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## Chairman Hopkins updates the Oyate

Hau mitakuyapi, hello my relatives.

In the United States, every second Monday of October is Columbus Day. It's only 1 of 10 federal holidays observed across the country.

Like many Natives, I've never understood why such a vile man – a lost man mind you – who was personally responsible for the rape, gruesome torture, and brutal killings of thousands, as well as the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and the eventual genocide of millions of Indigenous people, is so glorified by Americans.

But South Dakota is different. It is just one of a handful of states that practices non-observance of Columbus Day. It's been that way for 30 years. In 1990, Governor George S. Mickelson, supported by the South Dakota legislature, proclaimed every second Monday of October "Native American Day," as part of a "Year of Reconciliation" between Natives and whites in the state. He also made Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a state holiday at the same time.

Sadly, Governor Mickelson died in a plane crash before accomplishing his goal of strengthening ties between Natives and whites in South Dakota and healing colonial trauma. I remember him, however, and his legacy gives me hope. Mickelson was a Republican, but he wanted to work on race relations and help Tribes. Because of him, I know that someday we may once again see a bipartisan effort in working on issues of race as well state-tribal relations, and nation-to-nation relations with the federal government.

In other news, the primaries were held last Tuesday. I am advancing to the General Election. To my family, friends, relatives and supporters, I say wopida tanka (big thanks). I am here because of you.

It's not over yet. The General Election is next month. I humbly ask for your support.

The time for games and political divisiveness is over. We must unite. The moment calls for it. I believe in servant leadership, so I will continue to serve the Oyate fairly, consistently, honestly, justly, and competently, using my experience to move the Tribe forward so we can all thrive and our children can be proud. I look forward to continuing the work we have already begun.

Reminder: you can cast your vote for the U.S. General Election now. Early voting in South Dakota began on September 18. Visit the county courthouse during business hours to vote early. Early voting is a great way to beat the crowds and protect yourself from COVID-19 while also taking part in this historic Presidential Election.

Happy Native American Day. As we celebrate it, let us honor our ancestors and remember them every day through our words and actions.

Mitakuye Oyasin, Hupahumaza.

## Monthly report to Execs, Council, and Oyate for September 2020

By Myrna Thompson  
SWO Tribal Secretary

Agency Village, SD – October 7, 2020 – The Tribal Secretary's Office was able to distribute the Elderly Food Coupons for the month of September 2020, with the approval by Tribal Council. We have 2,177 elders that will receive a card in October. We were given approval to distribute elderly food coupons for the next few months, October through December 2020. Thank you to the elders for following the mask requirement and social distancing requirement when picking up your elderly food coupons.

We are very excited that our children will be getting a new daycare facility. I attended the groundbreaking ceremony on September 10th; it was a very nice day and it went well. This also included the Food Pantry that will be built. Both COVID-19 projects are very much needed.

Program Managers have actively worked to prepare a "Pandemic Policy" for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate employees which is still under review. However, the SWO Tribal Administration Employee Pandemic (i.e., COVID-19) Policy was passed. This policy was submitted and reviewed by the Tribal Council and ultimately passed on September 18, 2020. (Policy

included in this report. See in Legals section.)

Due to the negative publicity regarding our Tribal Child Protection Program, we reached out to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to request a program review to ensure we are doing things correctly; the review is in progress and is looking positive thus far.

The Administration for Children & Families drafted a "Missing and Murdered Native Americans" framework for action; comments are due on October 9th, 2020, to ACE. We will work on a response.

On September 29th, we attended a COVID-19 Community Alliance meeting with Roberts County officials. It was very worthwhile and good collaboration has begun.

Our office received approximately 240 phone calls and 18+ walk-ins for the month of September 2020. Please remember to follow the public notice when visiting the Tribal Administration Building. We want to continue to protect the public and employees to social distance during this new way of handling business during a pandemic.

(Editor's note: The complete 41-page document, which includes reports for programs supervised by the Tribal Secretary, is available on the Sota website – www.earthskyweb.com/TSO-Oct20.pdf)

## Dakota Sioux Casino announces major HVAC upgrade in hotel



Watertown, SD – Oct. 9, 2020 – Dakota Sioux Casino is undergoing what is being described as a substantial renovation in their hotel.

During a pre-construction meeting yesterday afternoon, it was announced that over 92 individual room air units will be installed in the hotel over the next several weeks in an effort to keep guests more comfortable and safer with better ventilation.

Dennis Corcoran of Trane in Sioux Falls, says "It was time to update the units as they were troublesome. Each room will have their individual heating and cooling units allowing for better comfort control and ventilation."

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## SWO 2020 Primary Election results

Agency Village, SD – Oct. 7, 2020 – The SWO 2020 Primary Election was held yesterday, with voting from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the seven District Centers. Use of masks and social distancing were required to prevent spread of the coronavirus.

Tribal Council went into session afterwards in the admin building, where REB conducted the ballot count. The building, which is closed all week except for essential employees, was limited to a maximum of five guests for each of the candidates, for the election.

The counting was broadcast on the SWO Tribal Council YouTube Channel and on Venture Cable Channel 390 by KXSW Announcer Tom Wilson and Sierra Wolcott.

Here are results:

### Executive Offices

Candidates for Tribal Chairperson: Delbert Hopkins Jr. 819 votes (61.58%), Ella Robertson 274 votes (20.60%), Donovan White 237 votes (17.82%). Delbert Hopkins Jr. and Ella Robertson will face off in the November 3rd general election.

Candidates for Tribal Vice-Chair: Eddie Johnson (incumbent), Lisa Jackson. (There was no primary election.)

Candidates for Tribal Secretary: Myrna Thompson (incumbent), Winfield Rondell Jr. (There was no primary election.)

### District Offices

Big Coulee District: Danielle DeCoteau 68,

Norma Perko 57, Lydia Riveria 66. General election: Danielle DeCoteau and Lydia Riveria.

Buffalo Lake District: Louis Johnson (incumbent) 62, Lorraine Rousseau 28, Arnold White Jr. 20. General election: Louis Johnson and Lorraine Rousseau

Enemy Swim District: Cheryl Owen (incumbent) 92, Dallas Owen 129, Brice Roberts 20. General election: Cheryl Owen and Dallas Owen.

Heipa District: Bryan Akipa 32, Charlene LaFontaine 27, Brandon LaBatte 12, Merlin Jay Renville 35, Brandon Gypsy Wanna 33. Merlin Jay Renville and Brandon Gypsy Wanna.

Lake Traverse District: Dionne Crawford-Lake 81, Michael Selvage Jr. 34, Shannon White 79. General election: Dionne Crawford-Lake and Shannon White.

Long Hollow District: Curtis Bissonette (incumbent) 83, Janell Cook 34, Gretta Lavergne 30, Darrell Quinn Jr. 20. General election: Curtis Bissonette and Janell Cook.

Old Agency District: Milton "Nippy" Owen (incumbent) 51, Brandon Adams 69, Floyd Kirk Jr. 86, Gladys Renville 25, Martha Renville 31. General election: Floyd Kirk Jr. vs. Brandon Adams.

### Total Ballots

Ballots cast: Big Coulee 191; Buffalo Lake 110; Enemy Swim 272; Long Hollow 169; Lake Traverse 194; Heipa 140; Old Agency 263.  
Total: 1,339.

## SWO Tribe endorses Joe Biden for President

Agency Village, SD – October 9, 2020 – SWO Tribal leadership met today to discuss a formal declaration of support for Joe Biden for President. Afterwards, Tribal Chairman Delbert Hopkins Jr. signed the following official endorsement, which was emailed to Clara Pratte, Native American Director of the Biden-Harris Campaign.

The signing was timed for release before this Monday's Native American Day observance.

To: Hon. Joe Biden, Democratic Candidate for President, Former Vice President of the United States

To: Senator Kamala Harris, Democratic Candidate for Vice President

Re: Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Strongest Endorsement of Joe Biden for President

Dear Vice President Biden and Senator Harris:  
On behalf of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, I extend our heartfelt endorsement of Joe Biden for President and Kamala Harris for Vice President.

The Biden-Harris vision of the American people united is the right vision for the future of America. We stand for true democracy, the Bill of Rights, the right of all citizens to vote, and for liberty and freedom. We believe in the golden rule because it aligns with Dakota values. Love your neighbor as yourself. Civility should be the foundation for the United States Government's relations with all of its citizens. For Tribal Nations, you have reaffirmed our government-to-government, nation-to-nation relationship and affirmed your respect for our treaty rights.

Among the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Oyate (People) of the Oceci Sakowin (Great Sioux Nation), liberty means the right of self-government on our Lake

Traverse Reservation. Under our Treaty, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is a friend and ally to the United States, and the United States of America pledged to assist us to make our Reservation a livable, permanent homeland. As you have announced your policy, we understand that you stand for:

\*A Clear Plan to End the National COVID-19 Pandemic and Economic Crisis

\*A Fair Plan to Distribute the COVID-19 Vaccine When It is Approved by Top Scientists so all Americans, including Natives, can be vaccinated in a Timely Manner

\*Strong Economic Stimulus to Restore the Economy

For Natives, you have announced the Biden-Harris Plan for Tribal Nations will:

\*Restore Indian Lands to Trust Status

\*Fully Fund Indian Education, Healthcare and Law Enforcement

\*Protect Tribal Natural and Cultural Resources

\*Assist Youth in earning College Degrees and Forgiveness of Student Loans

\*Help for Native Veterans

\*Protect Native Voting Rights

As you work to uphold the United States Constitution, Treaties and Laws, we stand with you and wish you the greatest success. We look forward to greeting you as the next President and Vice-President of the United States! You have our full endorsement in the 2020 Presidential Election.

Sincerely, Delbert S. Hopkins Jr., SWO Tribal Chairman.

## SWO Tribal offices scheduled to reopen Tuesday

Agency Village, SD – Oct. 9, 2020 – Unless the Tribal Executives and Council extend the current remote work order for employees, Tribal offices will reopen at the normal time Tuesday morning, October 13.

Watch for breaking news on the following Facebook sites:

\*KXSW Announcer Tom Wilson's Facebook page.  
\*Dakota Radio Station KXSW 89.9 Fm Facebook page.

\*SWO EMS Facebook page.

\*SWO DARE COVID-19 Response Facebook page.

Breaking news/updates are also available on the Sota website.

## SWO Emergency Management – COVID-19 by the numbers

Agency Village, SD – Oct. 10, 2020 – Here are updated COVID statistics as of today.

SD Overall: 5533 Active (732 New)

ND Overall: 4169 Active (593 new)

Codington: 192 Active

Day: 28 Active

Grant: 61 Active

Marshall: 13 Active

Roberts: 41 Active

Richland: 26 Active

Sargent: 12 Active

SD Daily Pos% Rate is 12.1%

ND Daily Pos% Rate is 7.24%

Please use caution and remember to practice the 3W's (WASH hands, WEAR a mask, WATCH your distance).

# SWO COVID-19 construction projects update: Quarantine, Isolation facility and food pantry



East view of the wing and core structures at the Quarantine and Isolation facility. Sota photo.

Agency Village, SD – October 9, 2020 – Sheathing of the roof on the Quarantine and Isolation facility adjacent to the Sisseton IHS was completed this week. Tasks for the coming week include: completion of wall sheathing and framing, installation of vinyl windows, application of synthetic membrane to the roof, and to continue plumbing and electrical rough in. Work is also underway on the food pantry at

Agency Village, SD. These COVID-19 essential jobs are design-and-build projects contracting through HKG Architects, Aberdeen, and Consolidating Construction, Bismarck, ND. Cost is being covered by CARES Act funding, which requires that the work be completed by December 30, 2020.



West side of the facility, with workers completing the wall and roof. Sota photo.

## Open to the Letter Oyate

Recently I had the honor to speak to an individual about the Tekakwitha Indian Mission and Papoose House. My main question was whether or not anyone ever took to court or held meetings on war criminals caring for Native American children.

to crawl and walk living in confined spaces. Remember the hundreds of children adopted out to white families and further abused.

REMEMBER the little five year old boy who was sent on a bus to Illinois. All the trauma and fear he felt. Remember him and the others.

REMEMBER the way it was. Pre-trauma compounded by new waves of trauma.

REMEMBER ME, Annie. The little girl who cannot remember how she came to be in the orphanage.

But most of all remember it was your mother, father, and their siblings who for various reasons was placed in the orphanage and papoose house.

REMEMBER US. The young children who faced trauma again once we left the orphanage. Unable to walk even a block to school, because the institutionalization of isolation in confined walls, made us fear freedom. Unable to walk outdoors because our school in the

orphanage setting was only a few steps into another area. The buildings are gone forever, but for us who lived there and yes, found a safe haven within, say this is our home, our lives are there. It's hallowed ground.

We had plans to attempt to bring the lawsuit to life, but, when I asked a relative to pray he accepted and there was a misquote in Sota. That's unacceptable. Too many people jumped the gun, too quick and eager to be in the news again. The message of the Tekakwitha Indian Mission lawsuit is once again lost. For the descendants of the ones who filed the lawsuit against the Catholic Mission and missionaries. push forward to get this heard in our tribal court. I will help you all in any way I can with information. For those of us who have only good memories of the orphanage no matter your age, help those who were abused and adopted out, get closure. Carry the burden with them, together.

REMEMBER US. Betty Anne Owen, Sioux Falls, SD.



Food pantry getting COVID-19 renovation. Sota photo.



Construction is underway on the SWO food pantry. Sota Photo.

We tend to vote by what is in our heart. We vote for candidates who represent our personal desires and attitudes rather than their past voting record, their personal history, and the needs of our community. If our heart is pure and concerned about the welfare of our neighbor, then our vote is sacred. Unfortunately Americans have a strong tendency to be fans of the rich and famous, or those who appear successful, or hold respectable positions, like ministers, CEOs, and political incumbents.

Observers have said the present U.S. administration appears to have a nearly cult-like following among voters. People naturally tend to trust others who are like themselves. Unfortunately we sometimes get into 'groupthink.' We really need to seek the truth and listen carefully to those who think differently from ourselves. Beware of willful blindness. When voting or communicating to the elected, we need to consider the needs of all

people, not just ourselves, or people who think like us. We need to consider the needs of those who are discriminated against, or hesitant to speak up or vote, because the confident, privileged majority will always speak up and vote. Richard DeLoughery Citizens for Justice in Roberts County 211 3rd Ave W, Sisseton, SD 57262 605-419-2169

## Open to the Letter Oyate

By Richard DeLoughery Thursday, October 8, 2020 Voting as a Sacred Responsibility

Political experts will agree that the average citizen has only one way to influence policy in our governments, and that is through our vote. Most people in America will also agree that we are spiritual beings, and that we have a sacred responsibility to protect and care for our children and the disadvantaged. In our large societies we elect representatives to legislative councils, and governors and the U.S.

President, to make decisions on our behalf. We are placing this sacred responsibility in their hands.

The late U.S. Representative John Lewis made the following statement, "I have said this before, and I will say it again. The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democracy."

When considering which candidate to vote for, we should ask ourselves: Would I want my beloved daughter or son to marry this person? Would their principles contribute to our sacred, united family, or would they be divisive and

abusive? Ask yourself, 'what qualities should this person have to marry my son or daughter?' We all know that wealth or good looks can be deceiving. You would look at their actions, not just listen to their talk. Qualities I look for in a candidate include: a record of service to their community, a well-trained mind, fairness in all their dealings, a willingness to really listen and seek truth, integrity, honesty, respect, and a real concern for the poor and down-trodden. Just as the impact of a bad marriage can be life-long, especially to our children, so can the impacts of an unfit or corrupt representative, governor or president be on our community, our state and our country.

## Open to the Letter Oyate

Delivering the News By U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.)

Washington, DC – October 6, 2020 – When I was a kid growing up, I was a paperboy who delivered the Minneapolis Star Tribune to homes around Pierre. Today, news is delivered a little differently than it was back then. While some still receive printed papers in their mailbox or on their front step, many have turned to getting their news online.

