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## Oyate voters to determine General Election ballots

### SWO 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION IS NEXT TUESDAY, OCT. 4TH

Agency Village, SD - CNB Sota - Sept. 23, 2022 - Registered voters will cast ballots next Tuesday, October 4th to select final candidates for the SWO 2022 General Election to be held on November 8th. Tune to CNB KXWS-Radio or CNB TV for real-time election coverage; official results will be published in the following week's Sota. Below are candidates who have filed to run for office and been vetted by the Reservation Election Board. Registered voters can cast ballots at their District Center Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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| <p><b>Tribal Chairperson:</b><br/>Delbert Hopkins Jr. (incumbent)<br/>Lisa Jackson<br/>Frances Crawford<br/>J Garret Renville</p> <p><b>Tribal Vice-Chairperson:</b><br/>Edmund Johnson Jr. (incumbent)<br/>Gretta Lavergne<br/>Lexie Fancher-Lincoln<br/>Crystal Owen</p> <p><b>Tribal Secretary:</b><br/>Bryan Akipa</p> | <p>Leah Kampeska<br/>Shannon White<br/>Curtis Bissonette<br/>Winfield Rondell III</p> <p><b>Big Coulee District Councilperson:</b><br/>A. Lydia Amos (incumbent)<br/>Myrna Thompson<br/>Brenda Jackson</p> <p><b>Buffalo Lake District Councilperson:</b><br/>Kenneth Johnson Sr.<br/>Arnold White Jr.<br/>Lorraine Rousseau</p> |
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There will be NO Primary Election for the following candidates. Voting for these positions will be held during the General Election in November.

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| <p><b>Enemy Swim District Councilperson:</b><br/>Dallas Owen (incumbent)<br/>Cheryl Owen</p> <p><b>Heipa District Councilperson:</b><br/>Brandon Gypsy Wanna (incumbent)<br/>Marc Beaudreau</p> <p><b>Long Hollow District Councilperson:</b><br/>Janell Cook</p> | <p>Darrell Quinn Jr.</p> <p><b>Lake Traverse District Councilperson:</b><br/>Dionne Crawford (incumbent)<br/>Joan White</p> <p><b>Old Agency District Councilperson:</b><br/>Brandon Adams<br/>Floyd Kirk Jr.</p> |
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## Taps: SWO US Army Korean War Veteran laid to rest



Agency Village, SD - CNB Sota - Sept. 23, 2022 - Naomi's grandchildren, other relatives and friends have sent prayers for her final journey. Her obituary has been updated and is in this issue. Here is an archived guest editorial from May 1, 2019, published to pay tribute to a friend, treasured elder, and SWO akicita.

### Naomi Parker Barker: Recollections of a US Army Korean War Veteran

The SWO Veterans Service Office hosted a ceremony honoring Naomi Parker Barker in the admin building rotunda on Wednesday, April 10th. Naomi was presented with the Korean Ambassador of Peace Medal and a star quilt. As promised in her column, VSO Geri Opsal has provided Sota readers with Naomi's recollections, which she read at the ceremony.

**Recollections**

I am honored to be here today to receive this medal of recognition for my years of military service. I served 5 years in the Army, two of which were as a medic during the Korean War.

I am very proud to be part of a military family. My two brothers John and Ed Barker, three step-brothers Kenneth, Homer, and Louis Williams served in WWII. Louis was POW in Japan during that time. My sister Ruth served in the Air Force.

My brother Ed Williams Jr. served in Vietnam and his granddaughter served in the Navy. My son Tim Parker and Winona Parker served in the Army.

I was born April 20, 1930 just 2 miles north of here. My father died when I was 45 days old. My mother raised 8 children by herself. We had 3 large gardens consisting of potatoes, corn, beans and other kinds of vegetables. Pumpkins and squash were planted around the outside of the gardens.

My mother always said she wasn't done canning until there were 500 quarts of vegetables and meats. She also made a lot of jams and jellies. This was during the Depression Era but we always had food to eat. My mother was very kind and loving. She always told us to love one another



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## Wambdi Homecoming Week Highlights



Wambdi Homecoming Royal Court showing some "down home" spirit after coronation of Iyotan Win Blue Horse and Nano Little Bird as Homecoming King and Queen. CNB Sota photo by Tom Wilson.



Iyotan Win Blue Horse and Nano Little Bird are Homecoming King and Queen. TZ photo.



Honor guard leading the Tiospa Zina 2022 Homecoming parade. Photo by Alana Little Bird.



Big Coulee riders in the parade. Photo by Ella Robertson.



"Dakotah Scrabble" float. SWC photo.



Royalty riding in the parade. Photo by Alana Little Bird.



Team Wambdi! Photo by Alana Little Bird.



IHS "operation" float takes first in the community category. Photo by Alana Little Bird.



Kickoff of the Homecoming game, beneath a double rainbow. Photo by Alana Little Bird.



MORE IN NEXT WEEK'S CNB SOTA

Another view of the double rainbow over the TZ field. Photo by Shannon White-LaFromboise.

# Sota Obituaries

## Memorial service held for Naomi Parker



Memorial service for Naomi H. Parker was held Saturday morning, September 24, 2022 at Cahill Funeral Chapel in Sisseton, SD. A wake service was held on Friday evening.

Officiating the services were Minister Filmore Simon, and music was by organist Billy Kohl.

Naomi Parker, 92, passed away on August 31, 2022, after suffering from medical complications. She moved across country to be closer to her family in Crowley, LA, and although Naomi didn't get to stay long she lived life to the fullest and was blessed to be surrounded by her family as she passed.

Naomi was born on June 20, 1930 in Sisseton, SD to her mother, Kesiah Flute and her father, Hazen Barker.

Naomi attended High School in Sisseton and after graduation she joined the Army where she served in the Korean War and was stationed all over the world.

It was in the Army where Naomi met her late husband Bernard and they had four children Timothy, Winona, Daniel, and David.

She lived out most of her life in Sisseton, SD.

After her time in the service Naomi was a stay at home mother raising their children while her husband continued to serve in the Army.

Anyone that knew Naomi was captured by her many stories of being a Native American Indian or her military travels.

Naomi served and was honored with a medal from her service in the Korean War.

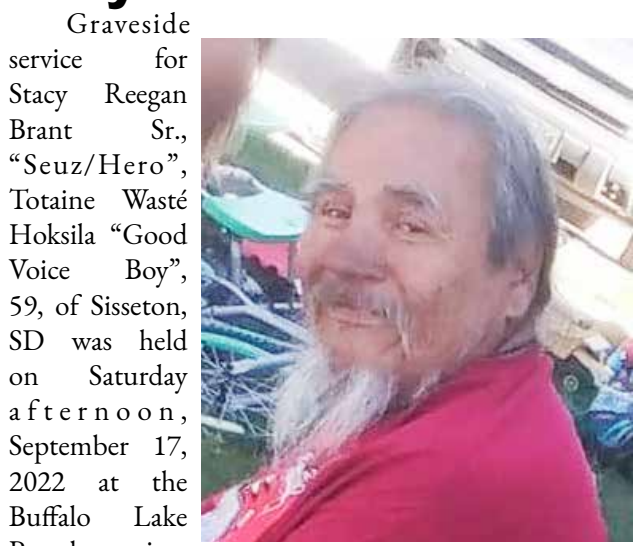
She was a devout and loyal member of the Lutheran church and multiple organizations within her community.

When Naomi did sit still it was to enjoy her favorite pastime of making quilts and gifting them to others.

Naomi is survived by her three granddaughters Megan Duhon of Crowley, LA, Anna Holloway of Port Orchard, WA, and Shannon Olson of Suquamish, WA. Ten great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews in Sisseton, SD. She was preceded in death by her mother Kesiah Flute, her father Hazen Barker, and her children Timothy Parker, Winona Parker, Daniel, Parker, and David Parker as well as her seven siblings.

Our family would like to extend our thanks to everyone that knew and helped Naomi. Our Grandmother was an amazing person and will be dearly missed. We would also like to acknowledge Encore Health Care and Rehab for the amazing care and love the staff has given her during her short stay.

## Services held for Stacy Brant Sr.



Graveside service for Stacy Reegan Brant Sr., "Seuz/Hero", Totaine Wasté Hoksila "Good Voice Boy", 59, of Sisseton, SD was held on Saturday afternoon, September 17, 2022 at the Buffalo Lake Presbyterian Cemetery, Eden, SD. with Spiritual Leaders Ronnie Brant and Arnold Williams. Drum Groups were Red Storm, Wakpaipakasan Singers and Long Elk Singers.

Urn Bearer was Reegan Brant.

Honorary Urn Bearers were Damian White, Justin White, Dusty Brant, Tyson Brant, Jared Hisgun, Wichapi "Duta" Brant, Keith Hawk Sr., Derrick Locke, Brent Starr, Arnold White Jr., Nathan Owen, Rider Dirtseller, Kiyanku Brant HollyBull Jr., Emmett HolyBull, Alcott Brant Jr., Norman Brant, Wambli Brant, Gary Brant Jr., Loris Quinn, Bryan Twilling, Elias Quinn and George DuMarce, Eric Tiger, Rick LaFountain, Donovan King, Les King, Todd Brown, Drago Lufkins, Hokie Marks, Freeman Hawk, Jon Adams, Sam Adams, Melvin Brant, Tracey Harwood, Crystal White, Angie Eastman, Rolette Eastman, Crystal Harwood, Debbie Haug, Ida Lufkins, Amanda Iyarpeya, Buffy Nanaeto, Elsie Williams, Yolanda Starr, Wendy Ross, Toy Ross, Susie Kipp, Ann ManyBirds, Amanda HolyBull, France Brant, Rose Brant/Solis, Lorene Brant/Clark, Zitkana-ota Brant, Jade Brant, Angel Brant, Shanna Brant, Leah Quinn, Lynnelle Quinn, and many more friends and relatives.

Inurnment is in the Buffalo Lake Presbyterian Cemetery, Eden, SD.

Traditional Services were held Wednesday and Thursday, and all-night on Friday at the Buffalo Lake District Center, Eden, SD.

The Cahill Funeral Chapel, Sisseton, SD was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Stacey was born at I.H.S. on June 2, 1963 to Rose (Johnson) Brant and Norman Isaac Brant of rural Buffalo Lake. He was baptized in the Dakota Presbyterian and a member of the Buffalo Lake Dakota Presbyterian rural Eden, SD. Stacy Sr. was the youngest of 10 children.

Stacy attended school at Sisseton Primary, Westside Elementary and later Sisseton High School.

He enjoyed watching football games (Green Bay Packers his favorite team).

Stacy also enjoyed singing with Red Storm Drum Group, his brothers and nephews all over the pow-wow trail. Stacy traveled throughout USA and performing for various countries. Traveling with brother Ronnie.

He returned to South Dakota to be with family.

Stacy also enjoyed playing cards, dices and his all time favorite slot machines. He enjoyed fishing and sitting along Red Iron Lake. He loved to watch scary movies with his children and grandchildren. He liked to sit outside his home and visit with friends and family. He enjoyed being around all his grandchildren.

Stacy journeyed to the Spirit World on September 10, 2022.

Stacy is survived by his children: Damian (Nikki Crawford) White Sr., Dustin Brant Sr., Tracy Brant Sr., Tyson Brant Sr., Justin White, Wichahpi-Duta Dean Brant, Reegan Brant, and Wagh-chaziwi Brant; Amanda Brant; Sisters Cynthia Starr and Wanda Johnson; and Brother Ronald Brant.

Stacy was preceded in death by his father Norman Brant; his mother Rose Blossom Johnson; son Stacy R. Brant Jr., daughter Serena Brant; sisters Inez Marks, Olivia Eastman, and Rita Hollybull; brothers Alcott Brant Sr., Gary Brant Sr., and Michael Brant.

## Services for Serena Blossom Brant



Graveside service for Serena Blossom Brant, Tokiya Inajin Win "Stands In Front Woman," 30, of Sisseton, SD was held Saturday afternoon, September 17, 2022 at the Buffalo Lake Presbyterian Cemetery, Eden, SD with Spiritual Leaders Ronnie Brant and Arnold Williams.

Urn Bearers were Wichahpi-Duta Dean Brant and Avalya Brant.

Honorary Urn Bearers were Jacob Barse Jr., Keith Hawk Jr., Anthony Keoke, Jeremy Keoke, Josh Ortle, Wambli Brant, Norman Brant, Derrick Locke, Alcott Brant Jr., Jrue Hawk, Raymond Hernandez, Elias Hawk, Eugene Bissonette, Theo Bobtailbear, Herbert DeCoteau, Amanda Iyarpeya, Buffy Nanaeto, Emily Graves, Norelle Bird, Miranda Rodlund, Sara and Lucy Reynolds, Kelly Spider, Josette Ross, Mariah Marks, Rahima St. John, Sunny Fayant, Serena Flute, Jasmine Hansen, Terese Keeble, Cassie Lawrence, Colleen Brown, Elsie Williams, Sasha Owen, Lori Owen, Jade Brant, Angel Brant, Shanna Brant, Amanda HolyBull, Frances Brant, Rose Brant, Yolanda Starr, Krista Comesflying, Doreen Hill, GERALYN Crawford, Samantha Flute, Amanda Rosseau, Therese Thompson, April Keoke, Chantel Brant, Robyn LaFountain, Alana Cimburek, Nicole Wanna, Maryssa DuMarce, Korynn LaCroix, Mari Starr, Alicia Renville, Tina Tapia, Cheryl Taylor, Janet Taylor, Teanna Field, Kim Kampeska, Marijo Keeble, Tara Bearhead, Sarah Soloyna, Mandy Gomez, Jennifer Martinez and All Southern Cheyenne Relatives, and many more friends and relatives.

Drum Groups were Red Storm, Wakpaipakasan Singers, and Long Elk Singers.

Inurnment in the Buffalo Lake Presbyterian Cemetery, Eden, SD.

Traditional Services were held Wednesday and Thursday, and all-night on Friday at the Buffalo Lake District Center, Eden, SD.

The Cahill Funeral Chapel, Sisseton, SD was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Serena Blossom Brant "Beanz" was born at Coteau Des Prairie Hospital, Sisseton, SD on March 4, 1992 to Catherine Francis Hawk and Stacy Reegan Brant Sr. She resided at Red Iron, SD and attended Tiospa Zina Tribal School.

She moved to Clinton, Oklahoma with her parents, then to Durango, Co where she attended elementary school, and then to Glendale, CA and attended Columbus Elementary School.

