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Winter weather descends on region

Agony Village, SD – Oct. 23, 2020 – Two early winter storms blew through the Lake Traverse Reservation and entire region this week, bringing significant snowfall and dangerous road conditions.

Tribal headquarters, which had been open for work earlier than being closed to all but essential employees due to COVID, was closed at noon Tuesday. Schools also sent students home early.

Classrooms and offices remained closed for the remainder of the week.

The SWO Executive Council issued a statement Wednesday clarifying the Tribe’s winter weather closing policy for employees.

In accordance with SWO Personnel Policy, Chapter V, Section F, "The Tribal Council shall be closed due to winter weather in conjunction with the closure of either the Swan Lake Public School or the Tiospa Zina Tribal School, if it is announced in the news, either on the radio or television, that the Swan Lake Public School / Tiospa Zina Tribal School will be starting one hour late due to winter weather, then the Tribal Office will be open one hour late. If the school is closed because of a major winter storm for an entire day, then shall the Oyate’s Palomino/ripa (WeThank You) and please prepare your households for the upcoming winter months and stay safe.

Signed by Chairman Hopkins and Vice-Chair Eddie Johnson.

The National Weather Service in Aberdeen, SD, gives the following report for the week:

The first system began late Monday night, October 19, through the day Tuesday, October 20. This system brought heavy snow, rain and mixed precipitation to parts of the region. The blizzard snow fell over northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota where several locations reported over 6 inches.

The second system developed late Wednesday night, October 21, through Thursday, October 22. This system brought heavy snow to parts of south central and northeast South Dakota, with a few locations reporting 12 or more inches.

Another system is forecast for the weekend. It is unusual to see this much snow so early in the season. Some locations may break October snowfall records.

National Weather Service – NESD
Forecast
Oct. 26-30, 2020
Monday: Sunny, with highs mostly in the upper 20s. West-northwest wind between 11 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with lows near 8. Southwest wind between 10 and 16 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with highs near 40. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with lows mostly in the lower 20s.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with highs mainly in the middle 30s.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with lows mainly in the lower 20s.

Friday: Highs mostly in the upper 30s.

Evidence of winter weather

Rural Peever, SD – Oct. 20, 2020 – A cattle truck nearly completely blocks Big Coulee Road, one of several vehicles blocking traffic there. Photo courtesy of Gerald Ams.

Renovation of former BIA building

Agency Village, SD – Oct. 19 – Work crews have begun renovating the former BIA building, originally built in the 1970’s with federal revenue-sharing funds. In its “twist” structure housed Tribal headquarters until the current administration building was constructed; today, it serves as the Tribe’s homeless shelter.

Tribal Council is reported to have set aside CARES Act funds for the project, to house the Tribe’s IT and Finance departments.

These pictures show work has begun to renovate the former BIA building at Agency Village. Note the absence of snow cover, which hit the Reservation and entire region the following day. Sota photos.

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Clean-up of duplexes announced at Rehab Village

Agency Village, SD – Oct. 23, 2020 – The Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority in cooperation with the Tribal Roads Department and the Tribal Chairman’s Office will be conducting a cleanup and removal of the duplexes located by Dakota Pride in Agency Village, SD (Rehab Village). The modular homes originally came to the Lake Traverse Reservation in the 1990s as surplus from the US Air Force, after being used as temporary housing for flood victims at Grand Forks, ND. The properties are currently vacant and have been damaged by the weather for several years.

A SWHA press release states that “Removing these properties will not only remove a potentially dangerous area for children who play in them but the land on which they sit will be repurposed for more beneficial use.”

A portion of the property nearest to the road will be turned over to Tiopa Zina Tribal School for future development.

The other, more northern part of the property will be redeveloped for more housing, according to Housing Executive Director Eric Shepherd.

The modular homes will be assisting with the cleanup and removal.