But some things never change. In South Dakota, our local newspapers remain at the center of our communities. Each issue of one of South Dakota's 120 daily and weekly newspapers is packed with what's most important to their readers – the things happening

locally. They report on what's happening at city hall and the courthouse, how the high school sports teams are doing, the new business that's coming to town and don't forget the birthdays and obituaries. While it's great to get news online, nothing beats local papers. It's so important to subscribe to your local newspaper. My office subscribes to newspapers across the state and we read them. But it's not just subscriptions that pay the bills. No newspaper can survive without advertising support from local community businesses. This year, we lost one of the great papers in South Dakota.

When subscribers received The De Smet News and the Lake Preston Times (Jean's hometown paper) on April 1 it was no joke. Sprawled across the top in large letters read the headline: "This Is It." The end, as owner and publisher Dale Blegen would describe, comes after nearly 140 years of serving the communities of De Smet and Lake Preston. The paper was founded in 1880, less than a year after Laura Ingalls Wilder's family made their way to De Smet. The closing of the paper left a giant hole in the community that would be tough to fill.

But, as they say, the show must go on. Less than two months later, a group of community members decided the vacancy left behind needed to be filled. They had very little journalism training or experience, but that wouldn't stop them from making sure the stories of their community still lived



# SWO Hemp project update: UM research team gathers indigenous seed

Havana, ND – Oct. 5, 2020 – The University of Minnesota research team returned to the Lake Traverse Reservation to process the indigenous hemp stalks gathered last month. Collection of the plants, which took place in South Dakota, was lawful because the UM and SWO have USDA authorization.

The plants had been "curing" in a grain silo provided by a good neighbor/farmer in North Dakota. Team members hand threshed the dried plants to collect seeds, which will hopefully lead to the Tribe having its own patented variety of industrial hemp seed.

Dr. George Weiblen, research team leader, said that if funded in 2021, UM will assist the SWO in planting a test plot on the Tribal Farm, located adjacent to Dakota Connection Casino at Sisseton. Watch for more information about the hemp project, which has been a cooperative effort of the Planning and Natural Resources programs.



Dr. George Weiblen, research team leader, holds a scoop shovel filled with seeds. Plans are to assist the Tribe in developing its own patented seed variety. If the project is funded next year, Dr. Weiblen said the plan is to plant 20 acres as a test plot on the SWO Tribal farm near Dakota Connection Casino at Sisseton.



It would take Superman to shred this tough hemp stalk! Demonstrating how tough these plants are, making them excellent for use in fiber materials. Here, however, the focus is on harvesting seed, so these stalks will be chopped up and disposed of.



Members of the UM team hand threshing dried indigenous hemp plants to harvest seeds Monday, October 5th. They are working inside a grain silo provided by a good neighbor/farmer. The plants were harvested in South Dakota but were cured on a farm in northeastern North Dakota.

# SOTA IYA YE YAPI Editorials

Sota guest editorial –

## “Signs” of the divisive political times

Here are photos and a Facebook post shared by the family of 86-year-old veteran Joe Williams, whose political signs were taken down from alongside his home on Lake Traverse last week.

October 1, 2020

Joe Williams:

Ugh, someone went into my 86 year old father’s property last night and cut down his Biden/Harris sign. Rosholt/Browns Valley and the Sisseton area are Trump supporting areas, but cutting signs down on private property is uncalled for and borders on terrorizing.

I get it, if the other guy isn’t your dude, vote for your guy. But if you’re okay with people cutting down the signs of your opponent, then maybe you lack integrity. Someone in the area knows who’s doing this. I’m not saying you have to turn them in, but just tell them to stop.

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The saga continues! Signs knocked back down, stomped lol. It was put back up quickly again. I then saw some kids and asked them what they say and after a bunch of “It wasn’t me!” And me assuring them they were cool they said it was this white truck that took it down.

They then decided to host the sign in front of the row of houses down at the district and will be safe. Lol my fellow Lake Traverse district members didn’t make the connection I’m also one of them and not a campaign person. All good, lots of good vibes from the district members!

October 5, 2020

Jen Williams:

I’d like to think that even though we’re in an election year we would put our differences aside and treat each other with the same level of respect as we would as if it were any other day.



Political sign frame destroyed.

With that being said, I understand and respect that people in my community may not share the same political beliefs as I do, and I don’t let that affect our personal relationships with one another.

Therefore, I find it so disheartening and shameful that someone in our community is vandalizing signs that my 86-year old, elderly father has put up. He doesn’t go around tearing other people’s signs down that he doesn’t agree with and he doesn’t deserve the intimidation and vandalism to his political support.

So to whomever is doing this, please leave them be and move along with your day. Let’s rise above the division and negativity and allow people to support whomever they choose without fear of backlash or repercussion.



Biden/Harris signs were thrown in the ditch at the end of Joe’s driveway. Joe has also posted signs near the old Lake Traverse District center and they also were destroyed and taken down.

# SOTA IYA YE YAPI On and Off the Rez

Brief commentaries from the Sota editor

Please read Chairman Hopkins’ updates to the Oyate.

The Chairman is providing an update weekly to help keep Tribal members informed about what leadership is doing on their behalf.

We support and encourage these updates being disseminated in the Sota and thank the Chairman for taking time to prepare them for us.

Along with SWO Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Community Health, IHS, and other programs as needed, the Chairman will be holding briefings throughout the week via KXSW. Check KXSW Announcer Tom Wilson’s Facebook page for updates.

Check out the SWO EMS Facebook page for official Tribal government information.

Remember too, KXSW/CNB TV is broadcasting Tribal Council meetings live on the SWO Tribal Council YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1mRvcuhDYluAzEU10wDsJa>

The SWO DARE team has created a new Facebook page, “SWO DARE COVID-19 Response.”

Public Information Officer Allison Renville will be updating the Oyate here: “This is the informational hub for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate DARE Covid-19

Response team, our goal is to keep the public informed with accurate information regarding this pandemic and how it affects our community.”

Besides Tom Wilson’s Facebook page, there is now also a Dakota Radio Station KXSW 89.9 Fm page.

Breaking news/updates are also available on the Sota website.

Watch for the link to our new site coming soon.

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Thank you to everyone who went to their District center to vote in Tuesday’s primary election, and congratulations to those who will be going into the general election November 3rd.

Also, thank you to everyone who filed to run.

It takes people with commitment and courage to offer to serve in a Tribal leadership role.

We note that very few candidates have taken advantage of our free open letters from tribal candidates section in the Sota.

There is no charge to submit a written statement on behalf of your campaign.

Also, SWO political advertising is available at a substantial discount off commercial rates.

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If anyone minimizes the threat of COVID-19, perhaps believing President Trump on his return to the

## From the National Weather Service – NESD Weather Forecast

Monday-Friday, Oct. 12-16

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 65. West wind 10 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. West wind 6 to 9 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Breezy, with a west northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 17 to 22 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 33 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. West southwest wind 8 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 64. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 7 to 12 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 29 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

on forever in print. Together, they founded the Kingsbury Journal, a weekly publication to serve the entire county. Each week, they bring the news of the day to their community and provide a valuable service to keep the spirit of the community alive.

As we enter National Newspaper Week, we thank all those who help deliver the news to cities and towns across South Dakota. Whether you’re the editor, an advertising salesperson, a reporter, publisher or delivery person you each play an important role in making sure your readers stay informed and that our communities remain vibrant and strong.

White House after hospitalization, they had better read our Cronkite news article in our Health section this week.

There is mounting evidence that the virus can return with new and sometimes more serious health problems after an initial “recovery.”

And these are not always elderly or otherwise “at-risk” people, but young people.

Please read the article “Long-haulers’ battle COVID-19 for months, but research into why is scant.”

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Everyone is encouraged to continue wearing face masks, wash your hands frequently, maintain physical distance, and follow other COVID guidelines.

For assistance, call the Tribal and IHS COVID hotlines.

SWO 24-hour COVID-19 Hotline:

605-698-8249

IHS COVID-19 Hotline (Symptoms Line):

605-742-3735

Coteau des Prairies Symptoms Line:

605-698-7647

Sanford Hospital - Webster:

605-345-3336

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Dakota Sioux Casino has announced plans to renovate its HVAC system throughout the hotel.

The upgrade will not only make guests more comfortable, but safer – with better ventilation, especially important while the COVID-19 remains a public health concern.

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To better understand the impact of COVID-19 and plan future services, SWO Health programs are partnering with the Great Plains Tribal Epi Center to conduct the Tribal Impact and Needs Assessment. This assessment expands on the previous survey to help better understand worries about the virus, testing availability, quarantine and isolation information, and more.

See the notice elsewhere in this issue of the Sota or go to the following url:

<http://bit.ly/TribalNeeds>

Everyone’s input is appreciated by the SWO Health programs.

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The Sisseton Wahpeton College Dakota Studies department has created an excellent video, in Dakota-Iyapi, explaining how to keep ourselves and our community safe from the spread of the coronavirus.

Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/qU4xxl4BTk>

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Unfortunately, Tiospa Zina Tribal School closed its Middle School all week due to positive COVID-19 cases.

This is troubling, but not unexpected due to the spread that is happening in our communities.

No matter what the schools do to keep students and faculty separated and protected, everyone interacts outside the classrooms, at home and in their community, in different ways.

One thing that the state of North Dakota is doing that would benefit our students, is providing cloth masks for students and faculty.

South Dakota, listen up!

Please, everyone, heed the 3 Ws being promoted by Tribal leadership and the health programs.

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Newly released statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from 2018 ranks most dangerous states for drivers.

An analysis by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety places South Dakota as the 14th most dangerous state.

- Fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles: 1.34 (-64% change since 1975)

- Total fatalities: 130 (-33.0% change since 1975)

- Percent of fatalities related to speeding: 40.0% (#7 highest of all states)

- Percent of fatalities with a driver over .08 BAC: 34.6% (#5 highest of all states)

- Deaths by road user type: 36.1% car, 42.9% light trucks, 4.2% large trucks, 13.4% motorcycles, 3.4% other or unknown

We wonder what the stats are for our corner of the state!

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Elder’s meditation:

“That spiritual power I wear is much more beautiful and much greater. We call it wisdom, knowledge, power and gift, or love. There are these four parts to that spiritual power. So I wear those. When you wear that power it will beautify your mind and spirit. You become beautiful. Everything that Tunkashila creates is beautiful.”

–Wallace Black Elk, LAKOTA

When I was young, I asked my grandfather, “What should I pray for?” He thought for a long time and then he said, “Pray only for wisdom and for the knowledge of love.” This makes a lot of sense. No matter what happens I ask the Creator to show me the lessons I should be learning. I pray for Him to help me learn the lessons. By doing this everyday we become beautiful human beings.

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Words to consider (or, perhaps not!):

Before a war military science seems a real science, like astronomy; but after a war it seems more like astrology. - Rebecca West (1892 - 1983)

America is a country that doesn’t know where it is going but is determined to set a speed record getting there.

- Laurence J. Peter (1919 - 1988)

The trouble with fighting for human freedom is that one spends most of one’s time defending scoundrels. For it is against scoundrels that oppressive laws are first aimed, and oppression must be stopped at the beginning if it is to be stopped at all. - H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. - Doug Larson

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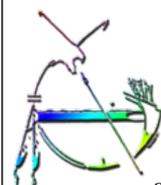
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# Sota Obituaries

## Services held for Troy Opsal

Celebration of Life Service for Troy A. Opsal, 59, of Peever, SD was held on Monday morning, October 5, 2020 at the Family Life Assembly of God Church, Sisseton, South Dakota with the Rev. Vern Donnell officiating.

Sara Aadland was the organist and Bag Pipes by Jack Lindquist.

Pallbearers were Rick Brooks, Blaine "Woody" Hellwig, Randy "Bez" Deutsch, Troy Hellwig, Perry George and Ronnie Grajczyk.

Honorary Pallbearers were Derek Nieland, Brett Opsal, Jerome Opsal, Justin Opsal, Jason Opsal, Mark Opsal, Joel Nieland, Adam Rinas, John German Sr., Gerald German Jr., Wayne German Sr., Billy Brooks, Dale Brooks, Josh Brooks, Jay Hull, Nick Sing, Justin German, Gabe Kampeska, Patrick Deutsch, Billy Blanks, Glen "Casper" German, Wayne "Samples" German Jr., Kate Holman, Susan Deutsch, Mike Carlson, Tom Brewster, Sam Hanson, Brett Hanson, Richard Hanson, Tyler Hellwig, Twin nephews, Jerry & Jason Eastman, Randy Peterson, Erick Hill, Tony Hannasch, Mark Nelson, Kevin Nelson, Rick Huff, Mel Huff, Richard Huff, Daniel Evenson, Bruce German Jr., Jaime Dahl, Lee Solberg, Jon Erdahl, Rick Krier, Tim Gunderson, & American Legion Post #50.

Interment was in the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Veterans Cemetery, Sisseton, SD with Military Rites by the Otto-Quande-Renville American Legion Post #50 and Fort Sisseton VFW Post 3342.

There was visitation at the church one hour prior to the funeral service.

The Cahill Funeral Chapel was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Troy was born to Allen and Patricia (Nelson) Opsal in Sisseton SD on April 26, 1961.

He graduated from Sisseton High School and attended college at Black Hills State, painted grain elevators for Midwest Paint Service for a stint.

He then felt the call of duty to his country so he joined the US Army in 1982 and was assigned to the 31st Maintenance Company stationed at Ft. Irwin, CA. Troy earned an Army Service Ribbon, Expert Marksman (Rifle M-16), Good Conduct Medal and was honorably Discharged in 1984.

Troy married his High School sweetheart Geri in 1982 and they had one son Dustin Allen Opsal.

Dustin blessed him with two grandchildren Cashius Troy Allen & Kaylee Raine Opsal. They were his pride and joy.

He often said "If I knew being a Grandparent was this wonderful I'd have become one first."

He loved attending all of their sporting events and concerts & never failed to ask them "who loves you" Papa loves you" every single day. He was extremely active in their lives helping his son raise them.

After discharge from the US Army, Troy and Geri stayed in CA as she had her tour of duty in the USAF to complete. This is where Sterling Paint Service came to fruition. Troy worked for one of the largest builders in Southern California. It was not uncommon for them to paint five complete houses top to bottom in a day.

Troy loved taking his family to Dumont Dunes to camp. It was a great place to race and ride 4-wheelers. They also enjoyed white water rafting in the Kern River and one of the most memorable was his climb to top the world arm wrestling championships held in Las Vegas, Nevada in the 1980s, this is where he was in the movie "Over the Top" starring Sylvester Stallone.

Troy was always up for a new adventure. He bungee jumped off a hot air balloon in California. One of his other adventures was winning the over age 40 Bull riding contest that he entered after attending a golf tourney. Troy rode the bull in his golf shoes and ended up winning it!

He said "well that's because I was too scared to let go."

He never surprised his family what he would try next. Troy had many hobbies, he loved to golf, shooting, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, fishing and ice fishing, poker, vegetable garden, collecting Native American Artifacts.

He loved to fly and had plans to buy another powered parachute before his cancer diagnosis. Troy owned one for a few years and gave many rides to people in the area. He loved the freedom of being up in the air sometimes pushing the limits.

Troy had a great sense of humor, he was always making others laugh, he loved to scare Troy "Willie" Hellwig on the job at all times or Josh or Ricky Brooks down at the shop. At home it was scaring Cash or Kaylee as they came out of the bathroom. He used to tease and play with his nephew Derek Nieland when he was little and they had many fun times laughing their head off.

He liked to take the time to teach the grandkids the importance of treating everyone with respect, with human decency, holding the door for elders and to work hard for what you want in life and most of all if you're going to do a job do it right or don't do it at all.