After spending time in California, Serena moved back to Sisseton, SD. She was working on her GED.

She was born around the alter and practiced her traditional ways. She would attend sundances, Inipi, and pow-wows. She loved to sing. She was a fancy shawl dancer growing up. She was a proud Southern Cheyenne and Dakota Sioux Woman.

She loved being with family and friends near and far.

Her hobbies included beading which her mother taught her, fishing, reading, also loved to write poems. She

loved her music and loved to jam out.

Most of all she loved being a mother to her daughter, Avalya Zaria Brant who was born on October 12, 2011. Her daughter was her pride and joy. She would do anything for her.

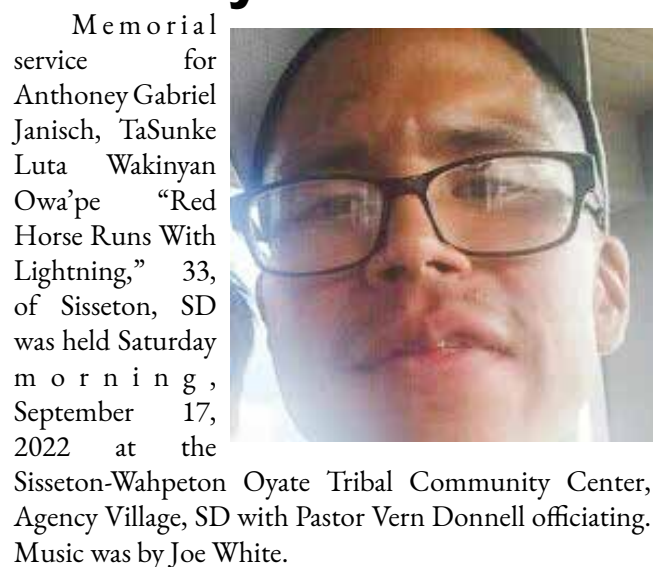
Serena always had a smile on her face and loved to make people laugh, through all the good and hard times in life.

Serena journeyed to the Spirit World on September 10, 2022.

Serena is survived by her daughter Avalya Zaria Brant; her uncle Freeman Hawk; siblings Wichahpi-Duta Dean Brant, Valerie (Hawk) Smith, Diana Hawk, Keith (Swiftbird) Hawk Sr., Reegan Brant, Wagh-chaziwi (Nora), Damian White Sr., Tyson Brant Sr., Dustin Brant Sr., Tracy Brant Sr., Justin White; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Serena was preceded in death by her father Stacy Brant Sr., her mother Catherine Hawk; Brother Stacy Brant Jr.; paternal grandmother Rose Blossom Brant and Grandfather Norman Issac Brant; maternal grandmother Irene Swiftbird-Nelson and grandfather Peter Buddy Nelson and Freeman Hawk Sr.

## Services held for Anthony Janisch



Memorial service for Anthony Gabriel Janisch, TaSunke Luta Wakinyan Owa'pe "Red Horse Runs With Lightning," 33, of Sisseton, SD was held Saturday morning, September 17, 2022 at the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Community Center, Agency Village, SD with Pastor Vern Donnell officiating. Music was by Joe White.

Urn Bearers were Cheyenne Barse, Lionel DuMarce, and Walter Glenn LaFromboise Jr. AKA "Ray."

Honorary Urn bearers were all of Anthony's Family and Friends.

There was an all-night wake service Friday at the Community Center.

Inurnment is in the Sisseton Cemetery, Sisseton, SD.

The Cahill Funeral Chapel was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Anthony was born on July 28, 1989 at St. Cloud, MN to Walter G. and Bobbi (DuMarce) LaFromboise Sr. Anthony attended elementary school in Summit and Veblen and then attended school in Sisseton and graduated from Tiospa Zina Tribal School in 2008.

As a young boy he was adopted by Karen and Pete Janisch.

After graduation he worked many different jobs.

Anthony enjoyed working out at the gym, farm work, football, working on cars, shooting and spending time with family and friends.

Anthony is survived by his mother Bobbi DuMarce; his father Walter Glenn LaFromboise Sr.; sister Alexis DuMarce; brothers Ray Palacio, Aaron Finley and Avery Finley; nieces and nephews Zailee, Laine, Violet, Drayven; maternal grandmother Barbara LaCroix; and Karen Janisch.

Anthony was preceded in death by his sister

## Taps Naomi Parker

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and help others. All my life, I have done all I could to help others and be kind and loving to others, especially during my time in the military.

I went to school in Sisseton and Flandreau Indian School.

My mother passed away during my last year of high school. I didn't have a home to come back to and I felt very lost. I stayed with my sisters whose husbands were overseas at the time.

The only jobs available were at the BIA and IHS. The only job I could get was babysitting. I thought to myself that I could do better than that.

I joined the Army in 1950. I was sent to Ft. Sam Houston in Houston, TX for medical training. I was sent to Massachusetts for 9 months. I then got my orders to go to Japan.

I went by ship to Japan. The trip was supposed to take 10 days but took 12 days because of a typhoon.

I always wanted to see Mt. Fuji and that was the first thing I saw when I got to Japan. The first night I was there, there was an earthquake that I slept through. When I found out about the earthquake, all I could think about was that I wanted to go home.

I was assigned to Yokohama Military Hospital. The Korean War was going on and we worked very hard 6 days a week, 12 hours a day for a few months.

After my shift ended, I was so tired, all I wanted to do was sleep. At 7 PM the PA system came on

ordering all medical personnel to return to work immediately. When I entered the hospital foyer, there were wounded soldiers in stretchers, wheelchairs and benches.

All the wounded soldiers were filthy and dirty. Most of the soldiers had been wounded 4 hours before. I was so tired but when I saw all this, all my tiredness went away.

We worked all night cleaning, feeding patients or getting them ready for surgery.

After our shift ended, we still had to stay until every patient was taken care and seen by a doctor. We went back to regular shifts of 5 days a week.

Our patients were not only Americans but from UN countries - France, Italy, Belgium, Turkey, Greece, Ethiopia and Chile, South America.

A patient who I remember most was a Sergeant who came in on a striker bed that had to be rotated every so often. He had tears in his eyes then he saw the doctors coming to remove shrapnel from this body.

One day he asked me to write a letter for him. He told me to get his wallet and go through the pictures until I came to a picture of a very beautiful woman. Then he asked to keep going to find a picture of him. He was a very handsome man. The letter he asked me to write was very sad and cold. He said, "I don't think she will want me anymore. Look at my face, my body. Nobody would want this."

I wanted to cry but I told him he would be fixed up when he got back to the U.S. One day he was gone, sent

back to the U.S. I was worried but glad for his new life.

The parents of the patient from Chile owned a coffee plantation. He would bring in a little box filled with cups of coffee and pass them out. The doctors told him he didn't need to do that because there was already coffee there.

He was always so happy. One day he was gone and I found out he was sent home.

He was the oldest of 9 kids. His father had died and he needed to help take care of his brothers and sisters. There were two patients from Ethiopia who were always happy, talking all the time in their language, laughing.

They were very tall.

One night they came back after being allowed to go out. They were talking and laughing when they should have put on their gowns and in bed. The head nurse came in and started telling them to go to bed. She was very mean.

They started talking back to her getting mad. She kept on and one of them pulled a knife out.

I was very scared because I was at the back of the place with no place get out. I thought I was going to be stabbed.

She told them to give her the knife but they wouldn't.

I didn't know what to do but I finally walked up to them and told them to give me the knife. They gave me the knife right away.

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Ashlee P. LaFromboise; maternal Grandfather Clifford DuMarce; paternal Grandmother Joann Flores; Pete Janisch, maternal grandparents Mary S. White and Francis E. White.

## Services held for Mavis Hill



Funeral service for Mavis Dianne Hill, 76, of Sisseton, South Dakota was held on Friday morning, September 23, 2022 at the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Community Center, Agency Village, SD with Gerald Heminger, Jr. CRE officiating.

Pianist was Billy Kohl.

Pallbearers were Aron Hill, Rayce Hill, Conrad White, Evansten Benally, Jeff Cook, and Maurice Frenier Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Mary Hill, Sharon Feather, Billy Kohl, Misun Eagle Star and all of Mavis's Friends & Relatives.

Wake services were held at the Community Center Wednesday evening and all-night Thursday at the Community Center.

Interment is in the Goodwill Presbyterian Cemetery, Agency Village, SD.

The Cahill Funeral Chapel was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mavis Dianne Hill was born September 18, 1946 to Samuel and Martha (Barker) Hill. She attended Flandreau Indian School.

She moved back to Sisseton where she made her home with Winfred D. Feather and together they had two children, a son Winfred Feather Jr. and daughter Angela Feather-Cook.

Throughout her life she worked as a CNA for Tekakwitha Living Center. Then she became a cook/manager for Dakota Connection Casino. She attended one year at LATI for nursing and received her LPN degree. She later started running and cooking at the Drop In Center in Sisseton for many years.

She semi retired at the age of 60 and started working at the Senior Citizen Center in Sisseton, SD.

Over the years she raised three grandchildren Aron, Dustie Rose and Anthony Jr.

In her free time she loved to play bingo with her sister.

She enjoyed her family time.

Mavis passed away on September 18, 2022 on her 76th birthday at Aventura, Milbank, SD.

She is survived by one sister Christine Hill of Old Agency SD; daughters Angela Feather Cook (Jeff Cook), Ursula Eagle of Enemy Swim, SD, Muriel Albin-Stevenson of KS, Heidi Knutson of MO and a son Rayce Hill of Sisseton SD, 14 grandchildren and 9 Great grandchildren.

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Janice, Kaye, Darlene, Olivia, Richanda and Evangeline; brothers Reuben, Wilbur and John; two sons Samuel Eagle and Winfred D Feather Jr. She is greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

excited and wanted to shake my hand. The patients knew a little Japanese and a little English.

We all managed to talk to each other and understand each other somehow.

The two Ethiopians did not like getting their shots and that's the one word they understood. When they heard the word "shot," they would hide.

I had to go find them and bring them back. I had to make sure they walked in front of me so they did not try to run away and hide.

One evening after work, I got a phone call from Ron Campbell. I didn't recognize the name because I knew him as Ronnie.

We went to school together at Flandreau.

He was in Tokyo waiting to be shipped home. We spent a day visiting and had a nice dinner.

The next day he was still waiting but he couldn't leave the area in case his name was called. He said he was getting married when he got home.

Another person who was in the service that I knew was Virgil Heminger.

We didn't find out until after we got home that every place we were stationed, we were always within 50 miles of each other but never saw each other.

I met up with Virgil when I was living in Washington. We had lunch and visited for two hours. I lost his phone number and never did talk to him again.

During my military service, I wanted to meet people of different nationalities and cultures and see the countryside while traveling with my friends on our days off. I took a train ride up to Mt. Fuji, saw the Japanese Alps, and a large Buddha statue. The Buddha statue is supposed to be a sacred place but I was amazed to see the Japanese tourists climbing all over it.

I was invited to a Japanese wedding and another Japanese dinner. The wedding was so interesting.

During my time there, there were 3 earthquakes. We were in an area during one of the earthquakes and saw this very tall chimney stack swaying back and forth. I couldn't believe it didn't fall over.

I had a month off and returned to Sisseton to visit.

A friend invited me to visit her in Salt Lake City, UT. I spent a week there and then went to Ft. Ord, CA, where I met my husband Bernard.

We had a full military wedding. All the attendants were military personnel. A week before we were married, we received our orders to go to Germany. We lived Badkoysnak, Germany.

I decided I wanted to stay in the Army one more year. This would allow me to travel with my husband.

We were able to travel to nine different countries. Our oldest son was born in Germany. Wherever we went, people were more interested in talking to him than us.

We went to Paris, France on our

honeymoon where we saw the Eiffel Tower and Westminster Abby.

During our other travels, we saw where Anne Frank lived, a cemetery in Belgium where many American soldiers were buried. The cemetery was well taken care of, and there were plans to put up a stature of Gen. Patton there.

I went to East Germany by myself because my husband couldn't go because his security clearance might place him at risk. The trip was very depressing because of the living conditions and the people looked very sad.

We met a famous opera singer who sang for royalty and even sang for Hitler. He sang for us and it was very beautiful. Our son was a baby and stared at him the whole time he was singing. The wife the opera singer had escaped East Germany with two kids to West Germany. They walked two days and spent two days hiding by the Rhine River before they could cross.

The experiences I have told you are just a few of the very many I had in the Army and also while traveling with my husband. I feel like my 5 years of military service was repaid by getting all the opportunities to travel and meet people and see many places I would not have seen. I often thought what kind of life would I have had if I had not joined the Army.

It was nice to finally come home. There is nothing like the U.S. I am proud to be an American. Naomi Parker Barker.

## Tekakwitha Orphanage Survivor story; One of many

By Dennis Isaac Seely

Sisseton, SD – Sept. 18, 2022 – Bonnie and I stopped in to see Leonard Johnson, from the 173rd Airborne Brigade, at his apartment building across the street from the Tekakwitha Living Center.

I picked up a Sisseton Courier and a Sota Indian newspaper for him.

I called Leonard on my cell phone, and he finally came down the hallway in his VA wheelchair.

Bonnie and I were invited into his apartment, and I asked Leonard how he was doing.

He told us that Friday night he was getting out of bed to go to the washroom and was sitting on the edge of the bed and "passed out."

Leonard said he laid on the floor for nine hours. Finally, the man that lives upstairs above him heard Leonard calling for "help."

Leonard said his "legs don't work any more."

He said that the Fargo VA was coming to pick him up on Monday (September 19).

I helped him out of his wheelchair and into his living room chair so he could watch TV.

We talked about the beatings and bad living conditions at the Tekakwitha Orphanage when we were there.

Leonard told me that one time he was standing at the top of the old cement tile stairs, doing nothing, when one of them mean old nuns came up to him and hit him so hard that he flew down those cement stairs.

Then the mean old wasicu nun walked right by him as he laid on the cement tile floor in pain.

Editor's note: Leonard Johnson began his spirit journey on Sunday, September 25.

I also brought Leonard a brand new pair of brown slippers, because his other slippers were in pretty bad shape.

This is only one of thousands of stories that came from just one Tekakwitha Sioux Indian orphan!

There must be four or five thousand stories to tell before the

Tekakwitha orphans are all gone.

I told Leonard my next stop in my old Jeep would be at Long Hollow Cemetery, where John Ross is buried.

Leonard asked us to lock the door of his apartment when we left.

I called back, "Done."



Dennis visiting the gravesite of John Ross at Long Hollow Cemetery.

