



## Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community News

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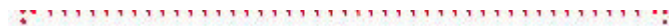
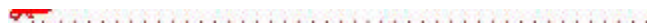
### Millions \$\$ in revenue for MMDC?

The Tribal Council is discussing a business venture that may bring in millions of dollars of revenue.

Come to our September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00 PM to hear all the details.



Cut this out and put it on your calendar



### Upcoming Events

Date: Every Other Tues.  
Time: 4:30 PM  
Tribal Council Meeting

Date: Every Wed.  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Dakota Language class

Date: Last Tues. Each Month  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Voting Membership Meeting

See our website for a complete  
schedule of events and  
activities.

## 2008 Monthly Meeting Schedule

Voting Membership meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month in the office. Your participation and input are critical towards achieving our goals. We are required to have a minimum of 15 voting members present in order to conduct any business, so please mark your calendar for the remainder of the year now.

January 29	May 27	
September 30		
February 26	June 24	October 28
March 25	July 29	
November 25		
April 29	August 26	
*December 7		

\*Holiday party in place of December meeting.

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## Congratulations!

To our new honorary members: Ron "Bear" Cronick, Bruce White, Diane Elliot, and Linda Rost. These folks have done a lot for our Community.

Jim Albrecht and Greg Strandmark each received an eagle feather at our pow-wow this year. They have worked long hours behind the scenes to make our Community successful.

Paul Lauer received an eagle feather in honor of his first Sun Dance this year.

Joey Anderson, son of Red Sky, received an eagle feather for achieving high scholastic honors (top 10% in state).

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## Treasurer's Report

You can now contact Renee Johnson directly via email at [mmdc-finance@comcast.net](mailto:mmdc-finance@comcast.net).

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Our gaming debt is all paid off! We have one outstanding debt remaining - our legal fees. Once that is paid off, we'll only have our regular operating expenses.

Did you know? It costs an average of over \$1,300 a month to keep our office open. That does not include our operating expenses (paper, printer ink, copier toner, postage, insurance, licenses, bank fees, etc.).

We typically receive a monthly average of \$1,100 in dues to cover all our expenses. Our income (dues) has been dropping off consistently since February. The chart below reflects the actual dues we've received this year.



The Otto Bremer grant helps supplement our income, but those funds are designated for specific purposes. If we do not spend them as designated, we run the risk of losing our funding.

I know many people are feeling the pinch of our economy. Gas prices are higher and everything seems to cost more. It is the same for the Community. We count on you to pay our monthly bills.

I want to thank everyone who supports us. Without you, we wouldn't exist!

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## Fundraising Committee

We received a check from the Otto Bremer Foundation for year two of our three-year grant with them. The purpose of this grant is to help us create infrastructure to sustain the organization in the areas of tribal membership, personnel, finance, governance, and fundraising.

Our goal is to hire an experienced, full-time Executive Director to oversee and direct the day-to-day operations of the Community and to obtain sufficient funding for our general operating expenses.

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## Pow-Wow Committee

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This was our most successful pow-wow ever! The weather was beautiful. We estimated 2,100 people attended this year!

Pidamaya to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event successful.

If you took pictures of the pow-wow please share them on a CD so we can use them on our website.



We are already gearing up for 2009 –our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Pow-wow. It will be a big event and we'll need everyone's help in planning and getting the work done. This is a fun way to get actively involved in the community. Please join us on the each month as we plan for this big event.

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### Movie Debut

The Rhonda Rana film, Come and Get Your Love, is previewing on Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the Parkway Theater (4814 Chicago Ave, Minneapolis, MN). This is Native American mystery movie had some scenes filmed at our Community office. The movie is rated R.

Some folks are meeting at Petito's at noon. Petito's is connected to the theatre. Please join us for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

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### New Book by author Waziyatawin

What Does Justice Look Like? A new book by author Waziyatawin (Winona Wilson) is now available at the tribal office. Books are free while supplies last.

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### Liquid Languages—Get them while they last!



Jim Albrecht arranged to privately label our MMDC logo on bottled spring water. These

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collector bottles will help teach the Dakota language. New Dakota words or phrases will appear every 25 cases. Jim will donate a portion of his profits back to the Community to support our Dakota language programs. For only \$2.00 each you can get yours at the MMDC office. This is an easy way to help preserve our Dakota heritage and learn our language. Tell your friends and relatives!

If you know someone who is interested in private labeling their own bottled water (companies, events, organizations, etc.) call George Crothers at 651-274-2250. Tell him you were referred by MMDC and he will donate 50% of the net profit to MMDC.

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