Special Election for Tribal Chairperson July 28

The Reservation Election Board (REB) has scheduled a special election Tuesday, July 28, 2020, to fill Chairman White’s unexpired term.

Applications to run are available to pick-up from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Tribal Vice-Chairman’s office beginning this Monday, June 15.

Persons wishing to file must submit their notice of intent, and make sure debts to tribal entities are paid, by 4:00 p.m. this Friday, June 19th.

Prior to the deadline notices can be brought to any REB member. REB members will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday.

Tribal Execs call back program managers currently on admin leave

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020
To: All Program Managers
From: SWO Executive Committee
Re: Report to Work

Program Managers who are currently on Admin Leave are expected to report back to work full-time beginning Monday, June 15, 2020. Managed employees who were placed on unemployment status will be recalled as a last date.

Administration Leave will continue to be granted for managers who are considered high-risk with a compromised immune system. You must provide a doctor’s statement to your Supervisory Executive.

Programs are to continue following essential staff work plans that were initially submitted to your Supervisory Executive. Effective March 1, 2020, eligible essential employees listed in the initial program plan can receive Hazard Pay of 25% of hourly rate, not to exceed 87 per hour, and must work on-site.

Finally please continue practicing CDC social distancing guidelines in your respective office to ensure the safety of all staff.

The Executive committee intend to monitor the pandemic and will remove the restriction accordingly for the safety of all employees. If you have further questions regarding your program, please contact your Supervisory Executive, Pelumikayeppitahs do (We Thank You) for any patience and understanding during this time of uncertainty.

Signal: Verlyn Beaudreau, Tribal Chairman; Eddie Johnson, Tribal Vice-Chairman; Myrna Thompson, Tribal Secretary.

June 2020 SWO general council

Agency Village, SD – June 12, 2020 – The first regular general council of the year is scheduled the last Thursday and Friday of June.

Purpose of the June general council is for members to get updates on the financial condition of their Tribe; the December general council of the year is scheduled the last Thursday and Friday of June.

The 153rd Powwow will be a one-day Community Wacipi for local SWO members only.

SWO Powwow committee announcement

Agency Village, SD – June 10, 2020 – The 153rd Powwow will be a community wacipi.

Singers, drummers, and spectators from off our nation will not be allowed to participate. Only local SWO Tribal members will be allowed to participate.

Covid-19 precautions will be taken.

Honorariums for dancers/stingers: $100.

Wacipi will be Sunday, July 4th, 1-5 p.m.

No specials, no drum hopping.

Tribal Powwow Committee: One-day Community Wacipi for local SWO members only

Anpetu Iyamni, June 17, 2020

June - Wazustecasa Wi - “Moon of Wild Strawberries” – Anpetu Iyamni, June 17, 2020

Executive memo: Holiday leave for tribal employees

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020
To: All Program Managers
From: SWO Executive Committee
Re: Holiday Leave

All Tribal Offices will be closed on Friday July 3, 2020 in observation of Independence Day.


Please have a safe and happy holiday!

Pelumikayeppitahs do (We Thank You).

Signal: Verlyn Beaudreau, Tribal Chairman; Eddie Johnson, Tribal Vice-Chairman; Myra Thompson, Tribal Secretary.

Off-reservation members food care packages

Agency Village, SD – June 10, 2020 – The Tribe’s DARE workers will be distributing a weekly case package of groceries for off-reservation tribal members on Thursdays.

Any off-reservation member can pick up a package at either Dakota Magic or Dakota Sioux parking lots from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

This is a short time span due to the fact that the care package contains items that need refrigeration.

(For distribution was held on Thursday, June 11.)
Unofficial list of SWO candidates

Lorraine Rousseau, Arnold White Jr.
Enomwu Smith-Dean: Cheryl Owen (incumbent), Dallas Oakes, Brian Brrute, Marla Cheyenne
Harpe Department: Bryan Aleka, Brandon LaBarre, Chonay LaVerne, Mar Solo Rice, Cayley gaan Bonew
Lake Traverse Department: Dionne Lake, Michaela Lee, Shannon White
Long Hollow Department: Curtis Bannerman (incumbent), Jared Carl, Geoffrey Lewandow, Davin Quinn Jr.
Old Agency Department: Brandon Adamiuk (Incumbent), L-Milton “Nippy” Owen (incumbent), Gladys Rtvulle, Martha Rtvulle.

(Above: Note: According to the SWO Election Code, the REB is to complete certification of candidates for both Executive and Council positions by the last Friday of August [August elections].)

District Officers

Big Coulee District: Mayor John Conrad, Lynda Rittera, Norma Perko.
Buffalo Lake District: Louis Johnson (incumbent).