Sisseton Arts Council brings sculpture to west roundabout

Sisseton, SD – Oct. 21, 2020 – Community volunteers offered sculpture artist Greg Mueller a hand installing “Pathways Parabola” in the west roundabout today, completing a two-year project public art project between the Sisseton Arts Council, the City of Sisseton and the Sisseton Dakota Department of Transportation.

“Cloud Horse” by Alan Milligan was placed in the east roundabout in early July. A seven-member panel representing the community reviewed fourteen artist applications for the roundabout project last February and evaluated them on several criteria, including visibility and safety for drivers and pedestrians and artist experience with installation of large sculptures in public places.

The panel’s top two choices were then reviewed by the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the Sisseton City Engineer. The Sisseton City Council approved the selections in March 2020 and became the owner of the sculptures once they are installed. Sisseton’s sculptures are the first public art installations in a state highway roundabout in South Dakota.

“Pathways Parabola,” by Greg Mueller of Laren, MN, draws its design influence from nature’s geometry—the hyperbolic paraboloid—a structure found in true roof, trunk, and branch transitions, as well as in nautical rope structures.

The parabolic’s two panels include star-like constellations laureating the outlines of fish (referencing the Siouan “Tieh Scale Dweller”) and leaves (referencing Wildebeesp—“Dwelled Among the Leaves”). These features also recognize attractions that draw visitors to the area—the colorful fall foliage and glacial lake fishing.

Panel members felt the two distinct panels that are artistically tied together offer a representation of connections between the indigenous and immigrant cultures in our community.

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Notice to subscribers: A handy clip-out form is available statute that might otherwise be infringing.

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We are like dogs fighting over a fish and that is life. I believe that each

Open letter to the Oyate

Sota Yaye Yeapi - www.earthskyweb.com/sota.htm - Anpetu Iyamni, October 28, 2020

On October 21st, Facebook Wednesday, Oct. 21st,

Mitakuye Oiyapi (My relatives):

Like our Hemp Project, the

Other political signs for Democrats are also vandalized at the site.

The SWO Tribe is among the

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New treatment center and planning for the needs of the community. One of my concerns was getting the Dakotah Pride Center an increase in funding from the Department of Health & Human Services. They resulted in a positive outcome.

We did get funding approval and reimbursement from the program.

We developed a

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Sara attended Groveland Elementary, Highland Park High School, and attended the University of Minnesota. She also attended North Dakota State University, Arizona State University, and U.S. Army Artillery School in Alabama. Services held for
Carmie Johnson

On the evening of October 13, 2020 Carmie Johnson (nee Ross) Johnson, To Ma Ko Wi' Tan (Her Land Woman) went to join the loving arms of Jesus, at Monumental Ada Hospital in Rapid City, SD. She was 62 years of age.

Carmie was a teacher in the Rushmore School District afterwards.

Carmie attended school in the Land/DeWater area.

In high school, Carmie was a cheerleader for the football and basketball team.

She was very athletic; she was in team club, loved dancing and some skiing.

She was active in the cheer club.

Carmie and Ross had two sons, Lawson and Christopher, and then adopted her cousin Michael Johnson.

They lived in Plattsburg, NY.

From that marriage she had two more sons, David and Andrew Johnson, and then adopted by

A memorial service was streamed on Zoom from

Sara passed away on October 16, 2020.

She enjoyed cooking and eating great food.

She was active in the debate Club.

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605-345-3336
Sanford Hospital - Webster:
605-698-7647
605-742-3735
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**October: “Agent Orange” awareness month**

By Greg Whitleck, Secretary

SD Department of Veterans Affairs

October is designated as a month to increase awareness of Agent Orange and the long-term effect it has had, and continues to have, on our veterans. In addition to brutal combat conditions, U.S. troops in Vietnam faced invisible hazards from the exposure to Agent Orange. Agent Orange was a tactical herbicide used by the U.S. military to clear forests and vegetation for military operations during the Vietnam War.

