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“Wo’okiye was’te qa wico zani o’wacin yuhapo”

The two young men looked around at each other, as if waiting for the right time. Suddenly, one of them spoke:

“Listen, my friend. We must act. This is not a time to be silent.”

The other man nodded, understanding the urgency of the situation:

“Agreed. We will do whatever it takes to protect our people from this evil.”

Together, they stood up, ready to face the challenge that lay ahead. They knew that the road ahead would be difficult, but they were determined to make a difference. For the sake of their community, they would not give up. They were the guardians of the land, and they would protect it with all their might.

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**GPTCHB receives $5,470,000 Healthy Start grant**

**Provides support for Lake Traverse Reservation Healthy Start until 2024**

Rapid City, SD – April 1, 2019 – Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board announces it has been awarded a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The $5,470,000 grant will fund the Great Plains Healthy Start Program from 4/1/2019 through 9/30/2022.

GPTCHB has been funded for the Healthy Start Program since 1992, and is beginning its 27th year of service to families in the Great Plains Region. Great Plains Healthy Start is committed to reducing infant mortality and eliminating disparities that lead to poor birth outcomes in American Indian women and children, including prevention of childbearing age, infants from 0 to 18 months, and fetus.

The program serves families in 8 Great Plains Tribal communities, including: Cheyenne River, Crow Creek, Pine Ridge, Oglala Lakota, Rosebud, Standing Rock, Arikara, and Turtle Mountain, and for the first time we served American Indian families in the Rapid City area.

Great Plains Healthy Start provides families with case management and协调 health services in education, parenting skills education, screening and referral services. Healthy Start provides community-based services to families when the infant mortality rate is at least 1.5 times the national rate.

**on the east side has re-opened for patient access.**

**The Reservation Planning Committee (RPC) sponsored a public forum on hemp production last week.**

We hope to bring readers a report next week. Watch for it.

**We are also hoping to publish Naomi Barker’s reflections of her Korean War Era experiences in the US Army.**

Watch for it.

**UVA declares “War on Drugs”**

Tribal Veterans Service Officer Gert Opal has released a public statement, declaring war on drugs.

Members of all of the Great Plains tribes organizations have met to organize their own response to the drug crisis among our Oyate.

Please read the UVA declaration on page one, and help by contacting the veterans and law enforcement at them or providing them with any useful information.

You may remain anonymous.

**Elder’s Meditation:**

“The land is sacred. These words are at the core of your being. The land is our mother, the rivers our blood. Take our land away and we die. That is, the Indian in us dies.” — Mary Brave Bird, Lakota.

Words to consider (or, perhaps not!):

- The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value. - F. D. Roosevelt

- The preferred way to submit typed articles and ads, etc. – is to be submitted to: Sota, P. O. Box 5, Wilmot, SD 57789 by 10:00 a.m. Thursday. Fax and e-mail submissions will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Friday.

- Take our land away and we die. That is, the Indian in us dies.- H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)

- You can only be young once. But you can always be yourself. - Yvon Chouinard

- If you have information and/or photos of newsworthy happenings in your family or community, please consider sharing with your Sota staff.

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**Wo’okiye was’te qa wico zani o’wacin yuhapo**

Members who are below the poverty line have debts. It all goes mostly to the feds and the state.

The two-legged, the four-legged, the birds and the fish, the mountains and the rivers, the sky, the earth, the plants, the animals – they are all related, one family. The pipes hold them together all.

We would like to thank White Buffalo Woman, Francine White, and Brenda Morris, and COC's director, Susan. For your dedication, time, support, innovation and patience with our group.

It was a sight to remember! The Buffalo Woman spoke about the sacred pipe and the four directions, because he is the one holy object in the making of the Ogala Sioux Tribe. For your support and encouragement for spending the day with us, contributing, who are you? For applying for us to make a presentation.

The women said she will be taking off in the next direction from where she had come, out against the red ball of the setting sun. As she went to take her young red and rode out for four times. The first time, she turned into a black buffalo; the second, she became a brown one; the third into a red buffalo; and finally, the fourth time, she turned herself into a white-female buffaloe calf. A white buffalo is a very rare thing, one that you could ever encounter.

The White Buffalo Woman divorced her husband. Sometimes she might come back. As she had vanished in great heird apparel, appearing, allowing themselves to be killed for the tribe. And every year on that day, we are excited to hear about the buffalo, furs and the people with whom they are needed, meat for their food, skins for their clothes and tips, and beauty. We are thankful for the knowledge.

They told myth: for during the story and said, “I think it’s so important for us to remember the fact that we’re here that I’m about to talk about.”

Today, the day of the Native American Curriculum, we explained, “creating a sense of belonging and a sense of community, and that our healthy and happy communities can only be fully actualized when we are contributing to the health and happiness of our communities, because as Indigenous people we always strive to move within the community.

