Bobtail Bear; Maternal grandparents Joseph and Victoria Lawence; Brothers, Leslie, Donald, James, Cornelius, Billy and Howard; sisters, Joanne, Christine and Charlene; his babygirl Christine Rena Bobtail Bear; granddaughter Billi Jean Lefthand; grandson Baby Bobtail Bear; father in-law Sam Crawford Sr.; sister in-law Hopa Crawford; nephew Morley Kirk.
Ohiyesa: The Soul of an Indian

Senior Center outing on June 16th
Although filmmaker Syd Beane (Flandreau Santee Sioux) has worked closely with well-known film industry figures like Floyd Red Crow Westerman (Sisseton-Wapaheton Sioux) and Peter Coyote, when the time arrived to start telling the story of his relative, Dakota writer and physician Charles Alexander Eastman, he realized it was a history best conveyed by his daughter, Kate Beane (Flandreau Santee Sioux). “As a filmmaker, I’ve learned that all the films have to be about you, or you won’t understand them,” says Syd. “Peter Coyote wanted to be in my next film, so I put him in the treatment. In the meantime, I saw Kate on film. I saw Kate’s ability to articulate and project. I didn’t want to write. I wanted her to say what she felt. I wanted the passion of a young relative going through education, exploring herself and her future the way Charles might have in his time.”

For Kate, being in front of the camera took a grand leap of faith and trust in her father’s vision. A historian and self-described “very private person,” she had originally planned to maintain an off-camera role conducting research for her father’s film. But in Ohiyesa: The Soul of An Indian, the pursuit of knowledge and ways of knowing, as a filial responsibility and an honor, drives both the film and its principal figures. As we watch Kate journey from Minnesota to Dartmouth to Flandreau and back to Minnesota, attaining her doctorate as well as details from archives and elders about Eastman, we are also presented with the events and desires that shaped Eastman’s work and character. We revisit how four-year-old Eastman, known as Hakadah, is forced to flee his Dakota home in Minnesota to Canada when life is ruptured by the 1862 U.S.-Dakota War as well as by the wave of white settlers.

“To the Dakota, this was an invasion,” civil rights leader and pastor Sid Byrd explains in the film. “It was an American holocaust.” Over 1,700 Dakota are forcibly marched to concentration camps along the Mississippi River. Hundreds die. Thirty-eight are hanged under order from President Abraham Lincoln. Eastman’s mother is dead and his father, Many Lightnings, is sent to military prison in Davenport, Iowa. In exile in Manitoba, Eastman’s family raises him in traditional Dakota ways until he is 15-years old. His father, who has converted to Christianity and now goes by Jacob Eastman, sees that books are “the bows and arrows of the white man,” and brings Eastman back to his farm in Flandreau. From there, Eastman attends Nebraska’s Santee Normal Training School, then Dartmouth, and eventually obtains a medical degree from Boston University. Eastman moves to Pine Ridge and Crow Creek where he works as agency doctor for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Caring for the injured after the Wounded Knee Massacre, Eastman wrote, “It took all of my nerve to keep my composure in the face of this spectacle.” Discouraged by the massacre and the corruption at the agency, Eastman moves his family to St. Paul, then to Amherst, Massachusetts, eventually living out his days with his son, Ohiyesa II in Michigan.
In addition to helping to establish Indian YMCAs and the Society of American Indians rights organization, Eastman published 11 books, including the memoirs *Indian Boyhood, From the Deep Woods to Civilization: Chapters in the Autobiography of An Indian*, and *The Soul of the Indian*, in which Eastman reflects deeply on his identity as both Indian and American.

How to recount Eastman’s epic lifetime, intertwined with his granddaughter’s contemporary journey, both of which are sweeping and intimate as they unfold? For Syd, who was born and raised in the Flandreau Santee Sioux Reservation, and currently lives in Plymouth, MN, the film started with how Syd’s family ended up in South Dakota and was guided by a quotation from Eastman’s *The Soul of the Indian*: “Understanding the religion of the American Indian is the most difficult thing for a non-Indian to understand.” From this quotation the film flowed. “Ohiyesa (Always a Winner) was Charles Eastman’s Dakota name and *The Soul of the Indian* was the best book I had read about Charles in terms of spirituality, where he pulls everything together in his life as to what his purpose was,” says Syd. “I let the film develop itself. I let Kate follow the path she was supposed to follow in a spiritual sense and looked at the parallels. I think that’s what you see in the film. There are amazing parallels.”

For Kate, who was raised in Lincoln, NE, and the San Francisco Bay area, and who lived throughout the U.S. before returning to her Dakota family’s ancestral land in Minnesota, the film helps demonstrate her family’s relationship to their Mni Sota homeland. “The land connection is incredibly important, because there’s so much there that a lot of people don’t necessarily see or understand,” says Kate. “It’s through the language and through that connection with the land and understanding that historical past that we really have a better understanding of who we are as a people. That’s incredible to think about as we’re going into the future. It’s all connected.”

Kate first went to Minnesota as an 18-year-old when she helped a friend move. “I had a camera at the time,” says Kate. “I did a lot of walking along the river around downtown Minneapolis and I remember wondering how I just didn’t see my people reflected in that space and wondering what our historical narrative was there.” Since that time, Kate and Syd contributed to *Mni Sota Makoce: The Land of the Dakota*, which won the 2012 Minnesota History Book of the Year. They and others worked diligently to change Minneapolis’s famed Lake Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska, (pronounced beh-DAY mah-KAH skah), meaning White Earth Lake. Kate also works as a program and outreach manager with the Minnesota Historical Society, helping to “ensure American Indian voices and perspectives people are not only included, but are a part of the process” in the Society’s 26 historic sites.

