

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Doc “deeply humbled” by South Dakota Hall of Fame honor

Canwapa Ka’Kan Wi- October - the moon when the leaves are shaken off the trees by the cold winds.



Pictured above: FSST Clinic Staff with Dr. Redfish (center) during celebratory potluck dinner

Ameil “Doc” Redfish has lived a good and honorable life already, and is still going strong as mayor of Arlington, and as a “semi-retired” PA, who still seems to be working long hours.

It has been such an “honor-able” life, as a matter of fact, that he has been cleaning up on honors of late, with people and organizations able to honor him in what seems to be monthly “Docapalooza” recognition events.

Saturday night, it was the South Dakota Hall of Fame calling on Redfish, adding him to their ranks. At the same time, the Sioux Tribes of South Dakota honored him with a Morning Star

quilt – one of the highest honors conferred in the Sioux Nation. No one is more worthy. But at this rate, Doc’s going to have to add a room to his house.

Ameil “Doc” Redfish has received a lot of awards over the years, from the National Rural PA of the Year award in 1998 to his latest, Distinguished PA of the Year award given in April by the SD Academy of Physicians Assistants.

But being inducted into the SD Hall of Fame last weekend in Oacoma was still a singular honor.

“I am deeply humbled to be accorded this honor,” he said in

his acceptance speech. “With this you honor a true South Dakotan. “The first white woman born in Dakota Territory is my grandmother, and my ancestors Crazy Horse, Spotted Tail and Chief Redfish are on that side.

“The first surveyor of the Dakota Territory when it became the state of South Dakota was my grandfather. The first teacher in Beresford, SD. was my grandmother.

“My mother spent 50 years educating youths. My earliest years were in the Catholic mission schools, and I graduated from Pine Ridge High School.

“They taught me three things: one, to read; two, to do math and

three, a strong sense of history. With those, and an attitude that if someone wrote a book about it, I can do it, I went forth in my dream to do something in medicine.

“And then I found I was lacking one thing – I didn’t have any money. But I persevered, and due to a lot of people who accorded me opportunity, I worked my way through.

“So for the last 37 years I have practiced medicine, and I’ve been in medicine for 48 years now, practicing from Arizona, to Nevada to the jungles of Los Angeles.

“But I always ended up coming home to South Dakota. I worked for ten years in the Rosebud Reservation, and came to the small town of Arlington in 1989.

“They had been without a medical practitioner for some time, and so for the next 22 years, that is what I did. The adventures that I had in that were great, and I have many fond memories.

“It has been a great journey. I started out from the little district of Corn Creek, Black Pipe on the Rosebud Reservation. My very first memory of a home is of a log cabin with a dirt floor.

“But we kept going. I went into medicine, and about ten years ago, a committee from the town asked me if I would consider running for mayor. It’s been 10 years and it has been very rewarding.

“My time’s about up now, although I could talk another 35 –hours—but it’s time to wind it up. From deep within Ameil Narcelle Redfish, let me say this: ‘Pilamaya ye.’ Thank you very much.”

Amiel N. Redfish

Amiel Narcell “Doc” Redfish a member of the Sicangu Lakota was born Dec. 28, 1942 in Ponca City, Okla., where his mother lived with her parents during World War II, as his father was overseas fighting the war. His mother was a teacher, and he spent the school year on the Rosebud reservation, returning to Oklahoma in the summers until WW II was over.

His formal education was at St. Francis Indian School, Marty Indian School and Oglala Community School where he graduated from high school.

His paternal grandmother was an herbal healer, and as a boy, Amiel learned some of the natural remedies for common complaints from her, and was set on a career in medicine early on but such aspirations were difficult to achieve without financial backing, and after several semesters of college he managed a position as a special chemistry lab tech at a hospital in Rapid City in 1965. That started a career in medicine that has now spanned 46 years, and continues. He soon found himself employed by the Indian Health Services, and it didn’t take long for him to discover the field needed someone to take x-rays as much as they needed a lab tech. So, he enrolled at UCLA in 1987 to study to be a radiology technologist. He took x-rays and was a chief technologist for seven years, but soon found himself wanting to do more.

At the time, it was becoming more and more apparent that the old model, with every small town employing its own doctor, was fading. And so, Amiel enrolled in a new medical field of study within the Indian Health Service – the Community Health Medic. The Community Health Medics became Physician Assistants. The Physician Assistant programs were a huge success, because it filled a need in the Nation.

Amiel Narcelle Redfish became a pioneering Physician Assistant in South Dakota and took a position back at Indian Health Services, working on the Rosebud reservation, then for a short time in Arizona. And, then moved to a reservation based Community Health Center, which closed in 1989, leaving Doc out of a job. But that wasn’t as bad as it sounded, as the intervening 15 years since 1974 had made it clear that Physician Assistants were more necessary than ever.

