

May 2017 Publication

ICC Students attend AH&EC

In mid-March, Student Senate was able to attend the American Indian Higher Education Consortium in Rapid City, SD. AIHEC is an academic event that provides channels for furthering our education. We had an absolute blast! There were people from other tribal colleges sharing their inspiring stories about how they overcame their struggles to obtain their degrees. There were various competitions that each school can participate in, but we weren't able to participate because there were only 4 of us that went. We want to change that! Our plans for the upcoming semesters are to get more students involved by sharing our AIHEC experience, get other students interested in the competitions, and to attend more academic meetings. Some of our goals are to start an American Indian Business Leaders chapter here at the College, attend a leadership conference in September, and to raise a lot of money over the summer. We hold different fundraisers like bake sales, raffles, and we also set up a small snack shop at the College. We want other students to experience the many rewarding opportunities that we had. The Student Senate would also like to thank Lori Hare, Director of LIHEAP/CSBG; Kathy Winckler Tax Revenue Department; the B&CC; Kip Spotted Eagle, Director of THPO; Steve Peters, Tribal Comptroller; the Housing Board; Ella Rae Stone for donations for food; Wilma Ashes for her help with baking and watching our snack shop; and Kaj Wade & Ward Zephier; and the Fort Randall Casino for the blanket donation.



Administrative Professional Training Offered



Pictured are the YST Administrative Professionals who participated in training on March 27, 2017. The training was held at the Fort Randall Casino's meeting room.



Dr. Esplund
retires from
Wagner HHS



**Happy Mother's
Day Vera
Thunder Horse!
From: Rhonda
and family in
Woodbridge, VA**



**Happy
Mother's
Day to our
Awesome
Mom and
Grandma
Gail Ann!**

what's inside...

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SECRETARY ZIMMERMAN SPEAKS AT SRST CODE TALKERS HONORING CEREMONY

Last Friday, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe honored 17 of their Code Talkers during a "Talking to Hide Things Code Talkers" Ceremony in Wakpala.

SDDVA Secretary Larry Zimmerman served as the keynote speaker and was honored to be able to thank the family members of these heroes.

Code Talkers honored were: James W. Alkire, Hanray A. Ankle, Sr., Wallace Cross, Ambrose Gabe, Charles Has Horns, Jasper Iron Cloud, Edward A. Lafromboise, Eli Little Bird, Isaac Looking Back, George Loves War, Harry Loves War, Edmund Many Deeds, Sr., Matthew Oka, Charles Red Bear, Benedict Red Legs, Jesse Taken Alive, and Eugene Walking Shield.

Special thanks to Manaja Hill, Kevin Jamerson, and Colette Walking Elk for organizing and coordinating this wonderful honoring ceremony.

During World War I and II, hundreds of American Indians joined the United States armed forces and used words from their traditional tribal languages as weapons. The United States military asked them to develop secret battle communications based on their languages—and America's enemies never deciphered the coded messages they sent. "Code Talkers," as they came to be known after World War II, are twentieth-century American Indian warriors and heroes who significantly aided the victories of the United States and its allies.



YST Youth Clean Up the Town



On Friday April 14, 2017 these young men cleaned up the field across from the rubble site in Marty. They had positive attitudes and worked together as a team. Thank you Truman Ashes, Brycen Zephier, Marcus Diaz, KJ St. Pierre, and Alex Sully. The YST Tax Revenue Department hired them for the day and they did a great job!

"Rez Made" wins Fort Hall Classic



Rez Made took first place in the Fort Hall Classic 65+ Championship by outscoring the Native American Country 55 to 37. Everdale Song Hawk, pictured in the jacket and holding the trophy is a YST Tribal Member. Song Hawk encourages the youth to persevere and to keep going no matter what age. He would also like to thank everyone who donated to make the trip possible.

Yankton Sioux Tribe Law Enforcement OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday May 10, 2017
11:00AM – 3:00PM
White Swan Building - Lake Andes

Wagner JAG Students visit SDSU



Wagner JAG students pose for a photo with the Weary Will/Dirtly Lil statue at SDSU. Back row: Sagon Ulrich. Front row: Tysin Arpan, Bella LeBeaux, Madison Mora, Payton Mora, Aneissa Olson, Danielle Twiss, Jorge Gonzalez-Vergel, Joseph White Eyes, Samuel Cournoyer.



**Congratulations
Brycen Allen Zephier
on your high school
graduation! We
love you and are
so proud of your
accomplishment!
From: The Crew**

Make a Free Throw to Fight Tobacco

Wicozani Was'te Good Health and Wellness Grant sponsored a Tobacco Prevention Free Throw Contest at Marty Indian School for grades 4-12. Tribal Health Advisory Committee (THAC) Members facilitated the event and a trophy was awarded to the top boy and top girl in each grade. Before each grade took their free throws, THAC members spoke with the kids about tobacco prevention. The event was held on March 27, 2017.

- 4th Grade Winners - Mahpiya Irving and Jordon Zephier
- 5th Grade Winners - Alysia Rameriz and Greg Zephier
- 6th Grade Winners - Hapi Elk Soldier and Gabriella Standing Cloud
- 7th Grade Winners - Bernicio Zephier and Ahmaria Cook
- 8th Grade Winners - Alex Cournoyer and Kimimina Drapeau
- 9th Grade Winners - Haydn Small and Julianna Standing Cloud
- 10th Grade Winners - Linda Starr and Davion Rouse
- 11th Grade Winners - Gary Drapeau and Lainey Honomichl
- 12th Grade Winners - Mia Fischer and Lonnie Hare



Women's Health Fair at Wagner IHS! Tuesday, May 2, 2017

15 Miles a Week Challenge

Wicozani Was'te Good Health and Wellness Grant will be sponsoring a 15 Miles a Week Challenge for the month of May 2017 for Yankton Sioux Tribal Members. Get your miles in and send us a picture of the treadmill display, phone app screen shot, pedometer, or other tracking device to verify your miles. Send the pictures in to Ethel Cournoyer or Richard Sully. You can contact us at YST Headquarters with any questions. We will keep a record of the miles and enter all participants who finish 15 miles in a week for a drawing.