Eastman’s descendants continue the legacy of creating spaces and reclaiming representation in the U.S.’s public, academic and historic institutions. “There’s definitely a need for more of our community members to be telling our own stories in order to add the complexity, to fully unpack some of the most difficult elements of our history and tell it in a way that is complex, nuanced, and real,” says Kate. “We don’t need to be simplified anymore. That’s not reality.”

*Ohiyesa: The Soul of an Indian* includes Kate’s grandmother Lillian Beane, grandfather John Beane, uncle William Beane, aunt Roxie Johnson, and Reverend Sid Byrd of Flandreau, and sister Carly Bad Heart Bull, as well as Oglala Lakota spiritual leader Wilmer Mes-teth, author Louise Erdrich, scholar David Martínez (Pima), and physician and actor Dr. Evan Adams (Coast Salish).
Applications are now available for FSST Tribal members interested in applying for the Build Dakota 50/50 Scholarship for the 2019 cohort.

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Wicoicaga Otiipi Community Center
503 W. Broad Ave. Flandreau, SD 57028
Gaming Ordinance revisions have been BIA approved

Changes are:

- 5yr waiting period is now 1yr
- 90 days off reservation is now 30 days
- Education exemption is more broad
- Treatment exemption is added
- Incarceration person has been added

Section 19-3-2. Qualification for Per Capita Payments.

In accordance with the policy set forth in Section 19-1-1 of this Title, to fairly satisfy the needs of tribal members who contribute to the advancement and self-determination of the Tribe by residing within the Reservation community, to provide incentives to members to return to the Reservation community to further the advancement of tribal self-determination, and to enhance the Reservation community socially, economically and culturally, the Tribe adopts the policy that limits monthly disbursements of per capita payments to qualified tribal members who have physically resided for a period of one (1) year within the Reservation community, as those terms are defined in Section 19-1-1.1 of this Title.

Section 19-3-6. Maintaining Residency.

Persons who have been granted a Confirmation of Residency shall maintain physical residency within the Reservation community. Failure to do so shall result in the loss of qualified tribal member status.

Qualified tribal members must notify the Executive Committee or its designee of any change of residency status, including the following:

1. Moving out of the Reservation community, whether temporary or permanent.
2. Leaving the Reservation community for an extended period of thirty (30) days or more.

Higher education exemption - In order to qualify for student exemption, the member must be enrolled as a full-time student as determined by the school’s registrar. Vocational education or certificate programs are eligible for the higher education exemption if the student meets all other factors.

Students shall be required to submit adequate proof to the Per Capita Committee or its designee of their continuing eligibility to receive this exemption, and students must authorize the Per Capita Office to obtain any information needed from the school in order to verify the student’s full time student status. Failure to do so may result in loss of exempt status.

Enrollment in online, general education degree courses, correspondence courses, or other types of distance learning classes do not allow a member to qualify for the student exemption. Any student who is placed on funding suspension through the tribe’s higher education program for failing to maintain the minimum credit hour requirements shall lose his or her exempt status. The student shall thereafter be required to renew his or her residency in accordance with this Title to be eligible for the per capita payment.

Because degree programs have different credit and time requirements, there will be no time limitation on this exemption, so long as the student is enrolled full-time. Upon completion or termination of the student’s higher education program, the member shall resume physical residence within the Reservation community within ninety (90) days.
Failure to resume physical residence shall result in loss of exempt status and the member will no longer be deemed a qualified tribal member for per capita purposes.

If the student’s higher education exemption expires or terminates and the student wishes to continue receiving the per capita benefits via the higher education exemption, he or she may apply to the Per Capita Committee for a continuation of their exemption. An extension may be granted at the discretion of the Per Capita Committee and is a non-appealable decision.

Students who have qualified for the higher education exemption in the spring semester, and who are enrolled in classes full time in the fall semester immediately following will be allowed to maintain their higher education exemption throughout the summer. Students must furnish proof to the Per Capita Committee that they are actually enrolled in the fall semester full time to be eligible. Students will still be required to apply for the higher education exemption for the upcoming academic year.

Student who have an internship, externship, or student-teaching requirement to obtain their degree will be allowed to continue to receive the higher education exemption during that internship, externship, or student-teaching and will not need to maintain a full-time course load.

**In-patient Treatment Exemption**

In order to qualify for an exemption for in-patient treatment, the member must have been physically residing within the Reservation community for a period of one continuous year prior to the granting of the exemption. Before leaving the Reservation Community, the member must notify the Per Capita Office in writing, include a letter regarding which treatment facility they are attending and how long treatment will last, and sign a HIPAA Release for any and all medical information provided to the Tribe. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of successful completion or other program termination, the member will be required to notify the Per Capita Committee that they are living within the Reservation community, and provide Confirmation of Residency and other paperwork as required.

**Section 19-3-13. Incarcerated Persons.**

Any qualified member who is incarcerated in a penal institution or otherwise pursuant to a conviction under any criminal law for more than thirty (30) days shall lose qualified status. However, such member shall regain qualified status ninety (90) days after his/her release and reapplication for qualified member status, provided he/she immediately satisfies the definition of physical residence within the Reservation Community. Upon release from incarceration, the member shall complete an application and provide documentation for Confirmation of Residency. Failure to provide such documentation, or to notify the Executive Committee or its designee of any change in sentencing which effects residency status within fourteen (14) days of release, will result in denial of confirmation of residency. Incarceration shall include living in a half-way house, court-ordered treatment, house arrest, or any other type of living situation in which the individual is not free to leave on their own will at any time.

- You must apply with per capita office to start your one (1) year. Date stamped by Member service clerk is start date of one (1) yr. **NO back dating**. It would be to your advantage to submit semi annual Confirmation of residency when qualified members do (May 1 & Nov 1)
Community Update

Dear Tribal Members,

As we enter the summer months we want to provide updates on the progress of the implementation of the 5-Year plan. These initiatives have a timeline for completion over the next 5-11 months.

