Wozupi Wi (Moon of Planting) May - this when the dakota, lakota, nakota people start to plant their traditional foods.

Spring Clean Up Winners

1st place Delson Long $150 gift card to Tractor supply

2nd place Sunshine Blair $100 Dollar General gift card

3rd place Kevin Pederson Sr $50 1st American Mart card
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marcie.walker@fsst.org

The FSST reserves the right to edit submission for content and clarity when appropriate. Additionally, submissions not of a time sensitive nature may be delayed for next month newsletter.
Brock Nelson
$30 gift card to Maynard’s

“THIS MOM GOT YOU”
Betty Armstrong
$30 gift card to Maynard’s

Dawn Serrano
$30 gift card to Maynard’s

“LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT”
Betty Armstrong
$30 gift card to Maynard’s

Brock Nelson
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STAY STRONG MITAKOYE OYASIN FSST
Desiree Nelson
$30 gift card to Maynard’s

#STAY SAFE
#DAKOTA STRONG
Gayle Soward
$30 gift card to Maynard’s

‘ESSENTIAL PEOPLE MATTER’
Shannon Turner
$30 gift card to Maynard’s
Ummm..This is NOT social distancing lol!

Sta**y** Safe

Stay STRONG

Happy Birthday Stevie!
Love, mom & Family

Happy Birthday!!

Hi Ardie!!
CONGRATS GRADUATES! CONGRATS GRADUATES! CONGRATS GRADUATES!

Ian Parra

Hannah Parsley

Matthew Pauley

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Taryn St. Pierre

Chaz Stephens

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Tanner Sundermeyer

Kendall-Patrick Treetop
Gayle Soward nominated Beverly Wakeman in Flandreau Flower shop Mother’s day drawing. And won!!! Yay for Gayle! Beverly had no clue what Gayle was up to!!

Congratulation Gayle and Beverly!!!

Beverly Wakeman is my inspiration! This Lovely Lady has more get up and go than anyone I know. So very grateful to have her in my life! Beverly is so thoughtful and caring! She’s just a amazing woman! #dakotastrong

Flandreau Flower Shoppe
Gayle Soward —> You won the outdoor hanging basket & Beverly Wakeman won the $25 Shoppe gift card! Stop by anytime to pickup! Congrats!!
School keeps grab-and-go meals through June

The Flandreau school system will be providing sack breakfasts and lunches to youth through June. The Flandreau School Board supported that option at a special meeting April 21. Starting in July, the Boys and Girls Club of Moody County is scheduled to then start providing those meals, said school board member Kari Burggraff.

An average of 240 young people pick up grab-and-go sacks outside the school each day, that includes lunch and the next day’s breakfast, said Stacey VanBeek, finance officer. The numbers vary between 200 and 300 kids a day, she said.

The school has grant money from the state that pays Lunchtime Solutions for the meals. That cost is basically a wash for the school, and the district pays wages to a couple of employees for two hours a day to hand out the lunches between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

“We want to encourage people to keep using it so we can keep doing it,” VanBeek said. Kids of all grade levels eat the lunches, she said. She understands how it helps families, especially if there are job losses or children having to be at home while their parents work.

“People sure seem thankful for it,” she said.

The meals have changed from the first week of lunches in March, when children received a sandwich, fruit, vegetable and milk. Lunches last week included a grilled chicken sandwich, popcorn chicken and pizza, along with two types of sandwiches, for example. One of the breakfasts included an omelet. Instructions are included in each sack on how to heat the meal in a microwave or oven, and the school’s menu is on the school website.

Meals are free to anyone between birth and age 18.

Entrance remodel
The school board tabled plans for a $182,500 remodel the entrance to the high school, making it possible for staff in the office to directly see who is coming into the school through the front doors.

The change is needed to provide safer security for the building, school district administration and board members have said.

The board will take up the issue again at its May 11 meeting.

Several board members said that while the project is important, they are hesitant to spend money in uncertain times caused by the coronavirus pandemic. They would prefer to see where the district stands with money from the state next year.