Clarification of Reservation's COVID-19 Hotline

IHS COVID-19 Hotline: 605-742-3735

Saukau, SD – May 5, 2020 – The Wounded Knee Memorial Health Center has announced a hotline – 605-742-3735 – for persons who suspect the COVID-19 coronavirus disease or want to schedule a time to come in to be tested, call this number.

Please call before coming to the clinic. The line is manned during WKMHC hours, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

The Tribe's COVID-19 Hotline number – 605-698-8249 – is a resource line to the SWO Emergency Command Center.

It is staffed by Tribal workers, who are not health-nursed personnel.

Call SWO COVID-19 hotline anytime 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for free advice and/or help for quarantined households, or to inquire about SWO COVID-19 Hotline

DQJ awards nearly $400 million for law enforcement hiring to advance community policing

Washington, DC – June 5, 2020 – The Department of Justice announced today that $398 million in grant funding through the Department’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office of COPS Hiring Program (CHP).

United States Attorney Ron Parsons announced $252,745 in grant funding for two law enforcement agencies in South Dakota. These monies will pay for 19 new officers to be hired by communities in need of additional law enforcement.

The Attorney General announced funding awards to 596 law enforcement agencies across the nation, which allows those agencies to hire 2,732 additional full-time law enforcement professionals. The awards announced today will fulfill the Department of Justice’s commitment to the recently announced COPS Hiring Program (CHP).

These grants are in response to nearly 1,100 applications requesting more than 4,000 law enforcement professionals.

The South Dakota awards include:

- South Dakota Police Department Award: Brian Ledelin Police Officer $250,000
- Butte County Sheriff Department Award: $125,000
- City of Sioux Falls Police Department Award: $250,000
- Cheyenne River Sioux Police Department Award: $125,000
- Pine Ridge Police Department Award: $75,000
- Shannon Valley Police Department Award: $125,000
- Stanley County Sheriff’s Office Award: $125,000
- Sturgis Police Department Award: $125,000
- Pequot Lakes Police Department Award $374,998
- Turner County Sheriff’s Department Award: $102,747
- Waterpik Police Department Award: $168,000
- Yankton Police Department Award: $125,000
- Custer Police Department Award: $40,000

The complete list of awards can be found here (COPS.gov). To learn more about COPS, please visit https://cops.usdoj.gov/dfp. For additional information about COPS, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov.

The year 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Department of Justice. Learn more about the history of our agency at www.Justice.gov/Celebrating150Years.

Dakota Crossing driving-thru window opens


"Come check out our new menu items from the convenience of your own vehicle if you have any questions, feel free to connect."
Please pray for your Tribal leaders as they navigated tremendous political and public health waters. Many tribes are setting up grant programs and tribal members are submitting applications that speak to needs not previously acknowledged by the COVID-19 pandemic. NCAI recommends an application and a commitment to review the applications to confirm the need for support. The CARES Act provides that funds from the payment may only be used to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. Funds cannot be used to cut checks and send it to tribal members in the form of per cap, vouchers or stimulus checks.

Please pray that the tribal leaders who used the money and is so to the COVID-19, the tribe should not issue the support.

-Per Kevin Allis, Chief Executive Officer, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). (don’t know if we have to consult with consultants to have an idea how the CARES Act funding can be used so that it does add exist debts.)

Please note: Several times to the editor have been allowed to intervene in the litigation, and the tribe has been informed that the CARES Act funds are justified/supported. NCAI has issued guidance on using CARES funds for per capita payments to tribal members. Indian nations -- of submitting applications to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which is charged with the responsibility of distributing the CARES funds. The Treasury blamed it on Indian nations -- of submitting applications to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which is charged with the responsibility of distributing the CARES funds.

The Trump administration never met either but this time subsequently promised payments to tribes -- almost 70 percent of the tribes -- were paid this time.

Mnuchin said. “I apologize. It’s fixed by the June 6 deadline. That accounts for about 4.5 percent of the tribe’s population. It’s not a huge number but it’s still more to resolve for Indian tribes.”

18 tribal plaintiffs in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Based on representations made in court on Thursday, an additional $571 million will be withheld from the Alaska Native corporations and most urban tribes who are not "tribal governments," as that term is defined in the CARES Act.

As a result, about $1.635 million will be withheld from the first distribution of the coronavirus relief fund. That amount was withheld from the first distribution of the coronavirus relief fund.

The Trump administration will be distributing any of the funds to tribes who are not "tribal governments," as that term is defined in the CARES Act.

Word to consider: (or, perhaps not)

An education isn’t how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It is being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don’t.

Anatole France (1844 - 1924)

There are several things that can be said about the situation today. When you have an efficient government you have a dictatorship, - Harry S Truman (1944 - 1972), Lecture at Columbia University, 28 Apr. 1959.