We are excited to announce the hire of Theodora Wallace Hardcastle as the Tribal Administrator for our Tribe. Ms. Hardcastle has already jumped right in, meeting with department directors and leading us in the application for new grant opportunities available in July. The Tribal Administrator, will provide direction and organization to the Tribal government. With her hire as the Tribal Administrator, regular director’s meetings will be implemented again to provide Tribal employees the opportunity to share information and realign monthly and provide better service output for you.

We are equally as excited to announce that we are taking large strides in updating our housing stock in our community! One of the foremost priorities of our community is addressing our housing shortage, and we have approved to build 20 new homes. This will be the first housing development for our Tribe since the 90’s, and we hope you are excited as us to move forward in growing and developing our community. We are also moving forward in developing a 10-unit supportive housing facility in our community. Our next steps will be to develop a comprehensive feasibility study.

The initiatives being implemented are the result of the information we have collected through surveys, meetings, and interviews with the community. With that information, we have been able to make informed decisions for the Tribe and address issues we know you care about and support.

The list below provides an update on the initiatives we have been implementing for our community:

- FSST Health Clinic staff and EC Members were part of a delegation in early June, visiting a Tribe with a successful for-profit clinic to get recommendations and prepare to implement the first phase of our for-profit dental clinic with the addition of pediatric dental services.

- The land use plan is in development, this plan will provide clarity for future growth in our community and play a role in the planning for the supportive housing facility as well as the new housing development.

- Randy Wade continues to get a better understanding of our 3 retail locations (Gift Shop, First American Mart, Prairie Junction). Randy along with the Executive Committee has worked tirelessly this past month to re-negotiate our current fuel contracts and to launch an updated fuel program at the Mart. The Mart will soon become a branded fuel location, carrying non-ethanol unleaded and premium to better serve our community. We are currently receiving quotes in an effort to put in new pumps at the Mart, as we make the changes to the fuel grades we plan on tying in casino marketing with the new fuel pumps.

- Plans are continuing to be developed on the expansion of the First American Mart. Currently we are evaluating the best plan options as we want to balance the right mix of expanded products and services while also making sure they fit the needs of our community.

- We continue to move towards using the current grow facility to grow and process hemp. We have reached out to other Tribes that are currently growing hemp in an effort to put our best foot forward in launching this initiative.

- As we are a few months in to our commitment to communicating with our community in a variety of ways we hope you are enjoying this change as much as we are. Through both a section of the Newsletter and Letters from the EC we believe our community is ever more aware of the events and decision process in this community.

We are excited about the implementation of all of these initiatives and the next steps the Tribe will be taking, and hope you are as well. This upcoming year will be an exciting year for us. We want to thank you for your support and continued involvement, we will see you all in August at the community meeting.

Thank you,

Executive Committee
CANTE SKIYA BIG SIOLIX 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT
in Flandreau, SD
Saturday July 21, 2018

ENTRY FEE: $100/a team or $25/player

6-Minute Quarters   Half-Court Only
2 Females & 2 Males per team   Ages 18+
All players must have same color jersey

T-SHIRT FOR TOP 3 TEAMS

1st Place: $300 + 60% Entry Fees
2nd Place: $200 + 30% Entry Fees
3rd Place: $100 + 10% Entry Fees

Bring a team or add yourself to a Draft.
Draft Day is July 13th.
Payment must be received prior to the Draft Day.

CONTACT SYLVIA @ (605) 573-4195 TO REGISTER
Bdoketu Ospaye

Starts June 5th - August 9th
from 9:00am to 1:00pm
Located at the Wicoicaga Otipi

Anpetu Inunpa  (Tues.)  Ages 6-10
Anpetu Iyamni  (Wed.)  Ages 11-13
Anpetu Itopa   (Thurs.) Ages 14-18

During the Bdoketu (summer) we will continue our learning in the Dakota Iapi. We encourage all to participate in the following age groups.
Questions??? Call Dustin Beaulieu @ 605-864-8887

A light breakfast and Lunch will be provided
FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE | 56TH ANNUAL

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SUNDAY 1PM

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SATURDAY 9AM
SUNDAY 9AM

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BIG SIOUX 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT CONTACT SYLVIA
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FIREWORKS SUNDAY AT DUSK

ATTENTION ALL WACIPI PARTICIPANTS, DANCERS, DRUM GROUPS, SPECTATORS AND ATTENDEES. THE FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE HAS ENACTED TITLE 24 OF THE TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER CODE ENTITLED "SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION." ANY VIOLATION OF THE LAW MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL AND/or CIVIL CONSEQUENCES.
Wakpa Ipaksan Dakota Iapi Ospaye
Presents

Dakota iapi Language Table

The Dakota Language Table will begin and end:

June 12th, 2018 - Aug 7th, 2018 from 5pm-6pm every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Gatherings will be held in the Learning Center at the Wicoicga Otipi.

This will be a great opportunity for you to voice your thoughts about the state of our Dakota Language here in Wakpa Ipaksan, and at the same time we can all learn our Language together.

If you have any questions please contact:
Dustin Beaulieu @ 605-864-8887
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Wednesdays

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Tim Giago: Not all Lakota people are happy with the 'memorial' to Crazy Horse

Notes from Indian Country

What is going on at Crazy Horse Memorial?
By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kcij – Stands Up For Them)

A few weeks ago I got a phone call from Casimir Ziolkowski, the son of the famous sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski. Korczak is the man who started to carve the image of the great Lakota warrior Crazy Horse on Thunderhead Mountain in the Sacred Black Hills of the Lakota in 1948.

He said he did so at the request of a Lakota Chief named Luther Standing Bear.