## Lisa Jackson announces Candidacy for SWO Tribal Chairman

Sisseton, SD – Summer 2022 – "After much prayer and consulting with my family and friends, I have decided to continue fighting for our Oyate and run for the office of SWO Tribal Chairman," said Lisa Jackson.

Jackson (51) started her career of public service with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Police, starting the Tribe's K-9 program.

In her 35 years, living on the

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Lake Traverse Reservation, she has been privileged to serve her tribe in many different roles.

Besides being a Police Officer, she served as a legal assistant to the tribal attorney, budget specialist for Chairman Shepard, Associate Manager at the Magic, General Manager at Connection, Compliance Manager for Dakota Magic, Big

Coulee District Chair, Big Coulees Council Representative, and SWO Vice Chairwoman.

Details of her qualifications and issues platform, as well as a supporter sign-up form, can be found on her campaign website at [www.lisajacksonforswo.com](http://www.lisajacksonforswo.com)

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## AN ELDER SPEAKS



"Conversation was never begun at once, nor in a hurried manner. No one was quick with a question, no matter how important, and no one was pressed for an answer. A pause giving time for thought was the truly courteous way of beginning and conducting a conversation. Silence was meaningful with the Lakota, and his granting a space of silence to the speech-maker and his own moment of silence before talking was done in the practice of true politeness and regard for the rule that, "thought comes before speech."

– Luther Standing Bear, Oglala Sioux Chief

## Update from Inside the Walls: Request for support

Leo Blue Thunder is from the Sicangu people on the Rosebud Reservation and he goes for dialysis three times a week and his kidneys work at ten percent. He staggers and is very weak. We have prisoners posted up on him every day. He is constantly on our watch. He carries a pipe and follows the traditions of our Lakota ways. He has been in prison for over three decades. We ask Chief Duane Hollow Horn Bear and Troy Heinert for their help in getting Leo released early.

Dennis Lufkins is our oldest prisoner. He is from the Sisitunwan and Wahpetunwan Dakota people and has been incarcerated for four decades. He is a legend, a leader, a wise man, and has always helped our prisoners. His health isn't good. He is old and moves around in a wheelchair. We send these words to Myrna Thompson and Tamara St. John to assist Dennis and let him be free. Let him see his family and his lands in the Long Hollow District where he is from.

Leo and Dennis are serving life sentences without parole and their compassionate releases from imprisonment can only come from Governor Kristi Noem and her DOC staff. Both of these men can be released from the chains that keep them down. Jennis Hofer, a caucasian man, shot and killed two people in 1984 and was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Over the years he became very ill. Warden Darin Young spoke up for him and the DOC released him.

Leo and Dennis need help from all people who believe in justice and equality. Both of them have perfect employment records. They never caused trouble and maintained

themselves respectfully. They must be returned to the spiritual protection of their families and their people.

Leo is housed in the main prison in Sioux Falls and Dennis is kept at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield where our prisoners keep

him safe.

Visit these men in person, help them on the day of their releases, and take them home.

George Blue Bird. Sioux Falls, SD.

### Baha'i Faith

Say: In the East the light of His Revelation hath broken; in the West have appeared the signs of His dominion. Ponder this in your hearts, O people, and be not of those who have turned a deaf ear to the admonitions of Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Praised. Let the Breeze of God awaken you. Verily, it hath wafted over the world.



- Babá'u'lláh

**Dakota Plains Recovery Group**

Alcoholic Anonymous  
Narcotics Anonymous  
Al-Anon Meetings

Times	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00-10:00am							AA
12:00-1:00pm		AA					AA
6:30-7:30pm		AA		AA			AA
8:00-9:00pm	AA		AA		AA	Speaker night	AA

The last Saturday of the month is Birthday night @ 7:00pm posthuk then meeting.  
First Friday of the month is speaker night.

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## Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Lake Traverse Reservation  
P.O. Box 509  
12554 BIA HWY 711  
Agency Village, SD 57262

### Reservation Election Board

**Primary Election October 4, 2022**  
**7:00 am-7:00 pm at District Centers**

### Official Candidates

#### Tribal Chairperson

Delbert Hopkins Jr. (incumbent)      Frances Crawford  
Lisa Jackson      J Garret Renville

#### Tribal Vice-Chairperson

Edmund Johnson Jr. (incumbent)      Lexie Fancher-Lincoln  
Gretta Lavergne      Crystal Owen

#### Tribal Secretary

Bryan Akipa      Curtis Bissonette  
Leah Kampeska      Winfield Rondell III  
Shannon White

#### Big Coulee District Councilperson

A. Lydia AMOS (incumbent)      Brenda Jackson  
Myrna Thompson

#### Buffalo Lake District Councilperson

Kenneth Johnson Sr.      Lorraine Rousseau  
Arnold White Jr.

#### Enemy Swim District Councilperson

Dallas Owen (incumbent)      Cheryl Owen

#### Heipa District Councilperson

Brandon Gypsy Wanna (incumbent)      Marc Beaudreau

#### Long Hollow District Councilperson

Janell Cook      Darrell Quinn Jr.

#### Lake Traverse District Councilperson

Dionne Crawford (incumbent)      Joan White

#### Old Agency District Councilperson

Brandon Adams      Floyd Kirk Jr.

Candidate races with two or less will not be in the Primary Election.

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON THE BALLOT ELECTION YEAR 2022

Approved by SWO Tribal Council, August 31, 2022

On August 31, 2022, all 33 proposed constitutional amendments presented to the Tribe along with any revisions were presented to the Tribal Council for approval. The Council approved 17 of the amendments for inclusion on the election ballot for 2022.

### Amendment #1

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

- Chairman = Change to Chairperson
- Vice-Chairman = Change to Vice-Chairperson
- Councilman = Change to Councilperson
- Councilmen = Change to Councilperson
- His = Change to Their
- He = Change to Their, They
- Article V, Section 2. – His = Change to Their
- Article V, Section 4. – He = Change to They
- Article VI, Section 2. – Him = Change to Them, He = They, His = Their
- Article VI, Section 4. – His = Change to Their
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 1. (a)-(g) – Change to He = The Chairperson
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 2. (a) – (c) – He = Change to The Secretary
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 2. (d) – He = Change to The Secretary, Him = Change to The Secretary
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 3. (b) – He is = Change to They are, Change to His = Their
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 3. (h) – He Shall = Change to The Vice-Chairperson

#### Effect of passing the amendment:

YES VOTE – Means all masculine language in the SWO Constitution will be changed to gender neutral language.

NO VOTE – Means all masculine language in the SWO Constitution will remain the same.

### Amendment #2

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

#### PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:

Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe.

#### Effect of passing the amendment:

YES VOTE – Means the Tribe's name will be changed to Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe.

NO VOTE – Means the Tribe's name will remain the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

### Amendment #3

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article II – Membership

#### PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:

#### NEW SECTION 1.(i)

- (i) All persons applying for membership under Article II, Section 1. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) (on or after the effective date of this amendment) may be Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Indian blood totaling one-eighth (1/8) degree or more.

#### Effect of passing the amendment:

YES VOTE – Means changing the SWO blood degree requirement to become enrolled to one-eighth degree or more of Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian blood.

NO VOTE – Means the current SWO blood degree requirement would remain the same as “may be Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Indian blood and other Native American Indian blood, totaling one-fourth (1/4) degree or more Native American Indian blood.”

### Amendment #4

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article II – Membership

SECTION 2. A member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation SHALL NOT be dually enrolled in another tribe.

#### PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:

#### Article II – Membership

SECTION 2. A member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation over the age of eighteen (18) years and six (6) months SHALL NOT be dually enrolled in another tribe.

#### Effect of passing the amendment:

YES VOTE – Means the language of Article II, Section 2 would be changed to apply only to adult members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate over the age of 18 years and six months.

NO VOTE – Means the language of Article II, Section 2 is unchanged and applies to all members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.



#### Amendment #5

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article III – Organization

##### SECTION 5.

- (a) There shall be a judicial branch comprised of a Tribal Court consisting of one Chief Judge and two Associate Judges with supportive staff; and an appellate court.
- (a) Judges shall be appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council for a term of four (4) years;
- (b) Upon appointment, Judges may be removed only by provision of recall and impeachment procedure by tribal ordinance;
- (c) Rules of operation shall be provided by the tribal ordinance;

#### PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:

#### Article III – Organization

##### SECTION 5.

- (a) There shall be a ~~judicial branch comprised of a Tribal Court consisting of one Chief Judge and two Associate Judges with supportive staff; and an appellate court. (Section 5 added by Amendment V, effective November 21, 1978.) (and further amended by Amendment XVII—D, effective December 27, 1994.) Tribal Judiciary independent from the legislative and executive functions of the tribal government and no person exercising powers of the legislature or executive functions of government shall exercise powers properly belonging to the judicial branch of government.~~
- (b) There shall be a judicial branch comprised of a Tribal Court consisting of one Chief Judge and at least two Associate Judges with supportive staff; and an Appellate Court consisting of one Chief Supreme Court Justice and at least two Associate Justices.
- (c) ~~Judges shall be appointed by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Council~~ be elected by the tribal membership for a term of four (4) years;
- (d) ~~Upon appointment, Judges may be removed only by provision of recall and impeachment procedure by tribal ordinance;~~ Judges shall be elected every four (4) years and such election shall be conducted simultaneously with the elections of Tribal Council. Following passage of this provision, the first judicial election is to be held by Special election no later than March 1, 2023 for a term to be served from March 2, 2023 until the results of a general election in the year 2024, subsequent judicial elections shall be every four years thereafter.
- (e) ~~Rules of operation shall be provided by the tribal ordinance;~~ Elected judges shall meet on the first working day of their term to determine, amongst themselves, who shall serve as Chief Judge and Associate Judges and Chief Supreme Court Justice and Associate Justices.
- (f) Judicial candidates shall have the following minimum requirements to be an approved candidate: must be at least 30 years of age, a graduate of an accredited law school, be licensed by any state bar association, and shall not be a felon.
- (g) Judges shall commence service on the first working day after a general election.
- (h) Upon election, judges may be removed only by provision of recall and impeachment procedure by tribal ordinance.
- (i) Judges shall not perform administrative functions of the Courts.
- (j) Rules of operation shall be provided by the tribal ordinance.

#### **Effect of passing the amendment:**

YES VOTE – Means the Tribal Court will have at least one Chief Judge and two Associate Judges, and the Supreme Court will have at least one Chief Justice and two Associate Justices, and all Judges of the Tribal Court and Supreme Court will be elected; The Amendment will also include that the Courts are an independent Tribal Judiciary separate from the legislative and executive branch of the tribal government will be created, with powers exclusive to the judicial branch of government.

NO VOTE – Means the number of Tribal Court Judges will remain at one Chief Judge and two Associate Judges and the Supreme Court will remain at one Chief Justice and two Associate Justices, and Judges will continue to be appointed and not elected, with no language describing the Courts as an independent Tribal Judiciary separate from the legislative and executive branch of the tribal government.

#### Amendment #6

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article III – Organization Section 5

- (b) Judges shall be appointed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council for a term of four (4) years;

#### PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:

#### Article III – Organization Section 5

- (b) Judges shall be appointed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full Council for a term of four (4) years;

#### **Effect of passing the amendment:**

YES VOTE – Means that Judicial appointments will be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full Council.

NO VOTE – Means that Judicial appointments will remain unchanged at “two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council.”

#### Amendment #7

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article III – Organization

#### PROPOSED TO ADD NEW SECTION:

#### NEW SECTION

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation is a sovereign and federally recognized Native American Tribe exercising its inherent right of immunity from suit in any court or proceeding. Only a duly enacted Tribal Council Resolution and or motion with clear and unequivocal language may authorize a waiver or limited waiver of sovereign immunity and such waiver, if granted, which shall be in writing with specific language and for a limited scope and direction.

#### **Effect of passing the amendment:**

YES VOTE – Means a new section would be added to Article III that says only a resolution properly passed by the Tribal Council or a motion with clear, plain language may authorize a waiver or a limited waiver of tribal sovereignty immunity. [The section number would be established after the election pursuant to the results of the proposed amendments]

NO VOTE – Means no new section added to Article III.

#### Amendment #8

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article III – Organization SECTION 3

Members of the Council shall serve terms of two (2) years commencing on the date of the first regular meeting in January, 2007, and thereafter in January of odd numbered years and until their successors have been elected and seated. Any Council and Executive Committee member shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms for a total of four (4) years in the same office. Any Council member of Executive Committee member may again file for office after a two (2) year time period.

#### PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:

#### Article III – Organization SECTION 3

Members of Council shall serve terms of first a two (2) year term and then a second term of four (4) years on the first regular meeting in January, 2023, and thereafter in January of odd numbered years and until their successors have been elected and seated. Any Council and Executive Committee member shall serve no more than (2) consecutive terms for a total of six (6) years in the same office. Any Council member or Executive Committee member may file again for office after a two (2) year time period.

#### **Effect of passing the amendment:**

YES VOTE – Means Tribal Council and Executive Committee members may serve one-(2) year term, and then have the ability to serve a second term of four (4) years if reelected. Council and Executive committee members shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms for a total of six (6) years in the same office. Any council or executive committee member may file again after a two (2) year period.

NO VOTE – Means Tribal Council and Executive Committee members terms will remain unchanged.

#### Amendment #9

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article V – Nominations and Elections

#### PROPOSED TO ADD NEW SECTION:

#### NEW SECTION

SECTION 6: Members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate residing off the Lake Traverse Reservation shall be allowed to vote using the absentee ballot process.

#### **Effect of passing the amendment:**

YES VOTE – Means members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate residing off the Lake Traverse Reservation will be allowed to vote using the absentee ballot process.

NO VOTE – Means the absentee ballot process will remain unchanged.

#### Amendment #10

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article V – Nominations and Elections SECTION 2.

Any qualified registered member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate twenty-one (21) years of age or over may announce his candidacy for the Council in writing of his candidacy at least (45) days prior to the election, It shall be the duty of the Secretary to post at least ten (10) days before the Primary Election the names of all qualified candidates who have met this requirement. Notice of all elections shall be given as prescribed by ordinance.

#### PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:

#### Article V – Nominations and Elections SECTION 2.

Any qualified registered member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate twenty-one (21) years of age or older may announce his their candidacy for the Council in writing of his their candidacy at least (45) days prior to the election, It shall be the duty of the Secretary Election Board to post at least ten (10) days before the Primary Election the names of all qualified candidates who have met this requirement. Notice of all elections shall be given as prescribed by Election ordinance.