The salmon are born, swim to the ocean, live their lives, return back to the spawning grounds, then die. All aspects of the Life Cycle should be honored. - Ben Robbins (1956 - 1972).

When you have an efficient government you have a dictatorship, - Harry S Truman (1944 - 1972), Lecture at Columbia University, 28 Apr. 1959.

In science, ‘fact’ can only mean ‘confirmed to a high degree of probability through the available evidence’. - Albert Einstein (1879- 1955).

The five-year-olds may only be "correct" information about their Indian heritage. - Lynn Mehta is hearing closing arguments in the lawsuit brought by Native American tribes against the Trump administration over the distribution of the $8 billion fund because of the manner in which the funds were allocated.

For example, the cycle of life for the human being is considered to be the most important thing. It is the most important thing. It is the most important thing.

If you have information and/or photos that are worth sharing with the Oyate, or “opinion” letters, please consider sharing with your Sota staff.

For submission deadlines and other information, see below.

Except for holidays, copy should be considered for publication—news, advertising, editorial letters, etc.—is to be submitted to Sota, P.O. Box 5, Wilmot, SD 57729 by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. FAX and e-mail submissions will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Friday (with the exception of letters to the editor/editorial letters to the Oyate, or “opinion” letters, which must be received by Monday at 12:00 noon).
Services held for Brian S. Renville

Funeral service for Harold O. Johnson

Services held for Norbert E. Picotte

Statement from Ocevit Sakowin prisoners

KXSW livestreaming Tribal Council meetings to YouTube channel

CDF
The police and states attorney should not be allowed to determine which rights apply to us no matter what race we are, or what kind of social standing we have. We have the right to be free of oppressive and biased treatment from the ones that are trusted to protect our rights and inform us of those rights not to take advantage or use certain situations and conditions as an opportunity to violate those for their own gain.

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We recently promoted a social media challenge to the youth and young adults, #SWORiDthVid. Our goal was to raise awareness for young people to take COVID-19 seriously and help prevent the spread of the virus by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. This is not only important for the health of young individuals but also for the health and safety of elders.

We are proud of those individuals who are taking a stand to protect their community by wearing masks and practicing social distancing and we say thank you to them. If you haven't had a chance to view some of the videos, please visit our Facebook page SWO Community Health Education or search using the hashtag #SWORiDthVid. See photo highlights.

South Dakota drops drug tests to prevent COVID-19

Sioux Falls, SD – June 6, 2020 – Increased SNAP benefits will continue for some South Dakota families to help address food costs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) announced today several SNAP benefits were increased in April and May for recipient households that were not receiving the maximum allotment, as allowed by the federal Families First Corona Virus Act. SNAP recipients who already receive the maximum benefit will see no change.

"The COVID-19 pandemic continues to put a strain on many individuals and families," said DSS Cabinet Secretary Laurie Gill. "By increasing SNAP benefits, it will give a much-needed boost to those who may be struggling with food costs.”

Increased SNAP benefits to continue

SNAP benefit amounts are based on household size and circumstances. The SNAP benefit amounts are established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service. For more information about SNAP benefit amounts, please go to www.fns.usda.gov/snap/recipients/eligibility.

Increased benefits will be automatically loaded onto SNAP recipients’ EBT cards and there is no need to re-apply or call. Recipients who are eligible for these allotments will receive a notice indicating the amount of this additional benefit.

Eligible recipients will receive the additional benefits on June 22 and July 24. This is in addition to the increased SNAP benefits, which will continue to be issued on the tenth of each month. Families impacted by the current situation who are in need can go to the Department of Social Services website at dss.sd.gov to find an online application for the SNAP programs, as well as a variety of other programs and resources that may be able to assist your family.

Increased SNAP benefits are a part of a larger strategy to aid South Dakotans in rural areas to receive quality care from the comfort of their homes. Not only does this save time and resources, it provides an important mental health service during a difficult period for our farmers and ranchers, who for years have suffered economically due to low commodity prices, trade disputes and price disparities. "Now—especially as our nation continues dealing with a pandemic—we need to help rural America overcome the unique obstacles that small towns and rural communities face in providing mental health," said bang. "Our bipartisan bill will help health providers in rural areas expand tele-mental health care services for farmers, ranchers and foresters, and many others in local communities who are experiencing stress and burnout caused by the pandemic, difficult weather, low-commodity prices and more. It’s important that they get the services they need during this uncertain time.”

This legislation would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth of the Health Resources and Service Administration, in coordination with the Rural Health Liaison of the Department of Agriculture, to award grants to entities to establish demonstration projects for the provision of tele-mental health services for rural populations, specifically those working in the farming, fishing and forestry occupations. It would authorize up to $10 million for each fiscal year through 2025, using current funds.