Casimir asked if I would meet with him because there were a few things he wanted to discuss. I met with him over a cup of coffee in a local restaurant shortly thereafter and we had a good visit. He had several concerns including the fact that he had been fired from his job on the Mountain.

He had been working with his father since he was a small boy and it was always everyone’s belief that he would be the one to finish the carving on the Mountain. But apparent differences between him and his sisters eventually led to him to being fired from the job.

He said, “They wanted me to do more public relations and I said no.”

I’ve known Casimir since he was a boy and the one thing he wanted to stress is he did not want to ever say anything that would harm the project at Crazy Horse Memorial. He had the deepest respect for his father Korczak, his mother Ruth and his sister Ann. All three have passed away.
Ruth took over running the project after the death of her husband. She was great at public relations and could be found walking the grounds or in the restaurant at all hours of the day just talking to people. Ann took the same approach. Everyone loved Ann.

There is no project in the world that can lose three such key people and not feel the consequences. Casimir was very concerned and we will get together again in the near future to talk about it again. It took a lot of soul-searching and courage for him to call me in the first place.

In Lakota country one soon discovers that nothing comes easy. We (Lakota) are famous for arguing about everything. If you don’t know the old “crabs in a bucket” theory look it up because most young Lakota of today know it well.

For example, there have been controversies following the Ziolkowski’s and the Mountain since its inception.

Elaine Quiver, a descendant of one of Crazy Horse’s aunts, said in 2003 that the elder Standing Bear should not have independently petitioned Ziolkowski to create the memorial, because Lakota culture dictates consensus from family members for such a decision, which was not obtained before the first rock was dynamited in 1948. She said:

“They don’t respect our culture because we didn’t give permission for someone to carve the sacred Black Hills where our burial grounds are. They were there for us to enjoy and they were there for us to pray. But it wasn’t meant to be carved into images, which is very wrong for all of us. The more I think about it, the more it’s a desecration of our Indian culture. Not just Crazy Horse, but all of us.”

Seth Big Crow, whose great-grandmother was an aunt of Crazy Horse’s, said he wondered about the millions of dollars which the Ziolkowski family had collected from the visitor center and shops associated with the memorial, and “the amount of money being generated by his ancestor’s name.” He said:

“Or did it give them free hand to try to take over the name and make money off it as long as they’re alive and we’re alive? When you start making money rather than to try to complete the project, that’s when, to me, it’s going off in the wrong direction.”

Many years ago I wrote a column asking why at a Memorial dedicated to Crazy Horse there were none or few Native Americans working there. Ruth responded a little angrily, but later recanted and said, “Tim’s right. We should have more Lakota people working here.”

I also questioned why the short movie they show in their little theater about the history of the carving always referred to Crazy Horse as “the Indian” instead of just using his name. They did make the adjustment and even hired the great Lakota Olympic champion Billy Mills to have a speaking part in the movie presentation.

And so they have experienced some growing pains and endured some criticism because when they did have a great Indian historian like Donavin Sprague working there and he offered some constructive criticism he was fired. And now they continue to make mistakes because they do not have a traditional Lakota elder on hand as an advisor.

As you read in the remarks of Quiver and Big Crow, not all Lakota are pleased with Crazy Horse Mountain because it has not been fully explained to them. I think Casimir feels the same way and we will talk about it in the near future. In the meantime, go to the Mountain and enjoy its beauty and don’t be afraid to ask cogent questions. Even Korczak would agree with that.

Contact Tim Giago at najournalist1@gmail.com. Giago was the founder of the Native American Journalists Association and the initiator of the Year of Reconciliation and Native American Day in South Dakota. He was born, raised and educated on the Pine Ridge Reservation.
The RASDak bike tour started their journey on June 3rd, 2018 from Flandreau, SD and ended at Bear Lodge in Wyoming this year. The bike riders utilize our facility and grounds to start their tour and the FSST Recreation department and Dakota Iapi Program served a breakfast fundraiser for the bikers in the early morning hours. Dustin Beaulieu, Dakota Iapi Program Director, gave the bikers background on Wakpa Ipakan, Bear Butte, and Bear Lodge on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Royal River Casino. There were an estimated 200 bikers on the tour and we would like to thank them for their donations to our programs. We would also like to thank Kasey Abbott and RASDak for considering our facility as their starting point of the tour and for their scholarship donation that was awarded to Jackie Allen and Daisy Lovejoy for their community service at the Wicoicaga Otipi Community Center. Our programs would also like to thank RRC Group Sales Staff, Jackie Ramirez, and Ryan and Trish Kills-A-Hundred for their help with the breakfast fundraiser for the riders.
Wiyaka Wo’skate Akiciyapi
"Hand Games Tournament"
During 56th Annual Flandreau Wacipi

July 21st 2018

Registration
20th & 21st
*Registration closes @ 12pm on 21st

Team Rules
Participants must be in: High school, Middle school, or Elementary school
*Exception of graduated 2018 seniors
Minimum of 3 per team
Maximum of 6 per team

First Game starts @ 2pm
Prizes announced at tournament
For more info contact
Jackie Allen
(605) 530-0381
Jean Carol Hovland was confirmed as the Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans on June 21, 2018. Photo: South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations

Senate confirms Indian nominee without so much as a confirmation hearing

In what appears to be a first in the modern era, the Senate has confirmed one of the Trump administration’s Indian policy nominees without so much as a confirmation hearing.

By a voice vote on Thursday, the chamber approved Jean Carol Hovland, a citizen of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, to serve as the Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans. The action fills a post that has been vacant for nearly two years.

“The Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans is instrumental in promoting tribal self-determination and leading key programs to foster economic and social development opportunities in Native American communities,” Sen. John Hoeven (R-North Dakota), the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, said on Thursday.