He loved pulling quarters out of kid's ears, always playing a trick or joke on someone.

He never met a stranger as he often had to stop and talk to everyone no matter where he went. Troy was one of those people that did great deeds for strangers not for glory but because as he said, "it's the right thing to do."

Troy was a member of the American Legion Post #50, Roberts County Sportsman Club, a proud member of the International Union of Painters Union District Council 82, a member of VVCC for many years serving on the Board of Directors for 3 years as well as a member of the Dakota Winds Golf Course Hankinson, ND.

Troy passed away peacefully at home on September 30, 2020 with his wife Geri and son Dustin holding him and his hand after a courageous battle with cancer.

Troy is survived by his wife of 38 years Geri Opsal, Peever SD; his Son Dustin Opsal Sisseton, SD; his two grandchildren Cashius Troy Allen Opsal & Kaylee Raine Opsal Sisseton, SD; His Uncle Danny Opsal, Buffalo, MN; his Brother Brent (Rose) Opsal, Rapid City, SD; Sister Treva (Joel) Nieland, Rapid City, SD; numerous cousins, nieces & nephews, & mother-in-law whom he respected & loved Lorraine German, Peever, SD.

Troy is preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Patricia Opsal; his father-in-law Gerald "Smoky" German; his grandparents, uncles, and aunts.

Troy asked that I leave you all with this, "Don't remember me as I died, remember me as I lived."

We as his family will always remember him as a beloved husband, father, Papa and friend to all.

He was one of the hardest working men ever. He made sure his family was always provided for, he was our patriarch, a true patriot, who loved our Country.

He made sure one of the last things we did was vote by absentee ballot (while we were in Fargo VAMC) and he had Dusty deliver them to the court house.

He always had "our six" and we always had his.

We respected how he fought his battle till the very end and continued to stay until every last detail was complete here on Earth.

To know Troy was to love Troy.

We know we will see him again, that is what will keep us and sustain us.

## Sandra Haubris services



Graveside funeral services for Sandra Ann "Sandi" Haubris, 55, of Peever, SD were held on Tuesday morning, October 6, 2020 at the Peever Cemetery, Peever, SD with Rev. Fr. Gregg Frankman officiating.

Pallbearers were Sean Shepherd, Joseph Heminger, James Bird, Wayne Heminger Sr., Michael Heminger, and Joey Bird.

Honorary pallbearers were "All of Sandi's Family and Friends."

Interment is in the Peever Cemetery, Peever, SD. The Cahill Funeral Chapel of Sisseton, SD was in charge of arrangements.

Sandra Ann Divine was born on October 14, 1964 to Beverly Bird and John Divine in Fresno, CA.

When she was five she moved to Peever, SD. She attended school in Peever and later graduated from Sisseton High School in 1983.

After high school she attended St. Paul Bible College and graduated with an AA degree.

Sandi worked at Char's Café, Peever School, and the Sisseton School system for 31 years. She was currently employed at Woodland Cabinetry.

She enjoyed working with children, putting puzzles together, playing on her iPad, and spending time with her family.

She loved taking photos of family, and being a mother, even when the kids were naughty.

She has been married to her husband Bill for 34 years.

Sandi was nice to everyone and never had a harsh word for anyone.

She is survived by her husband Bill, three children, Billy, Kevin, and Cassie, sisters, Tiffany and Jason Beaudreau, Diane and Scot Shaver, and Mickey Divine, an Aunt Sylvia and Mike Owen.

Sandi was preceded in death by her mother, a sister Laura Divine, and several aunts, and uncles.

## Lorraine Wolfvoice services

Lorraine Wolfvoice of Sisseton, SD passed away on October 1, 2020 at Sanford Hospital, Fargo, ND.

Funeral service for Lorraine Iris Wolfvoice, 73, of Sisseton, SD was held Wednesday afternoon, October 7, 2020 at the Enemy Swim Community Center, Enemy Swim, SD with the Rev Fr. Charles Chan and the St. James Lay Readers officiating. Pianist was Billy Kohl.

Pallbearers were Marcelo Barnett, Keith Wanna Sr.,

Charlie Vermillion, Sam Parys, Scott Bigpond, Corwin BlueDog, Christian Owens, Billy Kohl, Kent Mallory, Garrett Keoke, and Sean Shepherd.

Honorary pallbearers were Sharon and Roxanne Tchida, Cora Kitto-Jones, Julia Owens, Nita Kirk, Jody Rios, Cindy Polina, Laura Bagola, Christine and Cheryl Beaver families, Beatrice Biddell and family, Tessie Wolfvoice Willie, Dorothy McNaie, Randy and Noreen Iyarpeya families, Patrick Deutsch Jr., Mike Friemel and family, Ruth Campbell, Mike Sierra Sr., and all her friends at Rosalies, and all her Oklahoma family and friends.

Interment is in the St. James Episcopal Cemetery, Enemy Swim, SD.

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

Lorraine "Rainy" Iris Wolfvoice, 73, Wakan Mani Winyan (Holy Walking Woman) was born to Ira and Edith (Iyarpeya) Owens on August 21, 1947 at Sisseton, South Dakota.

Rainy first lived near the Day School at Enemy Swim, then the family moved to Wahpeton, ND where she grew up and attended school except for a couple of years spent at St. Mary's Episcopal Girls School.

She graduated from Wahpeton High School and went on relocation program to Chicago, IL, and graduated from a two year radiology technology program.

She began her career as a X-ray tech at Oklahoma City, OK where she was married to Orlando Williams. To this union two children were born Terra Lou and Orlando Chris.

She moved to Tulsa where she continued her medical career and also worked at various occupations.

She met Dolph Wolfvoice and they married and Dakota was born from this union.

After Dolph passed she returned to Moorhead, MN then to the Sisseton area where she worked for Indian Health Service, working at the old hospital. She was recently working for Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority as a receptionist.

Rainy had many past times from playing basketball, and softball in high school, playing pool, darts (talk about an eagle eye). She later played bingo, and watched OU football.

She enjoyed the many friendships developed at Rosalie's and also just cruising the hills.

And she could dance, her most recent partner being her son Billy.

Rainy doted on her grandchildren and grandson, never forgetting their birthdays.

Rainy is survived by her daughter, Terra (Corwin) Bluedog of Webster, SD and three sons, Dakota (Andrea Tulsa) Wolfvoice of Sisseton, SD, Billy Kohl of Big Coulee, SD, and Scott and Susan Bigpond of Stillwell, OK; eleven granddaughters, one grandson, and one great-grandson, five sisters, Aurelia Louie of Omak, WA, Lois Owens, Grace Frazier, and Arlene Owens of Sisseton, SD, and Annette Blackthunder of Waubay, SD, and two brothers, Leonard Owens, of Sisseton, SD and William Owens of Waubay, SD..

Rainy was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dolph Wolfvoice, son Christopher Owens, Grandson Orlando Williams, and sisters Claudia Owens, and Ellen Hauser.

For Lorraine's obituary and on-line registry please contact [www.cahillfuneralchapel.com](http://www.cahillfuneralchapel.com)

## Service Monday for Betty Engverson

Betty Lou Engverson passed away on October 8, 2020 at The Meadows of Wadena, Wadena, Minnesota.

Funeral service will be held on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Buffalo Lake District Center, Eden, SD.

Arrangements are by Cahill Funeral Chapel, Sisseton, SD.

Watch for a complete obituary in next week's Sota.

## Graveside service Oct. 30 for Sara Hayes

Graveside service will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 11:30 a.m. at Ascension Presbyterian Cemetery at Big Coulee, South Dakota for Sara Anne Hayes.

And all night wake service will be held Thursday, October 29th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Agency District Center, Agency Village.

Sara Anne Hayes, age 58, of Sisseton, South

Dakota, began her spiritual journey on August 4, 2020 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota surrounded by her family and the caring nurses and staff at Sanford.

Sara Lawrence was born on August 17, 1961 in Sisseton, South Dakota to Lillie Mae Bird and Samuel Lawrence. She attended school in Sisseton, South Dakota where she met and fell in love with her soul mate, Elden Hayes. They were united in marriage on June 15, 1978 and had 4 children. Sara and Elden remained married until his passing on Aug 17, 2015.

Sara worked very hard throughout her life and had a wide variety of jobs throughout the years. She most recently worked as the District Coordinator for Old Agency District Center. Sara also enjoyed helping people, anytime she could and if she couldn't help, she would refer them to someone who could.

Sara always had a close relationship with God, thanks to her uncle Eldon Lawrence. Her family knew the importance of prayer and having a relationship with God, thanks to her. Sara created a loving, caring and supportive home for her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with her family, watching horror movies, and TV shows, listening to music, and fishing with her husband and sons.

Sara will be greatly missed by those that knew her, but they know she is rejoicing in heaven with God, her mother and the love of her life.

Sara is survived by her children; Karen Hayes, Elden Hayes Jr, and Stephan Hayes, all of Sisseton, SD and Jesse (Elizabeth) Hayes of Sioux Falls, SD, her grandchildren; Jessica Hayes and Emanuel Hayes, brothers Robin (Melonene) Lawrence, Richard Lawrence, sisters Joni (Perry) Mahpiyasna and Sonya (Marlon) Lawrence all of Sisseton, SD, and an aunt Sylvia (Mike) Owen and numerous nephews, and nieces.

Sara was preceded in death by her husband Elden, her parents, Sam and Lillie Mae, maternal grandparents, Laura Renville and Samuel Bird, and paternal grandparents Marie Ironheart and Melvin Lawrence, and many aunts and uncles.

## Graveside service Oct. 30 for Lillian Lawrence



Graveside service will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St Mary's Episcopal Cemetery, Agency Village, South Dakota for Lillian Lawrence.

An all night wake service will be held Thursday, October 29th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at

the Old Agency District Center, Agency Village, SD.

Lillian M. Lawrence, 92, passed away on July 10, 2020 at Fargo, ND.

Lillian Mae (Bird) Lawrence was born on Sept. 16, 1927 in Sisseton, SD to Samuel Bird and Laura Renville Bird. Lillian grew up and attended school in the Peever, SD area. After her education she was united in marriage to Samuel A. Lawrence. The couple resided in Chicago, IL and Oakland CA in the early years of their marriage before returning to the Peever, SD area until Samuels death in September of 1970.

Lillian enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, reading, and "watching her soaps". Lillian passed away at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, N.D. due to illness.

Lillian is survived by sons; Robin and Richard Lawrence, daughters; Sara Hayes, and Sonya Lawrence and her adopted daughter Joni Lawrence, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lillian is preceded in death by her parents Sam and Laura, husband, Samuel, four brothers; Kenneth, Milton, Curtis and Lincoln, and sisters; Thelma, Beverly, and Karen.

## Notice of passing: Jack Barse

The Sota received a late notice Saturday, October 10, that Jacob Barse Sr. has passed away.

Watch for funeral services to be posted online and a complete obituary in next week's edition.

# Turn back! America, turn back!

By Harry Renville

(Subject: As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. 2nd Samuel 22/31, Isaiah 55 6/11, Ecclesiastes 3 14/15, Matthew 7 13/14.)

Let no one deceive you, my friends, and heed not the voice of despair, Heed His voice who loves and cares for you, yes! you still have hope out their; And although at times we may

stumble, God waits patiently you see, I had stumbled and nearly despaired but He was still their for me. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Psalm 37 33/34, Proverbs 24/16, 2nd Timothy 3/13, 1st Peter 5 6/7.

Those ancient nations whom once

honored God chose to forsake His ways, Now it seems that a certain proud nation has done likewise these days; But who will listen to a simple man such as I? one might say, But nevertheless through God's gifts I must proclaim His truth today.

Deliver those drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter, Proverbs 24 11/12, 1st Corinthians

1 26/31, 1st Thessalonians 5/14, James 1/17.  
 Now those nations who went astray were disciplined repeatedly, This proud nation has likewise chosen to live in iniquity; Even aiding young mothers to kill their unborn children today, Not giving them a chance to coo for them! As their smiles fade away.  
 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.  
 Psalm 24/1, 139/6, Luke 10/16, 1st Corinthians 10 1/11.  
 Young mothers, if this is what you have done, again do not despair, Turn to Jesus before He returns and you’ll hold your child up their; If you believe repent, be baptized then turn and live for Him today, But wait not, Christ will soon be returning to take His church away.  
 2nd Samuel 12 15/23, Acts 17 30/31, Romans 6, 1st Corinthians 15 1/4, 2nd Corinthians 5 15/17, Ephesians 5 23/32, Colossians 1/27, 1st Thessalonians 4

13/18.  
 Same-sex marriage is also contrary to God’s holy word, Of Sodom and Gomorrah’s destruction have you really not heard? Nations that forget God will be turned in to hell, His word does say, And when ungodliness rules, take heed, the wicked will have their way.  
 The wicked prowl on every side, when vileness is exalted among the sons of men.  
 Genesis 18/16 to 19/29, Psalm 9/17, 12/8, 1st Corinthians 6 9/10.  
 Still, when violence increases those who don’t know His word ask, “why?” “i thought God was a loving God, He who watch’s us from on high” God does love all of mankind but He hates the sinfull things we do, He is also merciful just waiting to forgive me and you.  
 “for the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him,,,,, 2nd Chronicles 16/9, Habakkuk 1/13, Acts 10/43, 1st John 1 7/10.  
 There is much we don’t know

but one fact I can state with certainty, All things are in God’s hands whatever may come, whatever may be; The best we can do is put our trust in Him and please do not wait, It is time to turn back! America, soon it will be too late.  
 But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, And You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.  
 Psalm 145 14/20, Isaiah 64/8, Ezekiel 18 20/23, Romans 12/11.  
 I judge you not, America, for I’m just a man of dust too, But today through His gifts I have merely proclaimed God’s truth to you; Yet His word also tells us, “The Lord knows those who are His” my friends, Now will we be found worthy to be His, when this evil age ends?  
 1st Samuel 2/9, 1st Corinthians 12/3, 2nd Corinthians 4 3/4, 2nd Timothy 2/19.  
 “He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness.  
 “For by strength no man shall prevail.



## Update on South Dakota’s COVID-19 response

**By Governor Kristi Noem**  
 Pierre, SD – October 9, 2020  
 – I always knew that South Dakota could be an example to the nation; I never expected that such an example would be set in the midst of a global pandemic. But the work that South Dakota did wasn’t just me. It was our team at the Department of Health, the countless medical professionals across our state, teachers, law enforcement officers, grocers, small business owners, moms, dads, grandparents, you name it.  
 It was each and every South Dakotan who stepped up and made our approach work.  
 Recently, a prominent national reporter sent me a note that said: “Governor, if you hadn’t stood against lockdowns, we’d have no proof of just how useless they really have been.” Given that many in the mainstream media have been attacking South Dakota for

respecting our people’s freedom and personal responsibility, this note was incredibly encouraging. It was also a shout out to the incredible work that each and every one of you have done.  
 This past week, the state legislature briefly met to discuss how we can best utilize the money that the federal government sent us to help respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. I have spent countless hours on the phone and in DC asking for flexibility in how South Dakota can spend this money. But the Department of Treasury tells us that it can only be used to cover costs – very specific costs. I appreciate the legislature’s hard work. The proposal that they put together is reasonable and gives us the flexibility to help as many of our citizens as we can within the Department of Treasury’s parameters.  
 To date, we’ve allocated

funding for state and local governments to respond to the virus.  
 Tourism, the number two industry in the state, has taken a tremendous hit. But Treasury says we can use this money on tourism efforts. I think many of you have seen our ads promoting South Dakota. As a result, our state parks have been packed with visitors from across the country who want to escape their lockdowns and explore our wide-open spaces.  
 We set aside \$75 million for K-12 schools. We launched a Small Business and Healthcare Provider Relief program, which will provide up to \$580 million to help small businesses, community-based healthcare providers, and non-profits negatively impacted by the pandemic.  
 We also set aside \$100 million dollars to the re-employment insurance fund, nearly \$100 million dollars for state public safety and public health officials, and more than \$20 million dollars for universities and technical colleges.  
 Together, we will get through this. Together, that’s exactly what we’re doing. It’s important that we remember, especially during difficult times, that we are stronger united, rather than divided. I believe we all have the same goal in mind – making South Dakota safer, stronger, and healthier. Let’s keep working together towards that goal.