After the war, the toll of Agent Orange manifested itself in severe skin, respiratory, and reproductive conditions. In 1991, Congress enacted the Agent Orange Act, giving the United States Department of Veterans Affairs the authority to designate certain conditions “presumptive” to exposure to Agent Orange, making veterans who served in Vietnam eligible to receive treatment and compensation for those conditions.

In 2019, Congress enacted the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, extending the presumption of herbicide exposure to veterans served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam. Over 28,000 veterans served during the Vietnam War era and are now entitled to continue raising awareness about the deadly consequences of its use.

Federal benefits are ever-changing and can be very confusing. We encourage all Vietnam Veterans to visit their county or tribal veterans service provider (CVSO) and discuss issues relating to Agent Orange. To locate the CVSO nearest you visit: https://veterans.gov/services/locationservice.aspx.

Now, more than ever we need to continue to deliver on our promises to take care of our veterans. We will keep our promises rolled up and work collectively to ensure our veterans have a successful journey after they return home.

**DSS helping to keep families, communities safe**

Pierre, SD – Oct. 20, 2020

The South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) has addressed the need for vaccines by educating the public on the potential of the COVID-19 vaccine. DSS has also provided resources, including the Zoom Opipas ID campaign, which is dedicated to strengthening and supporting individuals and families by promoting cost-effective and comprehensive services in connection with our partners that foster independent and healthy families. For more information, please visit dss.sd.gov.

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**The Psychology of Smoking Cessation**

**By Kelly Evans-Hallinger, M.D.**

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Sisseton, SD – Because of COVID-19 concerns, the Sisseton Arts Council has been forced to cancel many of their events and activities. However, one project they are involved with allows people to participate virtually as they build a unique project that will be celebrated next summer.

Sisseton was selected as one of these sites in a nine-state area to participate in the “We The Many” project. The project is funded through Arts Midwest, who hired professional artist Alex Barreto-Hathaway to lead local artists and others in our community on this amazing, creative journey.

“We the Many” is a community arts project with Visuals, Agency Village, and Sisseton.

Next summer we will share stories from the people in our communities. In the next few months, team members will be conducting interviews to gather the stories we will share.

The way we will tell these stories is also unique and represents the talent in the area. Local artists are offering free workshops to anyone interested in learning and doing art with us. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to work with local artists and use what they learned in class to tell a story together at the We The Many story-sharing event.

Workshops will be offered in Visual Arts, Music, Photography & Video, Writing & Poetry, and Theatre.

VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOPS BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

The first series of FREE workshops will be offered by the Visual Arts Team and begin Oct. 28. The workshops will be geared towards all levels and all ages-no experience necessary! The course will focus on finding your own expression and visual-storytelling through basic techniques while drawing inspiration from our landscape’s stories and gifts.

All four workshops will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday nights, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Materials needed for the class are available and will be explained after registering for the class.

Class topics and leaders include:
Oct. 28 - Postcard Landscapes With Colored Pencils, led by Alexis Monroe
Nov. 4 - Landscapes Multimedia Collage, led by Alexis Monroe
Nov. 11 - Draw Like An Inkpa, led by Inkpa Mani
Nov. 18 - Natural-found Pigments & Colors, led by Inkpa Mani

To register the class you can email wethemany2021@gmail.com and you will get an automated response with the link to register. Class is limited to 18 participants.

Visit the Sisseton-Ahatsin Museum for more information.

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Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation is a program that provides individualized vocational rehabilitation and supportive services to assist eligible individuals with disabilities to get and keep jobs compatible with their skills and abilities.

To be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services from the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (TVR) you must:

▷ Be an individual with a disability, i.e. an individual who has a physical or mental impairment which constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment

▷ Be Tribally enrolled from SWO or another Tribe;

▷ Be able to benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in achieving an employment outcome; and

▷ Require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain gainful employment.

Call Today for an appointment.