“I just don’t know if we should spend the money at this time,” Burggraff said. “I’m not saying we don’t need to keep our infrastructure up to date.”

Board member Tammy Lunday echoed the sentiment. “I just want to be good stewards of the dollars.”
Money for the project will come out of the district’s capital outlay fund, which is intended to be spent on building improvements and technology, VanBeek said. A portion, 40 percent, of the fund can be moved to cover general fund expenditures, including teacher pay.

There is money in the account and based on the district’s other needs, the project is fine to do now, she said. At the end of March, the account had $1.2 million in it, and that doesn’t include what it will get next year in taxes paid to the district.

The district accepted bids from three contractors with the low bid of $182,500 going to Ronning Enterprises of Sioux Falls. Pulscher Brothers locally was the next lowest bidder at $196,900.

Once board members looked more at the capital budget, they tended to favor doing the project but wanted to postpone a decision until the next meeting to get more information.

The contract calls for a start date of May 27.

The entrance to the school right now is a security issue because the office staff can’t see where people go once they enter the building, the district has said. Visitors are asked to check in at the office but not all do.

“If it were purely cosmetic, I would be for putting it off and waiting, but the security factor is huge,” said Kelly Kontz, board member.

The board approved the hiring of Wylie Scalise as the agriculture teacher and FFA adviser, replacing Jennifer Perryman, who resigned after one year.

The board also approved the retirement of Becki Landgren, middle school secretary.

Summer events “up in the air”

A company hired by the city recently finished installing a new playground structure in the park near Broad Avenue and Veterans Street. The playground replaced a former structure that was broken. It was paid for, in part, through a grant from South Dakota Land and Water Conservation Fund that paid $18,000. The city paid a matching $18,000. The city is asking that no one use the equipment until after the coronavirus threat has passed.

Summer programs for Flandreau youth may be jeopardy this year as city officials decide whether activities could be held later in the summer and whether it is worth opening the city aquatic center at all.

Group activities, including baseball, are under review, said Jeff Pederson, city administrator. Programs are being designed, and instructors are being lined up, but nothing is certain. “As of right now, it’s quite unsure whether or not we would be able to go forward with those programs,” Pederson said. “June isn’t looking good.”

The aquatic center is expensive to get ready, if it can’t open for most of the summer, he said. Typically, the pool opens in late May, after school is out.

A decision on the pool will need to be made soon to avoid unnecessary expenses, he said. “Time is passing by pretty quickly on that.”

If the city is uncertain when the pool can open, it will be difficult to hire lifeguards and other staff because they will look for other jobs, Pederson said.

The issue will be on the next city agenda.
FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE
CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe hereby develops the Coronavirus Isolation Assistance Program for individuals who are affected by Coronavirus. These funds are to be used only to provide specific relief to individuals and families that are affected by coronavirus. These funds can only be used for the following: housing expenses (rent, mortgage), utility payments, household necessities, prescription medicine and medical expenses, food, and any other items that are necessary during isolation. If someone has been directed by their medical provider to isolate and care for themselves at home, they may apply for up to two weeks at one time.

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<td>1. Reside in Moody County, South Dakota or work for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, and</td>
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<td>2. Test positive for COVID-19, or who have someone in their household tests positive for coronavirus, or who have been directed to isolate by order of a medical professional.</td>
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| SERVICES PROVIDED: | 1. $500 prepaid VISA card to the individual. There will be only one payment made per household per week if necessary. |
|                   | 2. $100 Hy-Vee gift card to the individual. There will be only one gift card provided per household per week. |

| PURCHASING ASSISTANCE: | Efforts should be made by the individual to make payments online for necessary expenses, and the Tribe will attempt to assist in the collection and delivery of grocery items, if they are ordered online at the Hy-Vee in Brookings. Pickup can be coordinated through the FSST Social Services Department (605) 573-4218. |