****If using a pedometer: 2,300 steps will equal one mile. Smart phone Apps will track the distance in miles.****

Week 1: Sunday April 30th to Saturday May 6th – Verification of miles due Monday May 8th by 12:00 Noon.

Week 2: Sunday May 7th to Saturday May 13th: Verification of miles due Monday May 15th by 12:00 Noon.

Week 3: Sunday May 14th to Saturday May 20th: Verification of miles due Monday May 22nd by 12:00 Noon.

Week 4: Sunday May 21st to Saturday May 27th: Verification of miles due Tuesday May 30th by 12:00 Noon.

Drawings will be held at 1:00pm on the date they are due. There will be two weekly winners. Winners will receive a \$10 gift card to Subway.

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THINK POSITIVE

EXERCISE DAILY

WORK HARD

BE HAPPY



Wicozani Was'te

GOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS



YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
P.O. Box 235 Wagner, SD 57380
Phone: (605) 384-5549 Fax: (605) 384-5987

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 FDP CLOSED! Wagner Tailgate	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15 FDP CLOSED! Marty Tailgate	16 Receiving Truck Office Closed	17 PLEASE CALL FOR HOURS	18 FDP CLOSED! Lake Andes/ Geddes/ Platte Tailgate	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PLEASE CALL FOR HOURS	27
28	29 YST CLOSED! Memorial Day Holiday	30	31 PLEASE CALL FOR HOURS	NOTES:		

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The YST Food Distribution Program Staff wishes you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season! We appreciate our many participants and volunteers. Thank you!

Rita Gray

(Died April 10, 2017)

Rita Gray, 77, of Lake Andes

Rita died Monday, April 10, 2017 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. Wake services will be Friday at the White Swan Community Center in Lake Andes. Funeral services will be 1:30 PM, Saturday, April 15, 2017 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Marty. Burial is in St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery in Marty. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

Rita H Gray was born on April 26th, 1939 in Wagner, SD to Lawrence Oliver and Ida Gertrude (McBride) Gray. She was raised in Greenwood and attended school in Marty though the 11th grade. She obtained her GED later in life.

Rita worked for the head start as a bus driver, a cook at the treatment center, plus held various other jobs with the Yankton Sioux Tribe. She is best known for her strong personality, sharp tongue, great sense of humor, and her great love for her family and BINGO.

She is survived by her 6 children: Armand Hopkins JR (Amber Boyd), Keeler (Melda) Hopkins, Kim Wright, Melvin (Leo) Hopkins,

Robert (Nicki) Gray, and Tiffany Gray; sisters: Bernadette Patterson and Stephanie Cournoyer; 33 grandchildren; 47 great grandchildren; and 5 great great grandchildren. She was especially devoted to raising two of her grandsons, Darrin Hopkins and Gabriel Zephier.


Rita was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Bernadine Provost and Beatrice Boettcher; brother John Gray; infant son Leo Keith; and great grandson Tate Archambeau.



Fearless Horses Visits YST

There was a horse ride organized by Greg Gray Cloud with the Sungwatogda, "Fearless Horses" that visited Ihanktonwan Lands on March 30-31, 2017. The horse riders visited the tribal hall in Wagner and the Boys and Girls Club to speak with the youth about their purpose. They dedicated themselves to the ride to honor the Proclamation by the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.





February 11, 2017

PROCLAMATION

We the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Hereby Proclaim the months of February & March National Divest Months. The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe condemns the efforts to destroy our Nations by Corporate-Industrial processes that has invaded our National Territories and the future of our existence as we all know it. Furthermore, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe stands United in our steadfast opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and similar projects that continue to jeopardize our way of life. As free, independent, and self-determining Original Nations; We pledge and commit that our National Treasures, financial holdings, bank accounts, and other financial interests will be divested and severed from any and all banks, mutual funds, securities companies or other financial entities that invest in or otherwise financially support any aspect of the Dakota Access Pipeline and/or similar projects.

In the Territory of the Ocatl Sakowin (Seven Council Fires) as Original and Allied Nations, we hereby declare and affirm our fundamental understanding of Mni Wiconi (Water is Life). We reiterate our responsibilities under our Seven Sacred Laws to maintain our balance with all ecological systems including: waters and all of life for the benefit of our future generations. Treaties are made between two or more nations, and they are agreements to develop strong relations. We enter into this treaty, as Nations standing together in common cause against a common danger, forming an agreement which invokes our ancestral and inherent rights to be free in response to this time of emergency. Treaties between Original Nations are sacred texts for making and maintaining sacred relationships.

We affirm, share, and maintain the legacy of a free and independent existence as distinct and Original Nations extending back to the beginning of our time through our oral histories, and traditions. We have our own languages, spirituality, cultures, ceremonies, our burials and ancestral remains, our sacred sites and significant and ceremonial places, our ways of child upbringings, political systems and economies, our sacred laws, as well as our knowledge and wisdom systems.

Whereas we view the Earth as a loving Mother, with her sacred waters, the system of domination unleashed on all of us, which has led to projects such as the Dakota Access Pipeline and similar projects, sees and treats our Mother Earth as nothing but a Commodity to be "Subdued" and exploited for financial gain. This exploitative dominating mindset, rooted in notions of religious and racial superiority, is a fatal path. Fortunately, our Original Instructions provide us with a way forward as Nations in a Treaty Alliance. For the Seven Nations of the Ocatl Sakowin and other Nations, our Original free existence is our fundamental Birthright. It is a time for rekindling, for renewal, to protect our waters, our lands, in a powerful and unwavering manner. We are invoking the absolute right of self-determination in international law while calling for and to the Doctrines of Discovery and Domination being used against Mankind (Our Nations). "It is what we do this day that will make all the Difference tomorrow." Mni Wiconi (Water is Life).

Brandon J. Sazue Sr.
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Chairman

First Buffalo Calf of the Year Born

Sometime on Easter Morning, the first buffalo calf of the year was born into the YST Herd near Greenwood. The calf is a female.





Yankton Sioux Tribe Community Newsletter

Sunny Sherrell Rucker

Wake services were at her residence: 29530 386th Ave, Lake Andes, SD. Funeral services were 10 AM, Thursday, April 13, 2017 at her residence. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner was in charge of arrangements.