Indeed, there were 26 Physician Assistant openings available across the state in 1989, so Redfish could pick and choose from an abundance of positions. He landed in Arlington and Kingsbury County which had just seen the end of more than a century of small town doctors. Arlington needed a medicine man, and Amiel Redfish was that man. That started a 21 year career as Arlington’s PA, which continued until his semi-retirement in May 2010. In the course of those two decades, he

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was recognized several times for his medical skills, winning the SD PA of the Year honor in 1996, the Doc Hayes award for South Dakota Rural Medical Practitioner of the Year in 1997, then being named the National Rural PA of the year in 1998, the lifetime Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants in 2011, and the Veterans Caucus of the American Academy of Physician Assistants in 2011. During his Physician Assistant career he was a founding member or the South Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants and served in a variety of positions. Over the years he also made himself invaluable to the communities that he served, serving on the school board, organizational boards in a variety of positions, before finding

himself elected as Mayor in 2000. He still serves in that position, having helped guide the city for 11 years and counting, and during this time Arlington was named the Governor's Community of the Year. He must be doing a good Job, as he seems to have life tenure as Mayor, having gone unchallenged in elections in the last 10 years. And over that time Arlington has become his home. His is preceded into the Hall of Fame by his great grandfather, Narcisse Narcelle, who was inducted in 1990.

His life and career can be summarized by the wording on one of the plaques that he received. "For his Caring and giving ways and his selfless dedication towards those he continues to care for. He lives to give."

Source: Arlington Newspaper

A Sincere Thank You, Wopida Wowicake

Lillian Beane, William, Linda (Olson), and Sydney Beane wish to thank all those who attended Lillian's 100th Birthday Celebration held on August 25th in the Royal River Casino's Royal Room. Lillian enjoyed the many cards, gifts, flowers, and the Proclamation from South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard. A special thank you to the Flandreau Santee Sioux Executive Committee, Tribal Employees, and Casino Employees for making her celebration a memorable event.

Elmer H. Weston
Born - April 12th, 1921
Journeyed to the Spirit World - September 26th, 2011

Elmer H. Weston, Ta Hocoka Wahbada Mani "In his center he walks in humility", 90, passed away Monday, September 26, 2011 at his home. Elmer was born April 12, 1921 on the Santee Reservation in a church manse at Hobo Creek, NE to Amos and Sophie (Wells) Weston. He attended Spafford Grade School in Flandreau, Pipestone Indian Boarding School and the Flandreau Indian School. Elmer married Vera Heminger on April 30, 1948 at Wheaton, MN. He worked all over the Midwest as a mason and belonged to the Brick Layers Association of Windom, MN. Elmer worked for Green Thumb until he retired. His wife preceded him in death on

July 19, 1976. Elmer was a member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe. Elmer served his people when he was



elected to the tribal council in the 1950's, 1970's, and in the 1980's when he was the FSST Tribal Chairman. Elmer is survived by four children, DuWayne Weston, Doreen (Bill) Bird, Sheryl Weston and Cindy Weston, all of Flandreau; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-

grandchildren, one great-great-grandson on the way; one sister Virginia Weston and one brother Dale Weston, both of St.

Paul, MN. Elmer was preceded in death by his wife Vera; three sons, Kenny, Lindsay and David; and one daughter Sharon.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Friday, September 30, 2011 at Eastman Hall, Flandreau with burial in the First

Presbyterian Cemetery. Visitation begins at 3:00 pm Wednesday at Eastman Hall with a 7:00 pm prayer service both Wednesday and Thursday nights with all night wakes.





Dakota Iyuhennapi Wanji

“We Gather Together As One”

Dakota Nation Wide Conference 2011

Native People from all across our continent are coming to Minnesota to gather in our traditional homelands. *Dakota Iyuhennapi Wanji*, the Dakota Nation Wide Conference is taking place in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Thursday, September 29th through Saturday, October 1st, 2011. This is the third of four gatherings; a collection of grassroots Dakota people are anticipating the upcoming 150th year commemoration of the Dakota “War” of 1862; an event we will be hosting in 2012.

We are gathering together in this sacred place to honor our past, to share our experiences and knowledge, and most of all to heal. We want to be able to document the movements of our Dakota People from that time period until the present.

A canoe trip to visit sacred sites is planned, including speakers on various topics important to us as Native People, as residents of Minnesota, and as a global community interested in working towards the REAL TRUTH, with honor and dignity for all people.

The Conference is free to all Native People who would like to attend.

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Cindy Woolston Interpreter for Deaf Football Player



Cindy Woolston, Interpreter, with student at Sheridan High School, Wyoming



Cindy ready to go to work at the football field

Cindy (Hovland) Woolston, is employed with Sheridan, Wyoming Public Schools as a certified interpreter and licensed through the Wyoming State Department of Education. She also teaches American Sign Language (ASL) to Junior High School students and has an active "Sign Club."

Cindy has 17 years of experience and is contracted to interpret throughout the state of Wyoming. She interprets for the court system, mental health setting and medical settings. In the summer of 2011 she was the coordinator for the "Kids First Program." On her weekends off work, she also interprets for a deaf married couple at her church on Sundays. Cindy has been interpreting for a deaf student who plays junior high school football and plays the position of nose guard. She attends all practices and games and is on the sidelines signing during games for her student. There will be travel

times out of Sheridan to other schools in Wyoming and in Montana. This has been very challenging but Cindy enjoys helping a student as much as she can.

Cindy was in the medical field as a cardiac technician in the trauma ward at Deaconess Hospital, Billings, Montana but switched to education after her husband Evan and children Kayla and Clark transferred with Montana Dakota Utilities to Sheridan, Wyoming.

Kim Anderson, Principal, Sheridan Junior High School wrote: "Last Saturday and last night, I watched one of our own students competing in football in which he has never played before. He is learning skills he has never developed before, and on top of that he is doing it completely deaf. With the huge commitment on the part of Cindy Woolston being at practice each

day and on the sidelines during the games, this young man is developing a sense of team, and courage to try something he has never tried before, and the desire to endure though his steep learning curve. These are great lessons we can all learn from. It brought home to me that there are great things going on all around us. I am trying to learn to slow down, look around, it is amazing what can be found!"