Ms. Hovland will bring efficient management to the agency and will be a strong leader and advocate for children, families and communities throughout Indian Country,” Hoeven added. “I am encouraged that the Senate has moved expeditiously to approve her nomination.”

The chamber indeed moved quickly. President Donald Trump nominated Hovland to the post just four months ago.

And, in an unusual development, Hoeven’s panel never held a confirmation hearing for Hovland. Every Indian policy nominee in the Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations had to go before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for a routine grilling about their background and their beliefs.

That means Hovland, who is virtually unknown outside of tribal circles in South Dakota, never got a chance to share her priorities and policy goals for the Administration for Native Americans, a key agency at the the Department of Health and Human Services that deals with programs like Native language preservation, economic development and Native youth empowerment.

But her former boss on Capitol Hill says tribes have nothing to worry about. Hovland worked for Sen. John Thune (R-South Dakota) for more than a decade on Indian issues.

"Indian Country doesn't have a stronger advocate than Jeannie Hovland, a former long-time member of my staff," Thune wrote in a post on Twitter after her nomination was approved.
Senator John Thune Tweets

Indian Country doesn’t have a stronger advocate than Jeannie Hovland, a former long-time member of my staff. Glad to see the #Senate unanimously approved her nomination to be the next commissioner of the administration for Native Americans at @HHSgov.

Hovland now bears the unique distinction of being the only one of President Trump’s Indian policy nominees to win confirmation in the Senate. Her potential colleagues have faced much rockier roads.

The nomination of Robert Weaver to serve as the director of the Indian Health Service was the first out of the gate last October. But he never got a confirmation hearing amid questions about his qualifications to lead an agency that’s responsible for delivering health care to more than 2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Those doubts eventually derailed his chances. The White House abandoned him in February without so much as an explanation.

“Regardless of what the press reports may say, I was forced out,” Weaver told tribal leaders at the time. “I was involuntarily withdrawn.”

President Trump has yet to nominate someone else as IHS director, a post that has been vacant for more than three years.

Weaver, meanwhile, has set his sights on a different job. He’s seeking to lead the Quapaw Tribe and is running against longtime Chairman John Berrey, who had supported him for the IHS post. The election is set for July 28.

Trump’s nominee to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs hasn’t had it easy either. Tara Sweeney, who is Inupiat from Alaska, finally landed a confirmation hearing in May, following months of delays linked to her background as an executive for an Alaska Native corporation.

Tribal leaders have called on the Senate to move quickly on Sweeney after the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs approved her nomination on June 6. But key Democrats aren’t ready to support her without stronger — and written — assurances about her pledge to recuse herself from matters affecting Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, her employer and the firm in which she holds shares.

Arctic Slope stands to benefit financially from the Trump administration’s push to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to energy development. Though Sweeney has said she won’t seek a “waiver” in the future from her recusal, Democrats believe her answers on the issue hasn’t been clear enough.

That means Sweeney may not get a quick and easy voice vote like Hovland, and she might not even be able to proceed with unanimous consent either. Of the 12 Assistant Secretary nominees since 1977, all but one was approved by either a voice vote or unanimous consent.

"I think that highlights the bipartisan nature that the Senate has routinely enjoyed when it comes to supporting these leadership positions for Indian Country," said Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), who is one of Sweeney’s biggest champions.
JOM Registration
in the FHS LOBBY
August 7th, 8:00 am to 6 pm
August 8th, 8:00 am to 4 pm
August 9th, 8:00 am to 4 pm

Contact the FSST Education Office at
605-997-2859
elizabeth.grindeland@fsst.org
**Wakpa Ipaksan Dakota Iapi Ospaye**

**Closing Dates**

**July 3rd - Closing at 12:00pm**
**July 4th - Closed**
**July 5th - Closed till 12:00pm**

**July 9th thru July 17th - Closed**
**July 18th - ReOpen Normal Hours**

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**Happy Birthday**

Senior Center July Birthdays

Ron Gourneau 7/1
Patty Johanson 7/11
Melvin Renville 7/19
Rhea Canku 7/14
Tyrone Issac 7/21
Randy Bernard 7/25
Rosella Jones 7/26
Ardie Lovejoy

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**JOB VACANCY**

Apply Now!

**Open: July 9th, 2018 – Closes: July 20, 2018**

**Tribal Office Receptionist**

This Full time position is responsible for receiving all phone calls and messages in to the tribal office, directing callers to their contact of choice, assisting the general membership with notarizing documents, faxes or employee location, directs vendors, guests or interviewees to their destinations within the building and maintaining clean, professional and safe work environment. Applicant must have exceptional customer service, dress in business casual attire and speak in a professional, pleasant manner to all vendors, guests, members and individuals on the telephone and in person. Must also adhere to the confidentiality policy at all times and be able to fill in with clerical duties as needed.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High school Diploma or GED.
- Maintain Valid Driver’s License.
- Must maintain a professional attitude and proper phone etiquette at all times when performing the above functions/duties.
- Must be bonded and have Notary Stamp or be able to be bonded and become a Notary within 60 days of hire.

Previous employment in an office setting experience is highly preferred.

Must submit to a P.L. 101-630 background check and pre-employment drug and alcohol screening.

Applications are available at the FSST Tribal Office or apply online at www.santeesioux.com

May attach resume to Tribal Application.

Preference in filing vacancies is given to **qualified** Indian candidates in accordance with Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 472). Verification must be submitted with the application if claiming Indian Preference. Consideration will be given to non-Indian applicants in the absence of qualified Indian Preference eligible.

Direct questions to Tribal Human Resources Department 605-997-3891 or email Deb.Wakeman@fsst.org.
FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE
2018 ELECTION NOTICE

Positions Open for Election:

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Eligibility for Nomination of Candidacy for Office

In accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the FSST Constitution, 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;
4. Has not been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; and
5. Has not been dishonorably discharged from military service.