Sunny Sherrell Rucker was born August 24, 1975 at Wagner SD, the daughter of Dennis Rucker and Violet Hare. She was raised by her grandparents, Dwight and Viola Dion. She journeyed into the Spirit World on April 9, 2017 due to complications of diabetes and kidney failure at the Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner.

Sunny will always be remembered for her friendly attitude, sense of humor and her love for her family and friends.

Sunny was preceded in death by grandparents on both sides of the family, her son Sal, her brother Jesse Blue and special Auntie Carol Golus.

She leaves behind to mourn her son Gavin Rucker, father Dennis Rucker, mother Violet Hare, Jerry Stone and Sarah Garcia, whom she considered her brother and sister; brothers: James, Justin and James Blue and George Hare; sister Cheryl Hare, special friend Nakita Picotte; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



YST-WIOA

WANTED

SUMMER YOUTH WORKFORCE

Ages 14-24 Years Old

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

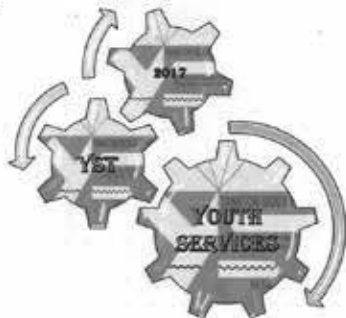
Tentative Start Date- May 22nd, 2017

1st Workforce Session Selection Interviews are Scheduled for May 1-2-3, 2017;

2nd Session Interview Dates have not been scheduled

Pick your application today at-

- ☐ Andes Central School District
- ☐ Marty Indian School
- ☐ Wagner Community School
- ☐ TERO Office, Lake Andes
- ☐ YST Headquarters
- ☐ Yankton Sioux Housing Authority
- ☐ Wagner Indian Health Service
- ☐ or Visit and Print Application from yanktonsiouxtribe.net



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800 Main Ave SW, PO Box 1153, Wagner, SD 57380
(605) 384-3641 ext 1024/1025 (605) 384-3687
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Brian "BEEZ" Cooke

4th Annual Memorial Fast Pitch Tournament

June 9th, 10th & 11th 2017

"Thunder Horse park" Marty Ballfield

Entry Fee: \$200 & a Red Dot Game Ball – 1st 8 Teams

GUARANTEED PAYOUTS

1ST Place \$1500 plus jackets 2ND Place \$750 3RD Place \$500

10 ALL TOURNEY * PLUS \$500 AWARDED TO MVP

There will be concessions and 50/50 drawings throughout the tournament

Contact Guy Cooke @ 491-1044 or Jason Cooke @ 469-5143



Obituary

YST Newsletter is offering families the opportunity to recognize recently lost loved ones through an Obituary section. Unlike the In Memoriam, which can have names submitted any and multiple times, families will have up to one year from their family member's death to submit a brief obituary. A picture may be included with the obituary, but is not necessary. Submissions for the are to be sent or delivered to Ethel Cournoyer at YST Infant & Toddler Office, or be e-mailed to bdwagYST@yahoo.com. Please submit the name or obituary of the family member by the 15th of the month. Submissions after the 15th of the month will be published in the following month's newsletter.

Second Hand Smoke



You love me,
so please protect me
from ear infections,
asthma, allergies,
lung disease and
Sudden Infant Death
Syndrome.

Be smoke-free for me!



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General Council Meeting
Fort Randall Casino
January 12, 2017

B&C: Jody, Leo, Sam, Jason, Diane, Roseanne,
Absent: Bob, Greg

Call to order: the Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. there was a quorum present.

Invocation: the invocation was given by John Stone.

Approval of agenda: A motion was made by Curt Archambeau and second by Chelaine Knudsen to approve the agenda. (Tax Program-Annual Report and Election of (2) Commissioners (Lake Andes & Greenwood).

44 In favor and 0 Opposed. Motion approved.

Kathy Winckler: YST Tax Revenue Program Director: stated that there will be cash door prize drawings totaling (\$1,300) for the elders (60 and over) and food at the end of the meeting. Surveys were done back in October--on the percentages for use of the revenue.

Cash on hand: (\$63,763) in the tax revenue account.
The reserve account for projects is (\$249,825.53)
We have a public hearing every two years.
Other revenue generated from fuel taxes, commercial land taxes

The top priorities according to the surveys are:

1. Education: (58%)
2. Boys and Girls Club (youth activities)
3. Community Development--economic development
4. Elementary and Pow Wows (40%)
5. Land acquisition and maintenance (30%)
6. Tribal and Community (10%)
7. Other needs (5%)

I would like to have funded the Veterans and other entities. A big part of setting the percentages comes from having a good commission.

We have several options that will be proposed to general council to decide. (Leave everything the same) or fund (15) higher education grants at \$150 each. Tax program purchased athletic shoes for Marty Indian School students totaling (\$8,860).

Indirect cost (28%) and (\$44,000) pay roll taxes. The remainder of the funds are divided up after that.

Option B: Indirect cost (15%) (5%) to ICC. Dr. Garcia uses the funds for enrolled students grants (\$1,500) x (15) students.

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Fund higher education students at DWU, SDSU and Haskell.

Butch Hare: what is the actual amount you get each year for the program--why not add MIS. The Tribe and Casino get a lot of revenue from the DTF (Dakota Trust Fund)--MIS is funded only by the BIA--they do not receive any impact aid. Why pay payroll taxes all the time, don't it come out of the checks--need to have a budget.

Kathy: we receive motor fuel taxes from the state--not indirect cost. In 2015 we received (\$40,000) from the state for the purchase of gas at the travel plaza. That is the only place we get taxes from. There is a general council resolution that mandates we use the travel plaza to purchase our gas from.

Elementary received (\$17,655.16)
High school (\$17,655.16)
Higher education (\$17,655.15)
Support materials (\$17,655.16)

Butch H: MIS has to go out to seek funding and the Tribe and FRC don't have to.

Doris C: a memo went out to use the travel plaza for purchase of fuel but sometimes they do not have fuel on hand. The gas is higher there then in Wagner, and Santee. Who is the vendor for the travel plaza. Why can't we get something going --Santee has a better tax agreement than us. Indirect cost is what the tribe runs on--Doris gave an explanation of how it works--support costs, salaries, personnel, bills, supplies, telephone costs, etc.