## Small Business and Healthcare provider relief program

Pierre, SD – Oct. 9, 2020  
 – Today, Governor Kristi Noem announced the launch of the Small Business and Healthcare Provider Relief Program, which will utilize up to \$580 million in Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars to assist small businesses, community-based healthcare providers, and non-profits negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.  
 “Together, South Dakota is rebounding from COVID-19, but some businesses and organizations took a hit from this pandemic,” said Governor Noem. “These folks are the lifeblood of our communities and economy, and it’s our turn to give back to them. I’m grateful to the legislature for stepping up and providing guidance for this program.”  
 There are five components of this program:  
 The Small Business COVID

Interruption program will provide up to \$400 million to help eligible South Dakota small businesses who experienced a reduction in business as a result of the pandemic. Specifics can be found here.  
 The Small Business Startup program will provide up to \$10 million in direct grants to recently started eligible South Dakota businesses whose growth has been impacted as a result of the pandemic. Specifics can be found here.  
 The Acute Care in Hospitals program will provide up to \$15 million to eligible hospitals that are licensed by the state to provide acute inpatient care. Specifics can be found here.  
 The Small Nonprofit COVID Interruption program will provide up to \$40 million to eligible South Dakota small nonprofits who have experienced negative impact as a

result of the pandemic. Specifics can be found here.  
 The Community Based Healthcare Providers program will provide up to \$115 million for eligible community providers who have experienced a reduction in business as a result of the pandemic. Specifics can be found here.  
 Eligible businesses and organizations will be able to apply for these various grants from October 13-23, 2020. For assistance, please contact our call center from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at 605-937-7243. You can also email covid.bizgrants@state.sd.us or covid.healthcaregrants@state.sd.us.  
 To learn more about the Small Business and Healthcare Provider Relief Program, visit COVID.SD.GOV.



**Congratulations, Michaela Seiber, on your appointment to head the South Dakota Urban Indian Health team as project manager! (Sota)**

## Problem Solvers Caucus COVID-19 working group

Washington, DC – Oct. 6, 2020 – Statement from Problem Solvers Caucus Co-Chair Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5), Problem Solvers Caucus Co-Chair Tom Reed (NY-23), Congressman Dusty Johnson (SD-AL), and Congressman Dean

Phillips (MN-3):  
 “American families and America’s small businesses are hurting and cannot afford more delays — especially when a deal is within reach. The 25 Democrats and 25 Republicans of the Problem

Solvers Caucus have already crafted a bipartisan framework for relief that has been widely supported, including by the Administration. We cannot overstate how important it is that leaders in both parties — along with the President — return to the table and agree on a package that will provide immediate relief to families and businesses. Inaction is not an option.”

## Congressional charter for National American Indian Veterans (NAIV)

Pierre, SD – Oct. 7, 2020 – U.S. Sens. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and John Thune (R-S.D.) recently introduced legislation to create a Congressional Charter for the National American Indian Veterans (NAIV). Headquartered in South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Reservation, the NAIV is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advocating for tribal veterans. Originally started in 2004, today the NAIV serves the needs of Native veterans in all 50 states.  
 “We are grateful to our Native veterans for their service to our country,” said Rounds. “The NAIV helps make certain the unique needs of our Native veterans are being met. Our legislation will help strengthen the NAIV’s ability to provide one-of-a-kind assistance to our Native veterans as we seek

ways to provide them with the care they’ve earned and deserve.”  
 “Native American veterans have served our state and our country with honor in the U.S. military,” said Thune. “I am glad to join Senator Rounds in introducing this resolution to give further voice to the sometimes unique needs and priorities of Native American veterans.”  
 “This bill is very important to American Indians, said Don Loudner, a native vet, enrolled member of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and National Commander of the NAIV. “It doesn’t ask for any money. It only asks that the Congress recognize the sacrifices of generations of American Indians who have answered the nation’s call and fought in every war since the Revolution.”

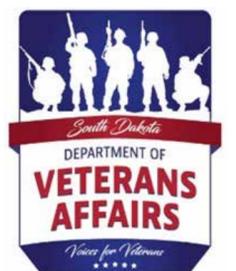
A congressional charter is a law passed by Congress that recognizes the mission and authority of a group or organization. The NAIV serves the needs and interests of Native veterans in collaboration with its national leadership and 14 regional offices throughout the state. According to the VA, in 2020 there are more than 140,000 Native veterans in the United States. While Congressional Charters have been granted to Italian-American, Polish-American and Catholic-American veterans groups, as of today, no Native veterans’ organization has received a Congressional Charter.  
 Additional cosponsors include Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee Chairman Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and U.S. Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.).

## SD VA offers new location for Veterans to meet with staff

**By Audry Ricketts, Public Information Officer SD Department of Veterans Affairs**  
 Pierre, SD – Oct. 6, 2020 – The The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs has setup a temporary office to meet with veterans to file their claims and conduct in-person interviews.  
 Due to Federal COVID-19 guidelines, our offices in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Regional Office on the VA campus have been closed to the public.  
 The SDDVA temporary office is located in the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance building

at 1600 W. Russell Street in Sioux Falls.  
 The Department will have state veterans service officers available for walk-in appointments Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (CT). Currently, we are located in the window office at the back of the Patriot Grill on the ground floor.  
 Veterans needing assistance with their claims or have questions regarding their benefits are encouraged to call our Sioux Falls claims office (605.333.6869).  
 As always, we look forward to working with our veterans and their families and stand ready to help.  
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# SOTA IYA YE YAPI Health

Evolving “Understanding” of the Coronavirus –

## Long-haulers’ battle COVID-19 for months, but research into why is scant

By Lauren Serrato

Phoenix, AZ – Cronkite News – Oct. 2, 2020 – Although most cases COVID-19 appear to be mild with a recovery time of a few weeks, health experts are seeing more patients who suffer symptoms for months or get better only to relapse down the road.

These “long-haulers” may face organ damage or such debilitating symptoms that even climbing a flight of stairs can put them back in bed for days, experts say.

Experts estimate some 10% of COVID-19 patients – or hundreds of thousands in the U.S. alone – may fall into this category. And yet with more than 7 million total COVID cases so far across the nation, research specific to the long-hauler phenomenon is scant, and questions remain about what care and support these patients may need.

Long-haulers “have moved past the symptoms that are associated with acute COVID infection and are now experiencing a new subset of symptoms that are lasting a lot longer than we expected,” said David Putrino, director of rehabilitation innovation for the Mount Sinai Health System in New York City.

The most common, he said, are extreme fatigue, exercise intolerance, heart palpitations, shortness of breath and problems remembering or finding the right words.

“But then there is a big, wide range of symptoms that we’re seeing also, that range from swelling and numbness in the extremities, tingling down the arms and legs, GI (gastrointestinal) symptoms, lots of anxiety, issues with regulating temperature, dizziness, headaches, nausea,” Putrino said.

“They’re very episodic. You can be ... having a good day and then suddenly you’ll feel a sort of an attack on your physiology. And they are very severe in terms of the way that they’re limiting individuals in their daily life.”

Fiona Lowenstein, 26, a freelance writer in New York City, said she first got sick March 13. She went to the emergency room with shortness of breath, consistent fevers and slight nausea, and was hospitalized.

When she was discharged March 17, Lowenstein – who has no underlying conditions that would make her more vulnerable to COVID-19 – was under the impression the worst was behind her. But she remained ill until early June, she said.

“New symptoms just kept



**Fiona Lowenstein, a healthy 26-year-old before contracting COVID-19 in March, finally feels well enough to venture back to the supermarket, one of the many public places she avoided while ill. (Photo courtesy of Fiona Lowenstein)**

showing up,” she recalled. “I remember I opened up a bottle of my favorite lavender essential oils and realized I couldn’t smell it.”

Lowenstein added gastrointestinal issues, a runny nose and sore throat to her new list of symptoms, but the effects went beyond the physical. She said she experienced panic, anxiety, fear and nightmares.

“I even started to have feelings and dreams of drowning and I couldn’t breathe. I had never had dreams like that before,” she said.

“I realized I wasn’t getting any better and realized this isn’t just a

two-week virus.”

After discovering other long-haulers on social media, Lowenstein co-founded the Body Politic support group with her friend and fellow long-hauler, Sabrina Bleich.

What started as a blog with 30 followers soon became a support group for thousands of patients. Such questions as “How did you know when to go to the hospital?” and “What does the nasal swab feel like?” are common.

“The group was open to all patients,” Lowenstein said, “but I think part of the reason it has become a safe haven for long-haulers ... is when you think of who is going to be the most active in a support group, it is the person that is sick for months.”

### A missed opportunity?

A report by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published in late July found that 35% of COVID-19 patients had not returned to their usual state of health two to three weeks after diagnosis. Additionally, it said, 1 in 5 people ages 18 to 34 and with no chronic medical conditions had not returned to their usual state of health.

The survey of 274 people included outpatient COVID-19 patients only, not those hospitalized.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, spoke about long-haulers during Senate testimony Sept. 23, noting a number of individuals have reported persistent symptoms for weeks or months.

“They have fatigue, myalgia, fever ... as well as cognitive abnormalities,” Fauci said.

The issue is one federal researchers will be “pursuing in the future,” he said, adding that a number of people who recovered from COVID-19 were later diagnosed with heart inflammation. “These are the kind of things that tell us that we must be humble and that we do not completely understand the nature of this illness,” Fauci said.

Efrem Lim, assistant professor at Arizona State University’s



**Fiona Lowenstein of New York City assumed the worst of the coronavirus was behind her when she was discharged from the hospital March 17, but she developed new symptoms that lasted until June. (Photo courtesy of Fiona Lowenstein)**

Biodesign Institute, leads a team that studies the virus’ potential to spread, mutate and adapt over time.

Lim refers to long-haulers as an “important and underlying problem” in understanding the development of COVID-19.

“We have this subset of people – the estimates are about 10 to 15% of people who develop COVID-19 – having these long-term symptoms, stretching out to months, much longer than the two- to three-week window that we are used to seeing.”

Lim’s research team has proposed long-hauler studies to the National Institutes of Health but awaits approval. The challenge, Lim said, is convincing the NIH to fund such a resource-intensive study that would require patients to be tracked for months.

Dr. Haider Warraich, a cardiologist and clinical researcher in Boston, said during a recent webinar about long-haulers that the United States is lagging in information and research.

“We are really missing an opportunity to really understand this disease – not only its acute phase but also thinking about the long-term impact of this disease on patients,” he said. “Right now, there is such an appetite for more knowledge and more insights into this virus.”

Warraich mentioned a patient who developed heart failure after having COVID-19. More than a month after his diagnosis, the

patient’s legs began to fill with fluid and, Warraich said, “by the time he came back to hospital, he was actually way sicker than he was before.”

When COVID-19 began ravaging New York City, Putrino and his team created a remote system to monitor patients who weren’t being hospitalized. He soon noticed that some who had joined the program in March still were seeking help months later.

By May, he said, “there was this percentage of patients who had been on for a couple of months, and they were still sick but they were reporting new symptoms. So we started to train up a team ... to manage the care of these patients.”

Most striking about the long-hauler patients, Putrino said, is they are on average 42 years old, 70% are women and many never were hospitalized for COVID-19.

His team continues to log data in hopes of improving treatment for these patients and is sharing that research with others around the country. Putrino wants to see the understanding of long-haulers grow, as well as research and programs to help assist them in their recovery process.

“We need more awareness in the form of generating content to educate both patients and doctors about this,” he said. “The second thing that we really, really need is more individuals in states that are just getting over their first surge to start allocating resources to treating these patients.”

*“This is a thing ... it’s not just anxiety or stress”*

Nearly 3,000 miles west, in Berkeley, California, Lisa McCorkell, 28, hit her six-month mark of COVID-19 symptoms in September.

She experienced her first symptoms on March 14, but she was able to access only one test, which turned out to be a false negative – something experts say is common.

“At the beginning, it was a lot of fatigue and shortness of breath, high heart rate, some brain fog, and I even had the COVID toes, nausea, dizziness,” said McCorkell, a policy analyst for the California Department of Social Services. “And then it kind of waxed and waned over the last six months.”

McCorkell wanted to become part of the solution and contribute to the limited research available on long-haulers. She joined Body Politic and helped develop a survey that aims to identify patterns in long-hauler symptoms and recovery times.

“The No. 1 goal is acknowledgement that this is an issue that is affecting ... people, and hopefully that acknowledgment will spur more research into finding out what exactly is going on,” said McCorkell, who also had no underlying conditions.

The survey results captured a variety of symptoms and documented recovery time, accessibility to COVID-19 tests and the mental health of long-hauler patients, among other areas.

Nearly 650 people have responded, although McCorkell said Body Politic wants to get a wider

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range of respondents.

“One of the issues we are seeing is that most of our respondents are white and we know that COVID is affecting the Black and Latinx community particularly hard, so that is something we are trying to push,” she said.

Lowenstein and McCorkell said they hope to see advances within the medical community to increase awareness about the long-hauler experience.

“We want acknowledgment from doctors that this is a thing,” McCorkell said, “that this is not something that people are just

making up in their heads, that it’s not just anxiety or stress.”

Today, even walks around the neighborhood can test McCorkell’s strength. If she pushes too hard, she can relapse.

“Fatigue is the one consistent symptom that I have been experiencing,” she said.

As for Lowenstein, only after quarantining for more than a month did she feel both physically and mentally capable of stepping outside her home for the first time – with a mask and gloves.

It took nearly three months for her to build the courage to

get back on her bike and ride to the supermarket, something she’d never thought twice about before COVID-19.

“There are so many people that are unable to return to their normal way of life after being sick for such a long period of time,” Lowenstein said. “It’s time for people, health care professionals especially, to start understanding, acknowledging and researching long-haulers in hopes of creating more resources and awareness.”

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now just a memory, robbed by the chemotherapy.

We could not stay long, children under twelve years old were not technically permitted into patient rooms at that time. I said “Hi” and gave a shy wave not knowing what else to do or say. It was enough to just be there together. My friend, that powerful woman, looked so small and frail in her bed. The woman who I knew to be so full of life was now living in the shadow of death. I did not know it at that time, but that would be the last time I saw her alive.

Pancreatic cancer took her away from me just a few months after the diagnosis was given. I

had so many questions. Most of them started with “Why?” That was the first time I had ever been in a hospital, but it would be just one of many times throughout my life where I would be a concerned



loved one visiting a sick friend or family member. The death of my neighbor started my journey to become a doctor, a journey to find answers, only to learn that there is

always another patient and another question, yet I persist. This is how I honor her memory.

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## From Heroin to Hope

By Rep. Dusty Johnson

Washington, DC – October 9, 2020 – We all know 2020 has been a year filled with adversity. While the majority of this year has been tough for most, it’s not been all bad. I was reminded of the good still happening in this world last week when I overheard my wife talking about the story of Mitchell resident, Samantha Schaefer.

For years, Samantha was addicted to drugs and spent time in and out of jail. During her last stint in jail, she was interviewed by Detective Joel Reinesch. Samantha was withdrawing from meth and heroin, hadn’t showered in days, and frankly didn’t care much to talk to the detective. All she wanted from him was a cigarette.

She never got that cigarette. Instead, she found Jesus in jail and never looked back – she got a new life. Samantha told herself when she got out of jail, she would focus on giving back to the community that helped her sober up and get her life on track.