Cindy is an enrolled member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe. She is the daughter of Carol Robertson, Flandreau, Gene Hovland, Rapid City, SD, and the granddaughter of the late Howard and Catherine Robertson and Ed and Nancy Hovland. -Editor



Ride Safe Program Coming to FSST Healthy Start Program

Vicki Anderson, Community Coordinator for FSST's Healthy Start Program, received training in Rapid City to be an infant/child car seat technician. The training was sponsored by the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board Ride Safe Program. The Ride Safe Program is partnered with the Governor's Project 8 program to distribute car

seats to income eligible families throughout South Dakota. The car seats that will be distributed to Healthy Start families located in the Great Plains Region and on reservations in SD, ND, NE and Iowa. Ms. Anderson will contact the families when the car seats for infants and children come to the Flandreau Healthy Start site. -Editor



** If ejected from the vehicle, an occupant is 4 times more likely to die and 14 times more likely to receive cervical spine injuries. NHTSA 2002 Child Passenger Safety Technician Program Participant Manual pg. D-6*

** Booster seats reduce injury to 4-8 year olds by 59%. JAMA*

** Booster seat use among 4-8 year olds increased from 4% in 1999 to 27% in 2004. CHOP*

** For children in car seats, forward-facing kids are 4 times more likely to be injured in a side impact than rear-facing kids. MSNBC*

**Just a reminder to On and Off Reservation Tribal members:
Quoted from Section 19-3-2 of Tribal Gaming Ordinance
“Qualification for on Reservation Per-Capita Payments”**

In order to fairly satisfy the needs of Tribal members who contribute to the advancement and self-determination of the Tribe by residing on the Flandreau Santee Sioux reservation within Moody County, and to provide incentives to members to return to the reservation community to further the advancement to Tribal self-determination and to enhance the reservation community socially, economically and culturally.

Quoted from Section 19-3-4: INCARCERATED PERSONS. Any qualified members who is incarcerated in a penal institution or otherwise pursuant to a conviction under any criminal law for more than thirty (30) days shall lose qualified status. However, such member shall regain qualified status upon his/her release from incarceration, provided he/ she thereafter satisfies the definition of physical residence in Moody County

Submitted by: Per-Capita Committee

September Birthdays at the Senior Citizens Center



Every month, the Grace Moore Senior Citizens Center has a special birthday party for the elders that had a birthday. Sara DeClerk bakes and decorates beautiful cakes for the “Birthday Recognition” occasion. There is a special meal for the birthdays (although every meal at the Center is special) and the

birthday elders receive a nice thoughtful card and gift from the Center.

The lunch for the September birthdays was a hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, honeyed carrots and pistachio salad plus Sara’s delicious red velvet cake. Of course Sally Allen and Sara have

ice tea and lemonade ready too besides the choice of milk, coffee and juice. There is soft ice cream available also for dessert or used as a topping.

Sharing a Birthday Recognition lunch together was Wanda Cadotte & Carol Robertson (sisters) and Celeste Honomichl.

Mark Your Calendars! Indian Taco Sale

Friday, November 18,
10:00 am until gone

Eastman Hall,

By the Senior Center



INFLUENZA VACCINE 2011

Vaccination is strongly recommended for patients with diabetes and other chronic diseases, their caregivers and the elderly.

FOR DIABETICS

Tuesday, October 4th during diabetic clinic

**Vaccinations will be given during normal clinic hours throughout the flu season
Vaccinations may also be received when seeing health care providers for other appointments!**

ATTENTION

In recent months the Hotel has experienced numerous damages in guest rooms. Consequently, a \$50.00 security deposit is required of cash/check-paying guests who stay at the Hotel. At check-out, housekeeping will inspect the room, if there are no damages, the guest will be refunded their security deposit.

***-FSST EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE***

Community Members:

I you are wanting to sponsor a special for a relative or would like to have an honoring for our FSST 50th Annual Pow-wow 2012, please contact:

Angie Holy Bull- (997-2642), or Scott Anderson, Tom Allen Jr (997-3891), or Mike Weston (1st American Mart). If you do have plans on having a special or honoring, please contact the pow wow committee so that it will be on our 2012 poster. Thank you.

-Angie Holy Bull



FSST Brownsfield Program-Elizabeth Wakeman-Director

Elizabeth Wakeman, FSST's Brownsfield Program Director and Tim Spade, FSST Water Quality Specialist, Derrick Bose, FSST Buffalo Director, helped conduct a search for underground dump sites at the south farm buffalo pastures located on Tribal lands.

A Natural Resources Program staff member from the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming, came to help and brought their Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) equipment to look for underground dump sites on Tribal land. These projects and equipment available to Indian Tribes is fully funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All land held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or applying to be placed into trust must have EPA inspections and approval that all land has been cleared and cleaned up of dump sites and contaminants.



September Employee Birthday Party!!!



The employees at the FSST Offices celebrated September birthdays on Wednesday the 7th. Each month the employees get together for a lunch hour of birthday fun and fellowship. After a potluck lunch, those with birthdays during the month get to spin the wheel of cash.

This month's participants were: Mark Allen - \$120.00, Major Redwing - \$40.00, Carol Robertson \$70.00, Leah Fyten - \$80.00, and Celeste Honomichl - \$70.00



Attention Member's turning 18yrs of age be advised.....