#### **Effect of passing the amendment:**

YES VOTE – Means qualified candidates shall be posed by the Election Board, not the Secretary, as prescribed by the Election Ordinance.

NO VOTE – Means the language would remain unchanged.

#### Amendment #11

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE'S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

#### Article V – Nominations and Elections

SECTION 2. Any qualified registered member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate twenty-one (21) years of age or over may announce his candidacy for the Council in writing at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election, It shall be the duty of the Secretary to post at least ten (10) days before the Primary Election the names of all qualified candidates who have met this requirement. Notice of all elections shall be given as prescribed by ordinance.

- a) Candidates for Council Officers shall file for the office of their choice at least sixty (60) days before the general election.
- b) Councilmen shall be elected from each of the seven (7) voting Districts according to population.
- c) No person may be a candidate for more than one office.

**PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:**

**Article V – Nominations and Elections**

**SECTION 2.** Any qualified registered member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate twenty-one (21) years of age or over may announce his candidacy for the Council in writing at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to post at least ten (10) days before the Primary Election the names of all qualified candidates who have met this requirement. Notice of all elections shall be given as prescribed by ordinance.

- a) Candidates for Council Officers shall file for the office of their choice at least sixty (60) days before the general election.
- b) Councilmen shall be elected from each of the seven (7) voting Districts according to population.
- c) No person may be a candidate for more than one office.
- d) No person may be a candidate for a Council or Executive position if they have ever been removed from said position.

**Effect of passing the amendment:**

**YES VOTE** – Means that if any person has ever been removed from either Council or an Executive position, they cannot be a candidate for Council or Executive position.

**NO VOTE** – Means no new language shall be added to Article V, Section 2.

**Amendment #12**

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE’S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

**Article V – Nominations and Elections**

**SECTION 2.**

Any qualified registered member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate twenty-one (21) years of age or older may announce his candidacy for the Council in writing of his candidacy at least (45) days prior to the election, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to post at least ten (10) days before the Primary Election the names of all qualified candidates who have met this requirement. Notice of all elections shall be given as prescribed by ordinance.

- e) Candidates for Council Officers shall file for the office of their choice at least sixty (60) days before the general election.
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**PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:**

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- a) Candidates for Council Officers shall file for the office of their choice at least sixty (60) days before the general election.
- b) Councilmen shall be elected from each of the seven (7) voting Districts according to population.
- c) No person may be a candidate for more than one office.
- d) No person may be a candidate if they are a convicted felon or convicted of a high crime and or a high misdemeanor.

No person whom was previously removed from office may run for another position in the future for life. This includes, Tribal Chairman, Tribal Vice Chairman, Tribal Secretary and all Tribal Council seats.

**Effect of passing the amendment:**

**YES VOTE** – Means a person cannot be a candidate for tribal office if they have been convicted of a felony or high crime or a high misdemeanor. A vote of yes would also mean that if a person was ever removed from office, they would not be able to be a candidate for tribal office for life.

**NO VOTE** – Means no new language added to Article V, Section 2.

**Amendment #13**

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE’S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

**Article V – Nominations and Elections**

**SECTION 3.**

The Council, or Election Board appointed by the Council, shall supervise the maintenance of the District voting rosters, and shall determine rules and regulations governing elections, including absentee voting, qualifications for office, election dates and recall elections. The Council shall certify to the election of members after the election has been held.

**PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:**

**Article V – Nominations and Elections**

**SECTION 3.**

~~The Council, or An Election Board appointed by Council, shall supervise the maintenance of the District voting rosters, and shall determine rules and regulations governing elections, consisting of elected members from each district shall determine rules and regulations governing elections, including absentee voting, qualifications for office, election dates and recall elections. The Council shall certify to the election of members after the election has been held.~~

**Effect of passing the amendment:**

**YES VOTE** – Means the Reservation Election Board would consist of a member from each of the seven Districts.

**NO VOTE** – Means language in Article V, Section 3 will remain unchanged.

**Amendment #14**

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE’S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

**Article V – Nominations and Elections**

**SECTION 4.** Any enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, who is eighteen (18) years of age or over, shall be entitled to vote in the District in which he is registered.

**PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:**

**Article V – Nominations and Elections**

**SECTION 4.** Any enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, who is eighteen (18) years of age or over, shall be entitled to vote in the District in which he is registered by mail-in ballot or in person.

**Effect of passing the amendment:**

**YES VOTE** – Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate members over the age of eighteen (18) may vote in the district they are registered in either by mail-in ballot or in person.

**NO VOTE** – Means language in Article V, Section 4 will remain unchanged.

**Amendment # 15**

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE’S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

**Article XI – AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1.**

The Revised Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Registered voters of the Tribe voting in an election called for that purpose provided at least thirty percent (30%) of the registered voters shall vote in such an election. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to call an election on any proposed Amendment at the request of a majority of the Council or upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least ten (10%) of the registered voters of the Tribe.

**PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:**

**Article XI – AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1.**

The Revised Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority voted of the Registered voters of the Tribe voting in an election called for that purpose provided at least twenty five percent (25%) of the registered voters shall vote in such an election. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to call an election on any proposed amendment at the request of a majority of the Council upon the presentation of a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the Tribe.

**Effect of passing the amendment:**

**YES VOTE** – Means that the revised Tribal Constitution and by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of 25% of tribal registered voters instead of 30% of tribal registered voters to pass constitutional amendments.

**NO VOTE** – Means language in Article XI, Section 1 will remain unchanged .

**Amendment #16**

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE’S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PRESENTLY READS

**BY-LAWS OF THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE  
ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICIALS  
SECTION 4. CODE OF ETHICS (a) GROSS NEGLECT**

**PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:**

**NEW SECTION 5.:**

5. Wrongful Interference with Tribal Courts: attempt to influence or harass Tribal Justices or staff to influence a Tribal Court case outcome.

**Effect of passing the amendment:**

**YES VOTE:** Means a new section added to Article 1 that reads, “Wrongful Interference with Tribal Courts: attempt to influence or harass Tribal Court Judges, Justices or staff to influence a Tribal Court case outcome.”

**NO VOTE:** No new section added to Article I.

**Amendment #17**

THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE’S CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS, BY-LAWS OF THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE PRESENTLY READS

**Article II – Oath of Office**

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and the Constitution of the United States, and will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability and will work to promote and protect the best interest of the Indians of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, and will assist them in every way within my power toward better citizenship and progress.”

**PROPOSED TO AMEND TO:**

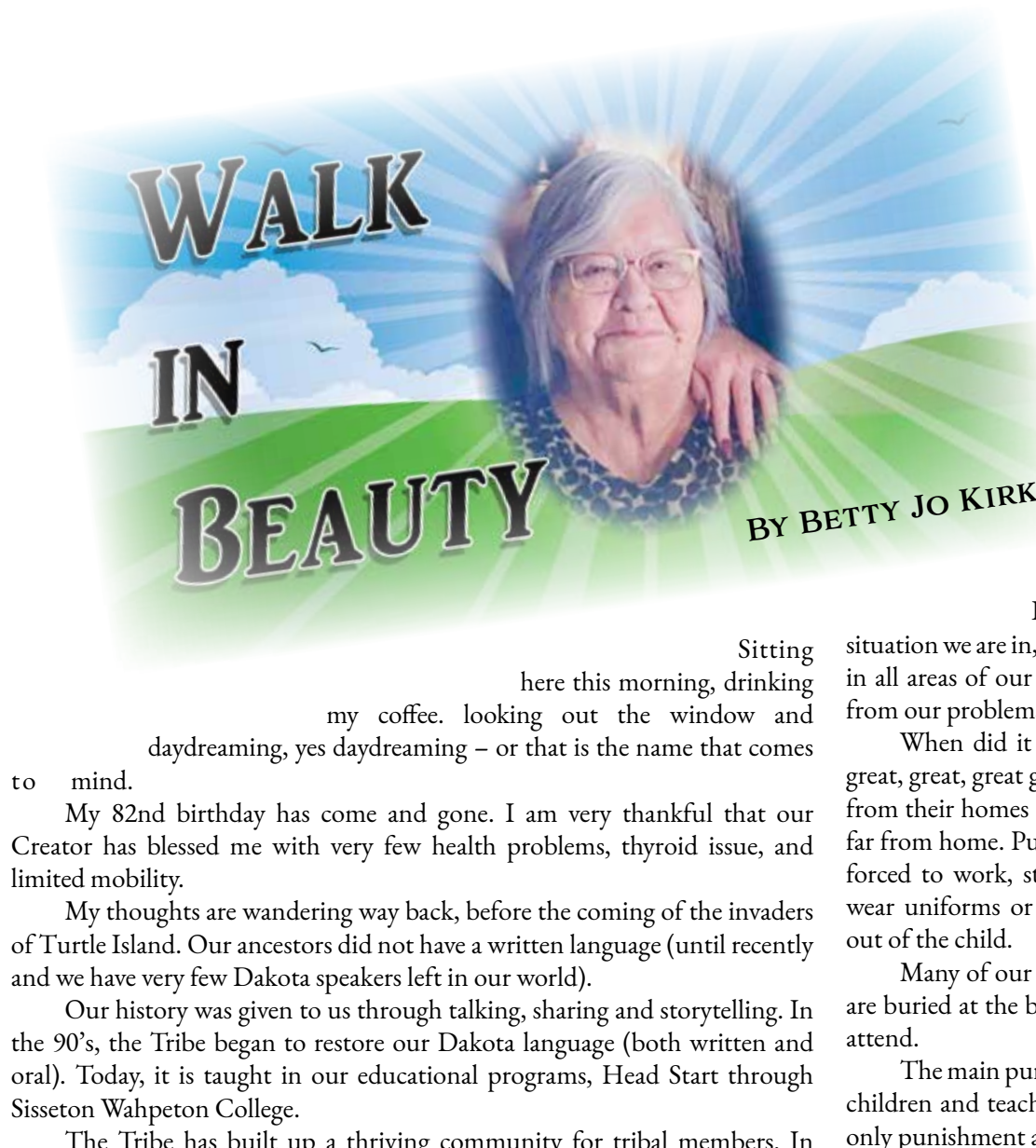
**Article II – Oath of Office**

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, tribal law and all other applicable laws, as our Oyate pre-dates the formation of the United States of America, and the Constitution of the United States, and will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability and will work to promote and protect the best interest of the people Indians of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, and will assist them our people in every way within my power toward better citizenship and progress.” and will also carry out my duties promoting our traditional values and ensuring our way of life through the preservation and advancement of our language, culture and tribal government.

**Effect of passing the amendment:**

**YES VOTE** – Means the Amendment will change the Oath of Office as presented in the proposed amendment.

**NO VOTE** – Means the Oath of Office will remain unchanged.



BY BETTY JO KIRK

Sitting here this morning, drinking my coffee, looking out the window and daydreaming, yes daydreaming – or that is the name that comes to mind. My 82nd birthday has come and gone. I am very thankful that our Creator has blessed me with very few health problems, thyroid issue, and limited mobility. My thoughts are wandering way back, before the coming of the invaders of Turtle Island. Our ancestors did not have a written language (until recently and we have very few Dakota speakers left in our world). Our history was given to us through talking, sharing and storytelling. In the 90's, the Tribe began to restore our Dakota language (both written and oral). Today, it is taught in our educational programs, Head Start through Sisseton Wahpeton College. The Tribe has built up a thriving community for tribal members. In

my mind we both gained and lost, lost the values taught to us by our grandparents. I am talking about the values brought to our ancestors by the White Buffalo Calf Woman, teachings on Praying, Respect, Caring and Compassion, Honesty and Truth, Generosity and Caring, Humility, and Wisdom. Don't get me wrong. Many of our elders live by the teaching taught in the home in which they were raised. But the Tribe recognized we have lost our values so now they are taught in our tribal school. If we are going to survive the Crisis situation we are in, we need to fight for positive change in all areas of our life. And please, do not look away from our problems. When did it all begin. Very possibly when our great, great, great grandparents were forcibly removed from their homes and carted off to a boarding school far from home. Punished for speaking their language, forced to work, stripped of their native clothing to wear uniforms or other clothing to take the Indian out of the child. Many of our ancestors did not return home and are buried at the boarding school they were forced to attend. The main purpose of boarding school was to take the Indian out of native children and teach them to be like the white man. There was no nurturing, only punishment and hard work.



Picture depicts the White Buffalo Calf woman who brought the sacred pipe and the "Seven Sacred Rituals" to Ojibwa (the great Sioux Nation) by which to live.

My great-great grandpa Gabriel Renville was sent to a boarding school in Chicago by his uncle Joseph R. Brown. However, according to Sam Brown's writing, "schoolroom confinement and association with strangers speaking an unintelligible and strange tongue did not agree with him or suit him, and in about a month he ran away on foot across the prairies of Illinois and the woods of Wisconsin back to his home in Minnesota." If we could just somehow start by relearning respect and caring or compassion for one another, a value we have lost. Then abuse of our little ones in daycare would not be tolerated and our elders would not be served meals that are at times uneatable. It makes my heart hurt to see the affects that drugs have brought to our beautiful Lake Traverse Reservation. Some will disagree with me, and that is fine. I firmly believe we are all entitled to our own opinion. And the opinion of another should be respected.

Life is short, so enjoy your family and friends. Live, Laugh and Love. Sending a smile, until next time!