At thirty-five years old, newly sober, and fresh out of jail, Samantha stepped foot in a classroom. She received an associate degree in human services, but quickly decided she wanted to take her education to the next level. She enrolled at Dakota Wesleyan University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

Would you believe me if I told you on her first day she was assigned an advisor and that advisor turned out to be none other than the detective that processed her jail paper work years prior? Samantha said both her and Detective Reinesch felt awkward at first. She credits God’s grace and ability to change hearts and minds for where their friendship is today.



Samantha and Detective Joel Reinesch pictured.

When I asked Detective Reinesch what he thought about her story, he responded with this:

“We all have either been personally touched by addiction or have known someone or a family that has. As a police officer, I saw it daily and saw how debilitating it can be on the individual, but especially their family as well. I’m in awe of Sam’s journey and the strength she has shown through all of this and continues to show today. The pride you could see in her eyes, on her face and in her voice when she received her diploma from Dakota Wesleyan was immeasurable.

“Addicts fight that addiction every single day. She did it as a single mother to two, working to pay the bills to provide for them on top of attending college full-time with students half her age. She had

every reason to throw in the towel and give in. Instead, she showed up every single day, turned in every single assignment and never once offered excuses when things got hard or uncomfortable and finished as an Honor Graduate. I saw Sam at her lowest of lows and am incredibly blessed to see her at the best of her best.”

Samantha walked across the graduation stage this year – and Detective Reinesch presented her with her academic hood. She credits him for playing a significant role in her development and success at DWU.

Like Detective Reinesch said, her belief and determination are a blueprint forward for all of us. I hope her story reminds you good things are happening, even in 2020.

## Prairie Doc® Perspectives – The First Goodbye

By Jill Kruse, D.O.



When you ask a physician why they became a doctor there is often a pattern that emerges. It is usually one of three things: they have family members who were doctors, they went through a significant health issue of their own, or they had a family member or close friend who when through a serious health issue. In my case, it was the latter. Sadly, there have been many such experiences with people I love but let me share with you the first I can remember.

I was five years old. She was my neighbor, the only person who could over-rule my mother on how long I could stay at her home playing or how many cookies I could eat when we had tea parties. She was the first grown up who treated me like an adult. When she was admitted to the hospital on hospice, my mother tried to prepare

me for what I would see, telling me that our friend no longer had hair. I told her that I didn’t care, I missed her, and I just wanted to see her.

The memory is so strong that I can still smell the faint antiseptic

in the air from the tile floors.

The room was dimly lit with a fluorescent light over the head of the bed. My neighbor sat in the bed, her gown hanging on her frame that was now gaunt and her beautiful hair

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## ‘There are no words’: As coronavirus kills Indigenous elders, endangered languages face extinction

By Terrence McCoy and Heloisa Traiano

Rio de Janeiro – Washington Post – Oct. 6, 2020 – The old man knew he was dying. The disease he’d been warning of for weeks had taken hold, and it wouldn’t be long now. He looked to his son, who would soon be the leader of what remained of their people.

The old man was fluent in five languages, but the one he chose to speak now was one that virtually no one else in the world could understand.

“Awiri nuhá,” Aritana Yawalapiti, 71, said in the language of the Yawalapiti, an Indigenous tribe in the Amazon rainforest.

“Take care of the people. Take care of the land. Take care of the forest.” With Aritana’s death, his son Tapi became the new leader of a people beset by disease and illegal loggers. And the number of people who speak their language fluently dropped from three to two, both of whom are well into their 70s.

As the coronavirus burns its path through the world, it has pushed into territories that shelter some of the world’s most endangered languages, worrying vulnerable peoples and linguists alike. By targeting the elderly, the virus is disproportionately striking down the last remaining speakers

of ancient languages that were already threatened by globalization, development and the growing hegemony of a few global languages.

In Peru, the coronavirus has battered the region of Loreto, threatening dozens of rare languages. In Australia, linguists suspended an expedition to catalogue words with the last fluent speaker of Warriyanga and Thiinmato protect the 86-year-old man from the risk of infection. In India, the only country with more endangered languages than Brazil — and which passed Brazil this month with the second-

most coronavirus cases in the world — researchers say conditions could turn dire.

“Somehow, people have not yet woken up to the deaths of these languages,” said Anvita Abbi, an Indian scholar who spent two decades studying the Sare language, only to see its final speaker die this year. “This is how languages die: gradually, gradually, gradually, then suddenly.”

It’s a process that Tapi, 42, has

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# SOTA IYA YE YAPI Education



## ESDS Fifth graders travel to the stars with NASA

Submitted by Rebecca Dargatz  
School Community Director

The 5th grade class from Enemy Swim Day School had a great week in STARBASE. This is a NASA program that focuses on activities for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). They spent three full days engaged in hands-on activities that included, robotics, 3-D designs, straw rockets and EGGBERT. Everyone learned so much, and had a wonderful time.



Lashay (Mars) learning about rockets.



Sage (Lunar) and Melody (Android) testing out their catapult.



Wetu (Cable) and Niya (Starlight) working together.

## TZTS closes middle school

Agency Village, SD – Monday, October 5, 2020 – Middle School will be closed for the remainder of this week 10/6/20-10/9/20 due to two positive COVID cases.

The rest of this week. SD department of health will be doing contact tracing.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact the middle school principal or superintendent.

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3. Search for jobs that interest you.

4. Review the job announcements to see if you qualify.

5. Prepare your application in USAJOBS.

6. Submit your application through USAJOBS to the federal agency with the job opening.

If you have any questions about NRCS and would like any information, you can reach Lorne Aadland at the NRCS office at 698-7639 ext. 109 or lorne.aadland@usda.gov.

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been trying to stave off for years. As the number of fluent speakers dwindled, he launched a desperate race to document and salvage a language he understood but spoke sparingly. He began interviewing his father, a font of cultural and linguistic knowledge, writing down everything and traveling out of the forest to study alongside Brazil's most respected linguists.

Now his primary source is gone. But not, he hopes, his language.

**A preexisting condition**  
Even before the pandemic, the world was at risk of losing more than a third of its remaining 6,800 languages. Hundreds have been lost in the last century, as development encroached on isolated villages, people migrated to urban

centers, and new technologies and globalization saturated the world in a handful of dominant languages. Nearly 600 languages are critically endangered, according to UNESCO. Nearly 150 are spoken by no more than 10 people.

“By the end of this century, we will have a significant number of languages disappearing,” said Irmgarda Kasinskaite, who works on linguistic diversity with the U.N. cultural agency. “We don’t realize something’s gone until we lose it.”

When a language dies, linguists say, the world loses more than just words. What’s lost is concepts. Thought patterns. History. Nuance. Language is a tool that texturizes the world. Without it, the vivid sharpness dulls.

“If you go out into the forest, you just see a lot of trees,” said Eastern Michigan University linguist Verónica Grondona, a founding

researcher at the Endangered Languages Project. “But an Indigenous person may not see ‘trees’ at all. They don’t have just one term for ‘trees,’ but many, and it depends on what type of trees they are.”

Few places better reflect the florid diversity of language — and its fragility — than the forests of Brazil. The country once contained a galaxy of languages and dialects, formed largely in isolation from one another over thousands of years. When European colonizers arrived, the linguist Aryan Rodrigues wrote, an estimated 1,175 languages were spoken in Brazil.

Today, fewer than 230 remain, the majority of them threatened — a stunning loss of language and culture that has only accelerated during the pandemic. The disease has so far killed at least 205 Indigenous “ancestors,” leaders who

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<b>MONDAY, OCT 12, 2020</b>							
NO SCHOOL (NATIVE AMERICAN DAY)							
Weight Lifting	3:15pm-5:00pm		Tiospa Zina Tribal School	Wrestling/Weight Room			
<b>TUESDAY, OCT 13, 2020</b>							
Weight Lifting	3:15pm-5:00pm			Wrestling/Weight Room			
Volleyball: Girls C Match	5:00pm	Groton Area School	Groton Area High School		2:30pm	2:45pm	11:30pm
Volleyball: Girls 7th/8th Combined Match	5:00pm	Groton Area Middle	Groton Area High School		2:30pm	2:45pm	9:00pm
Open Gym	5:30pm-7:30pm		Tiospa Zina Gymnasium				
Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match	6:00pm	Groton Area School	Groton Area School			3:45pm	11:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCT 14, 2020</b>							
Open Gym	1:00pm-3:00pm		Tiospa Zina Gymnasium				
Weight Lifting	1:00pm-3:00pm			Wrestling/Weight Room			
Varsity Volleyball Practice	3:00pm-5:00pm		Tiospa Zina Gymnasium				
JH Volleyball Practice	3:15pm-5:00pm			High School Cafeteria			
<b>THURSDAY, OCT 15, 2020</b>							
Volleyball: Girls 7th/8th Combined Match	3:00pm	Webster MS	Webster Armory			1:30pm	8:00pm
Weight Lifting	3:15pm-5:00pm			Wrestling/Weight Room			
Cross Country: JV-Varsity Region 1A	3:30pm	Webster Area High School	Webster Area High School				
Volleyball: Girls C Match	5:00pm	Webster Area High School	Webster Area High School			3:15pm	11:00pm
Open Gym	5:30pm-7:30pm		Tiospa Zina Gymnasium				
Volleyball: Girls Varsity Game	6:00pm	Webster Area High School	Webster Armory			3:15pm	10:00pm
<b>FRIDAY, OCT 16, 2020</b>							
JH Volleyball Practice	3:15pm-5:00pm			High School Cafeteria			
Volleyball: Girls C Match	4:00pm	Sioux Falls Lutheran	Sioux Falls Lutheran				
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IN THE MATTER OF:  
T.B. JR., J.B. and E. B.,  
Minor Children,  
And concerning:  
RAMONA SHORTMAN  
TRACY BRANT SR, Parents.  
TO: RAMONA SHORTMAN  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Take notice that a hearing will be held at the above named Court, Agency Village, outside the city of Sisseton, County of Roberts, South Dakota, on the 27th day of OCTOBER, 2020 at the hour of 1:00 P.M or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. Upon request, the Clerk will provide you with a copy of the

Petition describing the matter.  
Dated this 8th day of October,

2020.  
BY ORDER OF THE COURT:  
/s/ Gina Ruggieri, TRIBAL COURT JUDGE  
ATTEST: Eileen Pfeiffer, Clerk of Courts

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### SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE

IN TRIBAL COURT  
LAKE TRAVERSE  
RESERVATION  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
CASE: D-20-676-476

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE

OF NAME OF:  
AZLYN RAYNE DWARF, Minor Child,

And concerning:  
DAWN EAGLE, Petitioner  
**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner's request for a change of name from AZLYN RAYNE DWARF to AZLYN RAYNE DWARF-HEMINGER shall be heard before the Honorable Gina Ruggieri, Judge of Tribal Court, in the Courtroom of the Sisseton Wahpeton Tribal Court at Agency Village, South Dakota at 11:00 A.M. on the 29th day of OCTOBER, 2020.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Public Notice  
October 9, 2020

TO: All Tribal Member Elder Food Card Recipients  
FROM: Myrna Thompson, Tribal Secretary  
SUBJECT: October 2020 Food Card Distribution

Our office is happy to announce we will be distributing the food cards for October 2020. Tribal Council passed a motion for distribution at the regular monthly meeting held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. On Thursday, October 8, 2020, the paperwork has been initiated to order the food cards and working with other offices to get the food cards to our office. The following dates are projections and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

We will have on-reservation distribution dates on **Tuesday, October 21, & Wednesday, October 22, 2020**, at the Rotunda in the Tribal Administration Building. We will be available starting at 9:00am to 3:00pm both days. We will have social distancing measures in place, wear a mask, and please bring your own pen, if you can. We will sanitize the pens between each use.

Off-reservation food cards are projected to be all in the mail by **Friday, October 30, 2020**. Our goal is to have them in the mail before this date. Please allow two weeks for delivery by U.S. Postal Service (USPS) before calling our office if you have not received your card/envelope in the mail. This allows the USPS to return the card/envelope to our office if there was not enough postage, wrong/change of address, undeliverable address on the card/envelope, and/or any other issue to arise. Once the card/envelope is returned to our office we can account and verify the returned card. With over 2,000+ cards to manage, human error can happen, but is not intentional.

In closing, I encourage you to protect yourself by wearing a mask, wash your hands, and social distance. We can get through this unprecedented time together. Please be patient, as we social distance to minimize contact and keep each other safe respectfully.

## New Jersey man sentenced for Wire Fraud against tribal casino

Sioux Falls, SD – Oct. 6, 2020 – United States Attorney Ron Parsons announced that a Mays Landing, New Jersey, man charged with Wire Fraud pled guilty and was sentenced on October 2, 2020, by District Judge Charles B. Kornmann.

Mark A. Johnson, d/b/a Atlantic Power & Equipment, L.L.C., age 60, was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release, restitution to Dakota Nations Gaming Enterprise in the amount of \$149,600, and \$100 to the Federal Crime Victims Fund.

Johnson was indicted by a federal grand jury on March 5, 2019.

The conviction stemmed from an incident between on or about March 2014 and July 2014.

In approximately February 2014, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

(SWO) Tribal Council authorized the Dakota Magic Casino to purchase lawn maintenance equipment. The Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise (DNGE) oversees gaming operations occurring on the SWO Reservation, including operations at the Dakota Magic Casino.

On or about March 25, 2014, Johnson submitted a proposal to the DNGE to provide refurbished lawn maintenance equipment. Johnson falsely and fraudulently represented that the equipment would be delivered to the Dakota Magic Casino four to six weeks after the date of order. The DNGE agreed to purchase the refurbished lawn maintenance equipment from Johnson.

On or about March 28, 2014, Dakota Magic Casino prepared and mailed a check for \$149,600 payable to Atlantic

Power & Equipment, LLC as full payment for the refurbished lawn maintenance equipment. Johnson received and deposited the check and used the funds for his own purposes. This transaction involved an interstate wire transmission on or about March 31, 2014, from Dacotah Bank in South Dakota to Wells Fargo Bank in New Jersey, through the Endpoint Exchange in Oklahoma. The equipment was never delivered to the Dakota Magic Casino, nor did Johnson refund the money to the Dakota Magic Casino.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ann M. Hoffman.

Johnson was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

## SBA, Treasury: Simpler PPP forgiveness for loans of \$50,000 or less

Washington, DC – Oct. 9, 2020 – The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Treasury Department, today released a simpler loan forgiveness application for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans of \$50,000 or less. This action streamlines the PPP forgiveness process to provide financial and administrative relief to America’s smallest businesses while also ensuring sound stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

“The PPP has provided 5.2

million loans worth \$525 billion to American small businesses, providing critical economic relief and supporting more than 51 million jobs,” said Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. “Today’s action streamlines the forgiveness process for PPP borrowers with loans of \$50,000 or less and thousands of PPP lenders who worked around the clock to process loans quickly,” he continued. “We are committed to making the PPP forgiveness process as simple as possible while also

protecting against fraud and misuse of funds. We continue to favor additional legislation to further simplify the forgiveness process.”

“Nothing will stop the Trump Administration from supporting great American businesses and our great American workers. The Paycheck Protection Program has been an overwhelming success and served as a historic lifeline to America’s hurting small businesses and tens of millions of workers. The new form introduced today



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**SWO TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION  
EMPLOYEE PANDEMIC (i.e. COVID-19) POLICY**  
This policy was passed on September 18, 2020 and is subject to change as needed

### I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to implement guidelines for the SWO Tribal Administration employees to minimize the spread of a communicable disease (i.e. COVID-19) in the workplace. This policy is mandatory and will be in effect until further notice.

### II. POLICY:

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate operates vital government programs in the SWO Tribal Administration Building to meet the needs of the SWO members. It is imperative that operations continue. To ensure the continued operations the following policy has been developed to ensure the health and safety of employees and their families. The policy and procedure guidelines have been taken from the Centers for Disease Control and the South Dakota Department of Health. This policy may be amended as needed.

### III. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

It is mandatory that all SWO Employees comply with the following.