In accordance with title 19-3-6: Applying for Per Capita Payments second paragraph:

A member who has reached the age of majority shall be required to apply to participate in per capita distribution. If the member applies for the on-reservation payment, he/she will be required to submit clear and convincing evidence that he/she has been a bona fide resident of Moody County for at least one year prior to reaching the age of eighteen. If the member fails to do so, he/she shall be placed on OFF-reservation status and shall be required to establish residency in accordance with this sub-section.

You may pick up a copy of your title 19 at the tribal office or a copy of complete

Authorities warn of scamming “grandchildren”

By Brian Day, Staff Writer

Posted: 02/06/2011 06:04:32 PM PST

A new wave of an old Canada-based scam in which con artists trick elderly residents out of money by claiming to be imprisoned grandchildren has been working its way through the San Gabriel Valley in recent months.

Two elderly West Covina residents and an elderly Arcadia resident have reported being conned out of more than \$31,000 in January in so-called “grandparent scam,” investigators said.

West Covina police Cpl. Rudy Lopez said officials are concerned this type of scam may go unreported in many cases.

“It is believed that this crime generally does not get reported because the victim is either embarrassed that they fell for the scam or they know that the chances of getting their money back is minimal,” he said.

But the more victims come forward, the more clues detectives will have to work with, Arcadia police Sgt. Tom Le Veque said.

“It might be the one lead we need to track these folks down,” he said.

An Arcadia couple was duped out of more than \$17,000 between Jan. 25 and 27 by two con artists posing as their grandson, Le Veque said.

The scammer told the husband and wife, ages 83 and 80, that his friend was in a Mexican jail for possession of marijuana and he

needed bail money, he said. The con artist told the victims not to tell their children about it.

Follow-up calls came from the “grandson,” as well as another man claiming to be a San Diego police sergeant who provided information on how to send money, police said.

A similar crime was reported in Arcadia on Oct. 19 in which a man was tricked into sending \$7,500 to people who claimed to represent the U.S. Embassy in Spain.

The crooks told the man his grandson had been arrested and needed bail money. After complying, the man learned his grandson had never been to Spain.

Unsuccessful attempts at the scam were reported to Arcadia police around the same time.

West Covina police detectives are investigating two similar crimes reported in their city in January.

A man called an 80-year-old woman Jan. 28 saying he was her grandson and had been in a drunken driving crash, but the judge would drop the charges if he paid for the property damage to the other person’s car, Lopez said. A second con artist posing as the grandson’s lawyer convinced her to wire \$4,758 to the Dominican Republic, where he claimed the victim of the crash lived.

“The victim in this case thought the caller sounded like her

grandson on the phone,” Lopez said.

“The victim’s grandson was contacted after the money was sent,” Lopez said. “He was never arrested by anyone.”

A week earlier on Jan. 21, a 78-year-old woman was called by a someone claiming to be a San Diego police sergeant. The man said her grandson was in jail and needed court fees and bail money, and convinced her to wire a total of \$9,450 in two installments.

She, too, later learned her grandson had not been arrested. Authorities were looking into the similarities between the scams reported in Arcadia and West Covina.

All the phone numbers given to victims have Canadian area codes. The scammers often know the name of the grandchild they are impersonating, officials said, though it was unclear how the information was being gathered or the how the victims were being chosen.

The con artists have been known to cry and apologize for not calling more often before relating tales of woe and asking for money, Le Veque said.

“They’re going to prey on emotions, the fact that maybe they’ll believe it is indeed a grandson or grandchild,” he said. Though the grandparent scam has been seeing a resurgence in the San Gabriel Valley, it has been going on for years.

In October 2009, a 75-year-old Whittier man wired \$2,800 to a con artist who convinced him that his nephew was ordered by a judge to pay for damages to a rental car after a traffic collision in Toronto, Canada.

He was about to send thousands of dollars more when an alert Wal-Mart employee tipped him off that he was being scammed. Anyone who receives a call claiming a relative is in jail is advised to ask what department arrested them, then look up that agency's phone number and call to verify the story.

Officials advise not to accept a phone number from the "relative," as it will likely connect to another con artist who will pose as a police representative.

Since the con artists appear to be based outside the United States, the crimes are admittedly difficult to prosecute, investigators said. Additionally, the con artists tend to use prepaid cell phones and fraudulent names.

With solid leads, however, local authorities said they may be able to work with foreign authorities to bring the scammers to justice. brian.day@sgvn.com

The Wholeness Center



October Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events

Empowering Women Event: Budgeting Skills (Free to the Public)

October 12th at Moody County Extension Office from 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Register by calling the Wholeness Center at 605-997-3535

Bullying/Domestic Violence Curriculum

October 17-19th at the Boys and Girls Club from 4:30PM to 5:30PM

Silent Witnesses Cutout Locations

October 1-17th at the Library
October 17-24th at the Royal River Casino

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal offices will be closed on the following dates:

New Years Day (January 1)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Third Monday in January)

Presidents Day (third Monday in February)

Memorial Day (last Monday in May)

Battle of Little Big Horn (June 25th)

Independence Day (July 4th)

Labor Day (first Monday in September)

Native American Day "Formerly Columbus Day" (October 10th)

Veteran's Day (November 11th)

Section 19-3-3: Exemption from Physical Residency – Members who are physically residing in Moody County immediately prior to pursuing military service, government employment, higher education, temporary employment or have an illness or physical disability that requires the individual to reside temporarily outside Moody County may request an exemption for military service, government employment, temporary employment or higher education must have been residing in Moody County for one (1) year immediately prior to requesting such exemption. **(Amended by Res. 97-08) (Further amended on March 22, 1999 by Res. 99-26)**

SENATORS URGE IMPROVEMENTS TO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

WASHINGTON – A bipartisan group of senators is urging Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and other top administration officials to act quickly to improve health care delivery to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

In a [letter](#) to Secretary Sebelius and Indian Health Service Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, the senators pointed to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report issued Friday, September 23, that highlights billing and other problems in the IHS system that make it difficult for American Indians and Alaska natives to receive care from health providers and makes it difficult for health care providers offering the services to get reimbursed.