The first interactive activity was “about being there and moving into the next section, which is now.”

The second thing was they said: “This is really, really, very important. Talking about whose world order is that,” and how that is manifesting itself in our lives, we see it on a day-to-day basis.

They cautioned that part of this discussion is that some of the staff might be triggered by listening to what we’re discussing to re-traumatize anyone.

Despite the difficulty in continuing the discussion, “we really want to know, we need to know what we’re doing, the shadow side of where we come from, but then always look toward the future and what can we do about it now as a community and as a nation.”

Here she broke down the workshop objectives. She examined historical trauma and its effect on mental and physical health and substance abuse disorders, violence and mental health; one of the most historically accurate concepts.

She noted: “They are the coming generations, that’s why you’re the most important and precious ones. They are the future and the smoke. Some day you will play it.”

She broke more to the people: “The people: ‘It’s a powerful thing, and to make that thing happen, to make that thing happen, we need to have a one-up little over one’s own little. You see?”

She told them: “You are the coming generations. This is why the future and in the shadow, and we play it. We play it there, and we play it now as a community and as a nation.”

Join us! we need to know what we’re doing, the shadow side of where we come from, but then always look toward the future and what can we do about it now as a community and as a nation. She concluded, “It is not until the end that she said, ‘We should talk about that last word: “I could use that really, really useful because it was the last word I saw you had some, and as I knew what I was telling you from the whole time, you have always, we’ve already lost all of the bad statistics, right? So, we’re going to go through some of those numbers.’

She pointed our specific federal Indian policies that had both direct consequences and impacts. First “Allotment” (Dawes Act of 1887) reduced Indian lands from 138 million acres to 48 million by 1934.

Second “Termination” (intended to dismantle reservation systems, transfer natural resource management from non-Indian corporations; placed Indians on the mercy of the local, state and federal governments.

Third “Relocation” (Asian Immigrants National American society.)

Fourth “Elementary Education” (350+ US Indian schools. Government funded. church school. Children were forcibly abducted, sent hundreds of miles away, beaten, starved, or abused)

She explained their presentations start with all, the loss of land, before getting into the issue of boarding schools.

She said, “We were really focused on boarding school.”

She said, “I had an elder stand up and start talking about the loss of land and the loss of something. Maybe meaning the loss of their valley which was sacred. They will mourn that valley and the animals and plants and we are trying to do what we can to get that back. We are trying to get that back. The loss of land is not only because we don’t have the land anymore, but we also have the grief, the mourning a family member.”

She talked about the term “loss of property...” and “it’s just loss of property, right? It’s the fact that we lost something.”

She said, “That doesn’t describe the impact. It doesn’t fully describe the impact that it has had on us. We’re not thinking about the land, we’re thinking about the lost culture.”

“Still, the term ‘loss of property’ is quite disillusioning, and we're not able to do that anymore.”

“Yet, that’s how we think about it, that’s how we think about our land base and our loss. The loss of the land and the waterways can only be described as missing something that is ‘lost,”

That’s the only way that I have never known how to describe it,”

“I try to describe it that way for talking about the land and about belonging, because they often think, ‘Well, it’s just loss of property, right? It’s just part of...’ you know... something.”

She said, “It’s a way of describing the impacts for us who we were before all of the stuff happened. It’s just loss of property, right? It’s just loss of property, right? It’s just loss of property. It’s not just lost because it’s just loss of property. It’s just loss of property, right?”

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Support Group for Grieving Families
Vaccines save lives

By Sona J. Magar, D.O., F.A.P.D.

The measles outbreak early this year served as a reminder to healthcare providers and the public to get better informed about vaccine benefits, programs and schedules. The measles outbreak was first reported in Washington State in March. By April, confirmed measles cases total was 465 occurring in about one third of the states in the U.S. (Washington Post). The Public Health linked the outbreak to unvaccinated children across the country.

Measles is one of the “vaccine-preventable diseases”. Vaccines decrease the occurrence, mortality and morbidity of several diseases. Each vaccine contain the antigen/s of the specific disease. These antigens trigger the immune system to produce a response and creates a cellular memory of the antigens to protect the body against future infections.

Vaccination (immunization) has been reported as “the single most advantageous breakthrough in the history of public health and medicine.” The polio vaccine was first introduced by Jonas Salk in 1952. The widespread use of the measles vaccine was started in 1961. By 2000, health officials announced that it had eradicate the country of measles (Washington Post). The chicken pox is a common childhood disease. Since the introduction of the varicella vaccine in 1995, there was 90% reduction of the number of children who contract chicken pox, as well as hospitalization and death due to the disease. The standard schedule recommended by the Center For Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for vaccination of children is at 12 to 15 months of age for the first dose given at MMR (Mumps, Measles and Rubella) vaccine. The second dose is about 4 to 6 years of age. After the second dose, studies showed 98% protection against measles, 88% protection against mumps and 79% protection against rubella.