The Home-Based TeleMental Health Care Act of 2020 is supported by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

“The recent pandemic, challenging weather, drought, post-trade disputes, labor shortages and market volatility over the past few years have brought an unprecedented level of pressure on America’s farmers. A 2019 Farm Bureau survey shows that an overwhelming majority of farmers and farmworkers say financial issues, farm or business problems and fear of losing their farm negatively impact their mental health. Farm Bureau supports the Home-Based TeleMental Health Care Act and thanks Senators Mike Rounds and Tina Smith for their leadership in addressing the topic of mental health in rural communities,” said RJ Karney, Director Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau Federation.

Legislation expanding Mental Health services in Rural America

Washington, DC – June 9, 2020 – U.S. Sens. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Tina Smith (D-Minn.) today led a bipartisan group of senators to introduce legislation to expand telemental health services in rural areas. The Home-Based TeleMental Health Care Act of 2020 would establish a grant program for health providers to expand telemental health services for those specifically in rural populations working in farming, forestry and fishing industries. Additional cosponsors include U.S. Sens. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Susan Collins (R-Maine) Earth Jankowski (D-Minn.), Cynthia Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.).

"Those living in rural areas may live far away from a mental health facility, making in-person visits difficult for those seeking care," said Rounds. "Utilizing telemental health capabilities will allow South Dakotans in rural areas to receive quality care from the comfort of their homes. Not only does this..."
Five tips to keep mosquitoes away

June 9, 2020

Dr. Stoops says, “It’s also important to remember that mosquitoes are more attracted to dark clothing,” Dr. Stoops says. “Mosquitoes are more likely to find you if you’re wearing dark clothing.”

Several major department stores, including West Nile virus and Zika. Dr. Stoops says. “There is a lot of uncertainty about the future, and it’s possible that the coronavirus may not be a concern for much longer.”

One of the most common questions asked by people who have been bitten by mosquitoes is whether wearing light-colored clothing can help prevent bites. Dr. Stoops explains, “It’s true that wearing light-colored clothing can be helpful in reducing the number of bites you receive, but it is not foolproof.”

The best way to protect yourself from mosquito bites is to use insect repellent with at least 20% DEET or another effective repellent. Dr. Stoops cautions, “Insect repellent is not a substitute for other protective measures, such as staying indoors during peak mosquito activity.”

If you are bitten by a mosquito, Dr. Stoops advises, “You should wash the bite area with soap and water. If you develop a rash, swelling, or fever, you should see a doctor immediately.”

To learn more about mosquito-related health issues and how to protect yourself, visit the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s website or call their toll-free hotline at 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636).
TZTS 2020 High School graduation Saturday

Agency Village, SD – June 9, 2020 – Tiospa Zina Tribal School has set Saturday, June 20, for its 2020 high school graduation.

The ceremony will be held on the football field at 12:00 noon.

Class Flower: White Rose dipped in blue.

Class Colors: Blue, Silver and White.

Class Song: “I’ll Always Remember You” by Miley Cyrus.

Class Motto: “Be willing to sacrifice everything, but compromise nothing in your quest to be the best.” – Kobe Bryant.

School officials are asking the graduates, families and friends, to maintain physical distancing and practice other COVID guidelines during the ceremony.

Cyrus: “Class Motto: “Be willing to sacrifice everything, but compromise nothing in your quest to be the best.” – Kobe Bryant.

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As this school year comes to a close. This last quarter left many of us uncertain and fearful of the strength of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. This virus changed the world we once knew as “Normal.” Normal was no longer anymore. The new “Normal” was taking shelter in the safety of our own homes to prevent the spread of this virus.

These times have shown us the who we are as Dakota people. The resilience we have to overcome these trying times. During these times Toka Nuwan Wayewapi educators continued educating our students through various web-based telecommunication sites. Ie – Zoom, Google Classroom, Google Meet, and Clasa Dojo.

TZ golfers earn titles in SDGA Junior Tour

Hartford, SD – June 9, 2020 – The South Dakota Golf Association held its Junior Tour on Monday.

Caleb Barse won his age division (16-18) with an 83.

His brother Frank (14-15) shot 95. His goal was to break 100; he got 17th in his age division.

ESDS holds Data Days for teachers

Enemy Swim Day School brought all their teachers back on campus June 1-3, 2020 for Data Days with many extra precautions!

Principals Jeannine Mengert and Mark Mindt facilitated the three days.

Dr. Eastman stated to all that it was the first time since school had to close that it felt like school again.