One in a series of articles on the Blues -

## The Continental Drifter: "Memphis Charlie" Musselwhite

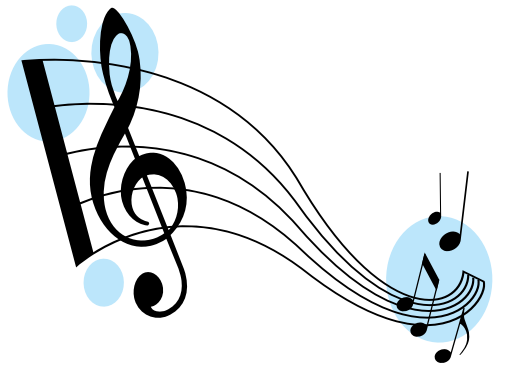
Charlie Musselwhite was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi on January 31st, 1944. He is one of the most celebrated Blues Harmonica players in the music industry since the mid 1960's. His father played guitar and harmonica, while his mother played piano. Being raised in a house full of musical talent, he took it many steps further, playing with musicians like Jonny Lee Hooker, Cindi Lauper, Tom Waits, INXS and many others during his career. When Charlie was a teenager living in Memphis, Tennessee, he was exposed to Rockabilly, Western Swing and Electric Blues featuring Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and others that gave birth to "Rock & Roll." One of the jobs that Charlie did was "Running Moonshine" with his 1950 Lincoln. And that is how he got his nickname "Memphis Charlie." Charlie took the "Hillbilly Highway," (North Highway 51) to the South Side of Chicago IL. There he continued his blues education making acquaintances with musicians like: Muddy Waters, Junior Wells, "Sonny Boy" Williams, Buddy Guy, Howlin' Wolf, Little Walter and Big Walter Horton. Charlie studied tirelessly and became proficient with the Blues Harmonica. In 1966, Charlie recorded an album entitled "Stand Back!, Here comes Charlie Musselwhite's South Side Band." It was released on "Vanguard Records." With some success on his first album, Charlie went on to record and



Photo credit Alligator Records.

releasing over 20 albums. Among these albums Charlie recorded and produced the album entitled "The Well," released on "Alligator Records." The title track is credited to Jessica McClure's ordeal as a child who was trapped in a well for over 58 hours. This incident impacted Charlie so greatly, that he made a promise to quit drinking. He said, "It took three days to get her out, I haven't had a drink since." Charlie also recorded with such notables such as: Blind Boys of Alabama's "Spirit Of The Century," Bonnie Raitt's "Lodging in Their Hearts" and INXS's "Suicide Blonde," and others. Charlie collaborated with many musicians like: George Thorogood, Tom Waits, Japans Kodo Drummers, Mickey Hart, Eddie Vedder, and many others. Charlie proves that you only get better with age, as he has toured and

recorded for over fifty years, and still on top of his game. Charlie has received many awards for his art, including: a Grammy Nomination for "No Mercy in the Land" and 13 other nominations as well. Charlie is also a 33 time "Blues Music Award" winner during his career. The most recent "Blues Music Award" was received in 2020 for "100 Years of Blues" recorded with Elvin Bishop, released on "Alligator Records." Charlie Musselwhite is still touring and going strong with no end in sight. Michael "The Rolling Stone" Wynde.



## Sioux Falls Native American Day Parade scheduled

BARB JENS, SWO, TO SERVE AS GRAND MARSHALL

Sioux Falls, SD – Sept. 16, 2022 – The 2022 Native American Parade will be held Monday, October 10. Prayer service take place at 9:00 a.m. at Lyon Park downtown; fun run begins at 10:45 a.m. at 13th Street and Phillips Ave.; the parade starts at 11:00 a.m. and also starts at 13th and Phillip. Organizers announced today that Grand Marshall will be Barb Jens. Barb is an artist, ina, and kumsi from the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. She lives in Sisseton, SD with her family where she works as a seamstress for her community and teaches about sewing, the jingle dress, and Dakotah Language. Barb has served her community for many years



in tribal government, mentoring young women and promoting healthy ways of being. In her free time she loves riding horse, makes the best soup and frybread, and is usually filling orders for dance regalia, ribbon shirts and ribbon skirts. She is a powerful force in her teachings and mentorship and uses her positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage others. She is very passionate in her dance and making her own regalia. Mostly she loves her three sons and grandchildren. "We want to thank Barb for all her teachings she has brought to the Sioux Falls community and more. Wopida Tanka, Barb Jens."



## SWO Tribal leaders statement on Fuel Inc.



Agency Village, SD – Sept. 22, 2022 – In response to the concerns regarding Fuel Inc. and the Agency C-Store circulating in the community, SWO Tribal leaders have discussed the situation and have identified several issues that have contributed to the current financial hardship that Fuel Inc. is experiencing. Three main issues were identified; the first being that Fuel Inc. delivers fuel to the tribal gas stations around the reservation for a small transportation fee. This fee is not sufficient to cover the drivers' salary, truck maintenance, and DOT, IFTA, and Weights and Measures inspections. The second issue identified is Agency C-Store does not generate enough revenue from its sales to pay for their fuel deliveries up-front. Fuel Inc. is then responsible to cover that cost until Agency C-Store can pay. The third issue is that Fuel Inc. pays roughly \$300,000 annually in import/export taxes, this is a tax that Fuel Inc. pays when the fuel is picked up at the terminals but is then refunded. Fuel Inc. isn't currently receiving these refunds. Lastly, Fuel Inc. is also in the process of restructuring. They propose to focus on propane and HVAC sales and eventually phase out the delivery part. The funds that Fuel Inc. received per council motion is to address the Agency C-Store fuel account and assist Fuel Inc. to phase out of fuel deliveries. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Fuel Inc. at 605-698-3521.



## Fairness for Tribal Law Enforcement

Washington, DC – Sept. 22, 2022 – Today, legislation co-led by U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.), to bolster funding for tribal and rural law enforcement, passed out of the U.S. House 360-64. The Invest to Protect Act (H.R. 6448) provides grants to small, rural, and tribal departments to improve the recruitment and retention of local law enforcement and provides mental health training to officers. Johnson was instrumental in ensuring tribal law enforcements were eligible in the bill. "Tribal communities will be safer because of the Invest to Protect Act" Johnson for his leadership ensuring that small tribal law enforcement agencies have equal access to this critically important funding. "For years, the far-left has called to defund the police – today the House sent a clear message: that's not happening," said Johnson. "Our nation has chronically underinvested in mental health resources, and our cities, and specifically our tribal reservations, have seen a dramatic increase in violent crime. The Invest to Protect Act provides critical resources for training focused on de-escalation, substance abuse, and mental health care, targeting smaller departments that need support the most. Our bill also provides resources to increase recruitment to ensure local and tribal communities police departments are appropriately staffed."

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# Bill to reform IHS, increase accountability and transparency

Washington, DC – Sept. 22, 2022 – U.S. Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.) and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) introduced the Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act of 2022. A lack of oversight, financial integrity, unmet staffing needs, and employee accountability at the Indian Health

Service (IHS) has led to the delivery of substandard health care for patients, families, and communities. This bicameral legislation would increase transparency and accountability at the IHS to ensure Native Americans have access to reliable, quality health care.

“Our bill would make several critical improvements to the delivery

of care at IHS facilities in South Dakota and around the country, and it would hold IHS accountable to Congress and, more importantly, the tribal members they serve,” said Thune.

“I look forward to continuing to work with members of the South Dakota tribes and my colleagues in Congress to do everything we can to

fix the severely broken IHS system once and for all.”

“For far too long, the Indian Health Service has failed to provide adequate and reliable health care to tribal members,” said Rounds.

“This legislation would work to reform IHS to increase accountability and transparency at the agency. Real change needs to happen so IHS can deliver the care the federal government has a trust and treaty obligation to provide to tribal members.”

“Our tribal communities deserve access to efficient, safe, and

## BICAMERAL LEGISLATION WOULD IMPROVE QUALITY AND DELIVERY OF PATIENT CARE AT THE IHS

high-quality care through the IHS,” said Johnson.

“The Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act modernizes the IHS credentialing system and allows IHS to more quickly remove employees who have a history of misconduct. I am proud to advocate and support South Dakota’s tribes along with

my Senate colleagues to ensure that shortcomings of the IHS are addressed and remedied.”

The bill was led by U.S. Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and was co-sponsored by U.S. Sens. Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), and John Hoeven (R-N.D.).

## Prairie Doc® Perspectives – Ask, then Act

By Debra Johnston, M.D.

One summer during my college years, I had a roommate who suffered from suicidal thoughts. She’d attempted suicide before we met, and been hospitalized, but continued to struggle. Back in the late 80s, there was very little public understanding of mental health issues, and the stigma was even stronger than it is today. Our other roommate and I didn’t know what to do, or where to turn.

Not surprisingly, we didn’t handle it well.

However, we did one thing right: we restricted access to lethal means. We secured the knives, and took control of her medications. Back before Prozac, the best treatments were lethal if used to overdose.

It’s tempting to view people with mental illness as somehow different from the rest of us. On some level, I think we expect that to mean we can’t be affected. We want to believe it won’t touch us.

However, suicide crosses all boundaries. Anyone can develop suicidal thoughts, so everyone needs to be able to recognize the danger signs, and know what to do.

Risk factors for suicide include a previous suicide attempt, a family history of suicide, and a personal or family history of mental illness or substance use. Living with chronic

pain or having experienced violence or abuse in the family are also significant risks. Other stressful life events, such as incarceration, a job loss, a break up, or bullying, make a difference as well.

There are often, although not always, warning signs. Watch for talk about being a burden, about feeling hopeless or worthless, about unbearable pain, and about death. There may be mood swings, anger or anxiety, withdrawal from loved ones or activities, or unusual risk taking. Sometimes the signs are more dramatic. There may be overt talk of suicide and actions that suggest preparation for death: saying



goodbye, giving away treasured possessions, drafting a will. A person might research methods of suicide and take steps to implement a plan, such as buying a gun. Don’t consider talk of suicide to be a bid for attention. It is a cry for help.

Of course, recognizing risk isn’t enough. We need to know what to do. The first step is to ask the question: Are you thinking about suicide?



Asking won’t “plant the seed.” It’s ok, in fact it is crucial, to ask. Try to keep the person safe by reducing access to means of suicide. Listen, and try to understand what they are thinking and feeling. Connect them to help, via the crisis line or another source of support and assistance. Stay in touch.

Emily, if you ever read this, your life matters. I wish we’d understood how to show you that.

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## September is Kinship Appreciation and Awareness Month

Pierre, SD – Sept. 22, 2022 – Governor Kristi Noem has proclaimed September 2022 as Kinship Appreciation and Awareness Month in South Dakota. Kinship care is an arrangement in which relatives or other adults who have a significant emotional relationship with the children provide parenting and care when a child’s parents cannot.

In South Dakota, nearly 500 children who are in the temporary custody of the Department of Social Services (DSS) live with or are cared for by other family members or close family friends. The arrangement enables the child’s family to work on overcoming circumstances that make the child unsafe at home.

“Kinship caregivers help reduce trauma and increase stability for children when their family is in crisis,” said DSS Cabinet Secretary Laurie Gill. “Being cared for by relatives or other significant adults in their life helps children maintain a sense of family belonging and identity, during what can be emotional and uncertain times.”

Kinship care is the preferred

placement for children who must be removed from their families to be safe. Although licensure is not a requirement to provide kinship care through DSS, some kinship families have chosen to become licensed foster parents.

DSS works alongside our state’s families, tribes, and public and private agencies to help ensure children have the support they need to be successful.

When children are cared for by other family members, it improves their wellbeing, preserves sibling ties, and promotes permanency in the child’s life.

The goal of foster care is for families to make changes so the children can safely return home. Kinship caregivers can help with plans for reunification with the



child’s birth family. When that is not possible, they can assist with adoption, guardianship, or the child’s transition into adulthood.

“DSS believes strong families are the foundation and future of our state,” said Gill. “Family members caring for another family member’s children in a time of need is what strong families do. Our families are stronger when we support each other.”

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, visit [StrongerFamiliesTogether.sd.gov](http://StrongerFamiliesTogether.sd.gov).

## DOJ: More than \$246 million in grants for tribal nations

Washington, DC – Sept. 21, 2022 – The Justice Department announced today that it will award more than \$246 million in grants to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to improve public safety and serve crime victims. The announcement coincides with the 17th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, which is being held from Sept. 21st to 23rd in Anchorage, Alaska.

“Each year, this event serves as a necessary reminder of the violence perpetrated against women in Tribal communities across the country, as well as an important opportunity to confront this public safety crisis with the urgency it demands,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland.

“The Justice Department remains committed to honoring our nation-to-nation partnerships and to making Tribal communities safer.”

The purpose of this event is to solicit recommendations from Tribal leaders on administering Tribal funds and programs and enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women from domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, homicide, stalking, and sex trafficking, along with strengthening the federal response to these crimes. The annual consultation, convened by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), is required by law to address the federal administration of Tribal grant funds and programs established under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) and its subsequent reauthorizations. In addition to addressing violent crimes that disproportionately harm women and girls, the consultation will also focus on ways to improve access to local, regional, state, and federal crime information databases and criminal justice information

## Announcement came at 17th annual Government-to-Government Violence against Women conference

systems.

More than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native adults have suffered some form of violence in their lifetime. This equates to nearly three million people who have experienced stalking, sexual violence or physical violence by intimate partners.

“With this 17th annual consultation, the first to be held in Alaska, the Department of Justice honors our special government-to-government relationship with Native leaders,” said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco.

“We also renew our commitment to listen to these leaders, the ones who know best how to make their communities safer. Together, we can make significant progress toward ending violence against women.”

“Ensuring access to justice for all is at the core of the Justice Department’s mission and is the key objective of multiple efforts across the Department,” said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta.

“Although we have made progress in addressing domestic and sexual violence against people in Native communities, we know there is more work to be done and we are committed to doing it.”

The Tribal grant awards are designed to help enhance Tribal justice systems and strengthen law enforcement responses, improve the handling of child abuse cases, combat domestic and sexual violence, support Tribal youth programs, and fund an array of services for American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims. The awards are administered through OVW, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS

Office).

“Every day, these funds help Tribal governments, coalitions, advocates, and service providers meet survivors’ needs – and that is vital, due to the epidemic levels of violence that Indigenous communities face,” said OVW Acting Director Allison Randall.

“Tribes know best what interventions will bring justice for survivors. We are honored to support Tribal communities as they implement strategies that align with community values and practices. Tribal grantees have told us that this funding changed the care they can provide and made a profound difference in survivors’ lives.”

OVW will award \$28.04 million to 30 grantees under its Tribal Governments Program, which enhances Tribes’ ability to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking against Indian women, support survivor safety, and develop education and prevention strategies. To facilitate the development and operation of nonprofit, nongovernmental Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, \$6.38 million will be awarded to 19 grantees through the Tribal Coalitions Program.

OVW will also award seven grants totaling \$3.67 million under the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program, which supports projects to create, maintain, and expand services for sexual assault survivors provided by Tribes, Tribal organizations, and nonprofits within Tribal lands. Finally, under the Tribal Jurisdiction Program, four grants totaling \$1.53 million will be awarded to Tribal

SWO CHILD PROTECTION HAS MOVED

**The SWO Child Protection office is now located at the Lundstrom Building, 1408 SD HWY 10 in Sisseton. They have also updated their phone lines with the most current directory listed below. You can also reach them by the main line: 605-698-3992 or for urgent matters, the on-call line: 605-268-3037.**

Directory

Murretta Anderson, File Clerk/Reception	100	605-698-2320
Jackie Adams, Office Manager	101	605-698-2321
Mickey Divine, Program Director	102	605-698-2322
Evelyn Pilcher, ICWA Specialist	103	605-698-2323
Crystal Heminger, Protective Service Wkr	104	605-698-2324
Jay Adams, Protective Service Wkr	105	605-698-2325
Montana Warhol, Foster Parent/Adoption	106	605-698-2326
Darrell Quinn Jr., ICWA Assistant	107	605-698-2327

Direct lines are not in operation yet, so for the time being please just call the main line to be transferred to the staff you wish to speak with.



governments to provide support and technical assistance in planning and implementing changes in their criminal justice systems to exercise special criminal jurisdiction and for expenses incurred in exercising the jurisdiction.

OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has awarded more than \$116 million through the Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) to support the provision of services for crime victims in Tribal communities. Of special note is that FY 2022 TVSSA funding can now be used to help missing or murdered indigenous persons (MMIP) by providing services to the family members of MMIP victims; generating awareness of MMIP among community members in general as well as individual MMIP cases; and collaborating with Tribal, federal, and state and local officials to respond to MMIP cases. Another \$2.95 million was awarded through OVC's Project Beacon: Increasing Access to Services for Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Human Trafficking Program, created to increase the quantity and quality of victim-centered services available to assist Tribal victims of human trafficking in urban areas.

The Department also funded more than \$6 million through OJP's

Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking to help tribes comply with federal law on sex offender registration and notification. Once the awards are made, information about the grantees selected under each solicitation can be found online at the OJP Grant Awards Page.

"It is through collaborations such as this that the Department of Justice is able to fully engage and connect with our Tribal partners, hearing directly from Tribal professionals about their challenges and the resources that would best help them meet those challenges," said Office of Justice Programs Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Amy L. Solomon.

"It's a privilege to work hand-in-hand with Tribal leaders to strengthen public safety, improve victim services and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts."

More than \$82.2 million was awarded under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, or CTAS, a streamlined application which helps tribes apply for Tribal-specific grant programs that enhance law enforcement and Tribal justice practices, expand victim services and support prevention and intervention. CTAS grants are administered by

OJP (\$54.49 million) and the COPS Office (\$27.72 million).

"The COPS Office values our partnership with Tribal law enforcement and is pleased to announce these critical public safety grants," said Acting Director Robert Chapman of the COPS Office.

"Law enforcement across the country is experiencing challenges, and those challenges are particularly compounded for Tribal law enforcement. The awards announced today will help with recruitment and retention of law enforcement positions, and ensure those officers have the training and equipment needed to protect and serve their respective communities."

Under CTAS, the COPS Office awarded \$27.72 million through awards to 47 Tribes to expand the implementation of community policing and meet the most serious needs of law enforcement in Tribal nations through a broadened comprehensive program. The funding can be used to hire or re-hire full-time career law enforcement officers and village public safety officers as well as to procure basic equipment, technology, and training to assist in the initiation or enhancement of Tribal community policing efforts.

to improve their MMRC processes and use MMRIA to document and disseminate information.

Recently, CDC significantly expanded its investment in efforts to eliminate preventable pregnancy-related deaths, with new awards totaling \$2.8 million to support additional MMRCs in nine jurisdictions. CDC now supports

MMRCs in 39 states and one U.S. Territory. Building this important infrastructure will help better understand and prevent pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S.

Additional information: State Strategies for Preventing Pregnancy-Related Deaths: A Guide for MMRC Data to Action provides MMRCs and their partners

with a guide to help facilitate implementation of data-informed strategies to prevent pregnancy-related deaths.

For information on ways to support people who are pregnant and postpartum, visit CDC's Hear Her campaign at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## How to fight stigma about mental health?

Pierre, SD – Sept. 20, 2022 – Concern about being treated differently leads some people to avoid or delay seeking treatment for their mental health. Stigma causes people to feel ashamed for something that is out of their control, contributing to worsening symptoms, lower self-esteem, social isolation, and reduced hope. Stigma not only affects those with mental illness, but the loved ones who support them.

The stigma around mental health is one of the leading barriers to accessing help and support, especially in rural areas. Normalizing the conversation about mental health and seeking help is the first step in creating change. During Suicide Prevention Month we need to raise our voices against stigma. Below are eight actionable ways to take a stand.

Talk openly about mental health. Talking openly about mental health has the power to help others. Social media can be a great space for positivity.

Be conscious of language. Remind people that words matter. Instead of saying "he is schizophrenic," say "he has a mental illness" or "he has schizophrenia." Using these terms emphasizes that the person "has" a problem rather than "is" the problem.

Encourage equality between mental health and physical health. If we can get others to understand that mental illness is a disease, they may think twice before making comments.

Show compassion for those with mental health challenges. Be a role model by showing compassion to others.

Choose empowerment over shame. Own your life and your story. Do not let others dictate how you view or feel about yourself.

Be honest about treatment. Normalize mental health treatment, just like other health care treatment.

Don't hold on to self-stigma.

You can make a difference by simply knowing that mental illness is not anyone's fault.

Educate yourself and others. Fear of mental illness is often

Dakota Treatment Resource Hotline at 1-800-920-4343.

If you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, 988 is available 24/7 to provide free and confidential care. Just call, text or chat 988.



rooted in a lack of education and understanding.

If you or a loved one is struggling with a mental health challenge, please visit [dss.sd.gov](http://dss.sd.gov) or call the South

The South Dakota Department of Social Services is dedicated to strengthening families to foster health, wellbeing, and independence. For more information, please visit [dss.sd.gov](http://dss.sd.gov).

## Four in 5 pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. are preventable

Washington, DC – CDC – Sept. 20, 2022 – More than 80% of pregnancy-related deaths were preventable, according to 2017-2019 data from Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs), which are representatives of diverse clinical and non-clinical backgrounds who review the circumstances around pregnancy-related deaths to identify recommendations to prevent future deaths. Information from MMRCs in 36 U.S. states on leading causes of death by race and ethnicity can be used to prioritize interventions that can save lives and reduce health disparities.

"The report paints a much clearer picture of pregnancy-related deaths in this country," said Wanda Barfield, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC's Division of Reproductive Health at the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

"The majority of pregnancy-related deaths were preventable, highlighting the need for quality improvement initiatives in states, hospitals, and communities that ensure all people who are pregnant or postpartum get the right care at the right time."

### Key Findings:

Among pregnancy-related deaths with information on timing, 22% of deaths occurred during pregnancy, 25% occurred on the day of delivery or within 7 days after, and 53% occurred between 7 days to 1 year after pregnancy.

The leading underlying causes of pregnancy-related death include:

- \*Mental health conditions (including deaths to suicide and overdose/poisoning related to substance use disorder) (23%)
- \*Excessive bleeding (hemorrhage) (14%)
- \*Cardiac and coronary conditions (relating to the heart) (13%)
- \*Infection (9%)
- \*Thrombotic embolism (a type of blood clot) (9%)
- \*Cardiomyopathy (a disease of the heart muscle) (9%)
- \*Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (relating to high blood pressure) (7%)

The leading underlying cause of death varied by race and ethnicity. Cardiac and coronary conditions were the leading underlying cause of pregnancy-related deaths among non-Hispanic Black people, mental health conditions were the leading underlying cause for Hispanic and non-Hispanic White people, and hemorrhage was the leading underlying cause for non-Hispanic Asian people.

### DATA HIGHLIGHT OPPORTUNITIES TO BETTER PROTECT MOMS

#### American Indian or Alaska Native data highlighted

American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) people are disproportionately impacted by pregnancy-related deaths. A second report uses an approach for classifying AI/AN populations that includes those who also identify as multi-racial or of Hispanic ethnicity.

Based on a review of pregnancy-related deaths among AI/AN people, mental health conditions and hemorrhage were the most common underlying causes of death, accounting for 50% of deaths with a known underlying cause. Most pregnancy-related deaths of AI/AN people (93%) were determined to be preventable. About 64% of deaths occurred between 7 days to 1 year after pregnancy.

#### Everyone can help prevent pregnancy-related deaths

More than half (53%) of pregnancy-related deaths happen up to one year after delivery. It is critical for all healthcare professionals to ask whether their patient is pregnant or has been pregnant in the last year to inform diagnosis and treatment decisions. Healthcare systems, communities, families, and other support systems need to be aware of the serious pregnancy-related complications that can happen during and after pregnancy. Listen

to the concerns of people who are pregnant and have been pregnant during the last year and help them get the care they need.

Examples of prevention recommendations from MMRCs include wider access to insurance coverage to improve prenatal care initiation and follow-up after pregnancy, providing opportunities to prevent barriers to transportation to care, and the need for systems of referral and coordination.

#### Maternal Mortality Review Committees are the best source for prevention strategies

MMRCs are multidisciplinary committees that convene at the state or local level to comprehensively review deaths during or within one year of pregnancy. Their goal is to understand circumstances surrounding each death and develop recommendations for action to prevent deaths in the future.

This is the first information to be released under the Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality, a CDC-funded program to support agencies and organizations that manage MMRCs. CDC also supports the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA) to standardize reporting of data from MMRCs. This report reflects efforts undertaken by jurisdictions



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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR New Convention Center**

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The mission of DNGE is to stimulate economic development on the Lake Traverse Reservation and its surrounding communities by providing meaningful job opportunities and maximizing profits to ensure success for the future generations, thus allowing for self-sufficiency and self-determination for the Tribe.

Proposers must submit their Proposal by 3:00pm CST on October 20, 2022 to:

TeriElla Standing Soldier, Purchasing Manager  
Dakota Sioux Casino  
16415 Sioux Conifer Road  
Watertown, South Dakota 572021  
1-605-884-1663

terielle@dakotasioux.com

**1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**A. Project Background Information:**

DSC is located in South Dakota about 10 minutes north of Watertown, and just 4 miles west of Interstate 29 (Exit 185-Waverly Road). DSC offers approximately 400 slots, 10 table games, 6 table poker room, Vegas-style sports book, 95 room hotel, multiple F&B venues, 300 seat event center, gift shop, RV park and gas station/convenience store. Except for a major overhaul of the HVAC systems in 2021, the Dakota Sioux Hotel has not received any significant upgrades since its original construction in 2006.

**B. Project Scope:** Project: To create a new convention center/building west of the Dakota Sioux Casino where there is a concrete pad already in place.

**Detail of work:**

**C. Building cost-over head doors, windows and gutters and downspouts, excavation to tie into storm sewer with down spouts.**

**D. Concrete-concrete work to allow for clear span building.**

**E. Wall Frame-wall framing erection and tie into existing building, exterior and interior finishing, etc...**

**F. HVAC-heating and cooling**

**G. Plumbing**

**H. Electrical & Lighting**

**I. Insulation-Insulation spray foam walls**

**J. Interior walls**

**K. Millwork & Trim**

**L. Floor Coverings-No floor covering in 125'x175' area. Concrete floor only.**

**M. Building Cost-Building package materials**

**N. Specialty-Specialties crane fees and beam setting costs to handle the 112 tons of steel I beams.**

**O. Specialty-specialties(elevator)**

**P. Building Cost-interior materials not supplied with building package**

**Q. Specialty- Tero tax, use tax and excise tax**

**R. Specialty-fire sprinkler system for building and elevator**

**S. Specialties-equipment renting**

**Requirements:**

**a. All bids must comply with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Business License and TERO certification, if applicable.**

**b. Proposer must have workmen's compensation coverage and liability insurance.**

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (“SWO”) TERO and Tribal Tax requirements are: TERO tax is 3%, SWO tribal use tax is 5.50% and SWO tribal excise tax is 2.00%. All bids must have total cost per bid item and total cost for project. Failure to comply with requirements will result in an incomplete bid and may not be considered.

The exact scope of services selected by DNGE shall be set forth in the contract between DNGE and the selected Proposer.

**2. REQUIRED PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT**

Proposals must address all the following points:

**A. Proposer's History, Business Structure, Experience and Capabilities**

**i. General Information**

**a. Legal name of the Proposer's business.**

**b. Name the Principal(s) of the business.**

**c. Name, telephone number and email address of the representative authorized to discuss this proposal on behalf of the Proposer.**

**d. Number of employees of the Proposer's business.**

**e. Date of establishment of the Proposer's business.**

**ii. Financial Information**  
**a. Disclose any bankruptcy, insolvency, or re-organization involving the Proposer within the past five (5) years.**

**iii. Experience and Capabilities**  
**a. Generally, describe the Proposer's business and capabilities with an emphasis on the capability to provide the products and services sought in this RFP.**

**b. Provide a list of three (3) references, including name, telephone number and email address of the primary representative, of organizations or businesses (“customers”) that the Proposer has provided similar products and services within the past (5) years. Provide for each reference the name of the customer, the jurisdictions in which the services were provided, and the dates the services were provided. You may include copies of written letters of recommendations as well.**

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**a. Identify any actual or potential conflicts of interests that may arise from the award of a contract to the Proposer pursuant to this RFP and identify how the Proposer plans to address any actual or potential conflicts of interest.**

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**B. Approach to the Project**

**i. Provide a summary of approach to the Project with key milestones. Proposers are asked to consider the following in their narrative response:**

**a. Participation that Proposer will require from DNGE staff.**

**b. Workflow planning during the project, e.g., scheduling work by floor, to again minimize disruption to hotel operations.**

**c. Planned hours of services rendered on-site during the project.**

**C. Unique Qualifications (if any) - Provide a summary statement of any strengths and capabilities Proposer believes will single out themselves as the best organization to accomplish this Project.**

**D. Pricing Proposal**

**i. Provide detail pricing by the individual items/areas listed under the Project Scope.**

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Except for a major overhaul of the HVAC systems in 2021, the Dakota Sioux Hotel has not received any significant upgrades since its original construction in 2006.

**B. Project Scope:**

**i. Project: to create a 3rd cell of Lagoon for Dakota Sioux Casino and Hotel. There are 2 lagoon cells on property. Their measurements are 4.5 acres, 4.4 acres and 6 feet deep.**

**Detail of work:**

**ii. site selection**

**iii. size and shape**

**iv. embankments**

**v. waste stabilization pond inlets**

**vi. waste stabilization pond outlets**

**vii. flow measuring devices**

**viii. waste stabilization pond interconnections**

**ix. waste stabilization pond protective measures**

**x. waste stabilization pond construction aspects**

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The Invest to Protect Act:

Creates a grant program at the Department of Justice focused on improving the recruitment and retention of local law enforcement and providing training and access to mental health resources. Grants may be used to fund "eligible activities" including de-escalation training, law enforcement officer signing and retention bonuses, training for handling situations involving domestic violence and responding to calls for service involving persons with substance use disorders, and improved access to mental health care services for law enforcement officers. To be eligible, law enforcement agencies must employ fewer than 125 officers, a threshold which will cover more than 95 percent of police departments in the country.