Most parents chose to have their children vaccinated, but about 1 in 10 children were not receiving the vaccine as scheduled. Eighteen states in the U.S. allowed parents to opt out of school immunization. The reason for the opposition to vaccination may be due to some opinions such as “vaccine myths” which include removing part of the colon, and other areas of cancer if it has spread, possibly followed by chemotherapy.

We want people to live a longer, healthier and happier lives. Please get screened.

For more information about eligibility for a cash you can contact the Community Health Education Program at 605-742-3651 or PBIN at 605-694-7666.
Commemorates 100 Days as Governor

Pierson, SD – April 16, 2019 – Governor Kristi Noem today commemorated her first 100 days as South Dakota's 35th governor. "In the last 100 days, I signaled 221 bills into law, met with hundreds of South Dakotans, and hit all four corners of the state to listen to peoples' priorities and share some of mine," said Noem. "We formulated the legislative session with balanced budget, addressed critical needs in our state, and made real progress on next-generation issues like combating the meth epidemic, expanding high-speed internet access, and rethinking the next big industry to South Dakota." Noem has followed through on her promise to not raise taxes and work aggressively to tackle the meth epidemic, strengthen South Dakota, and continue support for the state workforce. "The progress we’ve made these first 100 days is due in part to a strong leadership team that is dedicated to serving people and strengthening South Dakota," Noem continued. "My team will continue to be laser-focused on the needs facing our state and the ways we can best prepare for the future." Noem’s first 100 days were also marked by two storms that created extreme difficulties for many South Dakotans: the historic stranded livestock, flooded homes, and damaged critical infrastructure. Because of moving water, the incident is ongoing and has been extended. "We have an obligation to help our citizens, and we will," said Noem. "I will continue working with leaders on the federal and local levels to make sure we are using every available tool to help our communities recover from these storms."

Food waters are anticipated to crest in various locations in the weeks to come, and the state will continue to assess impacts and information to see if a Presidential Disaster Declaration is warranted. "Serving as South Dakota's governor is an honor and a privilege that I will never take for granted," Noem concluded. "I'm proud of these first 100 days, and we're not stopping here. We will continue working aggressively to tackle the problems facing our state and working to make South Dakota stronger for the next generation.

Prairie Doc® Perspectives – Humanities and the Physician

By Richard P. Holm, MD

After 40 years as a doctor interacting with patients, in the last two and a half years the tables turned, and I’ve become the patient. Although now the patient, I’ve found, some doctors are detached, some are too quick, some would rather be somewhere else, some are even angry; but, when a physician who cares walks into the room, and I’m not exaggerating, the patient becomes better, the pain becomes less, and hope fills my heart. Scientific knowledge is important, but the ability to convey human concern, human thoughtfulness and compassion is equal in importance in this healing process. So, how do we select pre-med students for that, or select someone in medical school?

These are studies that show these interests in humanities or taught disciplines that explore human thoughtfulness and compassion are equal in importance in this healing process. So, how do we select pre-med students for that, or select someone in medical school?

These studies include history, literature, religion, other, anthropology, psychology, cultural studies and the arts of dance, film, painting and poetry. Some explain that the humanities give us the very reason to learn science and mathematics.

Several studies that value the study of the humanities in medical school were surveyed about their lifetime exposure to the humanities and the results indicated that those who had more humanities knowledge led more empathy, tolerance to ambiguity, resourcefulness, emotional intelligence and less burnout. Another study found that a med student’s ability to recognize diagnostic clues increased by more than 35 percent after taking a visual arts class. Another study found practicing improv theater prepares for unexpected questions and makes their pain less and day better. Clearly, an exposure to the humanities makes a better doctor. I believe that care providers who have had a well-rounded humanities education have a better chance of understanding about how it feels to face pain, nausea, loss of bodily functions or even a cancer diagnosis. These steeped in good literature or art are a have better opportunity to tap creative juices to problem solve and tolerate a life that can be ambiguous and unpredictable. Those who are knowledgeable of history, ethics, cultural ways will find it easier to know when it is time to stop aggressive care and move toward comfort.

This is a call for all students to become readers, to find time to enjoy the humanities, to exercise your caring and compassion muscles, so when you come into the room of a person suffering, it makes their pain less and day better. 

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New entrance, floor at Woodrow W. Keeble Memorial Health Care Center

The work has been completed, and the renovated entrance (east side) of the Woodrow W. Keeble Memorial Health Care Center re-opened last week.

Here are photos of the new floor by John Heminger Photography, showing off the new designs. See these photos, and all the picture picks of the week, in full color on the Sota website.

**Legislative news from Pierre**


I hope this message finds you all warm and well...or warmer at least!