Located in the Administration Building, Yellow Quadrant, Room 204 (between Elderly Affairs and IT)

Contact Denise Red Horse 605-698-8437, cell 605-419-1303
Email: deniser@swo-nsn.gov
or
Alexis Wilson 605-698-8216
Email: alexisw@swo-nsn.gov
Office Fax: 605-742-0410

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Notice to the JOM Parents: The following guidelines are the updated guidelines:

- Senior Graduation: $600 (must provide signed copy of Diploma)
- Senior/Junior class trip: $200
- 6-12 Semester grade incentive (paid in January & June): A=$12 B=$10 C=$8 D=$5 F=negative 5-12
- Semester honor roll A=$25 and B=$15
- Semester K-9 grade incentive (paid in January & June, passing grade gift certificate):
- Student athletic costs: 1/3 cost up to $100 (parental reimbursement, with attached receipt and assistance application)
- Drivers Education: 1/3 cost
- Laptop fee: 1/2 cost
- ACT/SAT testing fees: (copy of payment receipt)
- Science Fair/History Day project Boards
- School supplies
- Tutoring
- BYKI: Dakotah Language online program
- Cultural presenters
- Dual Credit: 1/3 cost fees, @ 2 times per year
- Other costs, specific to school

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Culture and Drugs Don’t Mix

Use your creativity to show us that culture and drugs don’t mix. Entries may be in any art form: poetry, art, photography, videos, and/or music. Let your creativity flow!

The first 50 entrants will receive a gift card to Dakota Crossing.

A choice of gift cards for top 3 entries in each of the following groups:

Family
Ages 18-24
Ages 14-17
Ages 10-13

Submit entries via email by Nov. 4, 2020 to Alana LittleBird AlanaL@swo-nsn.gov or bring to Youth and Family TREE office at SWO Behavioral Health Office

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All sealed proposals must include and be submitted by November 6, 2020 @ 4:00 pm.  
Requesting Consultant to assist with the Preparation of Draft Disaggregate Standards for Social Studies Educational Standards, using SWO-established disaggregate standards format (template of the organization) in the area of Dakota Culture and Civics.  
Proposal Guidelines:  
1. Resume of academic and/or professional credentials, experience, and expertise.  
2. Cover Letter which includes a “Statement of Intent.”  
3. Detailed work plan according to the “Scope of Work” plan.  
4. Incremental payment schedule that is based on completion of deliverables outlined in the scope of work plan.  
Required Documentation:  
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5. Completed W-9 Form and other IRS documentation if applicable.  
6. License, if proposal is for a license contract and the applicant is a Individual.  
7. Copy of SWO Business License, if proposal is for a license contract and the applicant is a Individual.  

**VOTE TO RE-ELECT**  
**MYRNA THOMPSON**  
**TRIBAL SECRETARY**  
- Knowledgeable, Competent, Honest, Hardworking, Compasionate & Respectful Leadership  
- Continue to uphold the Treaty, Tribal Constitution & Political Process  
- Promote & protect your rights to be free from discrimination in any form  
- Continue to promote our inherent sovereign authority to govern ourselves  
- Support our educational systems to maintain, control, promote & protect our traditional knowledge, culture & language for our future  
- Focus on the special needs of elderly men & women, youth, children, veterans, incarcerated & the disabled  

Your vote counts & your voice matters!  
If you decide you would like to vote for me and don’t have a ride to your district, please call 605-314-7128 for a ride. I would appreciate your support.  