## Roberts Co. Sheriff's Office reports arrests

Sisseton, SD – Sept. 23, 2022 – (Today) at approximately 5:37 pm a Sisseton Police Officer had observed Jasmine Dumarce and Jordan Cloud traveling in a vehicle in Sisseton. The officer knew that Cloud and Dumarce were both wanted through the South Dakota Department of Corrections for absconding from parole as well as suspects in a high-profile theft in Watertown, South Dakota. The officer initiated a traffic stop in Sisseton and the vehicle fled

north of Sisseton at speeds in excess of 110 mph.

The Roberts County Sheriff's Office, Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Police, and South Dakota Highway Patrol continued the pursuit which lasted approximately one hour and ended in Roberts County.

The driver, Jasmine Dumarce, and passenger, Jordan Cloud were apprehended without further incident.

Both Cloud and Dumarce had been released from prison prior to completing their respective sentences and placed on parole. Both had not been in contact with their parole agents.

Jasmine Dumarce was charged with the following by our deputies: aggravated eluding, speeding (26 mph or more), reckless driving, suspended driver's license, 3x stop sign violations, DUI, possession of a controlled substance (meth), possession of drug paraphernalia, and a warrant through parole.

Jordan Cloud: 2x Roberts County warrants (involving charges

such as but not limited to: eluding, stolen property, possession of controlled substances), and a warrant for Parole.

This incident was a collaborative effort between agencies which resulted in the successful apprehension of two wanted individuals who are a clear risk to the public. We would like to thank the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Police, South Dakota Highway Patrol, and Sisseton Police Department.


A reminder that all individuals are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

# Enemy Swim Community Education


## Awareness

**TOPIC:**  
**Domestic Violence Awareness**

THE VIOLENCE AT HOME SIGNAL FOR HELP



1. Palm to camera and tuck thumb



2. Trap thumb

**When:** Wednesday, October 5th, 2022  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Where:** Enemy Swim Community Center

Any questions please contact the District Coordinator: (605) 947-4319 ext. 107

## DARE TEAM SERVICE AND DELIVERY UPDATE

Following the updated 5-day quarantine guideline from the CDC, we will only be making ONE grocery delivery per isolation period.

- We can also only provide services to the COVID-positive individual(s) with the exception of children and their parent/guardian. This change is due to the CDC removing close-contacts from those who need to quarantine.

**DARE COVID hotline: 605-268-0835**

## SWO Fish & Wildlife Special Moose License Drawing

This drawing is available to enrolled Sisseton Wahpeton Tribal Members whom are currently eligible for SWO big game permits. Raffle entries are currently available for \$20 each by utilizing our on-line license site or purchasing raffle tickets over the counter in the SWO F&W office. Multiple raffle entries may be purchased for the drawing to increase a person's odds of being drawn. The moose license raffle purchase option will be available up until the drawing is held.

The drawing will be held immediately following the observation of a moose on Tribal/Trust land anytime during the designated season of September 3, 2022 through January 29, 2023. The observation must be confirmed by an F&W staff member.

The successful lottery ticket holder will be guided by an SWO F&W Ranger or another designated staff member. Once the moose has been harvested the field handling and loading of the carcass into the moose license holder's vehicle will be provided by the SWO F&W staff members. Processing of the moose will be the license holder's responsibility.

There will be no refunds or credits for raffle purchase regardless if a drawing was held or not.

# Life Is Sacred

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Training with the NorthEast Prevention Resource Center

-What is a Safety Plan?  
-Guided Meditation with Katana Jackson, CSW-PIP, QMHP

Suicide Prevention and Substance Use with Patricia Roth, MA, LAC

Suicide, Depression, and Grief with Debbie Crawford, LCSW

- Informational Booths
- Crisis Toolkits
- Lunch provided

This event is open to the public.  
For more information call Community Health Education at 742-3651 or IHS Behavioral Health at 742-3904

## Buffalo Lake District Members

### September Regular District Meeting:

Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Buffalo Lake District Center  
Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

A zoom link will be provided one day prior to the meeting. Please contact Heather Williams, District Secretary for more information.

### Birthdays checks are done at the District Meetings ONLY!

### September Birthdays:

Birthdays checks for June birthdays ages 18 years old to 54 years old will be distributed at the district meeting. Must be present to pick up birthday check and must bring a photo ID.

### Vacant Board:

The Reservation Planning Commission (RPC) position has been declared vacant. If you would like to submit your letter of intent for the RPC Board, please submit your letter to Cassandra Mason at [cassandram@swonns.gov](mailto:cassandram@swonns.gov). The deadline to submit your name will be on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Cassandra at 605-927-9044

Buffalo Lake District will be giving away the loveseat, (2) recliners, couch and (2) chairs that are currently in the district center at the next district meeting on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Any Buffalo Lake District member that is interested in the furniture can submit their name for (1) piece of furniture. Deadline to submit your name is at 6:00 p.m. on 9/29/2022.

Winner of the furniture must haul.

### District Executive Phone Numbers:

**District Chairman:** Kenneth "Dicky" Johnson- (605) 924-6215  
**District Councilman:** Louie Johnson- (605) 951-4960  
**District Vice-Chairman:** Billy Canku- (605) 880-2924  
**District Treasurer:** Kayline LaBelle- (605) 419-7584  
**District Secretary:** Heather Williams- (605) 268-1104

## Former Tribal IT Director sentenced in Federal Court for roles in Bribery Scheme

Sioux Falls, SD – Sept. 19, 2022 – United States Attorney Alison J. Ramsdell announced that a Florida man convicted of Bribery Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds, was sentenced on September 12, 2022, by U.S. District Judge Charles B. Kornmann.

Sven Schreiber, age 54, was sentenced to 12 months and one day in federal prison, followed by two years of supervised release, and a \$15,000 fine. He was also ordered to pay \$100 to the Federal Crime Victims Fund.

Schreiber was indicted for

### Tiospa Zina Tribal School Job Openings

\*Special Education: Open until filled  
Certified MS/HS Special Ed Teacher: \$5,000 Signing Bonus  
Certified Elementary Special Ed Self-Contained Teacher: \$5,000 Signing Bonus  
Elementary Special Ed Paraprofessional  
\*Elementary School: Open until filled  
Paraprofessional  
Parent Liaison  
School Counselor or Social Worker  
\*Middle School: Open until filled  
Paraprofessional  
\*High School: Open until filled  
Certified Teachers (Math, FACS, Social Studies): \$3,000 Signing Bonus  
MS/HS School Counselors x2  
HS Student Services Coordinator  
\*Dakota Studies: Open until filled  
Certified MS Dakota Studies Teacher: \$3,000 Signing Bonus  
\*Cook/Dishwasher: Open until filled  
\*Facilities/Transportation: Open until filled  
Bus Drivers: \$2,000 Signing Bonus  
Reimburse CDL DOT Physical Card Renewal Custodians  
\*\*\* Pre-employment background checks are required.  
\*\*\* Full benefits and retirement package available. Employer matches up to 7% in 401K.  
Jennifer Williams  
Human Resources Director  
Tiospa Zina Tribal School  
PO Box 719  
#2 Tiospa Zina Dr.  
Agency Village, SD 57262  
Phone: (605) 698-3953 Ext. 208  
Fax: (605) 698-7686

Bribery Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds by a federal grand jury in May of 2021. Schreiber pled guilty on May 23, 2022.

Schreiber's co-defendant, Arnaldo Piccinelli, was also charged, and he pled guilty to Embezzlement from an Indian Tribal Organization on May 19, 2022. Piccinelli was sentenced to two years of probation.

According to court documents, in or around December 2015, Schreiber became the Director of the Information Technology Department of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Schreiber's duties included serving as the Tribe's primary contact with outside vendors and generating bids, contracts, and agreements relating to the work of the Tribe's Information Technology Department.

On behalf of the Tribe, Schreiber contracted with Piccinelli to provide information technology services on a contract basis with the Tribe. Schreiber served as Piccinelli's point of contact regarding all of the contracts with the Tribe. The Tribe paid Piccinelli or his company, Hexagon Code, Incorporated, at the direction of Schreiber. At some time after Piccinelli entered into the contract, Schreiber solicited Defendant Piccinelli for money. As a result, Defendant Schreiber received cash payments of approximately \$15,000.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeremy R. Jehangiri prosecuted the case.

## ENEMY SWIM DAY SCHOOL

Has the following job openings for the 2022-2023 School Year:  
• Special Education Para Educator - Sign on bonus \$1,000/ Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB)  
• Behavior Technician - Sign on bonus \$2,000/Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB)  
• FACE Home Based Parent Educator (Sign on bonus \$1,000)  
Enemy Swim Day School is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, religion, age, sex, marital status or disability. Indian Preference policy applies. For more information visit our website to see our career opportunities at [www.esds.us](http://www.esds.us).  
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Indian country communities. The Guardians Project is another step of federal law enforcement's ongoing efforts to increase engagement, coordination, and positive action on behalf of tribal communities. Led by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the participating agencies include: the FBI; the Offices of Inspector General for the Departments of Interior, Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration, Agriculture, Transportation, Education, Justice, and Housing and Urban Development; IRS Criminal Investigation; U.S. Postal Inspection Service; and the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General.  
For additional information about the Guardians Project, please contact the U.S. Attorney's Office at (605) 330-4400. To report a suspected crime, please contact law enforcement at the federal agency's locally listed telephone number.

## Introduce Bill to reform Veteran records backlog

Washington, DC – Sept. 14, 2022 – U.S. Senators Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.) introduced the Access for Veterans to Records Act. This legislation would work to eliminate the backlog of veteran records requests at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) within the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).  
"Our men and women in uniform have sacrificed so much to protect our freedom," said Rounds. "The current backlog is unacceptable and impedes veterans' ability to access

Sisseton Wahpeton College will be taking sealed bids for plumbing work.

Details as follows:

-43 yards of connection from an existing waterline to a greenhouse.

-2 water faucets needed.

-1 stub-out

Sealed Bids must be sent to The Extension Program no later than October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30 PM. (P.O. Box 689, Sisseton, SD 57262)

Contact person: John Christopherson at (605) 742-1105



### Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Human Resource Department  
LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION  
BOX 509

AGENCY VILLAGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57262-0509  
PHONE: (605)698-8251, 698-8238, 698-8239, 698-8240

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate is seeking to fill the following position(s):

Admin Assistant(Part-Time)	VCO-Ordinance Work Group
Head Cook	Elderly Nutrition
CD Tech	Dakotah Pride Center

**Closing Date: September 30, 2022 @ 12:00PM (Noon)**

Brownfields Coordinator	OEP
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**Closing Date: October 7, 2022 @ 12:00PM (Noon)**

Associate Judge & Chief Justice	Judicial Committee
In-House Attorney	Tribal Executive Committee
Paralegal	Legal Department
Tribal Prosecutor	Tribal Court
Attorney/Tax Director	Tax Department
Biologist Technician	Fish and Wildlife
Cultural & Spiritual Case Manager	Tribal Court/Mayuteca Treatment Program
Court Addictions Counselor	Tribal Court/Mayuteca Treatment Program
Recovery Peer Counselor	Dakotah Pride Center
Project Director	Youth & Family TREE
Lead Evaluator/Data Specialist	Youth and Family Tree
Chief Financial Officer	Finance
JOM Classroom Aide	TED-JOM
Director, Head Start-Early Head Start	Education
Special Needs/Disability Manager	Head Start
Teacher Aide (3) & Teacher Aide/Bus Monitor	Head Start
Teacher (2)	Early Head Start
Bus Driver (Part-Time)	Head Start
Transport Officer	Law Enforcement
Patrolman (2)	Law Enforcement
Highway Safety Officer	Law Enforcement
School Resource Officer	Law Enforcement
Van Driver (Part-Time)	Elderly Nutrition Program
Child Care Worker (5 Positions)	Little Steps Daycare

Positions Open Until Filled

Job description and application are online: <http://www.swonns.gov/contact/employment> (Tribal preference will apply)  
Angel DeCoteau at 605-698-8238 or [AngelDeCoteau@swonns.gov](mailto:AngelDeCoteau@swonns.gov) / Denise Hill at: 605-698-8251 or [DeniseH@swonns.gov](mailto:DeniseH@swonns.gov)

## Job Openings

September 23, 2022

Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel is seeking to fill the following employment position:  
Indian Preference will apply/EEO  
Contact the Human Resources Department for a complete job description at 605-884-1652  
Applications can be filled out online at [www.dakotasioux.com](http://www.dakotasioux.com)  
Or stop by in-person to complete an employment application

### Security:

Officer (2 Full-Time, Day/Swing/Grave/Weekends/Holidays)

### Sports Book:

Sports Book Writer/Teller (2 Full Time, Day/Swing/Weekends/Holidays)

### Table Games:

Blackjack/Craps Dealer (1 Part Time) Day/Swing/Weekends/Holidays

### Porter Services:

Porter (3 Full Time) Day/Swing/Weekends/Holidays



the services they have earned. This bill would work to reform the National Personnel Records Center so our veterans can acquire their records in a timely manner. I am pleased my colleagues on both sides of the aisle are coming together to introduce this commonsense legislation.”

“Too many Georgia veterans are having to wait too long to access their service records. It can impact their access to health care and veterans’ benefits,” said Ossoff. “That’s why

I’m leading this bipartisan bill to address the backlog.”

As of July 2022, NPRC still had a backlog of 499,000 records requests from veterans. The Access for Veterans to Records Act would direct NARA to submit a plan to Congress for eliminating the current backlog. Within the plan, NARA would be required to include timeframes for reducing the backlog, as well as steps to improve customer service and upgrade technology infrastructure to

prevent future backlogs.

Rounds and Ossoff were joined by Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.).

Congresswoman Carolyn

Maloney (D-N.Y.) introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives, which passed in July by a vote of 406-21.