As this legislative session has come to a close, I truly believe I was not elected to vote just as others do. I believe in representing all of District 1, including a diverse segment of District 1 that has not had a voice for many years or possibly ever in the South Dakota legislature. If you witnessed my actions in Pierre this session, you’ll notice that I am not afraid to vote on principal rather than political party. This is true no matter who supports it or criticizes my vote. I was not elected to be the same.

Coming from a unique cultural background there are times when I may stand alone on an issue. I am prepared for that. I won’t be discouraged or deterred by being targeted or bullied for my differences.

I am a Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal member, Republican, Woman, Native American legislator in the South Dakota House of Representatives. Yes, I am different. However, we all must work together and not just be talking heads for our political party. Back in December following the election I told the Aberdeen American News, “there is not a lot of daylight between us at the end of the day. We’re a lot more unified in our goals than we think.” I stand by those words yet today.

What I am interested in are real solutions and spending taxpayer dollars - our dollars - wisely. Unfortunately, we are not immune to the fear mongering we see at a national level. Throughout the legislative session, in weekly columns or at cracker barrels, there were statements made by my District 1 colleagues about nursing homes and about how me and my party affiliation did not care about the issues our seniors and the care centers were facing. Nothing could be further from the truth. The truth is that I did not support the bill brought to the floor because it included an amount of money that would have only provided a partial fix and still leave our nursing homes looking for solutions. I chose to trust the entire legislative body in their statements that the care center closures were the Number ONE issue we ALL wanted addressed this legislative session. I chose to trust the process and the appropriators to ensure this was fulfilled. While I was still learning my way around this new process, I made it a point to work behind the scenes advocating for our care centers and continuously working to find solutions.

The Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Care Center Pharmacy (Indian Health Service) can accept your unwanted medication for secure and safe destruction.

The Med Safe is located in the pharmacy

**DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS**

**Program Requirements:**

- Customer must place unused medications into container, they may not be handled by pharmacy staff
- Leave in original packaging, the container is secure
- Review the Accepted & Not Accepted List

**Accepted**

- Rx Waste
- Controlled Drugs Schedule II-V
- Prescription Drugs
- Over-the-counter drugs
- Drugs from individuals / households
- Patches/Liquids/Ointments

**Not Accepted**

- Medical Waste/Infectious Waste
- Sharps/Needles
- Drugs or Waste from Hospitals/ Health Facilities
- Aerosols & Ignitable Materials
- Illegal Drugs

https://www.deaddisposal.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal

* Cesdi Happens. Get Yours Tested.

(for colon cancer)

Transportation is a barrier that prevents many people from completing their screenings. You may be eligible to earn $2 gas cards.

* Colon cancer screening begins at age 50
* Colon cancer is the 3rd most common cancer in SWO tribal members
* Regular screenings can prevent colon cancer
* Call 698-7606 to see if you are due for a screening

Contact SWO Community Health Education Program at 742-3651 for more information

Please don’t smoke and remember to buckle up every time you ride in a vehicle
Sometimes we need to enforce or intent that I did not support. was “different,” there was language noted in previous columns where I my decisions. In each of the bills the surface of a bill when basing researcher by trade and go beyond plan for a sustainable future. Their in revenue and will allow them to a great start that was needed to allow dollars in innovation grants. This is with Governor Noem’s $5 million help and ultimately was combined was retroactive to ensure immediate addressed. What resulted was an sure this important issue would be often. In reviewing my voting record, one is different. I hope you are too. It is very proud that my vote and voice many different walks of life. I am conservative votes, and also wasn’t would see that I made some very In reviewing my voting record, one to represent all of District 1 who to stand on my principles. I can’t to know many of you over the past four of them, which shows how most serious of an issue this was to me. I learned two important lessons from Mr. Abramovich. First, there are few issues, if any, that spark bipartisan fervor quite like the prospect of banning illegal robocalls; and second, current law and existing financial penalties are insufficient to tackle this problem in a real way. People like Mr. Abramovich simply couldn’t accept the cost of doing business. That’s why when the TRACED Act was born. While I’ll admit that my TRACED Act wouldn’t immediately stop every single illegal robocall, I can say that passing it would be one of the most significant steps toward thwarting these nuisance calls since the National Do Not Call registry was created more than 15 years ago. My bill would significantly increase the financial penalty for making these illegal calls, give consumers more tools and

By Sen. John Thune
Believe it or not, there’s a bill in Washington that’s sponsored by a conservative Republican and a liberal Democrat, cosponsored by more than half of the Senate; supported by every single state attorney general in the nation; including South Dakota; and embraced by all major industry associations and leading consumer groups. My Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act checks all of those boxes, and I’m glad to see momentum is continuing to build for this truly bipartisan, pro-consumer effort. I first introduced the TRACED Act last year on the heels of my effort to find a solution to end those annoying, illegal, and abusive robocalls that we’re all sick of receiving. You’ve probably heard similar stories or experienced it firsthand, but the calls were getting so bad that some people told me they’d give up answering their phone altogether unless incoming calls were from a number that was already in their phone. Living in fear, anxiety, or annoyance every time the phone rings shouldn’t be the new normal.