John Stone commented on the tax budget percentages (40%) goes directly to the kids, (30%) for land purchase, (30%) for tribal government. Indirect cost (\$44,000) I am in support of leaving the percentages as they are--taking revenue away from the non-Indians.

Kathy reported that he 2016 lease income revenue was (\$181,524.05). Jody Z: stated that in the beginning the BIA Superintendent Kitto was reluctant to do--implement the (5%) commercial lease tax. This is the strongest act of our sovereignty

Chelaine stated that she supports Option B (5%) goes to the ICC for scholarships--really assist students that have need.

Kathy: we will turn the floor over to the candidates speeches--we will set a limit of (10) minutes for each one. The communities that have vacancies are Greenwood and Lake Andes. We will start with Greenwood.

Basil Heth: I am the current tax commissioner for Greenwood--I read Title 16 of the taxation code on the general provisions. The funding can't take care of everything--but there is a lot of needs. The tribe exercises the sovereign right to tax--the tribe benefits from. The Salazar settlement can be used for education. I am requesting your support--and appreciate your vote.

Doris Cooke: I have been a Greenwood community member all my life.

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I am familiar with how the tax revenue program and tax code works. If elected I would be a active member and would follow the commissioner duties.

Gail Hubbeling: I believe in economic development--we need to get back with farming--I believe in fairness and accountability. The people off the reservation do not get any help.

Lake Andes Community:

Mario Kiyukan: I am a current commissioner and am seeking another term. There are a lot of tough decisions--but the commission is doing a good job.

Shirley Arrow: stated that she has been traveling up to Standing Rock closing out the camp but would like to be considered for the commission. My main point is to do everything in her heart for the people--and all the needs that they have.

Chelaine Knudsen: gave a background of her education and experience and that she would do her best if elected to the commission.

The Vice Chairman stated that the polls will be open for one hour. A motion was made by Kathy Winckler and second by Armando Iron Elk to keep the polls open for one hour (11:16 a.m. to 12:16 p.m.). 65--In favor, 0-- Opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting was turned over to the election board.

The polls were declared closed by Deanna Gullikson, Election Board at 12:16 p.m. Deanna announced that the election board would commence to start counting the ballots--by groups of (25).

Greenwood totals: Basil Heth received (22) votes
Doris Cooke received (39) votes
Gail Hubbeling received (46) votes

Lake Andes totals: Mario Kiyukan received (36) votes
Shirley Arrow received (8) votes
Chelaine Knudsen received (55) votes

The election board chairman declared Gail Hubbeling the top vote getter in Greenwood community with a total of (46) votes. Chelaine Knudsen was declared the top vote getter in Lake Andes community with a total of (55) votes.

Option A: received a total of (49) votes and Option B received a total of (54) votes.

A total of (109) ballots were cast.

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A motion was made by Armando Iron Elk and second by Bobby Brown Bear to affirm the votes of Gail Hubbeling for Greenwood community and Chelaine Knudsen for Lake Andes community to the YST Tax Revenue Commission.

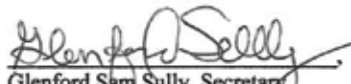
55-- In favor and 1-- Opposed. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Kathy Winckler and second by Armando Iron Elk to approve Resolution 2017--01.

53--In favor and 0--Opposed. Motion approved.

Kathy stated that we will proceed to have the cash drawings. The drawings will continue until it has all be given out--there will be opportunities for multiple winners.

The meeting was declared adjourn by unanimous consent.


Glenford Sam Sully, Secretary
YST Business and Claims Committee

March 2017 15 Miles a Week Winners

Week 1: John Archambeau and Tara St. Pierre

Week 2: Tara St. Pierre and John Archambeau

Week 3: Tara St. Pierre and John Archambeau

Week 4: John Archambeau and Adrienne Zephier

Week 5: Eliza Weddell and Glen Sully Jr.

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MAY 2017 YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE ELDERLY MEALS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Porcupine Meatballs New Potatoes California Blend Veggies Peaches	2 Vegetable Beef Soup Ham Salad Sandwich Granola Bars Orange juice	3 French Dip Sandwich Baked Potato Broccoli Fruit Crisp	4 Chicken Breast Rice pilaf Veggie Blend Pudding	5 Brat on a bun w/kraut Potato Salad Baked Beans Cranberry Juice	6
7	8 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Tossed Salad Fruit with pudding Breadstick	9 Chicken with Dressing Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	10 Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Corn Fruit Salad	11 Beef Barely Soup Egg Salad Diced Pears	12 Hamburger on a bun Coleslaw Orange juice Apple	13
14	15 Tator Tot Casserole Carrots Applesauce	16 Smothered Chicken Rice pilaf Oriental Veggies banana	17 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy California Blend Veggies Mixed Fruit	18 Goulash Corn Jell-O Fruit Cocktail	19 Chili Fry bread Wojapi Orange	20
21	22 BBQ Ribs Corn Cobettes Peas Cantaloupe	23 Meatloaf Oven Brownd Potatoes Peas and Carrots Pineapple Tidbits	24 Chicken Noodle Soup Ham Sandwich Watermelon	25 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Cooked Cabbage Seasonal Fruit	26 Seasoned Pork Chops Company Potatoes Green Beans Apricots	27
28	29 No Meals Memorial Day	30 Swedish Meatballs in Mushroom Gravy Scalloped Potatoes Veggie Blend Cooked Apples	31 Roast Beef Carrots/Potatoes Chocolate Cake		***menu is subject to change***	

Ihanktonwan Akicita Plan Memorial Day Honoring

Every Memorial Day, Veterans of the Yankton Sioux Tribe come together to honor deceased veterans on the reservation. The Ihanktonwan Akicita spends the day together visiting eight cemeteries: Native American Church, Hill Church, Holy Name, Lake Andes St. Philips, Cedar Church, Marty Catholic cemetery, Holy Fellowship Episcopal and the Greenwood Presbyterian. At each cemetery, there is an honoring ceremony that includes a rifle salute, Flag and Victory songs by the Rising Hail drum group and prayers by Akicita chaplain. Sergeant Dennis Rucker, YST Veterans Service Office, expressed pride in the

day's events and appreciation for the families who honor the veterans with gifts, prayers and bundles. Sgt. Rucker says that the Memorial Day honoring has a good participation level from YST Veterans.