#### A. Employees will contact their supervisor for any of the following:

- 1) Tested positive for COVID-19
- 2) Have a household member test positive for COVID-19
- 3) Have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- 4) Fever (100.4 or higher)
- 5) Shortness of Breath
- 6) Cough and or sore throat
- 7) Loss of taste and/or smell

#### B. All employees are to enter the building through the main entrance to be screened by security or a designated person. Once the employee is cleared they will be given a sticker for the day and may use other entrances to exit. Addendum A: SWO Employee Health Check Sheet

#### C. Facial coverings/masks are mandatory while in the Tribal Administration building for all employees/guests.

- 1) Employees will wear a face covering upon entering the facility. This may be cloth face cover or a surgical/procedural mask or respirator purchased for personal use.
- 2) A face mask will be issued to each staff member at the beginning of each day if needed. Your mask will be used throughout the day then discarded. In the event the mask becomes visibly soiled, saturated, or damaged, a new mask must be obtained. Should you need a replacement mask, you must request one from your supervisor.
- 3) Employees will wear face coverings in any public area of the facility or when in meetings if social distancing cannot be adhered to.
- 4) Employees may remove face coverings while working in their personal space. Employees must put on mask if a person should come into contact with them in their personal space.

#### D. Practice Handwashing according to CDC guidelines – these guidelines will be posted at all handwashing stations. Use hand sanitizer when possible.

#### E. Practice Social Distancing (six feet) – Staff Meetings will be limited to no more than 10 people.

### IV. EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES:

The SWO Tribal Administration will ensure and comply with the following

1. Screen all employees every day with the screening sheet provided. Security and/or a designated person will screen employees. (Screening sheet is attached to the back of this policy)/
2. Provide masks to employees who do not have them.
3. Provide hand sanitizer to all offices and suites.
4. Provide cleaning products for employee personal work area.
5. Implement sanitation and cleaning policies with schedules for all employees to see. (These cleaning guidelines will be as strict as CDC guidelines or stricter).
6. Ensure flexible sick leave/COVID-19 leave for those employees are positive for COVID-19 or quarantined due to being exposed to a COVID-19 positive person. *This is explained in detail the SWO Human Resources Pandemic/Epidemic and Natural Disasters policies.*

### V. ENFORCEMENT FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF THIS POLICY

All enforcement issues will be deferred to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Personnel Policies for Progressive Discipline.

demonstrates our relentless commitment to using every tool in our toolbelt to help small businesses and the banks that have participated in this program,” said Administrator Jovita Carranza. “We are continuing to ensure that small businesses are supported as they recover.”

SBA and Treasury have also eased the burden on PPP lenders, allowing lenders to process

forgiveness applications more swiftly.

“The PPP policy update eases the forgiveness application for thousands of small businesses and hundreds of lenders in the state,” said Jaime Wood, SBA South Dakota District Director. “As part of COVID-19 response, 23,494 PPP loans were originated in South Dakota and 77% or 18,070 were

under \$50,000.”

SBA began approving PPP forgiveness applications and remitting forgiveness payments to PPP lenders for PPP borrowers on October 2, 2020. SBA will continue to process all PPP forgiveness applications in an expeditious manner.

## Thank You, Voters

The election did not turn out the way we hoped, but I want to take this moment to thank you all for your support and encouragement over the course of the primary.

Heipa District Member BRYAN AKIPA

**Native Connection  
Crisis Line**

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# HAU MITAKUYEPI, CANTE WASTE NAPE CIYUZAPELO

By Kyle Chase  
General Counsel for U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds  
(R-South Dakota)

Friday, October 9, 2020

HAU MITAKUYEPI, CANTE WASTE NAPE CIYUZAPELO (Hello my relatives, I greet you with warm heart and handshake).

This year, South Dakotans are celebrating the 30th anniversary of recognizing the second Monday in October as Native Americans’ Day. As a 30-year old-who has never known the second Monday in October to be anything different, I’m honored to share my perspective and reflections on this meaningful day.

I’m a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and a lifelong South Dakotan. I’ve grown up constantly analyzing issues from different perspectives: Indian v. non-Indian; State v. Tribal; Midwest values v. Lakota values. The two perspectives can be similar, but more often than not they are very different.

When Senator Mike Rounds asked me to write some thoughts for his column this week, I wanted to use it as an opportunity to discuss these dual perspectives I have grown up with so all South Dakotans can take a moment to deepen our understanding of our Lakota, Nakota and Dakota neighbors and appreciate what this culture contributes to our society.

I’d like to begin with what Native Americans’ Day in South Dakota is NOT. It’s not Columbus Day. It’s not an attempt to participate in the recent cancel culture fad. Columbus Day only officially became a federal holiday in 1937. Despite Columbus’ recognition on the federal calendar, South Dakota chose to be a leader in promoting our culture and, in 1990, became the very first state to proclaim the second Monday in October as Native Americans’ Day.

The naming was also commemorated by proclaiming 1990 as the “Year of Reconciliation.” The Year of Reconciliation honored the tragic 100th anniversary of the Wounded Knee massacre and focused on promoting healthy relationships between the tribes and the state into the future.

Twenty years later in 2010, Governor Mike Rounds renewed this tradition by proclaiming 2010 as the “Year of Unity,” a theme meant to acknowledge differences but promote working together. We all know that this pandemic has recently tested the health of these relationships. If Native Americans’ Day can remind us of just one thing, it should be to emphasize that strong and healthy relationships between the tribes and the state is just as important now as it was 30 years ago.

I also think this day is important to celebrate the culture. Since the time I was old enough to start forming coherent sentences in the English language, my Lakota UNCI (my grandmother) took every opportunity she could to teach me some basics of the Lakota language. I always looked forward to her reading me another IKTOMI (the trickster) story, or putting a heavy amount of ASANPI (milk) into my WAKALYAPI (coffee) so I could drink it with her.

My most favorite memory is learning to count to ten. WANJI (1), NUMPA (2), YAMNI (3), TOPA (4) ZAPTA (5), SAKPE (6), SAKOWIN (7), SAGLOGA (8), NAPCIYUNKA (9), WIKCEMNA (10).

I’m grateful that more than two decades later I still haven’t forgotten this beautiful language. While I may not speak the language fluently, pieces of the Lakota culture were instilled into me at a young age and I share these words with my friends any chance I get.

Fast forward a few years to when UNCI again guided me to my naming ceremony. Her brother—who in the traditional western culture is my great uncle, but in the Lakota culture is LALA (my grandpa)—bestowed upon me my Lakota name. In a traditional Lakota naming ceremony, I, along with my close relatives participated in an INIPI (sweat ceremony) for prayer and purification. After that, LALA led us in Lakota prayer where he gave me my name: WAMBLI TOKA NAJIN, which translates to Eagle who Stands First.

My name is given spiritually with purpose, and I carry it with great pride. My family and friends who attended the ceremony then shared a traditional meal of TANIGA, (gut soup) and WASNA (dried mixed up meat). I consider my TIOSPAYE (extended family) to be very lucky to have LALA carry on these important Lakota traditions and share them with our THIWAHE (family). Each of my four siblings and my dad all have Lakota names given to us through sacred ceremony.

I’m proud to share these stories and hope they provide a deeper understanding of the Native American culture that exists all around us, here on the plains of South Dakota. Instead of just enjoying the day off—I encourage you to take a moment on Native Americans’ Day to learn something new about the culture or to reach out to a friend who may have a story of their own.

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Kyle Chase, a citizen of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, serves as general counsel for U.S. Senator Mike Rounds, Republican from South Dakota. Chase is a graduate of South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota School of Law. He has worked for Sen. Rounds since April 2017.



Kyle Chase, left, with Sen. Mike Rounds (R-South Dakota). Photo courtesy Office of Sen. Mike Rounds.

-Political advertisement paid for by the candidate-

## FSA encourages farmers, ranchers to vote in county committee elections

The 2020 Farm Service Agency County Committee Elections will begin on Nov. 2, 2020, when ballots are mailed to eligible voters. The deadline to return ballots to local FSA offices, or to be postmarked, is Dec. 7, 2020.

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs, conservation programs, incentive indemnity and disaster programs

for some commodities, emergency programs and eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm, may also be eligible to vote.

Eligible voters in local administrative area #3, who do not receive a ballot can obtain one from their local USDA Service Center.

Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2021.

The candidates in this year’s election are:

Becky Harstad is nominated in LAA #3, Roberts County, to serve as a committee member for a 3-year term. Becky and her husband Arne and their four children reside in the Wilmot area. They have been farming in Roberts County since 2007 and raise corn and soybeans. Becky is a Sunday School teacher and has served on the SD FFA State Officer Nominating Committee.

More information on county committees, such as the new 2020 fact sheet, can be found on the FSA website at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://fsa.usda.gov/elections) or at a local USDA Service Center.

**Coronavirus Food Assistance**

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# Sota After Deadline Section

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## Open Letter to the Oyate

Sisseton, SD – October 10, 2020 – Oppression: The act or an instance of unjustly exercising authority or power so that one or more people are unfairly or cruelly prevented from enjoying the same rights that other people have.

I am currently incarcerated at Roberts County Jail.

I have been a victim to constitutional rights violations on many, many occasions; malpractice, denial of medical care, cruel and unusual punishment, have had privilege matters violated.

We are being censored, yet we bare witness to people being cut off from their psychotropic health medication and running out of medication for potentially deadly periods of time reportedly made to miss appointments because Roberts County doesn't want to transport inmates....

Denied adequate medical attention because the former jail administration said the officer won't transport and the jail is understaffed. Wow!

The craziest part about it is that it's all being videotaped, yet the evidence gets destroyed and it's unable to be obtained in some matters.

Why does Roberts County Jail get away with so many violations.

The systematic racism and systematic oppression should be

almost crime against humanity.

These violations of constitutional, human, inmate, and equal religious rights....

I literally mean this when I say this is a tool of genocide.

To institutionalize the mind, kill the spirit, we are 1,000 times more likely to get sent to prison for petty crimes.

Elders denied suspended sentences due to lack of transportation, as if there are no other options but the penitentiary (Dakota elders).

Our Tribal Council eliminated the public defender that took state cases so now felonies are handed out like candy.

“Kill the Indian, save the man.”

Kill their spirit with incarceration and give them up into the modern slave trade.

US Constitutional Amendment 8. Section 1. Neither slavery or involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime where of the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist in the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

All statements that I have made are 100 percent true and have notarized grievances and medical records and witness to attest.

These statements are not made to be malicious or frivolous claims

yet are of factual firsthand account of the current living condition of Roberts County.

How many employees are only taking orders.

We need a voice.

We need to be noticed.

We need help and representation.

I have all South Dakota's codified law to back every statement of violations.

Also federal laws and acts.

I know that this letter will come with great consequence for me and others who decided to stand up and fight for our rights.

They want to suppress us, to continue to oppose us.

So we took the law into our own hands and started to study the laws and constitution, Bill of Rights, both imminent and inherent to protect us from persecution as many are falling victim to before this day.

I witness Roberts County send women to prison during a COVID-19 outbreak greater than 400 inmates so that should let you know how little our life is worth.

If you can hear us please send help.

Attorneys, activists, civil liberties and movements.

Send help.

Both criminal defense and civil. Thank you.

E.E. Block Roberts County

Jail.

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Tristan Eastman.

additional one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

The next COC meeting will be held October 20, 2020 at 8:30 am per conference call.

# Grateful for Tribal assistance: Garden tilling

By Sally Jo Sorensen

One service the SWO tribe provides members is a spring and fall tilling service for members at no cost. Elder Michael Crawford, who enjoys growing and preserving his own fruits and vegetables, got some help with fall garden preparation from tractor operator Wayne Heminger.

“As an elder, I can't always do the manual labor I once was proud to do for my family,” Crawford said. “But with services like the tiller artistry Wayne supplies, I'm able to get my gardens in shape for winter.”

Crawford



SWO staffer Wayne Heminger tills a garden in Summit for tribal member Michael Crawford. Sally Jo Sorensen photo.



Completed tilling artistry. This was a spent tomato patch just 24 hours before. Sally Jo Sorensen photo.

observed that the service is especially helpful for tribal members during the pandemic. Like many people, he raised extra this year for his family and his neighbors.

Tilling ended on Friday.



For more information on FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Sharon Rolstad at 605-698-7639 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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### Program 2

Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) began on Sept. 21, 2020 and will continue through Dec. 11, 2020. CFAP 2 provides eligible producers with direct financial assistance due to market disruptions and associated costs because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Check out our brief video about the program.

CFAP 2 is a separate program from the first round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, now referred to as CFAP 1. Farmers and ranchers who participated in CFAP 1 will not be automatically enrolled and must complete a new application for CFAP 2. Details on how to apply can be found on farmers.gov/cfap/

apply.

### CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities Finder

Many more commodities are eligible for CFAP 2 than CFAP 1. Interested in finding the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 payment rates for the eligible commodities you grow or raise? Our new, easy-to-use CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities Finder makes finding payment rates specific to your operation simple. From yam to alpaca farmers - and everyone in between - the payment rate information you need is just a few clicks away. Try it today on your desktop, tablet, or mobile device.

### Call Center

A call center is available for producers who would like

## SWO FUEL INC

2202 SD HWY 10  
SISSETON SD, 57262  
PHONE: 698-3521 FAX: 698-3019

SWO Fuel is seeking to fill the following position:  
Propane Driver/Fuel Tanker Driver (Seasonal)

Position is open until filled. Valid CDL, Hazmat endorsement, current medical card, and must pass a drug test. Must be willing to work over-time as well as weekends and on-call. Please call for an application.

## Job Openings

**C-Store Department**  
Clerk (2 Full-Time) Swing

**Hotel Department**  
Front Desk Clerk (Full-Time) Swing  
Night Audit (Full-Time) Graveyard

**Housekeeping Department**  
Attendant (20 Full-Time or Part-Time) where needed

**Security Department**  
Officer (Full-Time) Rotating

**Table Games Department**  
Dealer (2 Full-Time) No experience required, will train

Closing Date: October 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.  
Starting Wage: D.O.E.  
High School Diploma or GED required for most positions  
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 James Neconish  
701-634-3000 ext. 2582  
Indian Preference will apply / EEO  
(Please Provide Tribal Enrollment)  
Must be licensable by the SWO Gaming Commission

## Job Opening

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

**Position: Recruiter/Interviewer**

**Job Description: This position is the recruitment and placement of new and current employees**

**Closing Date: October 16, 2020 @4:00 p.m.**  
**Starting Wage:**  
High School Diploma or GED required.  
Previous Secretary/Receptionist experience preferred  
Interview/Recruitment/Public speaking experience preferred  
Must have adequate transportation and valid drivers license for occasional travel  
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 James Neconish @  
701-634-3000 ext. 532  
Indian Preference will apply / EEO  
(Please Provide Tribal Enrollment)  
Must be licensable by the SWO Gaming Commission

## 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: October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Starting Wage: D.O.E.**  
**Required:**  
High School Diploma/GED  
At least two (2) years' experience in health insurance.  
Thorough knowledge of office practices: Microsoft office.  
Minimum of three (3) years' of data processing experience.

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**Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate**  
EDA Planner, Planning  
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Police Officer, Law Enforcement  
Dispatcher, Law Enforcement  
Administrative Assistant, Health and Social Services  
Intake Coordinator/  
Receptionists, Youth & Family TREE  
Closing Date: October 23rd, 2020 @ 12:00PM (Noon)  
Teacher Aide, Enemy Swim Head Start  
Project Director, TREE  
Project Manager/Data Specialist, Health Administration  
DVPI Program Coordinator, Behavioral Health  
Teacher Aide (3 positions), Head Start  
Teacher, Head Start  
Bus Driver/Custodian, Head Start  
Special Needs & Mental Health Manager, Head Start  
Teacher Aide/Bus Monitor, Head Start  
Teacher, Early Head Start  
Teacher Aide, Early Head Start  
Parole Officer, Department of Parole  
In-House Attorney, Tribal Executive Committee  
Positions Open Until Filled  
Application can be emailed to ArnoldW@SWO-NSN.GOV or DeniseH@SWO-NSN.GOV.  
Contact can also be at Arnold Williams 698-8238 or Denise Hill 698-8251 with questions. (Tribal preference will apply).