The [GAO report](#), called “*Indian Health Service: Increased Oversight Needed to Ensure Accuracy of Data Used for Estimating Contract Health Service Need*,” states that due to inadequate and inconsistent data collection by IHS, it has been very difficult for health care providers who contract with IHS to quickly determine a patient’s eligibility for services. Poor data collection also makes it difficult for IHS to know what contractual services are needed by American Indians and Native Alaskans and whether it has adequate funds to pay for such services.

In their letter, Senators **Jeff Bingaman** (NM), **Lisa Murkowski** (AK), **Tim Johnson** (SD), **John Thune** (SD), **Daniel Akaka** (HI), **John Barrasso** (WY) and **Tom Udall** (NM) acknowledge that IHS is working to correct some of the problems that have long plagued its programs, but they press Secretary Sebelius and Director Roubideaux to immediately step-up oversight of IHS’s contract health services program (CHS). Excerpts of their letter follow:

“The CHS can be a critical life-line for Native Americans throughout the nation. The CHS provides them with health services not available in IHS and tribal health facilities. As a result, CHS may provide for the most complex and life-sustaining care needed by Native Americans.”

“Given the important role of CHS and long standing problems with the program, we believe swift and comprehensive action by the IHS is required and insist that work to address the deficiencies identified by GAO begin immediately.”

“Specifically, we are requesting, within the next 60 days, a clear and comprehensive corrective action plan from IHS that documents how the agency will address each of the problems and recommendations made by the GAO in this Report. In addition, the plan should include a timeline for: (1) specific corrective actions, (2) a date when each action will be commenced, (3) a date when each action is expected to be completed, and (4) identifiable goals that, when reached, will lead to the completion of each corrective action.”

“We look forward to receiving the comprehensive corrective action plan and thank you for your continued dedication to providing high quality health care to Native Americans.”

This is the first in a series of GAO reports requested by a bipartisan group of senators, as well as those mandated by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The reports have been requested because of the long standing problems with the CHS. Forthcoming reports will examine other aspects of the Contract Health Service program including the allocation of funding, reimbursement issues, coordination of services, barriers to care, and claims administration. The next report is expected early in 2012.

Halloween Activities...

Heartland Country Corn Maze – Harrisburg, SD Enjoy a walk through the wonderful natural environment provided by maturing corn. With a Maze Map and a list of questions in hand, find your way to ten checkpoints which contain answers. Find the Hidden checkpoint and receive a FREE treat from the Concession Barn.

This life-size maze carved out of towering corn stalks is a fun and unique experience sure to please! Scattered throughout the many passageways of the maze are 10 checkpoints with questions about local history, agriculture and local geography. The checkpoints also serve as reference points on the maze map and a completed questionnaire proves you visited all 10 checkpoint sights. Whether young or old, the maze offers a fun outing with a twist of education



Fall Hours:
 September 1st – October 22nd
 Friday 5:00 to 9:00 PM
 Saturday 12:00 to 9:00 PM
 Sunday 12:00 to 5:00 PM
 Admission:
 Adults – \$7.00
 Children 14 & Under – \$5.00
 Kids 4 & under are Free



Location: Heartland Country Corn Maze is located 2-1/2 miles East of Harrisburg, SD, then 1-1/2 miles South on S.D. Hwy. 11
 Phone: (605) 743-5984
 OR-

Corn Maze at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Brandon, SD. (605) 332-2233
 October 28 – 29th It's Halloween at the Jellystone Park™ Corn Maze! It's Halloween again and the corn maze is extra spooky this weekend! Don't like getting spooked or have little ones? Then join Yogi and friends the afternoon of Saturday, October 29th for the 2nd Annual Monster Mash! Games, activities, music, and dancing for all! (Open to public!)



THE INDIAN CREED

1. THERE IS ONE GREAT SPIRIT, THE CREATOR AND RULER OF ALL THINGS, TO WHOM WE ARE RESPONSIBLE. HE IS ETERNAL, INVISIBLE, OMNISCIENT, OMNIPOTENT, AND UNPORTRAYABLE. IN AND THROUGH HIM ALL BEINGS LIVE AND MOVE; TO HIM ALL WORSHIP AND ALLEGIANCE ARE DUE; FROM HIM ALL GOOD THINGS COME. HIM WE MUST APPROACH WITH REVERENCE; HIS FAVOR MAY BE WON BY PRAYER, BY SACRIFICE, AND A KINDLY LIFE; KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, BY DISCIPLINE, BY FASTING, AND BY LONELY VIGIL; AND WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE WILL COME HIS GUIDANCE. HE IS IMPERSONAL; YET AT TIMES INSPIRING OR ENTERING PERSONALLY INTO ANIMALS, BIRDS, CLOUDS, RAIN, MOUNTAINS, MEN OR THINGS. UNDER HIM ARE MANY LESSER SPIRITS

2. HAVING ARRIVED ON THIS EARTH, THE FIRST DUTY OF MAN IS THE ATTAINMENT OF PERFECT MANHOOD, WHICH IS THE JUST DEVELOPMENT OF EVERY PART AND POWER THAT GO TO MAKE A MAN, AND THE FULLEST REASONABLE ENJOYMENT OF THE SAME. HE MUST ACHIEVE MANHOOD IN THE BODY WAY, THE MIND WAY, THE SPIRIT WAY, AND THE SERVICE WAY.