The people of the Yankton Sioux Tribe would like to give a warm and heartfelt thank you to all of our Veterans. To all fallen Warriors, we honor your lives on Memorial Day and every day. Thank you for your service.

Wagner Students visit the Capital

By Sydney Dvorak

On Wednesday, March 8th, Mr. Kafka and Chris McKinny braved another senior class trip to Pierre for an inside look at how our state government works. While in Pierre, the senior class had the opportunity to observe Senate and House sessions, a committee meeting, and Democratic caucus. Seniors also walked around the capitol lake and explored the capitol building.

Soon after arriving in Pierre, the class sat in on a committee meeting where they heard Secretary of State Shantel Krebs present explanations of multiple bills. While in committee, we learned that some senators ask more questions than others do, testimony sways votes of the senators, and experience is an advantage for senators and for those giving a testimony. A popular bill was one referring to ballot selfies and different ballot issues. Krebs had to give a description of what the law would declare as a ballot selfie and question whether there would be any sort of consequence for it.

Soon after lunch, the seniors walked around the lake and explored the inside and outside of the capitol building. There were many monuments both inside and outside of the capitol for the seniors to view. While exploring the capitol, a few students had the opportunity to sit in on the Democratic caucus. During the caucus, we heard the plans that the Democrats had for voting in the House and Senate. Law makers also stated their thoughts on bills and proposed ideas about how to change them. After the caucus, the class found their way into both the House and Senate chambers. Seniors had the opportunity to sit in on the sessions.



Photo caption: Pictured above are Mr. Joe Kafka, WCS government teacher and members of the senior class who traveled to Pierre on Monday, March 6. Back row, from left: Justin Song Hawk, Jacob Rueschenberg. Fifth row: Cole Soulek, Dawson Petrik, Truman Ashes, Morgan Lensing, Bridget Weisser. Fourth row: Josh Cimpl, Matthew Bryant, Brycen Zephier, Ashley Koupal, Tucker Nedved, Sarah Koupal, Hunter Andersen. Fourth row: Abby Beeson, Malory Johannsen. Third row: Mr. Kafka, Julia Ulrich, Chloe Noteboom, Kristan Soukup, Jensen Holzbauer, Evelyn Frederick. Second row: Shailyn Harrison, Memete Raymond, Alicia Gonzales, Jada Ashes, Ebony Oliveros, Jackie Greger, Tavia Podhradsky, Alexis Dion. Front row: Mady Hanson, Sidney Juffer, Nathan Kucera, Ben Soukup, Sydney Dvorak. (Photo by Mr. McKinny)



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ATTENTION ALL YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE NON-MEMBERS

Effective immediately there will be no trespassing on Yankton Sioux Tribal lands by non-tribal members. This includes picking Mushrooms, any kind of Cherries, Plums or any fruit of any kind. Anything found in the possession of the violator will be confiscated on the spot.

Any violators will be prosecuted by the fullest extent of tribal law in the jurisdiction of the Yankton Sioux Tribe's court system.

Robert Flying Hawk
Chairman of the Yankton Sioux Tribe

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Birthday Wishes

Due to the lack of space,
please submit one picture
with your Birthday wish.

**Friends and Family, please join us for a
Memorial Service, Dinner, and Giveaway**

Honoring

Ethelyn Zephier Antelope

Claudette Zephier Selwyn

Theron "Ralph" Zephier

Saturday May 27, 2017

11:00AM - Headstone Blessing at Presbyterian Cemetery in Greenwood, SD

1:00PM - Dinner and Giveaway at Wagner American Legion Hall



Glenford Sully
Glenford Sam Sully, Secretary
Business and Claims Committee
Yankton Sioux Tribe



Happy Mother's Day

*She loved us unconditional,
always by our side. When no one
else would listen, in her we would
confide. With gentle words of
wisdom, she led us on our way.
Down the path of righteousness,
if ever we did stray. She saw the
light in everyone and gave with
no regrets. Always from her
heart, lets us not forget. Angels
come in many forms, for me it is
my mother. With love I cannot
say in words, there will never be
another.*

Love and miss you more and more
each day,
Tammy, Trinity, John, Ceanna,
Savannah, Josh, Charla & Elaina



**Happy Mother's Day to the best
Mommy in the whole world!**

From: Deborah and Stephie

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Jesus My Light

Lots of people think that it's such a fright
To suddenly become out of sight
But I know that life is still bright
Because Jesus is my Life
The days are long and so are the nights
But I must go on and win the fight
Because Jesus is on my Right
So you see I know Life is and always will be Bright
Because Jesus is My Guiding Light
Just a little something from someone who is out of sight

Faith

I could not see one step ahead
I might as well be blind I said
But Faith said, "Walk along with me...I'll lead so you won't have to see"
I took Faith's hand but it was no fraud
For Faith was holding the hand of God
And my motto "A winner never quits and a quitter never wins because with
God ALL things are possible"

By Francine Musgrove



Yankton Sioux Tribe Community Newsletter

General Council Meeting
Fort Randall Casino
March 30, 2017

B&C Present: Jody, Sam, Leo, Diane, Roseanne, Mona
Absent: Bob, Jason, Greg

Call to order: the meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman at 10:46 a.m. (A quorum present)

Invocation: the invocation was given by Diane Merrick.

Approval of agenda: "Selection of DTF (Development Trust Fund) Board Member (open seat)"

A motion was made by Morris Sanchez and second by Chris Traversie, to approve the agenda.
26 In favor and 0 Opposed. Motion approved.

Approval of minutes (January 12, 2017) A motion was made by Shevonne Flying Hawk and second by Armando Iron Elk to approve. 27 In favor and 0 Opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting was turned over to Chelaine Knudsen, DTF Program Director. Chelaine stated that we will be electing (1) member today--Art Standing Cloud term is ending and he is seeking re-election. There is one other candidate that has submitted, Sarah R. Zephier.