**Employment Opportunity**  
GROW South Dakota is seeking a FT Weatherization Installer. Benefits included. Applications will be taken until position filled. To request an application & job description, contact GROW SD, 104 Ash St E, Sisseton, SD 57262, email info@growwsd.org or call (605)-698-7654. EOE

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**SWO Fuel Inc.**  
SWST Fuel Inc, Sisseton, SD is looking for a full-time propane/fuel driver and full-time HVAC Tech. For driver, valid CDL is required Hazmat endorsement and medical card is preferred but can help obtain. For HVAC Tech either Certificate or at least 1 year experience is required. Please call (605) 698-3521 to inquire.

**Tiospa Zina Tribal School Job Openings**  
Special Education Teacher - \$3,000 Signing Bonus  
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Please contact Jennifer Williams, Human Resources Director by email at jwilliams@tzts.us for more information.  
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  
http://www.tzts.us

**DAKOTA NATION GAMING ENTERPRISE**

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**JOB DESCRIPTION**  
POSITION: General Manager  
PROPERTY: Dakota Magic Casino, Hankinson, ND  
REPORTS TO: Chief Executive Officer, Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise  
GENERAL FUNCTION:  
The General Manager (GM) works with Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise (DNGE) by profitably managing the daily gaming and business operation of the Dakota Magic Casino; more specifically, to provide overall planning and management of profit centers and various support functions, to maximize departmental productivity and meet the growth objectives of the DNGE.  
RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES:  
1. Overall responsibility for the management of all components of Dakota Magic Casino, including casino operations, food and beverage, convenience store, finance, marketing, maintenance, hotel, convention center, and any other new and supporting departments.  
2. Provides regular reports to the DNGE CEO to assist the development of business objectives, organizational policies and coordination between appropriate departments.  
3. Provides monthly financial and department reports to the DNGE CEO and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council.

**Services for Homeless**

Wacinyan Tipi (House of Hope) is located at Agency Village, SD (previous Tribal administration building).  
Services are available 24 hours/7 days a week for SWO Tribal members and their families. The shelter provides an alcohol and drug free temporary housing; individual/family rooms may stay up to 90 days or a night unit at a first come/first serve basis.  
All individuals will need to complete a Wacinyan Tipi application and SWO Sex Offenders form.  
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Management Official (PMO) Gaming License  
\*Display strong interpersonal and facilitator skills  
\*Proven writing and computer skills  
CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT  
\*Must satisfactorily complete a 90 day probationary period  
\*Must be licensable by the SWO Gaming Commission  
\*Must obtain a PMO Gaming License  
OTHER:  
\*Excellent people skills  
\*Ability to hire, provide direction and develop short/long range plans  
\*Ability to provide direction and manage department heads and related personnel  
\*Ability to budget prioritized workload  
\*Must identify key factors impacting personnel and develop effective programs to maximize performance  
\*Appropriate dress code  
\*Able to handle pressure as well as diverse conditions  
\*Repetitious computer work  
SALARY: Negotiable  
Send applications and résumé to: Chris Kolle, CHRO at ckolle@dakotamagic.com  
Closing date: Friday October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (CST)

**DAKOTA NATION GAMING ENTERPRISE**  
JOB DESCRIPTION  
POSITION: General Manager  
PROPERTY: Dakota Sioux Casino, Watertown, SD  
REPORTS TO: Chief Executive Officer, Dakota Nation

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RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES:  
1. Overall responsibility for the management of all components of Dakota Magic Casino, including casino operations, food and beverage, convenience store, finance, marketing, maintenance, hotel, and any other new and supporting departments.  
2. Provides regular reports to the DNGE CEO to assist the development of business objectives, organizational policies and coordination between appropriate departments.  
3. Provides monthly financial and department reports to the DNGE CEO and the Sisseton

**SWO Victim/Witness Assistance Program**  
Rhonda Kampeska, Coordinator  
P.O. Box 509 - Agency Village, SD  
605-698-2022

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\*VICTIM/WITNESS ADVOCATE IN TRIBAL COURT.  
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3. Home visits by Tracking and Intervention/Family Liaison Paraprofessionals  
4. Monthly Parent trainings

Please call 605-698-4400, ext. 8366 or visit our office at the SWO Tribal Headquarters Bldg., Agency Village. Check our website at www.swoecip.com to find out current parent trainings or ECIP activities and post your comments or questions.

Wac'ang'a is a non profit organization for victims and their children of domestic violence and sexual assault. Wac'ang'a provides emergency shelter and direct services. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse call our 24 hour crisis line at 605-698-4129. Open and closed support group meetings are available and confidential.

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## Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Job Openings

EDA Planner, Planning

Closing Date: October 16th, 2020 @ 12:00PM (Noon)

Police Officer, Law Enforcement  
 Dispatcher, Law Enforcement  
 Administrative Assistant, Health and Social Services  
 Intake Coordinator/Receptionists, Youth & Family TREE

Closing Date: October 23rd, 2020 @ 12:00PM (Noon)

Teacher Aide, Enemy Swim Head Start  
 Project Director, TREE  
 Project Manager/Data Specialist, Health Administration  
 DVPI Program Coordinator, Behavioral Health  
 Teacher Aide (3 positions), Head Start  
 Teacher, Head Start  
 Bus Driver/Custodian, Head Start  
 Special Needs & Mental Health Manager, Head Start  
 Teacher Aide/Bus Monitor, Head Start  
 Teacher, Early Head Start  
 Teacher Aide, Early Head Start  
 Parole Officer, Department of Parole  
 In-House Attorney, Tribal Executive Committee

Positions Open Until Filled

Application can be emailed to [ArnoldW@SWO-NSN.GOV](mailto:ArnoldW@SWO-NSN.GOV) or [DeniseH@SWO-NSN.GOV](mailto:DeniseH@SWO-NSN.GOV). Contact can also be at Arnold Williams 698-8238 or Denise Hill 698-8251 with questions. (Tribal preference will apply).

Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council.  
 4. Analyze activity reports and financial statements to determine progress towards objectives.  
 5. Provide oversight of renovation/construction projects.  
 6. Ensure adherence to corporate accounting procedures.  
 7. Direct and coordinate new or continuing operations to maximize returns on investments and increase productivity.  
 8. Other duties and responsibilities as necessary to fulfill the requirements and function of this position.  
 EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:  
 \*B.S./B.A. degree in business related major and three (3) years of upper management casino experience, or A.A. degree with five (5) years of upper management casino

experience, or ten (10) years of upper management casino experience.  
 \*All applicants must have a minimum of five (5) years experience in a management position in a class III gaming facility over the following departments: Slots, Table Games, Marketing, and Finance  
 \*Professional knowledge of management concepts, principles and practices of the Indian Gaming industry.  
 \*Knowledge of developing and implementing organizational plans.  
 \*Eligible for a Primary Management Official (PMO) Gaming License  
 \*Display strong interpersonal and facilitator skills  
 \*Proven writing and computer skills  
 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT  
 \*Must satisfactorily complete a

90 day probationary period  
 \*Must be licensable by the SWO Gaming Commission  
 \*Must obtain a PMO Gaming License  
 OTHER:  
 \*Excellent people skills  
 \*Ability to hire, provide direction and develop short/long range plans  
 \*Ability to provide direction and manage department heads and related personnel  
 \*Ability to budget prioritized workload  
 \*Must identify key factors impacting personnel and develop effective programs to maximize performance  
 \*Appropriate dress code  
 \*Able to handle pressure as well



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 Chris Kolle, CHRO at [ckolle@dakotamagic.com](mailto:ckolle@dakotamagic.com)  
 Closing date: Friday October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (CST)  
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### DAKOTA NATION GAMING ENTERPRISE JOB DESCRIPTION

General Information  
 Title: Corporate Marketing Officer  
 Department: Marketing  
 Reports To: Chief Executive Officer  
 Gaming License: Key  
 Summary of Occupation:  
 The Chief Marketing Officer leads marketing operations, guest service and guest retention. As part of the marketing operations, (s)he takes care of the company's media and industry relations, advertising, interactive programs, communications as well as market and guest research. Advertising responsibilities include printed promotions and electronic promotions such as web sites and social media.

Knowledge and Certification, Skills and Abilities  
 Knowledge and Certification Required:  
 \*At least 21 years of age  
 \*Bachelor's Degree in Marketing or related business degree  
 \*10+ years of marketing managing experience  
 \*Tribal casino marketing experience  
 \*Database Marketing Experience with advanced working knowledge of Excel, Access, and SQL queries is highly

desirable and the key attribute for the selection of this position.  
 \*Direct experience with Players' Club and Player Development Operations is a plus.  
 \*Ability to develop tribal members within the Marketing Department  
 Skills Required:  
 \*Strong computer skills with experience in word processing, databases, and spreadsheets (ability to demonstrate proficiency)  
 \*Strong project management skills  
 \*Highly organized and ability to adapt quickly to changing priorities  
 \*Excellent written communication skills  
 \*Excellent verbal and interpersonal communication skills  
 \*Accurate and detail-oriented  
 \*Excellent problem solving skills  
 Abilities Required:  
 \*Displays leadership qualities and the ability to serve both internal and external guests  
 \*Must be able to manage departmental budget and control labor and expenses  
 \*Ability to maintain high

confidentiality  
 \*Ability to independently manage multiple tasks in a professional manner  
 \*Ability to maintain a professional demeanor  
 \*Excellent employee development and instructional skills  
 Essential Duties and Responsibilities  
 1. Executes and monitors strategic plans, both short and long range, to achieve objectives regarding revenue, profitability, guest acquisition and retention, and increasing brand awareness.  
 2. Oversees marketing, promotions, advertising, database/direct mail, player development, rewards club, and social media for three locations.  
 3. Develops and implements marketing strategies to maximize market share.  
 4. Researches potential opportunities for incremental revenues.  
 5. Manage marketing budgets maintaining cost effect ratios of revenue to expense.  
 6. Act as a role model for team members by focusing on the

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## BUFFALO LAKE DISTRICT MEMBERS

**October District Meeting**  
 October's District Meeting will be held on Wednesday October the 21st at the Buffalo Lanes Bowling Alley from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Birthdays for September and October, Home Repair and Membership Requests for Youth and Adults. No meal will be served.

**BIRTHDAY'S 18-54 YEARS OLD**  
 Birthday's for September, October and anyone who has missed their Birthday since January 2020 may come and pick up your Birthday Funds on Wednesday October 21st at the Buffalo Lanes Bowling Alley from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. You must bring your I.D., you must pick up only your own Birthday Funds, you cannot pickup for someone else and no mail outs.

**Home Repairs**  
 Home Repair is once again opened to qualifying District members. If you received Home Repair Assistance in 2018 or 2019 and you have yet to turn in your receipts you will need to do so before you receive another Home Repair Assistance. This includes Emergency Home Repair as well. The next Home Repair Requests will take place during October's Meeting.

**Clinic Appointments**  
 The District will approve medical appointments for only those that are not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or Indian Health/Tribal Elderly. You must have an original copy of the appointment slip and submit it at least 5 days before your appointment.

**Emergency Medical**  
 The District will still assist with a true Medical Emergency. Keep in mind that according to our guidelines both the one that the emergency medical is about and the one asking for the funds both have to be from our District.

**Funerals**  
 The District will still assist with a funeral request. Keep in mind that according to our guidelines that both the one that has passed on and the one asking for assistance have to be from our District members.

**Telephone Numbers**  
 • Chairman Dickey Johnson – Cell # 605-924-6215  
 • Councilman Louie Johnson – Cell # 605-951-4960  
 • Vice-Chairman John Lincoln – Cell # 605-924-0563  
 • Treasurer Kayline LaBelle – Cell # 605-927-9018  
 • Secretary Lisa Red Wing – Cell # 605-237-3521  
 • Elderly Chairman Ronald Brant – # 605-419-1191  
 • Elderly Vice-Chair Lisa Red Wing -- # 605-237-3521  
 • Elderly Treasurer Wanda Johnson – Cell # 605-924-1575  
 • Elderly Secretary Deborah Heminger – Cell # 605-467-1425  
 • SWO Elderly Cynthia Starr – Cell # 605-467-9954  
 District Center email address -- [blldistrict@venturecomm.net](mailto:blldistrict@venturecomm.net)  
 Bowling Alley Manager – Leah Lincoln #605-237-4905  
 Bowling Alley - 605-698-3300

## LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBERS

**Treasurer Election**  
 Election for District Treasurer will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020 at the District Center, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Ballots will be counted immediately after the polls close.

**DISTRICT EXECUTIVES TELEPHONE NUMBERS**  
 Darwin James, Chairman: 605-268-3743  
 Charles “Jacky” White, Vice-Chairman: 605-268-0726

## BIG COULEE DISTRICT MEMBERS

**Big Coulee District Officers**  
 Norma Perko, Chairwoman: 605-467-3000  
 Lynn Halbert, Vice-Chairwoman: 605-268-3035  
 Susie Rivera, Treasurer: 605-924-0956 Cell/Text or 605-637-5155 Home  
 Billy Kohl, Secretary: 605-268-3136 Cell/Text or [bigcouleesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bigcouleesecretary@gmail.com)  
 Lisa Jackson, Councilwoman: 605-467-9739  
 District Fax: 605-938-5475

## Big Coulee | Siceca Iyakaptapi Youth Board Contact Information

Siceca Iyakaptapi [BigCoulee YouthBoard]  
 Brandi: 605.268.1715  
 Leslie: 605.268.0286  
 Sheila: 605.237.8535  
 Winona: 510.432.7640  
[siceca.iyakaptapi@gmail.com](mailto:siceca.iyakaptapi@gmail.com)  
<http://www.swo-nsn.gov/government/seven-districts/big-coulee-district/>

## DISTRICT NOTICES

### LONG HOLLOW DISTRICT MEMBERS

**District Meeting**  
 The October 2020 regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 15th, 2020 at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be held outside the district center to comply with COVID-19 Precautions.

### OLD AGENCY DISTRICT MEMBERS

**District Executive Officers**  
 JESSE LARSEN, CHAIRMAN (605) 924-1857  
 JERMAINE EASTMAN, VICE-CHAIRWOMAN (605) 927-9122  
 FRANCES CHANKU, SECRETARY (605) 956-0343  
 DANI TWO STARS, TREASURER (605) 419-1109  
**District Center 698-7747**  
 Hours of operation: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. weekdays.  
 Doors open at 9:00 a.m. each day.

### ENEMY SWIM DISTRICT MEMBERS

**Toka Nuwan District Executives**  
 Chairperson-Crystal Owen  
 Vice Chairman-Nathan “Nate” Shepherd: (605) 467-9760  
 Treasurer-Diantha Larson: (605) 880-2622  
 Secretary-Barbara “Barb” Jens: (605) 467-0347  
 Councilwoman-Cheryl Owen: (605) 419-1242  
 ESD Office: (605) 947-4319  
 ESD Fax: (605) 947-4873

**Trading post ads  
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- demonstration of positive action, behavior, attendance, work ethic, and guest service.
- 7. Researches and develops new marketing ideas with the goal of introducing and developing new guests to our facility that will result in increased revenue.
- 8. Prepares monthly reports and proformas for the General Manager on key metrics developed to measure the effectiveness of the marketing department activities.
- 9. Ensures all marketing promotions and event information is disseminated and coordinated within all casino departments at all three locations.
- 10. Responsible for public relation activities and campaigns to promote the image and awareness of the property in the community and region.
- 11. Oversee and ensure consistency in brand standards and company image.
- 12. Help other department managers with marketing solutions that help increase revenue.
- 13. Responds to guests' complaints, concerns, and suggestions in a timely manner.
- 14. Adheres to all regulatory, departmental, and safety regulations and policies.
- 15. Responsible for hiring, retaining, promoting, motivating, performance evaluations, training, disciplining, and terminating employees with concurrence of the General Managers and Human Resources Managers.
- 16. Must adhere to the safety rules and regulations of the Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise and marketing departments.