3. HAVING ATTAINED TO HIGH MANHOOD, HE MUST CONSECRATE THAT MANHOOD TO THE SERVICE OF HIS PEOPLE. HE MUST, ABOVE ALL, BE A GOOD PROVIDER FOR HIS FAMILY, A BRAVE PROTECTOR, A KIND AND HELPFUL NEIGHBOR, AND EVER READY TO DEFEND HIS FAMILY, HIS CAMP, OR HIS TRIBE FROM A FOREIGN FOE.

4. THE SOUL OF THE MAN IS IMMORTAL. WHENCE IT CAME INTO THIS WORLD OR WHITHER IT GOES WHEN IT DEPARTS, HE DOES NOT KNOW. BUT WHEN HIS TIME COMES IT DIE, HE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT HE IS GOING ON TO THE NEXT WORLD. WHAT THE NEXT LIFE CONTAINS FOR HIM, HE HAS NO MEANS OF ASCERTAINING. NEVERTHELESS, HE SHOULD NOT APPROACH IT WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING, REPENTING AND WEEPING OVER SUCH THINGS AS HE HAS LEFT UNDONE, OR SUCH THINGS AS HE SHOULD NOT OF DONE. HE SHOULD REST ASSURED THAT HE HAS DONE HIS BEST WITH THE GIFTS AND THE LIMITATIONS THAT WERE HIS, AND THAT HIS CONDITION THERE WILL BE GOVERNED BY HIS RECORD AND HIS BEHAVIOR HERE. THEREFORE, LET HIM SING HIS DEATH SONG, AND GO OUT LIKE A HERO GOING HOME.

SOURCE: THE GOSPEL OF THE REDMAN

Dear, Sioux Indians

How do you make tipis and do you lik sleep in them. I whant to learn how to mak your wepens and mitirilas. I want to learn to hunt. I did not know you gise have guns. You have a wird religion of smoking, I think it’s a bad religion.

This is a letter received from a curious kindergartner from California; he did receive a response letter printed below.

Dear, XXX

Thank you for your letter and more importantly your interest in the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and “Sioux Indians”. I have enclosed information on how to make a tipi; although tipis are not commonly used anymore during day to day life, however they are still used at cultural events or to just have fun camping. I have also enclosed information on how you can make an bow and arrow set although it is not a toy and you should discuss that you want to make a bow and arrow with your parents or other trusted adult the decide if you should be making a potentially dangerous weapon.

As for your statement that the “Sioux religion is weird” due to the tobacco use commonly associated with Native American culture/ religion as u know. Native American have been using tobacco

in cultural/religious ceremonies for many generations and keep in mind that the sacred uses of tobacco are different for many tribes but a basic truth remains, tobacco should be used for prayer, protection, respect and healings. Tobacco is medicine. Although Mr. XXX I’m not endorsing the use of tobacco especially for a person of your age, but natural tobacco used only during ceremonies will probably cause minimal health effects compared to tobacco cigarettes which are made with many different unhealthy additives.

So you see it is unfair to call a religion “bad” because you are unaware of the contexts and reasons why certain practices exist. One could compare the practices of many of the different religions of the world and have a less than positive view of that religion, but once you ask questions and begin to understand why certain types of people believe what they do you will have a greater understanding of the world around you and the other people in it.

Thank you for your letter, and I hope I have sufficiently answered your questions.

Sincerely,

Amber Allen – FSST Economic Development Assistant/Web editor

Happy Birthday Chipper!



Birthday Wishes on October 13th! -from your Mom & Sisters and family. We hope you catch more 36” 20 lb catfish. Happy Fishing on your days off!!

Reminder to Parents & Guardians to FSST Minor Members

Please make sure your child (ren)’s address is kept current on the minors trust account. Please call or write to Judy Allen – FSST Payroll Personnel Specialist at 997-9389 or mail to FSST Attn: Judy Allen, P.O. Box 283, Flandreau, SD -57028-

Happy Birthday Sam on October 7th!!!



Pictured above from l to r: Luverne Allen, Clifford Allen, Cyndi (Allen) Weddell (front), Sam Allen, and Howie Allen

From Your Family

Vikings Head Coach Leslie Frazier with Collette Kills-a-Hundred



**Daughter you are my Sunshine
Happy Belated 25th Birthday
wishes to Courtney Brown!!!**



*Courtney's birthday was on
September 24th*

From your Family

Happy Birthday Sally on October 2nd!!!