Data Days was followed by a Dakotah Boot Camp day via multiple zoom sessions taught by our awesome language teachers Jenica Tige, Ric Berends, and Travis Hertick.

Travis will be teaching an immersion kindergarten class in the fall.

K-3rd

The Kindergarten thru 3rd grade classroom teachers used Zoom and Classroom Dojo to communicate with their students. To check continued progress with the students. PE material was presented on the Class Dojo class stories. Also, taking attendance through the Zoom times and checking on the students who logged in.

Enemy Swim Stay School

Wičaṭačum WašagiĆiyapi Oyana Gymnasium: The Place to Make your Body Strong

The 5th-6th graders were assigned the ONEIGHTY Athletic Program. The program is a 6 week Bodyweight Training Program. During our PE time the kids did many of the exercises in this program. No equipment was needed. The program included YouTube tutorial videos that were used to understand the exercises. The video program is uploaded to each student on Google Classroom. Weekly videos and exercises were also posted in their Google Classroom. The Middle School teachers used Zoom to connect with their students weekly for any questions. Attendance was taken during video time for grading purposes.
E-learning Musings by Janet Harker

In the matter of approximately three days we all were thrown into a totally different way of looking at education—one that no one was prepared for!

My first project was to learn how to set up a whole “new” classroom for my children called google classroom. It took this “old dog” some time to learn anew tricks! I learned how to invite students, how to connect with my students, and how to link sites to my google classroom.

My next venture was getting paper worksheets ready for each child. Looking back on it now, I wish I would have sent their workbooks home. I would have compiled them into daily assignments. But at the time, we did not know this time away from our physical school would be extended. The first paper packets was fairly easy because we as teachers were at school and could get things ready. The next packets were not so easy. I had to find work online that met with the standards. I was teaching each individual student. I put these into a file on my computer labeled like “Sueie – Math – May 4th – May 18th.” When I got all the assignments done for each child, I would then send those files to Ms. Jeanine. Jeanine would copy them and put them into envelopes to be delivered to the students. If I remember correctly, we did a total of four sets of paper packets. When students returned their paperwork, I would correct them. This helped me to see what we still needed to work on, or what the student had mastered and could move on to another standard. The paper packets took a good deal of time and thought—especially for the older students.

Even though I left messages on my google classroom, I had students who were not responding to me. So, I had to find another way to connect with them. I found out that most of my students had access to a phone. This was great because I could call them and talk to them in person! I would start the conversation by asking how they were, what they had been doing, and then broach the subject of homework. I would ask if they had been doing some of their work or if they were having trouble with some of it. If they were having some difficulties, we would talk through what was giving them problems. I would talk to each of my students (that had phones) a couple of times a week.

Once all the students received a device and internet services, I was able to make contact the rest of my students. I contacted them by email. Even though I didn’t get a response from some of them, I kept trying!

I had to learn to “up my game” on google classroom! I learned how to insert links to other sites that I wanted my students to go to. This allowed me to add in some read-aloud books, some YouTube videos, and educational games. I spent a considerable amount of time searching and researching various websites to find appropriate, beneficial activities for my students. When I found something useful, I would assign it to the students who could use this to help with their learning.

My next big step was learning how to use Zoom. This was another new trick for me! The first time I was asked to join a Zoom meeting, I faltered, but eventually figured it out. I joined a few Zooms teachers had with their classmates, but I found that this was not beneficial to my students. I could not really connect with my students due to confidentiality. I found it to be much more successful to FaceTime my students who did not have zoom set up. I would call them and ask them to sit down and work on their assignments.

My student involvement has really gone downhill. I continue to try to connect with my students and/or their families, but frequently get no response from them. I will persist in making contact. In the meantime, I use the time to view webinars that help support me as a teacher or a new method of teaching certain students. I have also spent time on websites that have taught me about the Dakota culture, older stories, language, and songs. I continue working on attendance, grades, checking papers as they come in, and making plans for “when we meet again”

Middle School Science

Mrs. Peña

I have to start by saying how much I miss all of your smiling faces and the in-depth conversations we have in the classroom face-to-face. Distance learning is not the same as our interactions in person. I miss and love the hands-on investigations we conducted in the class. I hope that all of you are finding a way to apply what we have learned in the digital science class to the real-world. I look forward to our endeavor in the upcoming year and I have some things already in-store for my future scientists! That includes a big WELCOME BACK hug from me! Remember to keep exploring and questioning throughout the rest of the school year and summer.

Learning Lab—Mrs. Mindt

A LITTLE PROGRESS EACH DAY ADDS TO BIG RESULTS.