Nominating Petitions Open Date – Monday, April 2, 2018

Candidates interested in running for one of the open positions may pick up their nominating petitions at the Tribal Office during normal business hours: Monday – Thursday, 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. and Friday, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Potential candidates may only seek one position for office. Nominating petitions can be obtained at the FSST Tribal Office.

Nominating Petitions Submission Date and Time – MONDAY, MAY 15, 2018 BY 5:00 P.M.

Nominating petitions must be submitted with a $100.00 non-refundable application fee to be paid by cash or money order only.

Posting of Eligible Candidates for Office – Thursday, May 31, 2018

Absentee Ballots for Primary Election – Friday, June 1 to Thursday, June 14, 2018

Absentee Ballots for the Primary Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours. Absentee Affidavits and Ballots can be obtained at the FSST Tribal Office.

FSST Primary Election
Friday, June 15, 2018
Polls open from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
At Eastman Hall

Notification of the unofficial results of the candidates for the General Election will be posted for three (3) days after the Primary Election at the Tribal Office. Official results of the Primary Election will be posted after three days at the Tribal Office.

Absentee Ballots for the General Election – Friday, July 20 to Friday, August 3, 2018

Absentee Ballots for the General Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal business hours. Absentee Affidavits and Ballots can be obtained from the FSST Tribal Office.

FSST General Election
Saturday, August 4, 2018
Polls open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
At Eastman Hall

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 Election Ordinance.
# Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

## Unofficial Results

### 2018 Primary Election

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Election Board
- Eloise Dupree
- Kimberly Patterson
- Jan Bly
- Judge L. Clark
FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE
2018 ELECTION NOTICE
NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT          SECRETARY          TRUSTEE I          TRUSTEE III
Anthony (Tony) Reider  Donalda Montoya  Jean Paul Roy    Norman Kitto
Rick R. Sorensen      Francis Wakeman III Kristi Bietz       Kenneth Weston

FSST GENERAL ELECTION
Saturday, August 4, 2018
Polls open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
At Eastman Hall

Notification of the unofficial results of the General Election will be posted for three (3) days after the General Election at the Tribal Office. Official results of the General Election will be posted after three (3) days at the Tribal Office.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Thursday, July 19, 2018 to Friday, August 3, 2018
(Tribal Office will be closed Friday, July 20, 2018)

Absentee Ballots for the General Election may be obtained from the Tribal Office during normal summer business hours: Monday – Thursday, 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Friday 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Absentee Affidavits and Ballots can be obtained from the FSST Election Board Member(s) station in the finance office.

IF ANY CANDIDATES OR VOTERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, THEY MAY SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE ELECTION BOARD.

By FSST Election Board on July 13, 2018

Leah Fyten, Chairperson  Kim Patterson, Secretary  Jason Taylor, Alternate
2018 FSST GENERAL ELECTION
CANDIDATE FORUM

The FSST Election Board is sponsoring a
Candidate Forum

Tuesday, July 17, 2018
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Eastman Hall

Moderator: Tre Gillespie
Candidates will introduce themselves and discuss
their platform, vision and goals if elected.

There will be a box for Tribal Members to put
questions in for the candidates to answer. These
questions may be screened by the moderator for
appropriateness.

A light dinner will be provided by Royal River Casino

Any questions regarding the forum can be given to any Election
Board member:
Leah Fyten, Eloise Drapeau, Kim Patterson
Employee Picnic Winners

Zach - Bench
Deb - $50
Jp - Umbrella & base
Roxie - Cooler
Laureen - $50
Jackie A - $50
Robert C - $50
Verzella - Cooler
Wendy - $50
John - $50
Kiya - $100
Mariah - 8hrs leave

Grand Prize Winners

Tre - Gas Grill
Sunshine - Patio Set
Monte - Gas Grill
Roxy - Pool
Dani - Gas Grill
Robert - Gas Grill
Cyndi - Smoker
Gordy - Swing
Kenny - Canopy
Aaron - Canopy

Rob C - Fishing pole
Scott - Fishing Pole
Slyvia - $50
Mark - $50
Vicki - Umbrella
Kailyn - $100
Bunnie - 8hrs leave
Jason - $100
Christin - 8hrs leave
Micheille - 8hrs leave
Gina - Bench

Wes Hansen wins Riding Lawn Mower!!!
1ST ANNUAL GOLF
FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT
FOR VETERANS POWWOW

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 152 SIGNED UP

$55 PER PLAYER
INCLUDES ONE MULLIGAN PER PLAYER
LUCK OF THE DRAW 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE FORMAT, ABCD

MUST REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

Awards Ceremony to follow the tournament
at Dacotah Ridge Club House with a live DJ!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH 2018

10AM TEAM CALCUTTA / 12PM SHOTGUN TEE OFF • DACOTA RIDGE GOLF CLUB

WIN FABULOUS PRIZES!

• CLOSEST TO THE HOLE WILL WIN...
  (2 PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY)
• 1999 TORO PRO-LINE 44” LAWN MOWER
• 2011 POLICE EDITION DODGE CHARGER

$2,000
ADDED PRIZE MONEY
from the LSIC

• PRIZE MONEY AWARDED
  TO THE TOP TEAMS
• GREAT PRIZES UP FOR
  GRABS ON EACH HOLE
• TEAM CALCUTTA
• OPTIONAL SKINS GAME
  $40 PER TEAM

OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, SEASON PASS HOLDERS, HOLE SPONSORS AND OTHERS UNTIL FILLED.
REGISTER AT DACOTAH RIDGE CLUB HOUSE OR HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE / MUST BE 21 TO PLAY
IF INTERESTED IN HOLE SPONSORSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT TYLER @ 507.697.8053
VACATION BIBLE X-PERIENCE

Grab y’er hat, pull on those dusty Western boots, and sharpen y’er spurs!