Chelaine reported that we will be advertising for another vacancy on the DTF board--Kelly Huapapi resigned her position recently. We will go out for advertisement for (30) days and then come back to general council for selection. The candidates will have (10) minutes to give their speech. The first candidate is Art Standing Cloud.

Art: stated that he is a present board member and my term expires today. I spent some time giving orientation to the (4) new board members that were selected this past year. I am the treasurer of the board--I created a spreadsheet of all the funds that went through the casino for the gaming commission. Everything is documented on how funds were expended. I would appreciate your support and ballot vote. Thank you.

Chelaine reported that Sarah is not here so we will move on to the voting process.

Jody stated that we will set the time to vote for one hour--I would like to have a motion made to approve this.

A motion was made by Kenny Ashes and second by Ron Sully to keep the polls open for one hour to vote. (11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) 27 In favor and 0 Opposed. Motion approved.

The election board took over and set up the election process. Tribal ID's required to vote.

The election board declared the polls closed at 12:00 pm.

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Art Standing Cloud received a total of (47) votes and Sarah R. Zephier received (5) votes.

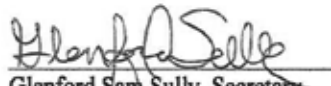
Deanna Stands, election board chairperson reported that there was a total of (52) voters signed in--there was a total of (52) ballots cast with no spoiled ballots. They received a total of (200) ballots (52) were used and have a total of (148) remaining.

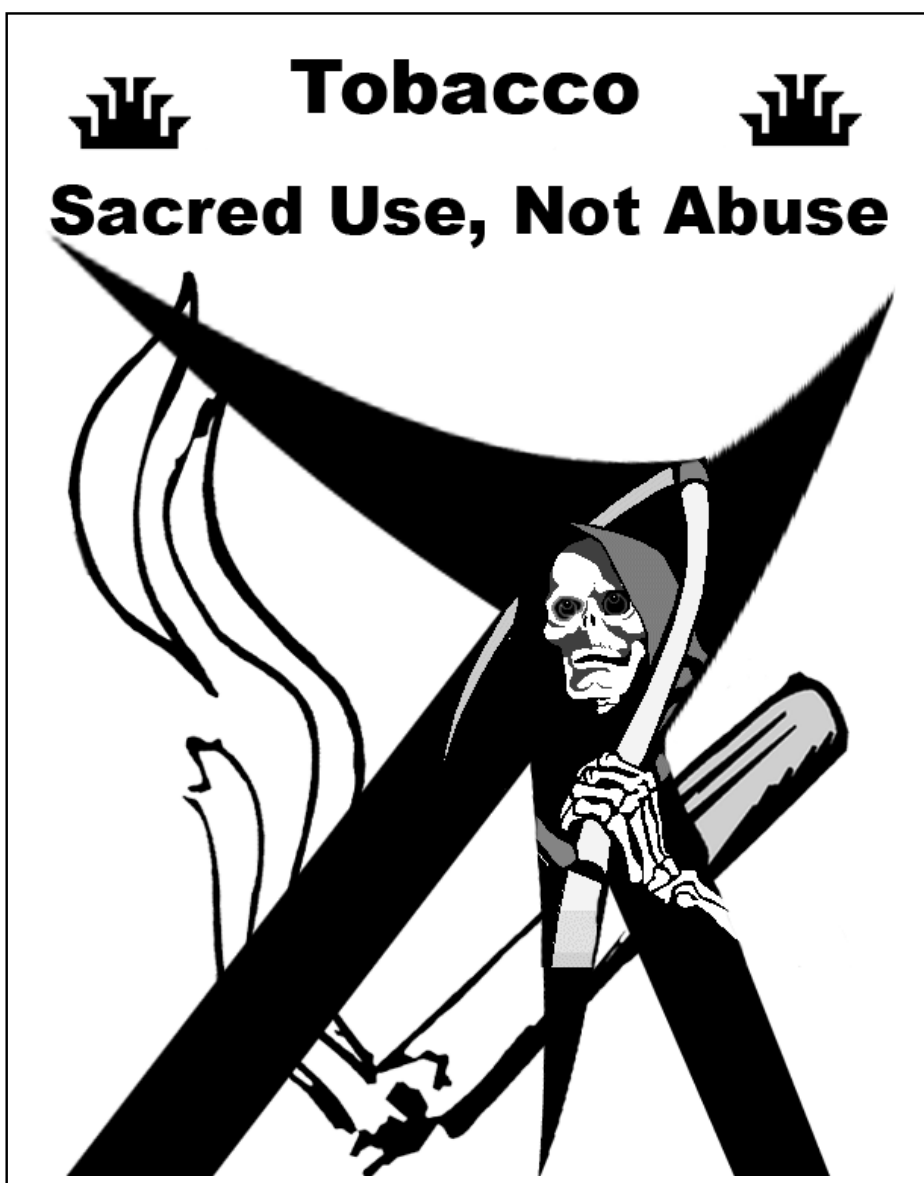
Art Standing Cloud was declared the winner with a total of (52) votes.

A motion was made by Neulan Dion and second by Marcella Bruguier to affirm the vote with Art Standing Cloud the winner.

29 In favor and 0 Opposed. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Armando Iron Elk and second by Willard Bruguier to adjourn the meeting. 21 In favor and 0 Opposed. Motion approved. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.


Glenford Sam Sully, Secretary
YST Business and Claims Committee



Marisa Joseph wins Coca Cola Scholarship

Marisa Joseph, a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe, attends Ihanktonwan Community College. She will be graduating from ICC with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a minor in Accounting. During her time at ICC she has worked hard to get a valuable education. She has drawn from the local sources of knowledge, other educated individuals, who have instructed at the college. Marisa has applied for many scholarships recently. She has also had the honor of receiving most of the scholarships she has tried to attain. This last school year, she was able to receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Cobell Scholarship program, \$1,000 from American Indian Services,

and \$5,000 from the American Indian College Fund – Coca-Cola First Generations Scholarship program, to name a few.

During AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium), which took place March 19th – 22nd, 2017, Marisa and fellow Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship recipients were honored. This year there were 36 awards presented to winners from the 37 Tribal College Universities in the nation. These scholarship recipients were treated to a lovely banquet. They also received an award/certificate, a plaque/clock, and a travel scholarship. The following is an excerpt about the Coca-Cola foundation, taken from the AICF website:

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Peters Takes State Second Time in Three Years


The South Dakota Wrestling Coaches Association State AAU Tournament was held the Rapid City Civic Center March 24-26, 2017. Steven Peters III brought home his second State Title in three years at 70lb Bantum. Steven pinned Trueth Crow Ghost of Mobridge in 1:15 in the opening round. Steven then won by tech fall over Levi Simonsen of Parker. In the semis Steven won by major decision over Grant Larson of Harrisburg 12-2. In the state finals Steven defeated

Brechen Frederick of Dell Rapids by tech fall 17-2.

On April 01, 2017 the Midwest Classic Nationals was held on Kearny, NE. Steven wrestled 6 matches losing two close matches. He had a long day starting at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm. He wrestled tough placing fourth out of sixteen wrestlers from five surrounding states. Steven earned his 2nd AAU ALL-AMERICAN WRESTLER TITLE.

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YANKTON SIOUX TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, May 5, 2017 @ 10am
Fort Randall Casino Bingo Hall, Pickstown, SD

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

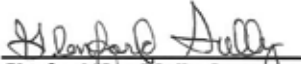
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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES


V. AGENDA: Development Trust Fund

- Public Hearing

VI. ADJOURN


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YANKTON SIOUX TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 4, 2017 @ 10am
Fort Randall Casino Bingo Hall, Pickstown, SD
(Postponed from February 24, 2017)

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

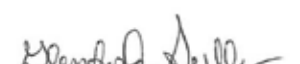
III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1/6/17), (1/12/17), (3/30/17)

V. AGENDA:

- Quarterly Enrollment
- Constitution Revision Committee/Informational and Continuation

VI. ADJOURN


Glenford "Sam" Sully, Secretary
Business and Claims Committee
Yankton Sioux Tribe

In Memoriam

YST would like to honor the YST Community and family members who have passed. You may submit your family member's name directly to Ethel Cournoyer at the Infant & Toddlers office located at the Tribal Offices in Wagner, or by e-mail to BdwagYST@yahoo.com, if you would like a family member recognized. We will do our best to see that your family member receives his/her monthly copy.

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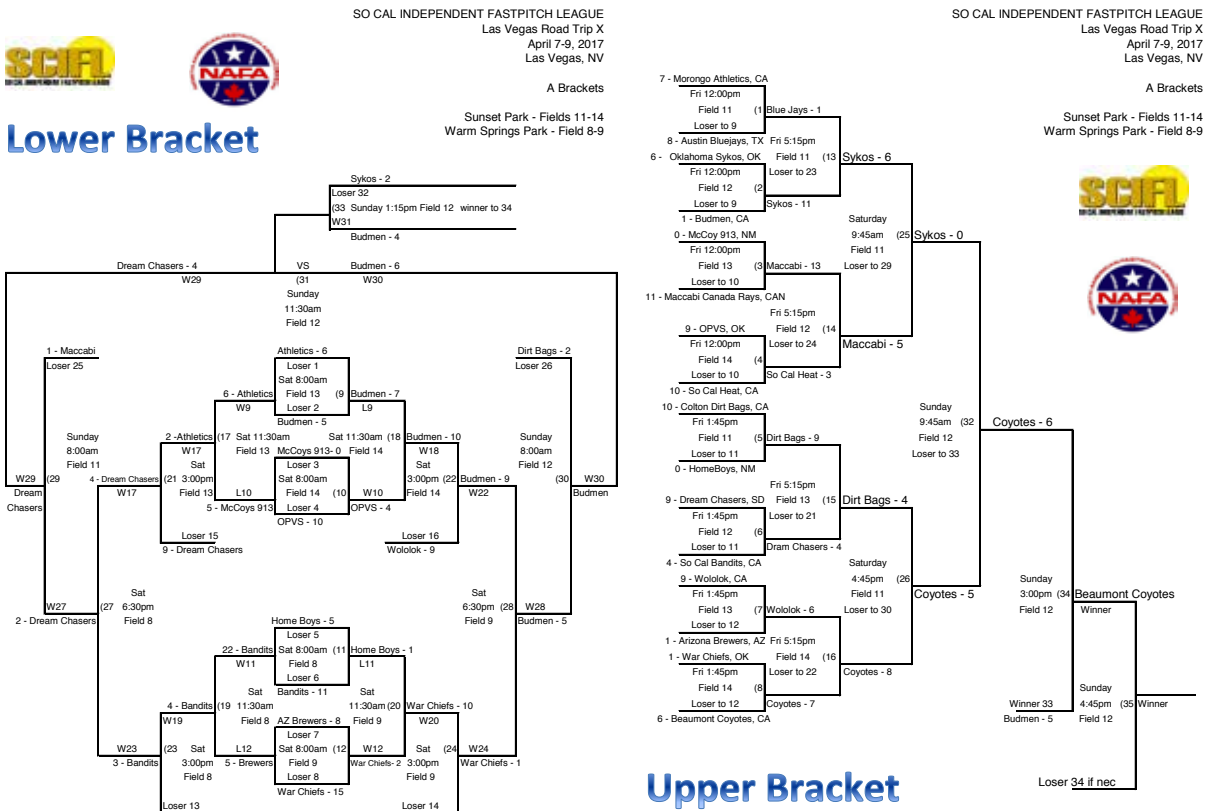
Greenwood Hosts an Easter Egg Hunt

Greenwood held its Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th. The hunt was a success!! Fun was had by all.



Las Vegas Road Trip X Men's Fastpitch Tournament

Billy Shields was part of the DreamChasers men's fastpitch team and played at a tournament in Las Vegas April 7-9, 2017. DreamChasers were in the A Division and took 4th place out of 18 teams.



1st Annual
Knudsen
Memorial
Tourney

Men's Slowpitch

In loving memory of Ronald Knudsen Sr.