During our time away from our students, I have had to get creative and also learn how to do distance teaching, while still keeping lessons engaging. I have made some great connections with families of my students, which has made this challenging time easier. I have also found ways to stay in touch with my students, either my phone, text, email or google classroom. I think it makes us still feel connected and that we’re not far away from each other. I applaud my students for turning in their packet work. They have done very well and have worked hard to get their assignments done.

One of the more challenging things I did was give my students new material that we were about to move forward with, but we were not able to when school closed. I did make packets and posted things on google classroom to still challenge them with the concepts of multiplication for math, and for more advanced levels of reading comprehension for my students. When I saw some of the work that was turned in, they did amazing! It made me feel good and my students feel good knowing they can accomplish so much. I called, texted or emailed them personally to let them know how well they did. I am so proud of all my students and their success in distance learning. I miss them and can’t wait to see them in the next school year.

6th Grade Science: What is the Sun? The students got to investigate and explain how scale and proportion affect how the sun and stars appear from Earth. They analyzed data to find those long-term patterns caused by the interaction of the Earth, Sun, moon, and stars.

7th Grade Science: The History of Life on Earth. Well 7th grade did a little digging into the world of fossilization, they analyzed how the relative and absolute age of rock layers are used to determine the ages of fossils in the context of geologic timescale. Students analyzed patterns in the fossil record that indicate extinction events.

6th Grade Science: May the Force Be With You! 6th grade was introduced to forces and motion with Newton’s Laws of Motion. They identified the force as a push or pull on an object and determined the effect on the motion of the object.

8th Grade Science: Let’s Rock and Roll! The Dynamic Earth. 8th grade constructed an explanation for how the rock formations and other matter on the surface of the Earth have changed over time through physical and chemical processes. They explored how the cycling of matter forms rocks and minerals, as well as how geologic forces driven by the flow of energy change these materials.
By Governor Kristi Noem

Pierre, SD – June 12, 2020 – COVID-19 has given us many unique challenges. As I’ve repeatedly said, this situation is historic in the worst way. But with every challenge comes the opportunity to learn, to adapt, and to improve. Today, I’d like to outline some of the lessons we’ve learned.

Perhaps the most significant takeaway so far is that more freedom, not more government, is the answer. Freedom alone works to solve all our problems, but it presents a bumpy path towards where we want to go.

Freedom is a better friend than government-controlled science. Freedom focuses our publics on persuasion and the intellectual strength of our positions, not on control, coercion or the heavy hand of government. And if someone is interested in the common good in all its iterations or the heavy hand of government.

Another lesson we learned pertains to modeling. While modeling certainly has a pertains to modeling. While "modeling has led some politicians to institute disastrous lockdowns, but South Dakota took a different path. An example: urban life isn't necessarily all that it's cracked up to be. In South Dakota, the rural future.

If anyone is interested in the common good in all its iterations or the heavy hand of government.

Another lesson: urban life isn't necessarily all that it's cracked up to be. In South Dakota, the rural Valley may look very different in the future. But the lessons from this virus don't stop at city limits. Our trips to the state might look different. Our sporting events might change. I was in a meeting just recently about our State Fair – it's going to change. And as we've seen throughout this pandemic, population density comes with a steep cost.

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Washington, D.C. – June 12, 2021

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REQUEST FOR BIDS/ PROPOSALS (RF/B/RFP)
Project: SWO Head Start & Early Head Start Security System
RF/B/RFP: 06-10-2020
Bids Open: June 15, 2020 8am
Bids Close: June 26, 2020 4pm
Start Date of Security Project will begin: July 6, 2020

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Head Start on this 10th day of June, 2020 herein provides notification that bids will be received for the SWO Head Start and Early Head Start Project located in Agency Village, South Dakota. Work performed will include equipment, transportation, permits, materials and labor to complete the following per specifications and any manufacturer’s warranty specifications and will include a contractor’s warranty for work for one-year commencing from completion and acceptance of the project.

*Vendor is Responsible for providing and installing all necessary equipment and wiring

*Vendor is responsible for all labor, necessary tools and equipment, initial configuration of the system, and training of key staff member on the use of the system.

*System will be done and completed during normal hours of operation (8am-4pm) unless other arrangements are made

*Vendor should be capable of providing service and support for the installed system in a timely manner

*Bidder shall be responsible for conducting site review, inspection of project area and recording and taking all measurements associated with furnishing materials and completing the tasks listed above.

Point of contact
Landirn LaFromboise - Transportation & Management Manager
Address: 45698 Veterans Memorial Dr. Agency Village, SD 57262
Office Phone: 605-698-3103 ext 125
Email: landirn@lano-news.com
Sealed bids must have bid schedule sheet completed with:
*full with quantities,
*unit cost per bid item,
*total cost per bid item and
*total cost per project

Failure to complete the bid schedule completely will result in an incomplete bid and will not be considered. Bid sheet can be picked up in the procurement office.