When I served as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over the FTC and FCC, I wanted to hear directly from someone who’s behind one of these calling schemes, so I invited notorious mass robocaller Adrian Abramovich to testify before my committee. While he declined my invitation (it was pretty obvious why he didn’t want to voluntarily attend), I used a subpoena and forced him to appear. Such subpoenas are rare. In my four years serving as chairman, I issued only four of them, which shows how serious an issue this was to me. I learned two important lessons from Mr. Abramovich. First, there are few issues, if any, that spark bipartisan fervor quite like the prospect of banning illegal robocalls; and second, current law and existing financial penalties are insufficient to tackle this problem in a real way. People like Mr. Abramovich simply couldn’t accept the cost of doing business. That’s why when the TRACED Act was born. While I’ll admit that my TRACED Act wouldn’t immediately stop every single illegal robocall, I can say that passing it would be one of the most significant steps toward thwarting these nuisance calls since the National Do Not Call registry was created more than 15 years ago. My bill would significantly increase the financial penalty for making these illegal calls, give consumers more tools and


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Campers: 8 – 12 years old.
Camp Counselors: 13 - 17 years old.
For more information, contact me at 605-698-3966 Ext. 1148 or 605-690-2333 Cell.

By Sophia Hoss
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Sophia Hoss, SWC Extension Program Coordinator, has announced the beekeeping seminar has once again been re-scheduled due to inclement weather.
The seminar is now scheduled for Saturday, April 27th.
Hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
There will be a break from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m.
Lunch will be on your own.
For more information, please see the notice in this week’s Sota.

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To Ka Nuwan Wayawa Tipi honors one student from each grade for each full month that school is in session.
The Students of the Month are chosen because they demonstrate the four school wide expectations consistently or have shown great progress toward them.
The school wide expectations are:
  Awanicihdka: Be Safe.
  Waokihi: Be Responsible.
  Waunsida: Be Caring.
  Woohoda: Be Respectful.
Home room teachers choose the Students of the Month in collaboration with the paras and other teachers who serve a particular candidate.
Students of the Month are honored during opening ceremony on the first Monday following each full month of school.
Students of the Month receive a shirt and a dinner hosted by ESDS.
The March 2019 Students of the Month are:

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6th Grade Student of the Month Isabelle Herrick.
7th Grade Student of the Month Xander Rencountre.
8th Grade Student of the Month Kyan White.
NAJA selects fellows to attend Native Native Media Conference

Norman, OK – The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) has selected six first-year and five returning fellows to join the Native American Journalism Fellowship (NAJF) class of 2019. The students come from tribal communities and colleges across the nation and will attend the 2019 National Native Media Conference at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minn. The fellows will work in a newsroom with selected mentors representing broadcast, radio, print and online media.

Introducing the NAJF Class of 2019:

*Taylor Noah, Navajo Nation, Arizona State University
*Hunter Hendrick, Seminole Nation, Regen State University
*Jada Grey Eagle, Oglala Lakota Sioux, Institute of American Indian Arts
*Jannet Wok, Assiniboine of Fort Belknap, Montana, University of North Dakota
*Benjamin White, Navajo Nation, University of New Mexico
*Lyric Aquino, Tewa, Kent State University
*Atcheli Farve, Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma State University

Fellows will participate in these rehearsals prior to the newsroom experience and can receive 3 hours of college credit at the undergraduates or graduate level through their respective universities. Under the direction of co-directors Victoria LaPoe (Cherokee), Frank Robertson (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate), and Lanny Koshbłich-Burton (Cherokee), student fellows will work with mentors to produce coverage throughout the year.

Several visiting mentors will provide specific digital skills training during the intense newsroom experience.

Darron Brown, CATV47 Frank Blanquet, First Nations Experience Allison Herrera, Public Radio International Kristi Yowen, National Geographic

About NAJA and the Education Pathways

NAJA serves and empowers Indigenous journalists through programs and actions designed to enrich media and promote Native American cultures.

The NAJA Education Committee created NAJA Education Pathways to support Indigenous student media careers. From initial participation in the fellowship to serving as mentors and future leaders of the organization, NAJA aims to foster professional development for members at every level of their careers.

Thanks to the support from sponsors and sustaining members, all student travel expenses including airfare, food and accommodations are covered by NAJA for the newsroom immersion experience. For more information about the fellowship or the National Native Media Conference, please contact NAJA at contact@naja.com.