**Physical Demands**  
While performing the duties of this position, the team member is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle or feel; reach with hands and arms and talk or hear. The team member must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50lbs.  
**Working Environment**  
Office, gaming floor, and convention center environment including flashing lights, frequent loud noises and cigarette smoke. Extensive computer use. Must be flexible with work

schedule. Must be willing to work any hours and/or shift, as assigned, according to business needs. Occasionally must deal with upset guests. High volume direct public contact.  
**Conditions of Employment**  
Tribal and Gaming Industry Experience is Preferred  
Must complete a 90 day probationary period  
Must be licensable by SWO Gaming Commission  
**SALARY:**  
Negotiable  
Send applications and résumé to: Chris Kollé, CHRO at [ckolle@dakotamagic.com](mailto:ckolle@dakotamagic.com)  
Closing date: Friday October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (CST) 42-2tc

**Dakota Magic Casino  
Job Openings**

**C-Store Department:**  
Clerk (2 Full-Time) Swing  
**Hotel Department:**  
Front Desk Clerk (Full-Time) Swing  
Night Audit (Full-Time) Graveyard  
**Housekeeping Department:**  
Attendant (20 Full-Time or Part-Time) where needed  
**Security Department:**  
Officer (Full-Time) Rotating  
**Table Games Department:**  
Dealer (2 Full-Time) No experience required, will train  
Closing Date: October 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.  
Starting Wage: D.O.E.  
High School Diploma or GED required for most positions. 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 James Neconish 701-634-3000 ext. 2582  
Indian Preference will apply / EEO (Please Provide Tribal Enrollment).  
Must be licensable by the SWO Gaming Commission.

**Dakota Magic Casino  
Job Openings**

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: October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.  
Starting Wage: D.O.E.  
Required:  
High School Diploma/GED  
At least two (2) years' experience in health insurance.  
Thorough knowledge of office practices: Microsoft office.  
Minimum of three (3) years' of data processing experience.  
If interested please submit application to  
Human Resources Department  
16849 102nd Street SE  
Hankinson ND 58041  
For complete Job Description contact James Neconish 701-634-3000 ext. 2582  
Indian Preference will apply / EEO  
(Please Provide Tribal Enrollment)  
Must be licensable by the SWO Gaming Commission

**Dakota Magic Casino  
Job Openings**

The Human Resources Department Is Now Accepting Applications For  
**Position:** Recruiter/Interviewer  
**Job Description:** This position is the recruitment and placement of new and current employees  
Closing Date: October 16, 2020 @4:00 p.m.  
Starting Wage:  
High School Diploma or GED required.  
Previous Secretary/Receptionist experience preferred  
Interview/Recruitment/Public

speaking experience preferred  
Must have adequate transportation and valid drivers license for occasional travel  
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 James Neconish @ 701-634-3000 ext. 532  
Indian Preference will apply / EEO  
(Please Provide Tribal Enrollment)  
Must be licensable by the SWO Gaming Commission

**Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel  
Job Openings**

Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel is seeking to fill the following position(s):  
**CAGE:**  
\*MANAGER (1 Full-Time)  
**GENERAL FUNCTION:**  
Manage, plan and coordinate the activities and operations on the cage department. Administrator of all cage regulations, policies, procedures and related internal controls.  
**REQUIREMENTS:** High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. A.A. degree in Finance/Accounting/Business Administration preferred. Bachelor's degree in Finance/Accounting/Business Administration preferred. Two years previous experience preferred. Able to stand for long periods of time. Must obtain Key Gaming License upon hire. Must be able to manage a rotating work schedule.

This position will close on October 22, 2020 at 4pm.  
Indian Preference will apply / EEO  
Contact the Human Resources Department for complete job descriptions at 1-800-658-4717 Ex. 1652.  
Two forms of ID are REQUIRED upon hire.  
If interested please fill out an application and submit to: Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel, Human Resources Department, 16415 Sioux Conifer Road, Watertown, SD 57201.

**Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel  
Job Openings**

Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel is seeking to fill the following position(s):  
**FOOD SERVICE:**  
\*LINE COOK (1 Full-Time)  
**WAGE DEPENDS ON EXPERIENCE** plus excellent benefits package!  
**GENERAL FUNCTION:** The purpose for this position is to assist the Cook I, Cook III, and shift supervisor. Safely prepare quality food products for customers and employees. Maintain positive communications to ensure

the smooth operation of the department and promote the highest degree of customer satisfaction.  
**REQUIREMENTS:** High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. One year of cooking experience in operating fryers, broilers, and grills. Must have the ability to stoop, bend, and stand for long periods of time and lift up to 35 lbs. Must be flexible, must work weekends and holidays. Must obtain Non-Gaming license upon hire.  
This position will close on October 15, 2020 as 4pm.  
Indian Preference will apply / EEO  
Contact the Human Resources Department for complete job descriptions at 1-800-658-4717 Ex. 1652.  
Two forms of ID are REQUIRED upon hire.  
If interested please fill out an application and submit to: Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel, Human Resources Department, 16415 Sioux Conifer Road, Watertown, SD 57201.

**SWO METH TIP HOTLINE  
(605) 742-0088**

**Call this number to report meth dealers  
or meth users to the Sisseton-Wahpeton  
Oyate Tribal Law Enforcement Officials.  
You can leave information anonymously.**



**Our CO-OP Builds COMMUNITIES**

October is Co-op Month and a time to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of member-owned companies like Venture Communications. As a co-op, Venture Communications focuses on meeting the needs of our local members and building connections within our communities.

**Thanks for choosing Venture Communications for your communication services. You're an important part of our co-op's success story.**

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218 Commerical Ave SE  
PO Box 157  
Highmore, SD 57345  
[venture@venturecomm.net](mailto:venture@venturecomm.net)  
[www.venturecomm.net](http://www.venturecomm.net)

**ATTENTION**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE, OR NEED YOUR SEPTIC TANK PUMPED OUT, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AT 698-4211, TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

THE LAST DAY WE WILL BE PUMPING SEPTIC TANKS WILL BE OCTOBER 30, 2020.

THANK YOU.

LAKE TRAVERSE UTILITY COMMISSION (LTUC)

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**Tribal Member Big Game License Process and Pickup Dates**

For your convenience, the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate hunting and fishing permits are available for purchase online. All hunting and fishing licenses purchased online can be printed by the purchaser except big game tags. All licenses that require a tag such as turkey and deer will be printed at the SWO Fish & Wildlife Office and will be mailed within 1 to 2 weeks or can be picked up in person by curbside on north side of Tribal Administration building with a photo ID on Monday October 5th thru Wednesday October 7th from 9am till 4pm. Big game tags are available on a first come first serve basis. If you are unable to pick your tags up in person on the available dates they will be mailed out to the address on file.

Failing to provide your 2019 Harvest Report cards will delay the processing of your 2020 Big Game license. You will be required to provide a \$10 penalty prior to the issuance of your tag if you did not return your 2019 harvest report card.

When purchasing licenses directly online, the only payment method that will be accepted is a credit or debit card.

If you've purchased a license from the Sisseton Wahpeton Fish & Wildlife Department previously go to the SWO online license site <http://wso.nagfa.net/online> and enter your first name, last name, tribal enrollment, driver's license number or hunter ID#.

If this is the first time your applying for a license, select "New License" in the New License Registration section of the online purchasing site and enter all pertinent information and an PIN will be emailed to you for accessing your license site.

**Note:** Be sure to update your address if it has recently changed as this is the address your Big Game tag will be mailed to if one has been purchased.

Tribal Elders and Tribal Members that are requesting a designated shooter must fill out an application from the SWO Fish & Wildlife Department for the required approval and processing of the antlerless deer license. Payment must be presented at time of submission of application.

Please visit our Fish & Wildlife page on the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate website for updated information and regulations. Website: [http://www.swo-nsn.gov/?page\\_id=559](http://www.swo-nsn.gov/?page_id=559)

Please contact the SWO Fish & Wildlife Department with questions: 605-698-8353.

**SOTA SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM**

I would like to subscribe to the Sota Iya Ye Yapi.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s).  
(Annual subscription rate is \$46 for enrolled members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate living in South Dakota and in Minnesota and North Dakota counties on and adjoining the Lake Traverse Reservation; \$40 for enrolled members incarcerated and/or elderly on fixed incomes; \$56 for all others living in the United States; and \$96 for first class subscribers.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this subscription form (or a photocopy) to:  
Sota Iya Ye Yapi  
P.O. Box 5  
Wilmot, SD 57279



To Benefit Victims & Survivors of

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



# Wac'ang'a Domestic Violence Food Drive

We will be stationing our Food Boxes at Dakota Connection/ Dakota Crossing/SWO Rotunda and we are accepting all non-perishable food items. This will be the whole month of October. We will also be hanging purple bags on the door knobs and people can put their can or non-perishable items in there as well.

## Wac'ang'a, Inc. - Sweetgrass

Phone: 605-698-4129  
Cell Phone: 605-467-1374  
Fax: 605-698-3921



### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Monoc Securities LLC is looking for (1-3) qualified, hardworking Sisseton Wahpeton College students for remote, work from home, internship positions. The successful candidate will work with the company President and others on important company projects and learn more about the field of Security Management and the U.S. Defense Sector.

**Pay:** \$12 - \$15 dollars an hour depending on grades and qualifications  
**Hours:** 10 - 15 hours a week  
**Duration:** 3 months but may be renewed based on performance and qualifications

**Program requirements:** (1) Must be active, enrolled SWC student in good standing with at least a 3.0 grade point average, (2) Must live on Lake Traverse Reservation or another Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone), (3) Must be able to successfully pass a criminal background check, (4) At company expense, must be willing to join InfraGard and/or other security associations, and (5) Must be able to obtain and maintain an U.S. Government security clearance, if required.

Interested? Please send your resume to [paul.michaels@monoc.com](mailto:paul.michaels@monoc.com).



202 Church Street S.E., Suite 302, Leesburg, VA 20175  
[www.monoc.com](http://www.monoc.com) / Tel 703-647-7554 / Fax 703-647-6009



## GRADUATION RECEPTION MILITARY SEND-OFF



Dusty Neilan, son of Betty (Spider) Neilan and the late Garry Neilan, enlisted for active duty Army on Oct. 1, 2020 and will be leaving for Basic and AIT training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma on Oct. 27th. His family will be holding a military send-off and graduation reception at 720 East Oak Street (gray house on corner of 8th Avenue East and Oak Street) in Sisseton this Monday, Oct. 12th from 2:00-5:00 pm. Anyone wanting to stop by and give him well wishes (and advice) are welcome to do so. There will be some tables and chairs available with social distancing. Congratulations, Dusty, we are so proud of you!

Betty J. Neilan

### SOCIALLY DISTANCED HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

OCTOBER 30, 2020  
6PM - 9PM

COME AND GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN! | BRING \$10 WORTH OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD OR TOILETRIES & RECEIVE \$10 FREE PLAYS PLUS \$5 BLACKJACK MATCHPLAY!

CATEGORIES: FUNNIEST, SCARIEST, MOST UNIQUE & BEST GROUP

PRIZES: INDIVIDUAL 1ST - \$500 | 2ND - \$300 | 3RD - \$150  
GROUP 1ST - \$600 | 2ND - \$400 | 3RD - \$200

### FIGHT THE FLU

BE A KUNGFLU FIGHTER

SHOO THE FLU

## YOU VS THE FLU

DON'T LET THE FLU GET YOU

BEAT THE FLU

BOO TO THE FLU

# Flu Vaccine Clinics

September  
October

IHS Public Health Nursing  
742-3767

**Tribal Administration Building Rotunda**

September 22, 9am - 2pm  
September 23, 9am - 2pm

**Dakota Crossing Grocery Store Deli Area**

September 28, 9am - 12pm  
October 5, 1pm - 3pm  
October 12 - HOLIDAY  
October 19, 9am-12pm  
October 26, 1pm - 3pm

**RE-ELECT**



**TAMARA ST. JOHN**  
DISTRICT 1 HOUSE

## A Conservative and Inclusive Voice for Northeast South Dakota

- Born and Raised in District 1
- Lifelong South Dakotan
- Historian & Tribal Member
- Fiscal Conservative
- Pro-Life and Pro-Family
- Grandmother and Mother

*“I will continue to be an advocate and represent all walks of life in District 1. I understand the importance of hard work and will be an effective voice for our communities.”*

**I would appreciate your vote and support this election!**

Paid for by Tamara St. John for District 1 House of Representatives

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Jacob Eastman and family submitted their “Dakota for Biden” yard sign to the Sota.

**DAKOTA SIOUX CASINO & HOTEL**

# GEORGE STRAIT TRIBUTE

FEATURING DEREK SPENCE

## NOVEMBER 6

6:30PM AND 9:00PM

ORDER TICKETS AT [WWW.DAKOTASIOUX.COM](http://WWW.DAKOTASIOUX.COM)

WITH SPEED PAINTER **KATIE VON KRAL**

**Wac'ang'a Inc.**

**HOTLINE 1-800-200-4491**

**END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!**

LAKEN DESIGN

We are a committee to provide educational, greater awareness and intervention on Domestic Violence. Please help us be a part of change in our community and unite with love and compassion for those who are victims and survivors.

**Wac'ang'a Inc. Awareness Events:**

- Domestic Violence Star quilt raffle on Facebook page (FACEBOOK LIVE) October 21, 2020 Drawing, \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Call 698-4129 or message on Facebook for tickets
- Women's Zoom talking circles every Wednesdays 6-8pm
- Check Facebook page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/sweetgrass.wacanga.3>
- Drive Bye Purple frybread Indian Taco Sale : October 28, 2020 At 408 Veterans Ave, Sisseton SD. \$8.00 includes drink.
- Purple bag Food Party Community Drive: October 10-20 2020 Stay tuned for drop off locations
- Domestic Violence Daily Virtual Walk See Facebook event page: October 1-31st, 2020 <https://www.facebook.com/events/366263291080056>

All Proceeds for our events will go to Wac'ang'a Inc. to help with our dedicated and committed mission statement for our Domestic Violence Women's Shelter. ALL proceeds will be donated to help eliminate both personal and societal violence against women, men, children, LGBTQ and underserved.

**We are currently taking donations of:**

- Gas Cards
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Clothing
- Make up
- House hold items
- Winter Coats, gloves, mittens
- Winter shoes
- Toys for X-mas
- Baby Formula
- Baby Wipes

All monetary monies are accepted by check or money order made out to:

Wac'ang'a Inc.  
PO BOX 591,  
Agency Village, SD 57262

**ALL DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT:**

408 Veterans Ave,  
Sisseton SD

Please contact us for Volunteers & info  
Gina Motah Advocate/ Adm Asst 605-268-1782

**Native Connection Crisis Line**

**605-419-1036**

Help for Loved Ones, Friends, & Yourself

## Dan Ahlers and Remi Bald Eagle Meet and Greet



**Thursday October 15th meet the candidates for U.S. Senate and Public Utility Commision!**

The meet and greet will start at **4:00 PM** at the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Headquarters parking lot and the speakers will start at **4:30 PM**

PAID FOR BY THE DAN AHLERS FOR U.S. SENATE CAMPAIGN

**-Also Present-**

**Susan Wismer**  
Dis. 1 Senate Candidate

**Steven McCleery**  
Dis. 1 House Candidate

**Jennifer Keintz**  
Dis. 1 House Candidate