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**SWO GENERAL ELECTION**  
**November 3, 2020**  
**7 a.m.-7 p.m.**  
**At Each District Center**  

**SWO Tribal Chairperson**  
Delbert Hopkins Jr.  
Ellie Robertson  

**SWO Tribal Vice-Chairperson**  
Eddie Johnson (incumbent)  
Lisa Jackson  

**SWO Tribal Secretary**  
Myrna Thompson (incumbent)  
Winfield Ronnel Jr.  

**Big Coulee District**  
Danielle DeCoteau  
Lydia Rivera  

**Buffalo Lake District**  
Louis Johnson (incumbent)  
Lorraine Rousseau  

**Enemy Swim District**  
Cheryl Owen (incumbent)  
Dallas Owen  

**Heepa District**  
Bryan Akipa  
Brandon Gypsy Wana  

**Lake Traverse District**  
Dionne Crawford-Lake  
Shannon White  

**Long Hollow District**  
Curtis Benète (incumbent)  
Janel Cook  

**Old Agency District**  
Floyd Kirk Jr.  
Brandon Adams.  

Request for Absentee Ballot for the General Election is October 23, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Must be received in person to a REB member or at the Official REB mailbox at P.O. Box 509, Agency Village, SD 57262. All Absentee Ballots are required to be returned to the REB by 4:30 p.m. on the General Election Day November 3, 2020.
My name is Shannon White and I’m running for Tribal Council representing Lake Traverse District. I am running because I am a frustrated tribal member. This last administration has been the most divisive I have ever seen. Many of them have been busy upholding the “good old boys” club and I think there are several women candidates running that are progressive and interested in working for all of the people, not just their families or friends. Maybe it’s time for the women to take over!

For years the people have been dissatisfied with Council salaries and benefits, Council member hours and leave, and other issues that are easily addressed by developing policy. If elected, I will draft a new legislative policy that details Council member’s duties and responsibilities, hours and salary. I do not believe in unearned leave or severance packages. In a time where our Tribe will be impacted by the financial effects of COVID on our gaming revenue, Council members should be the first to take budget cuts.

I will take my proposed legislative policy to the District Chairman’s Association so they can take it back to the Districts and the people can have a say in what is expected from our leaders and how they are compensated, just as it should have been all along. It’s time for the people to have a real voice!

Vote for Shannon White on November 3rd!

change of name from AZLYN RAYNE DWARF to AZLYN RAYNE DWARF-HEMINGER shall be heard before the Honorable Gina Ruggieri, Judge of Tribal Court, in the Courtoom of the Sisseton Wahpeton Tribal Court at Agency Village, South Dakota at 11:00 A.M. on the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2020. Dated this 8th day of October, 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:

/signed/Gina Ruggieri, TRIBAL COURT JUDGE

ATTEST: Eileen Pfeiffer, Clerk of Courts

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SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE
IN TRIBAL COURT
LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
I understand what the needs are of our District, but even more so the needs of our Tribe.

We need to change course from how we have been operating, including how we have undertaken economic development.

We need to better protect the health, safety and welfare of our people.

We need to better use our resources, our land.

I will take whatever actions are necessary to make this happen. I will be a leader who is going to work to empower us as a people and govern our own communities in a good way, a way that will be beneficial to all of our membership.

I have always been a person who has tried my best to communicate with the people, to listen and try to understand the needs of our people.

I will work hard to all our efforts to make good decisions that will affect our people for generations to come.

I am asking our Buffalo Lake members to vote for me as your Councilperson on November 3rd.

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**NOTICE TO THE FOLLOWING PLEASE CALL THE SWO COVID-19 E.F.A.**

**605-698-8440 OR 605-698-8441**

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**Watertown Police arrest six after report of illegal drug activity**

**By Troy VanDusen**

**Wataertown, SD – KSLG – Oct. 26, 2020** – The Watertown Police Department responded shortly after 9:00 a.m. Thursday to a report of six individuals in the 10 block of 3rd Avenue NE after they received a report of illegal drug activity. The report was taken by police at residence and executed by members of the Watertown Police Department and the South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation. Police say during the search, user amounts of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were found. As a result of the investigation, police arrested Paul Galbrandon, 59, Joshua Anderson, 26, Austin Mendenhall, 27 and Lucas Fiddler, 32, all of Watertown for various drug offenses including possession of a controlled substance.

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**Sota Iya Ye Yapi - www.earthskyweb.com/sota.htm - Anpetu Iyamni, October 28, 2020**

****Image****

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**EFA Office**

During business hours to have your application completed.