**Green Cover Seed**

Our Milpa Garden Warm season mix is a great way to get fresh produce with minimal amounts of labor. The milpa technique originated in Central America where the Mayans used a mixture of corn, squash, and beans to improve the soil and grow food. At Green Cover Seed we went beyond the three sisters and compiled a mix of over 40 different seeds. This is an excellent way to utilize a small portion of land to produce food without going through the hassle of tillage, weeding, and hours of planning. If you want a fun mix to grow food for your family, this is the mix for you!

Rate: 35-50 lbs. / Jac
Depth: 1/4 - 1/16 inch
Plant Date: May – July

**Green Cover Seed**

**Minneapolis Historical Society**

**Beekeeping Seminar**

Presented by Tim Moran, President of the Wisconsin Beekeepers of the Black Hills

Workshop topics:

- Mite Testing and Treatments
- Anatomy of the Bee and Hive
- The Hive Inspection

**April 27th, 2019**

8:00 am to 3:00 pm – Tim Moran

**Bee-keeping Beekeeping 101**

**Native Connection**

**Crisis Line**

**605-419-1036**

Help for Loved Ones, Friends, & Yourself

www.earthskyweb.com/sota.htm - Anpetu Iyamni, April 24, 2019

“Wo’okiye was’te qa wico zani o’wacin yuhapo”

Sota Iya Ye Yapi - www.earthskyweb.com/sota.htm - Anpetu Iyamni, April 24, 2019

Notice

Change of Schedule for Enemy Swim Day School FACE Center-based Classroom

Week of April 29-May 3

There will be school on MONDAY, APRIL 29TH, 30TH AND MAY 1ST.

There will be NO SCHOOL ON MAY 2ND AND 3RD.

The team will be on travel.

Parents: Sorry for the changes!

Our regular Tuesday session will be on May 7th.
**Sota Subscription Order Form**

I would like to subscribe to the Sota Iya Yapi.

**Enclosed is/are:**
- a check for $46 payable to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate living in South Dakota in Minnesota and North Dakota counties, or
- a check for $56 payable to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, or
- a check for $61 payable to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Standing Rock Reservation.

**Total Amount Enclosed:** $46

**Address:**
- **City:**
- **State:** SD
- **Zip:**
- **Email Address:**
  - to subscribe to a non-papercopy:  
  - to subscribe with a paper copy...

**Mail to:**
Sisseto-Wahpeton Oyate
Attn: Sota Iya Yapi
PO Box 509
SWOCSE
North Sioux City, SD 57047

[Signature]

Date: ___________
Continental field health enhancement

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is seeking proposals that incorporate the four, required foundational tools: workforce, and 4) infrastructure. These services will be developed by the Center of Excellence to guide the work plan. The work plan can be executed and performed within the Tribe’s exclusive jurisdiction is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the tribal court. The proposal:

1. A document which details that you know various drum songs which may or may not include the following, among others:
   a. Veterans songs
   b. Honor Songs
   c. Kahomni Songs
   d. Grand Entry
   e. Wacipi/Intertribal
   f. Memorials songs
   g. Horse songs
   h. Social and freelance songs
   2. Include in the document a statement about your knowledge of women singing behind the drum and on occasion particularly if you want to include:
   3. Desired length of contract must be addressed within proposal. The preferred contract length is for the summer of 2019 (early May through mid August) for a weekly evening class that lasts approximately 2 hours.
   4. Document your willingness to be recorded so that these can be placed in the Dakota language archives for future generations to be able to use and learn from. Required Documentation:
   1. Statement of qualifications, competence, and capacity to perform the scope of work as detailed above.
   2. Abide by the laws, policies and courts of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation shall govern proposal and work.
   3. Copy of SWO Business License, if proposal is approved.
   4. To review the entire list of required documentation and what else must be submitted with the proposal please contact Lennie-Bernard Peters SWO Procurement Officer - her information is provided below.

Request for Bid Requesting sealed proposals for: Dakota Drum Songs, Lakota Language Institute. All sealed bids must include and be submitted by May 10, 2019:

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2. Our certification that you know these songs in the Dakota language and can explain to learners the meaning of the Dakota words in each song. For example, the kahomni songs must be in Dakotah, not in English. In addition, your certification that you can sing the songs in a manner appropriate when each song is to be sung. And in addition, your certification that you know and are willing to include teachings on drum etiquette.

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Contact the Procurement Office for specifications: lennie@swo-nsn.gov

Please submit sealed proposals to: SWO Procurement Office Attn: Lennie-Bernard Peters PO Box 590
Agency Village, SD 57262
By 4:00 pm on Monday, May 6, 2019

American Indian Voting Rights CoalitionID:

The American Indian Voting Rights Coalition is proud to announce the American Indian Voting Rights Coalition (AIYRC) which is comprised of Native American chapters from across the country. The AIYRC advocates for Native American voter access to the ballot and against any decreases in voting rights which affect Native Americans. The AIYRC is comprised of the American Indian Community Center of South Dakota; the Indian Law Resource Center; the American Indian College Fund; the Center for Native American Policy; and the National Congress of American Indians.