*Pictured above from l to r: Sally Allen &
Helena Thompson*

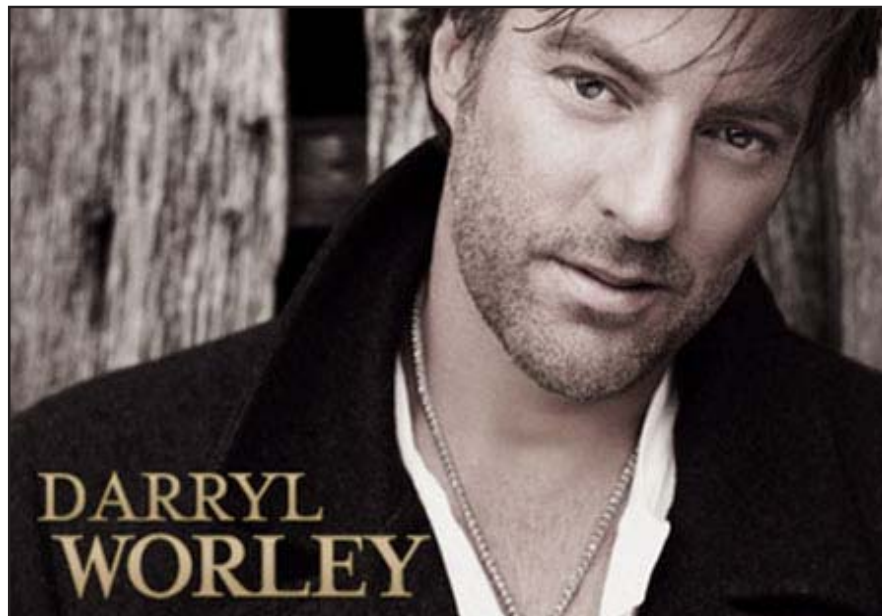
From Your Family

Friday September 30, 2011



Mato Nanji's always provided the heartbeat of the band Indigenouso - along with the warm dusty voice and the soaring, spirited guitar fireworks that have earned the group from South Dakota's Nakota Nation a place among roots rock's elite. The sound of the band has broadened, and we were able to explore all the influences that are woven into that sound - blues, soul, R&B, and even country - more than ever. You won't want to miss the new sounds of Indigenouso at Royal River on September 30th at 8PM. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Saturday October 8, 2011



Darryl Worley is an American country artist who has topped the charts with singles including "I Miss My Friend," "Awful, Beautiful Life" and "Have You Forgotten?". Worley jumped quickly back into the Top 20 with the single "Sounds Like Life To Me". See him live in concert at Royal River on October 8th, shows at 7:00pm and 9:30pm, tickets only \$18-\$23!



Dear FSST Member, you and your immediate family are invited

to join the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in celebrating

Royal River Casino & Hotel's 21st Anniversary!

Friday, October 21st, 2011

ROYAL ROOM

6:00pm – Welcome

6:30pm – Prayer & Dinner

8:00pm – Entertainment

FEATURING



FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX HOUSING AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 328, Flandreau, South Dakota 57028-0328

PHONE (605) 997-2194 - FAX (605) 997-2822



To: All FSSHA Tenants and Homeowners
From: Flandreau Santee Sioux Housing Authority
Date: September 21, 2011
Re: Dumpsters and Trash Bins

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Housing Authority, the FSST Natural Resource Department and Eng Services will be in partnership to improve the garbage removal in the Housing area. The FSST Natural Resource Department will make a one time purchase of trash bins for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Housing Authority.

Eng Services will purchase an attachment for his truck to be able to empty the trash bins with a machine. This process will allow for future improvements and recycling helping the environment. The FSST Natural Resource Department is currently working on a recycling program. If you have any recyclable items, please contact Mark Allen at 997-5123 ext. 1012 or by e-mail at mallen@fsst.org.

NOTE: The new trash pick – up goes into effect **Monday, October 3, 2011**. Each tenant/homeowner is responsible for placing the trash bin on the curb the night **before** trash pick – up and for the secure storage of the bin **after** trash pick – up. Eng Service's will not dump any trash receptacles that are not placed on the curb for pick – up.

Each unit in Housing will have a trash bin with an abbreviation of their address painted on it. The street abbreviations will be: AAVE, CST, EDR, JDR, LDR, and ODR. For example: 201 Owan Caya Duta Dr. will be labeled "201 ODR," and 108 Eastman Dr. will be labeled "108 EDR".

Each tenant shall be responsible for the trash bin delivered to their house. The replacement cost of the trash bin will be \$100.00. This amount must be paid and received in advance to the Housing Authority before the purchase of a replacement trash bin will be ordered and delivered.