#### Request for Quote

Old Tribal Police Department  
RFQ for the demolition and debris removal of the old Tribal Police building, leveling of the lot with 6 inches of gravel located at Willard Lafromboise Ave, Sisseton, SD 57262. Agency Village SD 57262 Bids due on September 30, 2022 by 12:00 p.m. Bid opening will be October 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.  
All Quotes MUST have the following attached;  
1. Quote  
2. SWO Business License  
3. Insurance/Bonding  
Please Submit Quotes to:  
SWO Procurement Office  
Attn: Lennie Bernard Peters  
PO Box 509  
Agency Village, SD 57262

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#### Request for Quote

Old Daycare building  
RFQ for the demolition and debris removal of the old Daycare building, leveling of the lot with 6 inches of gravel located at 45658 Veterans Memorial Drive. Agency Village SD 57262 Bids due on September 30, 2022 by 12:00 p.m. Bid opening will be October 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.  
All Quotes MUST have the following attached;  
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2. SWO Business License  
3. Insurance/Bonding  
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### Enemy Swim District Members

- \*District ARPA (American Rescue Plan Application) Deadline: Monday, October 31st, 2022.
- \*ESD School Clothes Application Deadline: Friday, October 7th, 2022.
- \*Next District Meeting: Thursday, October 27th, 2022 - 6pm.



#### Job Openings

**Security Department**  
Dispatcher (2 Full-Time) where needed  
Officer (3 Full-Time) where needed  
Supervisor (Full-Time) where needed  
**Revenue Audit Department**  
Revenue Audit Clerk (Full-Time) Day-rotating weekends  
**Sports Book Department**  
Supervisor (Full-Time) where needed  
Writer/Teller (Full-Time) where needed  
**Support Services Department**  
Laborer (4 Full-Time) where needed  
**Table Games Department**  
Dealer (2 Full-Time or Part-Time) Rotating **No experience required, will train**  
**Uniforms Department**  
Attendant (2 Full-Time) Day, Swing

**Closing Date: Until Filled**  
Two identifications documents required upon hire

If interested please submit application to  
Human Resources Department  
16849 102nd Street SE Hankinson ND 58041  
For complete Job Description contact McKayla Grajczyk @  
701-634-3000 ext. 2583  
Indian Preference will apply / EEO  
(Please Provide Tribal Enrollment)  
Must be licensable by the SWO Gaming Commission



#### Job opening

#### The Event Center Department Is Now Accepting Applications For

**Position: Event Staff (2 Full-Time) Day**

**Job Description:** Event staff will be assigned to work in various areas of the Convention Center during a variety of events. Concession workers will complete retail sales of food and alcoholic beverages and also assist with the preparation of food items. Box Office staff will be involved in the sales of event tickets to the public and the processing of ticket orders by phone. They will also be responsible for large sums of cash and accurate shift accounting reports. Staff members assigned to work on the event floor will be responsible for assisting the public in finding their seats, solving seating complaints and problems, taking tickets and providing crowd control and security during an event. Employees assigned to work with banquets held in the Convention Center will be involved in food preparation, bartending and the serving of meals to customers.

**Closing Date: Until filled**

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1,336 sq ft addition to included two offices, a conference room, storage room and bathroom aong with a 448 sq ft cold storage garage bay. Work include excavation of site, 18” concrete footings, 4’ ICF foundation frost walls, 4” poured slab on grad floor. 2x6 wall construction, engineered roof trusses, 7/16” osb sheeting on walls and 1/2” osb on roof. Anderson 100 series windows along with commercial doors and insulated overhead door with operator. Siding and roofing to match existing building. Interior finish to include R-19 insulation in walls R-60 insulation in attic, drywall, paint, commercial interior doors, commercial grade carpet along with base cover, suspended ceiling and insulation of kitchenette in conference room. Installation of heat pump and furnace, electrical to South Dakota electrical code along with a 100 amp23KW Generac generator. Plumbing to include installation of bathroom toilet, bathroom sink and conference room sink. Finished grade dirt work around construction site. Plans and material list are at Tristate Lumber.  
Location Address: 45385 SD HWY 10, Sisseton, SD 57262  
Please submit sealed bid to:  
SWO Procurement Office  
Attn: Lennie Bernard Peters  
PO Box 509  
Agency Village, SD 57262  
By: October 20th, 2022 4:00 pm  
E-Mailed Bid Submission: lennieBP@swo-nsn.gov

All interested parties acknowledge that any Agreement executed and performed within the Tribe’s exclusive jurisdiction is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court of Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation. All interested parties acknowledge that they must comply with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Ordinances: TERO Chapter 59 Requirements, Wage Rates & Compliance Plan; Business License Ordinance Chapter 53 and Tax Ordinance Chapter 67; and Chapter 75 Sex Offender Registration.

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#### Job Openings

#### The Accounting Department Is Now Accepting Applications For

**Position: Controller (Full-Time)**

**Job Description:** Supervises and manages all accounting functions. Directs and oversees the Casino Cage and Count room departments. Responsible for all financial reporting including monthly and annual financial statements. Remains current on all Tribal, State and Federal gaming rules and regulations. Coordinates all information required by internal and external auditors. Establishes accounting policies and procedures and ensures adherence to such policies. Oversees all hiring, training, scheduling, counseling, evaluating, and termination of accounting personnel. Informs General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of any irregularities or problems.  
**Closing Date: until filled**

**Required:**  
Bachelor’s degree or Above in Accounting and 5 years accounting experience, including experience in at least 3 of the following areas: Payroll, AP, Inventory Control, General Ledger, Soft count and Drop Function.  
At least 21 years of age.  
Prior Controller experience with gaming preferred.  
3 years Accounting Supervisory experience.  
Demonstrate Knowledge of GAAP.  
Experience in Casino Environment.

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#### Job opening

#### The Support Services Department Is Now Accepting Applications For

**Position: Journeyman Electrician (Full-Time)**

**Job Description:** Electrician is responsible for performing skilled level electrical work in the installation, alteration, maintain and repair electrical wiring, equipment and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service all buildings, parking lot lightings and buildings fire alarms systems. Maintain emergency generators and emergency electrical systems.

**Required:** Associate’s degree (AA) or equivalent from 2-year college or technical school. Three or more years experience working as a journeyman. Must have valid journeyman’s license in the applicable state.

**Closing Date: Until filled**  
**Starting Wage: Negotiable**

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#### Job opening

#### The Human Resources Department Is Now Accepting Applications For

**Position: Benefits Specialist (Full-Time) Day**

**Job Description:** Process new enrollments and terminations to determine eligibility for the company’s health and 401k plans. Distributes employee benefits insurance documents. Inputs employee and dependent information for all eligible employees, ensuring accurate payroll deductions. Processes employment verification pertaining to assistance programs. Maintains insurance and 401k files. Processes short and long term disability paperwork.

**Closing Date: Until filled**

**Required:**  
High School Diploma/GED  
At least two (2) years’ experience in health insurance.  
Thorough knowledge of office practices: Microsoft office.  
Minimum three (3) years’ of data processing experience.  
Must respect confidentiality of department.

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#### Job Openings

#### The Marketing Department Is Now Accepting Applications For

**Position: Director (Full-Time)**

**Job Description:** Develops and executes long and short term marketing strategies to support brand growth, database volume and revenue/retention goals

**Closing Date: until filled**  
**Starting Wage: D. O. E.**  
**Required:**  
Bachelors of Science degree in Business/Marketing or related field and 5 years of experience in casino marketing.  
Strong project management skills.  
Strong computer skills with experience in word processing, databases, and spreadsheets. (ability to demonstrate proficiency)  
Thorough knowledge of ticket office operations & procedures.  
Highly organized and ability to adapt quickly to changing priorities.  
Excellent written and communication skills.  
Excellent verbal and interpersonal communication skills.  
Accurate and detail-oriented, excellent problem solving skills, and excellent in public speaking.

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#### Job Openings

#### The Marketing Department Is Now Accepting Applications For

**Position: Graphic Designer/Social Media (Full-Time)**

**Job Description:** Designs, produces and traffics all phases of production from graphics through printing to delivery and billing. Develops and implements brand standards. Responsible for maintaining consistent image of overall property and branding.

**Closing Date: until filled**

**Required:**  
At least 21 years of age.  
2 year degree preferred or 2 years’ experience or equivalent.  
Expertise in the full Adobe suite.  
PC knowledge.  
Copy writing skills.  
Knowledge of casino and tribal gaming regulations to ensure compliance in appropriate areas of responsibility.  
Must obtain a Gaming license for all 3 properties.

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#### Job Openings

**Cage Department**  
Cashier (3 Full-Time) 3 Graveyard  
Supervisor (2 Full-Time) Graveyard  
**Count Department**  
Team Member (Full-Time) 3:00am to finish  
**Food & Beverage Department**  
Administrative Assistant (Full-Time) where needed  
Cashier (Full-Time) where needed  
Cook III (3 Full-Time) where needed  
Wait Staff ((Full-Time) Day  
**C-Store Department**  
Clerk (5 Full-Time) Swing, Graveyard  
**Hotel Department**  
Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-Time) Day  
**Housekeeping Department**  
Attendant (20 Full-Time) where needed  
**Marketing Department**  
Customer Service Technician (Full-Time) Rotating Day and Swing shift

**Closing Date: Until Filled**  
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# Toka Nuwan Youth Movie Night!

- \*Popcorn
- \*Cotton Candy
- \*Hotdogs
- \*Drinks

Bring your chair, blanket a pillow get comfy and come watch the new Hocus Pocus 2 with us!  
Hope to see you there!



**WHEN:** Saturday, October 1st, 2022  
**TIME:** 7pm  
**WHERE:** Enemy Swim Community Center

# Toka Nuwan Youth!

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

GAMES! FUN!  
SNACKS! DRINKS!  
PRIZES!  
Costume Contest!

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 29th, 2022  
**TIME:** 5PM  
**WHERE:** Enemy Swim Community Center



**Woodrow Wilson Keeble  
Memorial Health Care Center**

### COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS

Let's reach community immunity!  
Protect yourself. Protect your family. Protect your elders.

Anybody 12\* and older regardless of IHS Eligibility

**What:** NEW COVID-19 Booster -- now targets the original virus that causes COVID-19 and the current Omicron variants

**Location:** 100 Lake Traverse Drive – Sisseton, SD

**For more information:** 605-742-3768

Must have completed a primary vaccine series and must be at least 2 months since your last dose or booster

\*Under 18 must be accompanied by parent/legal guardian  
If you have never received care at our clinic, we can make a chart for you specifically for the vaccine

#### Important Information

You should **not** get a COVID-19 vaccine if you:

- Have had a known COVID-19 exposure and are currently quarantined
- Have symptoms of COVID-19, including a cough, fever, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell
- Have a pending COVID-19 test

3rd Annual  
**JOY RANCH NATIVE AMERICAN  
POW WOW**

**Saturday, October 8, 2022 1-6 PM**  
@ Joy Ranch, Florence, SD  
RAISING AWARENESS OF THOSE IMPACTED BY SEXUAL ASSAULT & HONORING SURVIVORS

PM GRAND ENTRY 4 PM SUPPER—All Are Welcome! 6 PM GRAND ENTRY  
Event MC's - Butch Felix, Norbert & Bonnie Bellonger



BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR & JOIN US FOR THE POW WOW.  
VENDOR SPACE IS AVAILABLE. CALL Avina 605.237.7329

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### 2022 SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE HUNTING SEASONS

	TRIBAL MEMBER	INDIAN NON-MEM.	NON INDIAN
SMALL GAME	09/01/22-02/28/23	09/01/22-02/28/23	09/01/22-02/28/23
YOUTH PHEASANT	09/03/22-09/11/22	09/11/22-09/18/22	09/24/22-10/02/22
PHEASANT	10/01/22-01/31/23	10/08/22-01/02/23	10/15/22-01/02/23
DOVE	09/01/22-11/09/22	09/01/22-11/09/22	09/01/22-11/09/22
PARTRIDGE	Closed		
GROUSE	09/03/22-01/01/23	09/10/22-01/01/23	09/17/22-01/01/23
MUSKRAT, BEAVER	11/01/22-04/30/23	11/01/22-04/30/23	11/01/22-04/30/23
MINK, WEASEL	11/01/22-01/31/23	11/01/22-01/31/23	11/01/22-01/31/23
OTHER FURBEARER	Year Round	Year Round	Year Round
YOUTH WATERFOWL	09/10/22-09/11/22	09/10/22-09/11/22	09/10/22-09/11/22
DUCKS	09/24/22-12/06/22	09/24/22-12/06/22	09/24/22-12/06/22
GOOSE	09/01/22-01/06/23	09/01/22-01/06/23	09/01/22-01/06/23
RIFLE DEER	11/05/22-12/11/22	11/12/22-12/04/22	11/19/22-12/04/22
YOUTH RIFLE	09/03/22-01/07/23	09/10/22-01/01/23	09/10/22-01/01/23
ARCHERY	09/01/22-01/01/23	09/10/22-01/01/23	09/17/22-01/01/23
Muzzleloader	11/02/22-01/01/23	11/19/22-01/01/23	12/01/22-01/01/23
FALL TURKEY	10/01/22-01/31/23	10/01/22-01/31/23	11/01/22-01/31/23
SPECIAL MOOSE	09/03/22-01/29/23	Tribal Members Only	

### 2022 SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE HUNTING FEES

	TRIBAL MEMBER	INDIAN NON-MEMBER	NON-INDIAN	TRIBAL MEM. YOUTH	NON-MEM. YOUTH	AFFILIATE
Surcharge	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
SPORTSMAN	\$18.00	N/A	N/A	FREE	N/A	N/A
SMALL GAME (Rabbits, Squirrels)	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	FREE	\$5.00	\$10.00
FISHING	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	FREE	FREE	\$10.00
PHEASANT	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	FREE	\$25.00	\$60.00
DOVE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00
GROUSE	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$105.00	FREE	\$15.00	\$50.00
FURBEARER	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$120.00	FREE	\$5.00	\$60.00
COYOTE	Included w/Furbearer	\$5.00	\$50.00	FREE	\$5.00	\$25.00
WATERFOWL	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	FREE	\$25.00	\$75.00
RIFLE DEER	Any Deer \$25.00 Antlerless \$20.00 Elder \$10.00	\$275.00	\$300.00	N/A	Reg. Fees	\$150.00
YOUTH RIFLE	N/A	N/A	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	N/A
ARCHERY	\$20.00	\$195.00	\$250.00	Reg. Fees	Reg. Fees	\$125.00
BLACK POWDER	\$15.00	\$175.00	\$200.00	Reg. Fees	Reg. Fees	\$100.00
FALL TURKEY	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	Reg. Fees	Reg. Fees	\$25.00

Ages 12 - 15 yrs eligible for youth prices w/ HSC

Juveniles ages 16 yrs & up pay regular fees.

A 4% Tribal Tax Is Required Of All Non Member License Purchases Excluding Surcharge