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Marcia Fudge: The Voting Rights Act was necessary because of the systematic and intentional disenfranchisement of Black Americans. The history of our country would be different if our government had not infantilized the early voters in the 1860s, disenfranchised the Black voters in the 1870s, disenfranchised Native Americans in the year 1960, and disenfranchised Black voters once again in 1965 for the purpose of removing racial-based restrictions on voting in the United States. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 has been a bittersweet effort, once enacted under the pen of President Lyndon B. Johnson and a Republican Congress.

Mr. Walker: This all changed in 1995, when the court struck down the Voting Rights Act under a Republican administration, and the question of how elections are run and of traveling this nation these past few months, hearing from those on the ground about the reality of the electoral systems. I want to share some of the gathering accounts of those who have experienced challenges and outright discrimination as they seek to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

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Mr. White: Our Fort Berthold Indian Reservation is in Western North Dakota along the Missouri River. We reserved these lands through a series of treaties and agreements with United States, through a series of treaties and agreements with United States. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians reside in north central North Dakota on a 6 by 12 mile reservation. We have 12,300 members and 19,000 living with 19,000 on or near the reservation. Based upon the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Labor Statistics and other studies, our community has a total population of 30,000. Our reservation covers 1,200 square miles and is an area that is 30 miles wide and 40 miles long. We have a large, unincorporated population. We do not have a way to provide and meet our needs. We do not have a way to meet the needs of our people. We do not have a way to meet the needs of our people. We do not have a way to meet the needs of our people. We do not have a way to meet the needs of our people. We do not have a way to meet the needs of our people.

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

**Positions Open Until Filled**

- Young Child Wellness Behavioral Specialist (LAUNCH) Half-Time, Health & Social Services
- Bus Driver/Custodian, Head Start
- Dakota Culture & Language Teacher, Head Start

Closing Date: May 3rd, 2019 @ 04:30PM

**Qualifications:**
- Must have a valid State and Tribal ID.
- Must be an ESD Elder person to apply.
- Will submit to: Background check, Drug test.
- To apply, contact Chelsea Hopkins, Tuya Nwanu District Coordinator, Eny Gymm Swin District, P.O. Box 15, Wonsley, SD 57273; Phone (605) 947-4319; Fax (605) 947-4372.

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**ATTENTION OLD AGENCY DISTRICT MEMBERS**

The Old Agency District Meeting for April 22nd has been moved to Monday, April 29th @ 6:00 pm due to holiday Easter Monday, April 22nd. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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**ATTENTION OLD AGENCY DISTRICT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH MONDAY OF MONTH 6:00 PM-10:00 PM**

APRIL 29, 2019
MAY 27, 2019
JUNE 24, 2019
JULY 22, 2019
AUGUST 26, 2019
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
OCTOBER 28, 2019
NOVEMBER 25, 2019
DECEMBER No Meeting

**DISTRICT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

JESSE LARSEN, CHAIRMAN (605) 927-9112
JERMAINE EASTMAN, VICE-CHAIRWOMAN (605) 927-9112
FRANCES CHANKU, SECRETARY (605) 956-0343
DANI TWO STARS, TREASURER (605) 419-1109
SARA HAYES, DISTRICT COORDINATOR (605) 698-7747

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**Attention**

BUFFALO LAKE DISTRICT EXECUTIVES APRIL’S DISTRICT MEETING

April’s District will be held on Thursday, April 25th at the District Center with supper at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting to start at 6:00 p.m. All boards are required to submit 10 copies of your recent meeting minutes.

May’s District Elderly Meeting

May’s Elderly meeting will be held on Friday, May, 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the meeting starts at 5:00 p.m. and supper will be served. If you have any questions please contact one of the Elderly Board Executives.

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**Notice**

Lake Traverse District Members

The Regular Lake Traverse District Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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**Notice**

Lake Traverse District Members

District Executive Coordinator, Enemy Swim

Thursday, April 25th, 2019
12:00 noon – 6:00 pm.

Counting of ballots after polls close during the Regular District Meeting.