All sealed bids must include, along with bid schedule sheet:
- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal business license
- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate TERO, TERO #25-2tc
- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Ordinances: TERO Chapter 59 Requirements, Wage Rate & Compliance plan; business License Ordinance Chapter 53 and Tax Ordinance Chapter 67; and Chapter 75 Sex Offender Registration.

SWO Head Start Project located in Agency Village, South Dakota.

It has been established that the SWO Head Start is in session.

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

The SWO Council and Executives have authorized CARES Act fund spending for construction projects. Please ensure your business is currently licensed and that your business is Indian Preference certified by the TERO Commission.

SWO Indian Preference Business Notice. Please be informed that the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate has been awarded money through the CARES Act.

SOTA LA Y A YAPI - www.carolynweb.com/sota.htm - Amstih kwayi - June 17, 2020

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE TRIBE CIVIL COURT
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA vs.
VARIOUS DEFENDANTS AS SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY vs.
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF HEARING
It has been established that the SWO/CESC and the Court due to COVID-19 Peaceful means to re-schedule the hearing.

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Calling the Oyate

We, the off-reservation members of the Sixtamak Wahpetan Oyate have come together to address issues that affect us all.

The time has come for our people to come together and stand instead of being divided by “One Reservation or Off Reservation.”

The only way to implement real change within our tribes is for us to stand together and demand to be heard as one voice.

Oftentimes the leaders of SOWO forget the members who vote them into office. They forget that WE THE MEMBERS are the REAL VOICE of the tribe, NOT our abuser so, the SOWO Executive and SWO Council Representatives, YOU, take it for US and do it in the SOWO Executive and Council Representative for ALL, accountable and responsible for their actions.

For years you all have ignored the voice of the people, for years you have not been taking up the responsibility to ALL MEMBERS of SOWO, and for years we have seen not only the people of SOWO lose their rights but also the tribal government. It’s time to correct this main stand and work.

The number of isolated and crime is now over. Beginning today and moving forward, we will not longer accept inaction. Responsible government will be heard.

It has been shown that the parties in interest circulation equal voting rights for ALL SOWO Tribal members, on and off reservations.

Signed,
SWO Off Reservation Organization
James Eagle
Pigheha Yake Man Winnipesaukee
Lame Deer
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Shinelle White
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~ALSO CALL FOR~

Wac’ang’a Inc.

If interested please fill out an application and submit to:

Wac’ang’a Inc.

2606 102nd Street SE
Hankinson, ND 58041

REQUIREMENTS: 1-3 months experience in case management is preferred. Good communication and organization skills are required. Must be comfortable with computer/office functions, and have a positive attitude.

Wac’ang’a provides excellent benefits package!

This position will close on June 26th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Starting Wage: D.O.E.

High School Diploma or GED required. Must have the ability to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

Two forms of ID are REQUIRED upon hire.

For more information, please contact James Neconish at 701-376-2102 or email neconish@brownsvalley.k12.mn.us

Wac’ang’a Inc.

Browns Valley School

Monday, June 29

Closing Date: June 26th, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
Wo’okiye was’te qa wico zani o’wacin yuhapo

Qualifications: High School
Position: Security Manager

Two forms of ID are REQUIRED

Hiring for the following position:

Closing Date: June 19th, 2020 @ 04:30PM
Dispatcher, Law Enforcement

Closing Date: June 26th, 2020 @ 04:30PM
Patrol Officer, Law Enforcement

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

Closing Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 @ 4:00 PM
Director of Human Resources

Closing Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2020 @ 4:00 pm
Indian Preference will apply:

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.

Indian Preference will apply

Apply with the Human Resources Department, call or write for job description.

Submittation application and resume to: Human Resources Department Dakota Connection Casino 46102 SD Hwy 10 Sisseton, SD 57262 (605) 698-4273

Dakota Connection Casino

Job Openings:

Security Department: Officer (4) full-time, rotating shifts, day, swing, graveyard, weekends & holidays. Mobility throughout the facility 45%. Must be dependable & available to work any & all shifts. Must be at least 18 years old.

Closing Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020

Security Department: Director of Human Resources, Department, call or write for job description.

Applications are being accepted for the following position(s):

Dakota Connection Casino

Closing Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 @ 4:00 pm

Dakota Connection Casino

Job Openings:

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“Wo’okiye was’te qa wico zani o’wacin yuhapo”
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Child Support Enforcement Agency, by

VARIOUS DEFENDANTS AS SHOWN BELOW

ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF HEARING

It has been established that the SWOCSE and the Court due to COVID-19 Precautions does not need to re-schedule the following cases as follows:

Ethan Dumarey V Tricia Ames Scheduled for June 24th, 2020@ 9:00 a.m.