**Note: This list is being updated daily; watch for updates on Facebook and on the Sota website.**

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**Sota Iya Ye Yapi - www.earthskyweb.com/sota.htm - Anpetu Iyamni, October 28, 2020**
enemy Swim Program

Wacinyan Tipi (House of Hope) is located at Agency Village, SD (previous Tribal administration building).

Services are available 24 hours/7 days a week for SWO Tribal members and their families. The Shelter provides an alcohol and drug free temporary haven; individually counseling rooms may stay up to 90 days or a night when residing in a first compost is served basic.

All individuals will need to complete a referral tip application and a SWO Sex Offenders form.

You would like additional information or check on the availability of, you may contact staff member at 605-688-2020.

Wacinyan Tipi (House of Hope) located at Agency Village, SD (previous Tribal administration building).

Services are available 24 hours/7 days a week for SWO Tribal members and their families. The Shelter provides an alcohol and drug free temporary haven; individually counseling rooms may stay up to 90 days or a night when residing in a first compost is served basic.

All individuals will need to complete a referral tip application and a SWO Sex Offenders form.

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If I cannot help you I will do my best to find the assistance you need.

* WILL ASSIST IN TRANSPORTATIONAL TO COUNSELING, COURT APPOINTMENTS.

* HELP YOU PREPARE PAPERWORK FOR PETITION FOR RESTRAINING/PROTECTION ORDERS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Head Start position(s):

is seeking to fill the following position(s):

Is hiring: long-term substitutes for the following positions:

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Bus Driver

Browns Valley School

Bus Monitor

Substitute Teachers

Substitute for the following positions:

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Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel Job Openings
Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel is seeking to fill the following position(s):

**GENERAL FUNCTION:**

- Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel is seeking to fill the following position(s):

**UNIFORMS:**

- This position will close on October 22, 2020

**CONTACT:**

- For more information, please call the Human Resources Department at 1-800-658-4717 Ext. 1002.

- Two forms of ID are REQUIRED upon hire.

- If interested please fill out an application and submit to Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel, Human Resources Department, 14145 Sioux Conifer Road, Watertown, SD 57217.

- Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel

- Human Resources

- Department, 16415 Sioux Hotel, Human Resources

- Descriptions at 1-800-658-4717 Ext. 1002.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must have at least a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

- Must have good communication skills and have basic computer knowledge.

- Must be able to work in diverse situations involving employees.

- Able to lift up to 25 lbs.

- Standing, reaching, bending, and stocking.

- Must have vision to see for long periods of time, able to work with saw and other chemicals. Must obtain Non-Gaming license upon hire.

- This position will close on October 29, 2020 at 4pm.

-- By Phebele Kiddler--

**Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe wins trial against state**

- The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe achieved victory in its challenge to South Dakota’s imposition of the contractor’s excise tax on the Tribe’s casino renovation. On October 21, 2020, Judge Karen E. Schreier of the U.S. District Court for the Indian Tribe Department, 16415 Sioux Hotel, Human Resources.

- Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel

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DPE Classes
(Developing Productive Employees)