| APPLICATIONS: | To apply for this program, the following must be submitted to FSST Social Services by e-mail at socialservices@fsst.org. |
|              | 1. Completed and Signed Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Coronavirus Relief Program Application. |
|              | 2. A written and signed medical note from the medical provider who is caring for the COVID-19 patient with a directive to isolate. |

| DISCLOSURES: | - All applications will be considered as they are received. |
|             | - This program is subject to available funding, and may be cancelled without notice by the Tribe. |
|             | - Misuse of these funds and/or fraudulent applications will be prosecuted in accordance with applicable law. |
|             | - No retroactive applications will be accepted. |
|             | - Program participant is expected to comply with isolation direction from their medical provider. Failure to comply will cancel eligibility and support and may constitute fraud and any penalties related. |

| EFFECTIVE DATE: | Approved by the FSST Executive Committee on May 12, 2020. |
APPLICATION FORM - FSST CORONAVIRUS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Please fill out this form completely. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

| Legal Name: | | |
| Social Security Number (Only Used For IRS Purposes): | | |
| Address: | | |
| City, State, ZIP: | | |
| Phone: | | |
| Fax Number: | | |
| E-Mail Address: | | |

Are you a member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe?  Yes ___  No ___
Are you a member of a different federally recognized Tribe?  Yes ___  No ___

If yes, which Tribe:

Who lives in your household?

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Have you tested positive for COVID-19?  Yes ___  No ___
Date of Positive Test: ______________________
Physician Name: _____________________________
Physician Phone Number: ______________________
Testing Facility Name: _______________________

Has someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?  Yes ___  No ___
Date of Positive Test: ______________________
Physician Name: _____________________________
Physician Phone Number: ______________________
Testing Facility Name: _______________________

Did a Physician order that you remain isolated at home or a medical facility?  Yes ___  No ___
How long must you remain isolated?  ________________________
Do you want assistance in picking up groceries?  Yes ___  No ___

SIGNATURE: I, the undersigned applicant, hereby submit that this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further authorize the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe to validate this information, and consent to the use of any and all information provided, including the note from the medical provider.

_____________________________  _______________________
Name (printed):  Date

Send this application and a written and signed medical note from the medical provider who is caring for the COVID-19 patient with a directive to isolate by e-mail to: socialservices@fsst.org. If you have questions regarding this form, please call (605) 573-4218. Your medical provider may fax their note to (877) 508-0413.
Glenn Alan Rederth, Cante Wašte Wicašta “Good Hearted Man”, 58, of Flandreau, SD took the journey April 22, 2020 after losing his battle with health complications. Glenn was born October 10, 1961 in Flandreau, SD to Lloyd and Rosemary Donna (Rederth) Crow. He spent his younger childhood days in Canova, SD with his foster family, Mr. and Mrs. Duck.

Glenn’s teen years he lived in Flandreau with his mother Donna. Glenn worked summer jobs for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe. He moved to California for nine years and during that time Glenn went to school for interior decorating/poem writing and received a degree in both.

He came back home and worked in various jobs at Pokémon and Winks, both in Madison, SD and did seasonal work. He worked at Royal River Casino and Hotel for many years during the 1990s and 2000’s in different departments including hotel housekeeping and food and bar. Glenn liked decorating homes, the Food Network Channel, Keno, playing dice, and music was a big part of his life.

He loved his daughter Sioux J. and loved to just sit and talk about anything and everything. Glenn’s favorite past time was scaring people. His humor and zest for life were a big asset for him. Glenn would give the shirt off his back if need be. The compassion in his heart was great for everyone who crossed his path.

Due to health reasons Glenn was not able to work and lived with his brother and sister in Flandreau. This last year he was a resident at the Alcester Care & Rehab Center.

Glenn is survived by his granddaughter Mavis and six siblings, Dana Red Earth, Becky Red Earth-Villeda, Robin Rederth, Lloyd Crow, Jr., Melodie Crow, all of Flandreau; and Darwin Crow, Sioux Falls. Glen is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Sioux Red Earth, brother Conrad, sister Brenda and his parents.