Shane Risuras V Lamonee Baske Scheduled for June 24th, 2020@ 9:00 a.m.

Shane Simon V Don Bernard Scheduled for June 24th, 2020@ 9:00 a.m.

Shelby Nolan V Toron Bernard Scheduled for June 24th, 2020@ 9:00 a.m.

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**Standing Rock Tribe wins in court after years of perseverance**

By Alison Clay

Fauchard – March 30, 2020

*For Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, there has never been an age of protest. For forty years we have been fighting to protect our ancestral homeland.*

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST) won a major legal victory in the U.S. District Court of North Dakota on March 25. The ruling of Judge James A. Fishner, as reported by the Standing Rock News, hails as a significant legal win for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) project.

**Defeat for the Oil Industry**

The ruling, which was issued on March 25, 2020, found in favor of the Standing Rock Tribe and ordered the Army Corps of Engineers to complete a full environmental review of the Dakota Access Pipeline project. The court also ruled that the pipeline should be shut down in the meantime.

**Significance of the Ruling**

This ruling is significant because it marks a important milestone in the ongoing fight to protect the Standing Rock reservation. The Standing Rock Tribe has been fighting against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline since 2014, and this victory represents a major step forward in their efforts to protect their sacred lands and the environment.

**Public Reaction**

The Standing Rock Tribe and its supporters celebrated the ruling, expressing their joy at finally seeing justice being served. They have been fighting for years to protect their lands from the harmful effects of the pipeline, and this victory is a testament to their resilience and determination.

**Future Actions**

The Standing Rock Tribe will now move forward with the legal process to ensure that the pipeline is permanently shut down. They will continue to work with their allies and partners to ensure that the pipeline is not allowed to proceed and that it is dismantled for good.

**Conclusion**

The Standing Rock Tribe’s victory is a significant moment in the ongoing fight to protect the Dakota Access Pipeline. This ruling is a testament to the power of collective action and the determination of the Standing Rock Tribe to protect their ancestral lands from harm. The Tribe will continue to work towards a future where their lands are protected and the Dakota Access Pipeline is permanently shut down.
Tiospa Zina Tribal School
Class of 2020
Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, June 20th, 2020
12:00 pm
Tiospa Zina Football Field

Class Flower: White Rose dipped in blue
Class Colors: Blue, Silver & White
Class Song: “I’ll always Remember You” by Miley Cyrus
Class Motto: “Be willing to sacrifice everything, but compromise nothing in your quest to be the best.” — Kobe Bryant

PARENT MEETING
VIA FACEBOOK LIVE (WILSON TOM)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH 10AM
GUEST SPEAKERS: JAYME VALNES AND RIC BERTSCH
*SPECIAL EDUCATION* AND *OUR DAKOTA CULTURE*
***Must watch video and comment diapers size in order to receive the incentive.

FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME
- Decorate boxes - Go BIG! Use paint, stickers, paper, crayons, markers etc.
- Pillow lava - Put every pillow and cushion on the floor for a fun “pillow lava” game!
- Toy Parade - Put tape on the floor and let the kids set out toys to have their very own parade!
- Lego bath - Let them take a bath with their legos and let the building begin!
- Make a fort - Yes this is obvious and the kids probably do it already, but this time have lunch with them in their fort, read to them or bring in the toys!
- Send letters - Dig out the paper and that old pencil. Help them write letters and draw pictures for your loved ones!
- Clean the toys - Let them outside, fill up a tote, bin, pool or whatever you have. Add tear-free soap and let them get to cleaning!

Research Project
• Help us discover if students trust Facebook as a source of mentorship
• Ages 10-17, must be an enrolled tribal member
• Giving our youth another outlet for a positive mentor

Contact Cheyenne Ironheart
e-mail: sota@sota.org
Students must have a Facebook page and parental consent to participate.

Greetings!
Hello from the Early Childhood Intervention Program staff! We hope everyone is well, staying safe and healthy. We are doing our best to stay connected with our families. We encourage you to take the time to spend with your children creating positive memories. Attached is a list of fun activities to do with the little ones. :) 

We will be having a Facebook Live Parent Meeting for this month! In order to receive diapers you must watch the video and comment the size diapers you need. We will distribute that afternoon from 1pm to 4pm. See back for more details.

If you need to contact us our office number is 698-4400 and our work phone is 268-1199 (feel free to text).

Take care,
Early Childhood Intervention Program

Dakota Words
Omante - Sunshine
Mahpa - Cloud
Siieta - Play
Tapi - Ball
Inyanka - Run
Hanna - Hide
Oolih - Play

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