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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well-established law,” said Kidder.
“In short, yesterday’s decision
vindicates the Flandreau Santee
Sioux Tribe’s claims and sends
a powerful message to state
governments tempted to tax tribal
government gaming enterprises
without providing any services that
justify those taxes: hands off,” said
Kidder.
The case is Flandreau Santee
Sioux Tribe v. Terwilliger, No.
The Tribe was represented by
Peebles Kidder LLP; Tribal attorney
Seth Pearman, and Shannon Falon
and her colleagues at the Janklow
Abdallah firm of Sioux Falls.
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Hello all my Relatives,
I am asking for your help as a
Wałpętúŋwaŋ Tribal Citizen
as described in treaties 1867, “72
& ’73” an Enrolled District Member
from Agency Village. I am also asking for your
Respect, Honor and Support as a
Bólówakąŋyúŋwaŋ as described in treaties
1836, “51” & “58” under “Good Road
Tripa”.
As a Tribal Citizen my name is “ohn Kampske” a
Wałpętúŋwaŋ from O.A. and need your help getting my
Daughter & Eagle
Mother back that a Non-Native Tribal
cops possessed and gave my Eagle
Feather away.
With my US
Citizenship & Native
American Religious
Freedom Act and as a
Private Land Owner.
I respectfully know as “Mažhówakw Kampske’s” of
“Tačkunčašáte”
Tọ́spá from the
“Bólówakąŋyúŋwaŋ”
Tọ́spáyé of the “Ọłč’ọžków
Dakota Isáŋ”
Wałpętúŋwaŋ Tribal
Citizen- John
Kampske
United States Citizen-
Mazhówakw Kampske
Maybe instead of
saying “on & off the
reservation” we could say
“Open Reservation”. Thanks!

Submitted by John Kampske

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Election Day and consent
doing of the
governed

By Governor Kristi Noem
Pierre, SD – October 23,
2020 – When Thomas Jefferson laid
out America’s founding ideal in the
Declaration of Independence, he
made clear that government derives
its just powers from the consent
of the governed. Put differently,
government only has the powers
that it does because we the people
have consented to it. And we
provide that consent every year on
Election Day.
November 3rd is just a few
days away. On election day, the
people of South Dakota will vote to
elect the government that they want
to represent them. They’ll vote on
cases to that government. In fact,
many South Dakotans have already
cast their ballots. This year, all 105
seats in the state legislature will be
up for election. We’ll elect our
at-large member of Congress and one
of our senators. And we’ll vote for
who will be our president.

On election days past, South
Dakotans honor me with the
tremendous privilege of serving
them first as a state representative
from Hamlin County, then
in the United States House of
Representatives, and now as your
Governor. I am thankful each
every day for the trust and
confidence that you’ve shown in me
by putting me in these positions to
serve you. The fact of the matter is
that I work for you, not the other
way around. It’s an important point,
and one that all too many politicians
forget.

We are truly blessed to live in
this country. America respects the
freedoms of its citizens and has a
government that exists to protect
their rights, not infringe on them.

It is my sincere hope that our
kids and grandchildren grow up in an
America that continues to cherish
freedom, equality, and opportunity.
Every election is important, but
this particular election carries extra
weight because of the crossroads that
we are in as American politics. There
are widely differing visions for where
our state and country will go. It
used to be that we had similar goals,
just a difference in ideas for how to
get there. Sadly, that may no longer
be the case. Tensions are high in the
run-up to this election. Regardless of
the results, I hope that our country
can come together in the following
days and remember that we are
stronger when we are united, not
divided.

I hope that this election
day, every citizen engages in their
constitutionally guaranteed right to
vote. We may not all agree on what
In light of what is going on in Minnesota, I am reminded of when I lived in Sisseton and the sheriff or police would have a deputy sitting in his car at the church which was the polling place at the time. Please remind citizens not to be intimidated by that if it occurs. Thanks.

Stay safe, Lanny Stricherz.

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Stay safe, Lanny Stricherz.

SUSAN WISMER FOR SENATE

Michelle Obama said, “When they go low, we go high.”

Our democracy is too important to choose our legislators based on misleading and negative campaigning.

Campaign contributions from outside our area have spent over $17,000 so far against us this race.

District 1 deserves a legislator with rural roots and the courage to speak truth to power, and that's what you've got with Susan Wismer.

I hope my record of careful listening and truly honoring ALL life and lives will earn your vote. Thank you.

Paid for by Susan Wismer for Senate
SWO COVID-19 construction projects update

Agency Village, SD – Monday, Oct. 19 – Before the snow began falling, Consolidated Construction was busy pouring the foundation at the food pantry. A work crew was also preparing the foundation across the street for the new daycare center.