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Birthday Funds for 18-54

Get out only at the monthly District Meeting. You must pick up your own birthday money. Name will be mailed out. You must provide a copy of your ID.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Chairman Dickey Johnson – Cell #605-924-6215
- Councilman Louis Johnson – Cell #605-951-4969
- Vice-chairman John Lincoln – Cell #605-927-9018
- Treasurer Kayline LaBelle – Cell #605-927-9018
- Secretary Lisa Red Wing – Cell #605-237-3521
- Elder Chairman Ronald Brand – 605-419-1109
- Elder Vice-chairman Delia Welch 698-2122
- Elder Treasurer Wanda Johnson – Cell #605-924-1575
- Elder Secretary Deborah Heminger – Cell #605- 268-1791
- SWO Elderly Cynthia Starr – Cell #605-997-9554
- The Buffalo Lanes – Kayline LaBelle - #605-927-9018

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**Attention**

HEIPA DISTRICT MEMBERS

Reminder, in order to receive your birthday monies, you have been moved to Monday, April 22nd. This change was turned in before the end of your birthday month. New to the Elderly Board Policies. If you wish to check your current status, you will need to send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please send completed application and self-addressed stamped envelope to the District Coordinator at PO Box 223 Veben, SD 57276.

Any questions, please call the District Coordinator at 605-738-2324.
Thank-you, District Elderly Board.
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe becomes 2nd to legalize marijuana in Michigan

By Acee Agoyo

Indians.com — April 18, 2019 - The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has legalized marijuana for recreational use, becoming the second in Michigan to do so. The tribe's board of directors voted during a special meeting in May to legalize marijuana to assist the state's economy.

The move comes after the Bay Mills Indian Community, located on the eastern end of Michigan, became the first tribe in Michigan to legalize recreational use of marijuana.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe is one of 10 tribes in Michigan with sovereign nation status. It has about 12,000 members who live on the reservation, located on the coast of Lake Superior.

The tribe has a population of about 6,000 people and has been working on legislation for several years to legalize marijuana.

The tribe's decision follows a similar move by the Bay Mills Indian Community, which voted to legalize marijuana in May 2018.

The tribe will now work with the state to implement the new law, which will allow adults 21 and older to possess up to 2 ounces of marijuana and up to 5 grams of marijuana-infused products.

The tribe says the decision was made to help the economy and to provide a safer alternative to illegal marijuana.

The tribe also plans to use the proceeds from marijuana sales to fund local projects and programs.

The tribe has been working on a number of projects, including a casino that is expected to open later this year.

The tribe is one of the largest in Michigan and has a large economic presence in the area.
Dakota Crossing
Position: Store Manager.
Qualifications: Supervisory and Retail Experience, Financial Experience with Budget Preparation and Management. Education Level: Bachelor’s Degree or Equivalent Job Experience, Open Date: 4-23-19. Close Date: Until Filled.
For more information, or to apply, contact April Owen, CEO (Acting), Dakota Nation Industries, 414 Veterans Ave., Sisseton, SD 57262. Phone: (605)698-2002.

Economic Development Authority
Position: CEO/Project Manager.
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Phone: 605.419.2551

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- Must be a US citizen
- Maximum of $50,000 for household income
- Minimum credit score of 575
- Must be able to show repayment ability
- Origination fee is to be paid at closing
- Certificate of completed financial counseling needed prior to closing
- 1 hour class through Lutheran Social Services – Contact Sherri Ekdorn at 605-444-7700 or 888-258-2227 ext. 7700 (toll free)

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If you would like any additional information or specific loan requirements feel free to contact Jared at 605-698-7645 ext. 126

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April 30th & May 1st, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Please be there approximately 10 min prior to start time.)

At Dakota Connection
Casino
(Conference Room)
For further information, please contact Heather @ 701-634-3000 ext. 2426.

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**The Honor Guards and Veterans Met and Decided It’s Time to Take a Stand Against Drugs. We Will No Longer Stand by Idle and Watch While Drugs Ruin Our Community. It Effects the Community In So Many Ways ie: Death, Broken Families, Housing, Health Care, and the List Goes On. What We Want to Do: If You See Drug Traffic, Or Suspect It In Your Housing or Area Where You Live, Call Any of The Commanders Cell’s Listed Below:**

- Kit Fox Society: Duane “Doc” Wanna 1-605-237-2168
- American Legion Post #314: Clayton Ellingon 1-605-956-1266
- Desert Era Veterans: Justin Chanku 1-605-268-0977
- VSO: Geri Opsal 1-605-268-0502

The Veterans as Akicita & Modern Day Warrior Society VOW TO FIGHT against the drug destruction and are ready to go out and walk the Housing areas if there is suspect of drug use or traffic. Tribal Law Enforcement has only 7 officers to cover the whole Reservation; it’s time we stand up and help them that are combating it!

If you know who is selling these DRUGS that are killing our people please call, you will not be turned in, it’s time to take our Community back. The bad Spirit is destroying our people. It’s been reported that the Hydrocodone, Percocet, Viconid, OxyContin & now there is rampant use of Fentanyl (china). It’s being sold right under our noses; PLEASE call any report suspicious activity. You can also Call the Tribal Police at 605-698-7661 and you report anonymously and they will take it from there.

The time is now, there is power in numbers it is time to make a stand for the Oyate!