June 3-4, 2017

Fish Days Weekend | Lake Andes, SD

AWARDS

1st Place | \$2,000, Jackets & Trophy
2nd Place | \$1,000 & Trophy
3rd Place | \$500 & Trophy
4th Place | Case of Beer
10 All-Tourney Team
Mr. Hustle
Home Run King - Bat
1st Basemen - Glove
MVP - Star Quilt

Dance | Saturday Evening
Registration Fee | \$300+Ball

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Roster Deadline | May 30th
Please fax roster to 605.487.7354

Contact Ronald Knudsen Jr. | 605.491.4498

Happy
Birthday
Jimmy and
Maria!
From:
Grandma
Ernestine

To our Kindergarten Graduate Mahpiya We are very proud of you! You rock! Love Mami, Daddy Wambli, your sisters, & baby brothers!

Precious Mother & Grandmother

Lois Sully Tiger

Tawacin Wakan Wi
Holy Mind Woman

January 6 May 30
1925 2011

It doesn't seem like it has been 6 years but then no amount of time will stop us from missing you. Your love is our guide in life and although we cannot see you we know you are always with us. Wopida for the beautiful memories you left for us! We love you, we miss you & we hope you are smiling & laughing with our relatives on the other side.

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Marisa Joseph wins Coca Cola Scholarship

"The Coca-Cola Foundation is helping to ease that transition for first-generation scholars through its first-generation scholarship program, which provided scholarships to American Indian students for the academic year. The scholarships are for the amount of \$5,000 a year and they follow the student throughout their academic career if they maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or above."



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We are very Proud of Steven's accomplishments as a Two Time State Champ and Two Time All American at age 8. We want to give a Big Thank You to Head Coach Brad Lhotak, Coach Pat Breen, Coach

Matt Hill, Wagner Wrestling Club, Wagner Wrestlers, Steven Peters Jr. Adrian Peters, Aaron Peters, Trevor Peters, The Yankton Sioux Tribe and everyone else that helped him along the way to a very successful year.



George L. Cournoyer Sr.
2017

JUNE 16-17-18

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGE L. COURNOYER SR.
FAST PITCH TOURNAMENT

ENTRY FEE: \$400.00 PLUS A BALL
NO PAY NO PLAY

1ST PLACE \$3,000 & HOODIES
2ND PLACE \$2,000 & HOODIES
3RD PLACE \$1,500 & SWEATSHIRTS
4TH PLACE \$1,000 & SWEATSHIRTS

ALL PRIZE MONEY IS GUARANTEED! ENTRY FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE JUNE 1ST.

MVP - HOODIE & STAR QUILT
2ND BASE - GLOVE, BAT, BAG & STAR QUILT
10 ALL TOURNEY - SWEATERS

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Contest Pow-Wow
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Wicozani Was'te Attends Honoring Our Elders

The Wicozani Was'te Program attended the Honoring Our Elders event held at the Fort Randall Casino on March 25, 2017. The host drum was Nape Duta. The program provided health education on heart disease, the benefits of walking, and traditional foods. Dustin

Jandreau, Ethel Cournoyer, and Richie Sully volunteered at the event and answered questions and visited with the elders. This annual gather is organized by Perry Little and Jimmy Hallum.



Our family would like to Congratulate Ebony Tiger and Zyan Zephier on their high school graduation.

We love you and are very proud of you!!



Welcome home

Andrea Soulek!



Happy Mother's Day to the craziest, most tough loving mother I know.
From: Your Favorite Child

4th Annual Protecting the Sacred Hills Spiritual Run

In memory of
JAMES R. WEDDELL
ISTA TO 'PAICAGOPI



Remember your relatives, run with honor!

June 22nd, 23rd, & 24th, 2017

Flandreau to Wagner, South Dakota



2014



2015



2016

Spiritual Run Agenda

Thursday 6:00am - Prayer & Send off at 704 West 2nd Avenue, Flandreau, SD
Camp mid-route
Friday Morning - Prayer & Send off from camp and head for Wagner, SD
Saturday Wopida at Jim's dad's residence 39577 305th street, Wagner, SD


Route Directions

1. From 704 west 2nd avenue, Flandreau, SD travel west on 2nd avenue - 2 blocks
2. Turn left onto Veterans street - 1 block
3. Turn right onto 250th street highway 32 headed west - 11 miles
4. Turn left onto 469th avenue headed south - 5 miles
5. Turn right onto 255th street highway 36 headed west - 28 miles
6. Turn left onto 441st avenue highway 81 headed south - 65 miles
7. Turn right onto 297th street highway 46 - 45 miles
8. Turn left onto 395th avenue - 8 miles
9. Turn right onto 305th street - 1.5 miles
10. Arrive at final destination 39577 305th street, Wagner, SD





Happy Birthday to "the Lord", Gaylord Wayne Jandreau! May 31 With Love, Your Family



Happy Birthday Dad! From: Cheyenne, Abby, and Kayla Henry



Happy Mother's Day Momma Glo!! You are the Greatest! We love you so much! From: Your Family



Happy 18th Birthday

Happy 18th Birthday to Brycen Z. on May 8th!!


From: The Crew



Happy 5th Birthday Princess Aiyana Diaz!

May 13th

Love Daddy, Brothers, Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie and Uncles



Happy 15th Birthday Izabella Cournoyer!

We love you and pray for lots of happiness, joy, and laughter for you! Love, Dad, Marisa, Ibanez and Ivy

CONGRATULATIONS!




Congratulations Resaiah Cournoyer on your high school graduation! We love you so much! You make us very proud. The sky is the limit!

Wagner Community School Class of 2017


From: Your Family and Friends

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 6th - Andrea Soulek
April 7th - Ray Jandreau
April 8th - Nakita Zephier
April 9th - Donavon Jr.
April 10th - Dale




Happy Birthday to Mia and Estefan Weddell on May 4th



Happy 22nd Birthday Junior 5/8/95 Love Mom and tribe


Happy 21st Birthday on May 31st to Megan Cooke! Love, Dad and Family






Happy Birthday Maria Weddell! We all love you! From: Grandma, Mom, Sisters and Brothers

Happy 4th Birthday to our baby Stephanie O. on May 11th! You are so adorable and we love you very much. From: Mom, Dad, Deborah and the rest of your family.





Happy Birthday to Keya Rouse on May 29th



Happy Birthday Samantha Sully on May 1st! From: Your Friends at YST



Congratulations Evelyn Frederick on your high school graduation! We are so proud of you! From: Your Family and Friends