Graveside services will be held at First Presbyterian Cemetery, Flandreau. www.skrochfc.com
Moody County is slightly behind the state average when it comes to completing U.S. Census questionnaires for 2020. But Flandreau is the largest participant in the county when it comes to residents who filled out their forms online and by mail. The town has had 53 percent of questionnaires completed and turned in, the majority of the filed at the Census website. The county as a whole has 51.5 percent of the forms returned. South Dakota’s participation so far is 54.3 percent. Residents have until Oct. 31 to respond on their own, a date moved back because of the COVID-19 virus, according to the census information online.

The census, which is required to be taken every 10 years by the federal government, helps determine where federal money goes, based on population. Some examples of how federal money is distributed because of the census numbers can be seen with federal emergency management requirements and federal money that comes to the county for firefighting, said Marty Skroch, county human resources director and assistant to the commission. “It does trickle down,” he said.

Other towns in the county have varying percentages of participation with a high of 46.6 percent Egan to a low of 15.8 percent in Trent. Colman residents have self-responded at a rate of 32.7 percent. Ward is not listed in the government data. The self responses so far this year compare roughly to total self responses in 2010, for the most part. That year, 59.3 percent turned in their Census information on their own in Moody County, including 63.4 percent in Flandreau. Colman has a participation rate of 46.1 percent, while Egan had a 67.4 percent rate. Trent’s self response among residents was in the single digits at 6.3 percent.
2020 Census Snapshot — American Indian/Alaska Native

What is the census?
Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so it is important for all American Indians and Alaska Natives to participate in the 2020 Census.

What's in it for me?
The 2020 Census is an opportunity to provide a better future for our communities and future generations. By participating in the 2020 Census, you help provide an accurate count of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Your responses to the 2020 Census can help shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year for programs and grants in our communities.

The 2020 Census is our count. Our responses matter. Regardless of age, nationality, ethnicity, or where we live, we all need to be counted.

Responding to the 2020 Census is:

> Easy
In early 2020, every household in the United States will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.

> Safe
Your responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and protected by law. Personal information is never shared with any other government agencies or law enforcement, including federal, local, and tribal authorities.

> Important
The federal government and local American Indian and Alaska Native leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Native people and our communities.

2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape our future
START HERE >
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who should complete the census questionnaire?
A. One person in the home should complete the questionnaire and include every person living there, including relatives, nonrelatives, babies, and children.

Q. How do I fill out the race question correctly?
A. If you self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, you should check the American Indian or Alaska Native race box. You should then print the name of your enrolled or principal tribe in the write-in area.

Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?
A. Assistance responding to the 2020 Census will be available on 2020census.gov and via our toll-free phone number. Language guides, language glossaries, and language identification cards will be available in 59 non-English languages. Large-print guides to the questionnaire will also be available upon request, as well as telephone devices for hearing impaired. On 2020census.gov, video tutorials and how-to resources can help you complete your census form. Many communities, partners, and local organizations will also provide assistance.

Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?
A. Census Bureau employees work extensively to take in-person counts of people living in group housing, like college dormitories and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been displaced by natural disasters.

2020 Census Key Dates

- **January-April 2020**
  First census enumeration takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska.

- **March 2020**
  Census notices are mailed or delivered to households.

- **March-May 2020**
  Census takers visit each household to update address lists and collect information on the questionnaire.

- **April 1, 2020**
  Census Day

- **May-July 2020**
  Census takers visit households that have not completed the questionnaire.

- **December 31, 2020**
  By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment of congressional seats.

- **March 2021**
  By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

For more information, visit: 2020CENSUS.GOV
Sending smokes prayers to all......
Dakota Layers doles out eggs

Above, the Easter Bunny and Chick had help from Jett Ramsdell and Nora Ramsdell in delivering over 100 treat bags to the Zepher children, Zavier, age 6 holding Zaiden age 8 months and Akiah, age 3. They are the children of Zach and Alison Zepher of Flandreau.