COME JOIN US!!

CACTUSVILLE

Where: Eastman Hall
When: July 23-27
Time: 9:00-12:30
Ages: 5-12

Pre-register on Sundays, July 22nd from 2-4 pm or at the door on Monday 23rd from 8-9

Contact Duane (Hepi) @ 605-270-1674 or Janet Claymore-Ross @ 605-864-0853
Come celebrate FSST employees’ Birthdays this month!

Wednesday, July 11th at Noon

July Birthday Cake

Ronald Gilbert 5th
Victoria Peres 6th
Sylvia Roy 7th
Willie Hawk 11th
Devin Drapeau 14th
Jessica Morson 14th
Casey Brown 18th
Amos Jones 20th
Brian Arnold 22nd
Norman Kitto 22nd
Gordon Jones Jr 23rd
Randy Bernard 24th
Angie Julson 26th
Monte Lovejoy 29th

Wish our July Birthday Employees a Happy Birthday and enjoy a slice of birthday cake with them. A birthday cake will be placed in both the Tribal Office and the Tribal Health Clinic Breakrooms at noon. FSST Management would like to wish those of you with birthdays in July a Happy Birthday!
Interviews with Executive Committee Members: President Reider, Vice President Weston, and Trustee Kitto

President Reider

President Reider began the interview by sharing how thankful and fortunate he feels, as not many people get the opportunity to lead their community and represent them on a National level, and President Reider has been able to do that for two terms.

"You are not working for yourself, but for the betterment of your Tribe"

By using his experiences and skills gained over the years he has been able to pursue the Tribes objectives, and feels confident in the direction the Tribe is going in. As the years have gone by, while his core objective for running for President has changed, his purpose has remained the same – to pursue greater opportunities for the Tribe. From his time thus far in office, Reider has grown as a leader, mostly through his relationship with the membership.

"I've grown the most in the area of knowing the membership on an individual level and being able to identify their needs. Being very comfortable with each other and every member and fulfilling their needs as best we can, regardless of families, politics, and histories."

Currently there are many initiatives being led by the Executive Committee, a testament to their desire to provide the best of opportunities for the community. Of those initiatives President Reider believes the biggest impact is getting over 90% of membership to respond to the survey distributed in November. While the Executive Committee had a general feel about the needs of the community, getting such a high response has enabled the Executive Committee the means to make decisions based on what the community needs and wants.

"I would say the biggest impact is the community surveys, getting out and hearing what the community wants from us. We are working for them and do not want to be guessing on what they want us to work on."

From that survey came the push for the development of a Supportive Housing facility. Providing units and support services for community members returning to the community after rehabilitation services for their addiction. While the Executive Committee was aware of the substance abuse issues in the community, the survey showed just how passionate the membership was for one another – and their desire to help their fellow Tribal members to get better.

In the next five years President Reider sees a strong community. With economic development becoming stronger and substantial progress made on addressing community needs, the future of the government will be stable with smaller issues such as policies being reviewed.

A short interview with President Reider is all that was possible as he is often pretty busy meeting the daily demands that his position requires. However, he was able to share one thing that most people might not know about him, which was that he is passionate about coaching youth sports and mentoring the next generation. Also, when he is not working or coaching he loves using his hands to work on projects around his house as it stills frees his mind to continue thinking and pursuing greater opportunities for the Tribe.
"Helping kids grow, giving them a figure for the future – being a role model and someone they can return to when they need help."

All in all the final quote sums up who President Reider is, someone passionate about his community, and who strives to build a better future for future generations.

**Vice President Weston**

Andrew Weston has been on the Executive Committee for two years as the Vice President. He was driven to be the Vice President for a variety of reasons, primarily to help the community, to be a part of the wheel that drives the Tribe forward in a positive way, working to help the community succeed and maintain their current successes, while pursuing others. The experience thus far has given him a larger perspective on needs of not just his community but Indian Country in general. During his time in office he has already seen the progression of laws, both federal and state, and has gained a fuller understanding of his communities’ right to assert their sovereignty. Working for the Tribal government is a unique and great opportunity because it provides Andrew the means to help everyone as best as he can, not just within his Tribal community, but with other Tribes as well.

The experience of being on the tribal executive committee has given him clearer insight of the duties of being a Tribal leader, and he believes everyone should experience it.

"I believe everyone should have a chance to experience sitting at the Executive Committee table.

I encourage everyone to share in helping improve our community. As a tribal representative for our community it is definitely a unique experience, it gives you a different perspective, not just within our community, but with the happenings in all of Indian Country. You get to see the progression of how laws, both state and federal have an impact on the tribe and the ever-constant need for protection of our tribal sovereignty. This isn’t a one-time issue defending who we are as a sovereign nation, it is in our blood, and it is in our children’s blood – it is who we are as Dakota people, and we need to continually fight to protect that, now and for the future, We are Warriors."

A large part of exerting and protecting that sovereignty for the community is helping the community to pursue economic prosperity. Vice President Weston’s favorite part about being on the Executive Committee is helping to improve the quality of life for the tribal membership and ensuring that the tribal youth and future of the community are taken care of. He sees the pursuit of economic prosperity via business opportunities as the path to achieve an economically prosperous and culturally rich community.

As the community knows, via the General Council meetings, newsletters, and letters from the Executive Committee the Executive Committee has many initiatives in the works. While all are exciting and will bring positive change to the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, it can be hard not to play favorites. For the Vice President his passion lies in the potential Tribal Housing initiative. He is excited to move forward, by building new homes, and seeing members get into those homes.