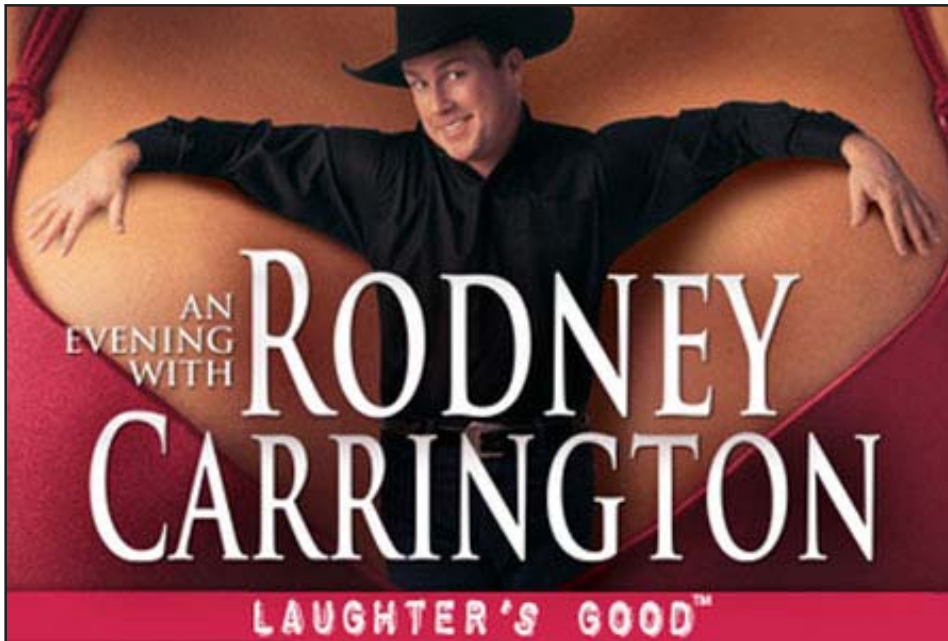
All dumpsters, with exception of bins located at Elderly Housing and those at Inkpa Duta Dr., will be removed from the FSSHA community. If you have any furniture, appliances or other unrecyclable items you are unable to put into your trash bin, they can be placed in the current fenced areas. Please call to notify the Housing office if you have placed any items in this area, so they can be picked up and disposed of. **Please do NOT place any other trash or trash bags in this area.**

I agree to assume responsibility for the trash receptacle provided to me and to abide by this trash removal policy.

Signature: Head of Household

Date:

Saturday October 15, 2011



Rodney Carrington has been making audiences laugh for almost twenty years with his unique brand of stand-up comedy. The country singer-songwriter has recorded eight major record label comedy albums selling over 3 million copies. Morning Wood has been certified gold. Carrington also starred in his own TV sitcom Rodney, which ran for two seasons on ABC. He also co-wrote and co-starred with Toby Keith in the feature film Beer for My Horses.

Rodney Carrington is a multi-talented comedian, actor, and writer who puts on a show that is guaranteed to be a little naughty, but a lot of fun! Don't miss him at Royal River Casino on October 15th, shows starting at 7:30PM and 10:00PM, Tickets: \$39 - \$48. For mature audiences.

FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOTICE: To ALL FSSHA Low – Income Housing Tenants

The Housing Authority is currently conducting annual recertification for ALL low-income housing participants. Copies of the (revised) housing tenant manuals are also being distributed to each head of household or adult family member.

Please contact the Housing office to schedule an appointment at (605) 997-2194 during business hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All FSSHA rental tenants are required to recertify with the Housing Authority at least annually, as per the Authority's Eligibility, Admissions and Occupancy Policy, Section IV, (C), (6) and by federal regulation Title 24, Part 1000.128.

Attention Students!!

TRiO Upward Bound

Are you interested in going to college? Are you a 9th, 10th or 11th grade student? Do you want some extra support with school?

TRIO Upward Bound meets 2 Saturdays a month, provides after school tutoring and gives students the opportunity to live on SDSU's campus for 6 weeks during the summer. Other benefits of the program include: ACT preparation, College visits, college counseling, supplemental academic instruction, and a small stipend for participating.



If interested, contact Amy Firman @ 997-2705

Or message us on FACEBOOK at UpwardBound SDSU



S. F. Oyate Wacipi & Dinner

Come be part of our monthly Traditional Wacipi at the Multicultural Center.

515 N. Main Sioux Falls SD

Come and enjoy! Open to the public!

Dates - Grand Entry times:

☉ November 12, 2011 – 7 pm

☉ December 10, 2011 – 7 pm

☉ March 17, 2012 - 7 pm

☉ May 19, 2012 - 7 pm

Meal at 5 p.m.

We encourage everyone to bring a hot dish, side dish, salad or whatever you can to share with the SF Oyate meal.

For more information contact: email: sfoyate22@yahoo.com

Rhea Ashes (605) 940-0467

Marylyn Lone Hill 605-334-4060/800-658-4797

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"Let us put our minds together and see what we can do for our children"

Remember TUPPERWARE?

...it is still
available!

*You are Invited to a
Tupperware Party*

Tuesday, October 18

1:00-3:00

afternoon coffee

Grace Moore

Senior Center

*Stop anytime for more information
or to place an order!*

**This a FUNdraiser for the
Senior Center...Thank you!**



Black Hills Powwow-Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

10/07/2011 - 10/09/2011

1:00:00 PM - 7:00:00 PM

Day or weekend passes. Adult and kids passes-\$23 Adult Weekend

Pass

\$15 Children Weekend Pass 65yrs & Over FREE 4yrs & Under FREE

Black Hills Powwow in Rapid City,SD

Black Hills Pow Wow Association-(605) 341-0925

Website: blackhillspowwow.com

A few days of Native American culture, dancing and traditions with dancing, food and drinks, drumming and so much more for all ages. The annual Black Hills Powwow is hosted by the Black Hills Powwow Association (BHPA), a non-profit organization. The BHPA is comprised of a ten-member board of directors. The Black Hills Powwow has become one of the premiere American Indian events in the United States and Canada. Every year, dancers, singers, artisans and spectators converge on Rapid City during Native American Day weekend in South Dakota to share in numerous multicultural events, including the championship powwow, style show, arts and crafts shows, softball tournament, Miss He Sapa Win pageant, Youth Day activities and archery tournament. The entire purpose of the powwow weekend is to showcase the beauty of American Indian culture and history, all right here in the sacred Black Hills.