Tours Flandreau with Easter Bunny & Chick delivering treats to kids

Flandreau-based Dakota Layers has donated thousands of dozens of eggs to feed hungry people in South Dakota this time of year.

The family-owned egg farm, for the fourth year, has partnered with South Dakota State University’s men’s and women’s basketball teams to donate eggs to Feeding South Dakota based on each free throw made during the season. This year 441 free throws have turned into a donation of 540 dozen eggs, or 6,480 eggs.

The company also has pledged to donate 36,000 dozen, or 432,000 eggs, to help families in the Sioux Falls area through this week and to share with families near the Pierre and Rapid City distribution centers through Feeding South Dakota.

“We’re so thankful to help fight hunger across the state, especially during these unprecedented times,” said Jason Ramsdell, general manager for Dakota Layers.

The company also has sponsored events for children in Flandreau during the Easter Season. The first being their 5th annual coloring contest.

Then on Saturday, they brought the Easter Bunny and Chick to tour the town delivering via “social distancing” 100 treat bags to children. The remaining were given to the school district to hand out with the district’s free meals.
IT’S A NO BRAINER
IF YOU’VE BEEN
DIAGNOSED WITH
COVID-19
OR HAVE BEEN AROUND
SOMEONE WHO’S
BEEN DIAGNOSED

QUARANTINE!!
STAY HOME!!!!
COVID-19 SHOPPING TIPS

- **WATCH WHAT YOU TOUCH**
  Disinfect cart and basket handles

- **WASH YOUR HANDS**
  Wash with soap for at least 20 seconds

- **SHARING IS CARING**
  Stockpiling can mean someone may not be able to buy with they desperately need

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING**
  Keep a personal radius of 6 feet away from others, even in the checkout line.

- **LIMIT NONESSENTIAL OUTINGS**
  Plan ahead to get enough groceries to last a week

South Dakota Department of Health | covid.sd.gov
Knowing the signs of meth abuse might help you save someone’s life.

Certain behavioral and physical changes are common among meth users. Signs of meth abuse include:

- Hyperactivity
- Drastic weight loss
- Dilated pupils
- Talkativeness
- Increased distractibility
- Tooth decay and loss of teeth
- Aggression
- Irritability
- Agitation
- Grandiose behavior
- Twitchiness
- Loss of interest in normal activities, such as food, water, sex, and sleep
- Getting “sketched out,” or becoming agitated, nervous, moody, irritable, paranoid, and/or aggressive.
- Jumpy eyes
- Scratching, itching, or picking at skin
- Financial difficulties
- Not meeting financial obligations
- Absenteeism or tardiness at school or work
- Noticeable changes in behavior
- Cravings
- Social and interpersonal problems
- Impulsive behaviors
- Memory loss
- Bizarre and erratic behavior
- Repetitive behavior patterns that can last for hours, also called “tweaking” or “geeking.”
- Sleep deprivation, resulting in hallucinations, delusions, extreme paranoia, or violence
To keep our Members & Employees safe from the spread of COVID-19

- GWA paper checks will be mailed out eff. 4/15/20 until further notice. Direct deposit members remain the same as usual.

   **REMEMBER** There will be no checks to be picked in GWA office up on 1st or 15th until further notice

- May 1 Confirmation of Residency (COR) will be waived until Nov 1

- All loan programs (member credit, home improvement, energy asst., ERC, pay advances, quilts) are shut down until further notice

- All loan pmts (members credit, home improvement, energy asst. ERC, quilts) will be deferred until further notice. If you would like to continue your pmts as usual call finance @ 997-3891 Ext. 1250 (Shantel) or 1221 (Angie)

- Any updating Information will be mailed and posted on Tribal Office front door.

   **Stay home & be safe if you have to venture out**

   **We can get through this together!**

   Executive Committee

   4/6/2020
Effective April 15

General Welfare checks will be mailed until further notice

There will be NO checks at the Tribal Office