"It is exciting to move forward as we gather more information and direction from the tribal membership. We know there is a need, and hopefully we can find a positive solution for everyone – be it, renting new housing or potential home ownership – I look forward to helping the community grow."

The other initiative he is excited about is the new Tobacco venture the Tribe is undertaking. Through a partnership with a Tribal Enterprise called Rock River Manufacturing, a subsidiary of Hochunk Inc. The tribe is developing a new native brand tobacco. It will include eight different packs, three types of king sizes and five types of 100’s. Based on membership input the executive committee chose the name of the tobacco brand as “Dakota.” The product will be launched on July 1st of this year, and he is excited to see this economic venture come to fruition.
Looking into the future he is hopeful for the progress of the community and is excited to see where the Tribe will be with all of the initiatives being implemented in full swing. In five years he sees the completion of the current initiatives, with the Tribe looking forward for another 5, 10 or 15 years of accomplishing goals. Andrew finished the interview with a sentence that summed up his faith in his community, "As long as we keep our future and goals in front of us I am sure we will do well as a community."

Trustee Kitto

Trustee Norman Kitto may be the newest member of the Executive Committee but he is always a leader in his community in Minnesota, and that same drive to represent his community, and be an advocate for his people continues to this day. Following the call of the community after the loss of a leader, Norman Kitto stepped in to lead the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe as a Trustee of the Executive Committee. While he has been busy these past months getting acquainted with the community and implementing the many initiatives the Executive Committee is involved in he sees it as his greatest learning experience.

“One of the greatest learning experiences [of my life] has been learning how the Executive Committee works and how they strive to help the community to the best of their ability. How our decisions are all about making the community better as a whole.”

It is clear as soon as you talk to Trustee Kitto how central the community is in his purpose as an Executive Committee member. His favorite part of being an Executive Committee member is being able to provide a listening ear to the community members. By having an open-door policy, Trustee Kitto provides the means for community members to simply come in and talk, voice their opinions and share their worries and fears. Hearing their voices is what makes working for the Tribal Government a unique and great experience - their views shared with him allows him to be a voice for the community on the Executive Committee.

“It is hard in some ways, that responsibility, but it is also the best part, being able to help our people as a whole and giving them a voice by our votes. By being here for our people and giving them a voice at the table.”

When it comes to being a voice for the community a large focus of Trustee Kitto’s mission is to be a voice and think of the needs of the future generations. A core part of that being to provide a positive outlook on their life.

“While I am the next generation of elders, the young ones below me are the next ones to be in charge of the tribe. We need to make sure they do not meet so much negativity and are instilled with positivity for the future.”

In order to be able to provide those necessary services and a positive future for future generations in the community the Executive Committee has many things they are working on, to assert their sovereignty, to provide services for the community’s benefit, and to bring in more revenue for the Tribe. For Trustee Kitto the projects he is the most excited about is the cigarettes and getting their new brand on the market, as well as see the online lending business grow.

When thinking of the future Trustee Kitto sees a stronger community within the Tribe, more community events and having a positive view of the Tribe’s future.
Communication

Following our first Executive Committee Section of the Newsletter, we are excited to make this a mainstay in future newsletters. This with the routine Letters from the Executive Committee are all a core part of our goal to keep you, the Community members up to date about the exciting changes taking place in our community.

Revised Government Structure

In the past month we have taken further steps in hiring a Tribal Administrator and have met with candidates. We are excited to announce the hire of Theodora Wallace Hardcastle as the Tribal Administrator for our Tribe. Ms. Hardcastle began her employment on mid-June. The Tribal Administrator will provide direction and organization to the Tribal government. With the hire of the Tribal Administrator, regular director’s meetings will be implemented again to provide Tribal employees the opportunity to share information and realign monthly – providing better service output for you.

First American Mart

The Executive Committee met with a group from SuperValu, an independent grocery supplier, to work on developing the expansion concept for the Mart. With their information we have decided to move forward on expanding First American Mart to provide fresh foods and delis. We are now looking into advisors who can design the layout and determine what foods should be provided in the store.

Clinic

In early June staff from the Clinic and EC Members traveled to Washington to visit the Jamestown S’klallam Tribe who operate a successful for-profit clinic. The visit provided them insight on what the next steps were for implementing a for-profit dental clinic, as well as the possibilities the clinic has. Our next step will to have a Tribal Clinic expert visit our Clinic onsite.

Retail

The Gift Shop at the Casino is expected to be completed by October, images of the mock up are below, we hope you like it as much as we do! We are currently working on getting rid of the E-85 gas, replacing is with pure 87 and 91, and 87 with 10% ethanol. As stated in the Letter from the Executive Committee, we will have a new brand of tribal cigarettes for sale starting in August, we are excited for this new economic opportunity.
Addiction/Recovery

As an Executive Committee we have decided to move forward with the development of a 10-unit supportive housing facility. This facility will provide units for individuals returning from rehabilitative services on the reservation to live in that is drug and alcohol free, with supportive programs in house. We will be applying for a federal grant early 2019 which will fund this endeavor. As the development of the housing development progresses we will keep the community updated.

Housing

At the end of June we decided to move forward in the development of 20 New homes for our community. This will be the first new development since the 90’s. We will use Section 184 Loans to build these homes and utilize additional grants to support the development of this community. We will share updates in the upcoming months as we develop the plan.

Land Use Plan

We have been working diligently on collecting data to create a comprehensive map of all of our land holdings. Our next steps are to get the structures place on the map. This map will establish a clear understanding of the lands that can be used for residential, farming, grazing, and land use.

Cigarettes

As you know we have been working on our own branded cigarettes. We are excited to share the news that our brand, Dakota is now being sold. These cigarettes are currently outpacing our sales of the Seneca brand our Dakota brand has replaced. Photos were provided in Vice President Andrew Weston’s interview; below are additional photos of the selection we have.
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