Sheeting was nearing completion on the roof of the COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation facility adjacent to the Woodrow W. Keeble Memorial Health Care Center at Sisseton.

See accompanying photo updates.

SWO Emergency Management – COVID-19 by the numbers

Agency Village, SD – Oct. 23, 2020 – Here are updated COVID statistics as of today:

SD Overall: 9862 Active (1132 New + 53 probable)
ND Overall: 6363 Active (886 new)
Codington: 315 Active
Day: 36 Active
Grant: 82 Active
Marshall: 14 Active
Roberts: 68 Active
Richland: 95 Active
Sargent: 21 Active
SD 7 Day Pos% Rate is 15.9%
ND Daily Pos% Rate is 10.98%

Please use caution and remember to practice the 5W's (WASH hands, WEAR a mask, WATCH your distance).

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Jennifer Keintz for House

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1**

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

**The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Constitution & By-Laws Presently Reads:**

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

**Vote Yes Or No**

- Vote of Yes means you agree with the change/s.
- Vote of No means you want to leave as is.

**SWO CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE**

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3**

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Constitution & By-Laws Presently Reads:

**Article II - Membership Section 2.**

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

**The Proposed Amendment to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate’s Constitution & By-Laws to Read:**

**Article II - Membership Section 2.**

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

**Vote Yes Or No**

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**SWO CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE**

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2**

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Constitution & By-Laws Presently Reads:

All sections of the Constitution, including proposed amendments, which have masculine language...shall be replaced with “their.”

- Article VI, Section 4, the reference “his” shall be replaced with “their.”
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 1(a)-(g), all references to “He” shall be replaced with “The Chairperson” and the reference “By-Laws, Article I, Section 2(a)-(c), all references to “He” shall be replaced with “The Secretary.”
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 2(d), the reference “He” shall be replaced with “The Secretary.”
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 3(b), the reference “he” shall be replaced with “they are” and the reference “his” shall be replaced with “their.”
- By-Laws, Article I, Section 3(b), the reference “He shall” be replaced with “The Vice-Chairperson.”

**The Proposed Amendment to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate’s Constitution & By-Laws to Read:**

**Article III - Organization.**

**Section 8.**

(a) All references to “Chairman” shall be replaced with “Chairperson.”
- All references to “Vice-Chairman” shall be replaced with “Vice-Chairperson.”
- All references to “Councilman” shall be replaced with “Councilperson.”
- All references to “Councils” shall be replaced with “Councilpersons.”
- All references to “his” shall be replaced with “their.”
- All references to “his” shall be replaced with “their” or “they” as referenced.
- Article V, Section 2, the reference “his” shall be replaced with “their.”
- Article V, Section 4, the reference “his” shall be replaced with “they.”
- Article VI, Section 2, the reference “him” shall be replaced with “them,” the reference “he” shall be replaced with “they,” and the reference “his”...
The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate’s Constitution & By-Laws Presently Reads:

Article V – Nominations and Elections, Section 2.

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

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The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate’s Constitution & By-Laws Presently Reads:

By-Laws, Article I, Duties of Officials, Section 4. Code of Ethics for all elected or selected officials. Gross neglect and improper conduct shall be interpreted by the Council in accordance with these definitions – (b) 1-4.

1. Converting tribal property or monies without authorization through omission or misrepresentation of facts.
2. Misuse of office: unauthorized personal use of tribal equipment, manpower or materials.
3. Public conduct as to question the integrity of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.
4. Malfeasance of office: including gross partiality or oppression.

The Proposed Amendment to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate’s Constitution & By-Laws to Read:

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(b) Improper Conduct – New Addition Added #5

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

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate’s Constitution & By-Laws Presently Reads:

By-Laws, Article II, Oath of Office

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

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

REMINDER TO THE SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE YOUR 2020 GENERAL ELECTIONS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. VOTING AT THE SEVEN DISTRICT CENTERS MASKS & PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIRED DUE TO COVID-19