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Attention Members and Applicants!

Our next membership meeting is Tuesday, September 26 at 7pm. Please come! We need members at our meetings. We are planning a move and need member input on what we should do. If anyone has any ideas about where to relocate to, please share them with the community.

Personal Belongings in the office

We need to clean up the office in preparation of a move. Anyone who has any personal belongings at MMDC needs to come pick it up. It is our goal to get rid of a lot of "stuff" that we don't need, such as chairs and couches, anything taking up space that we don't need to bring with us when we move. If we have to put things in storage, the less there is, the better. We will try to get rid of a lot of the stuff at the garage sale at the end of Sept. (see next article for details). Some items we will advertise locally to sell. If you cannot pick up your personal belongings by September 26th (our meeting date), please call the office so we can save it for you until you are able to pick up. If we don't hear from you, we will assume it belongs to MMDC and it may end up in the garage sale.

ATTENTION! GARAGE SALE!

SEPTEMBER 29 and 30 at MMDC. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the office in good condition and clean. We are also offering tables for \$20.00 plus a \$20.00 returnable deposit (returned after your space is cleaned up). If you have things you want to sell, you can rent a table space (like a flea market). WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with the sale (before and during). We need help pricing items, organizing, etc. We will also need help the days of the sale. Please contact the office if you can help. Thank you to Mary Lou Foster for organizing this event!

	<p><u>Dues-</u></p> <p>We need to pay our dues. The office functions off the money that comes in from member dues. We are not getting enough dues in to keep our current office and are looking into alternate locations. Grant applications are being mailed out, but it can take a long time to get a response. If you are behind on dues, please make an effort to get yourself paid up to date. Those of you who continually make your payments on time, thank you!! If you have any questions about your invoice, please contact Renée Johnson @ 763-757-8354.</p>
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<p>Thanks to all</p>	<p>Thank you to Bruce White for all the support he has given us. To those of you who haven't heard, we are on the Wolfchild Lawsuit. Thank you to Bruce and also the OMD group who spent so much of their time and effort on getting this all together. Also, thank you to Bruce for the monetary donation, he has always been such a great supporter of MMDC. Another big thanks to Mary Lou Foster. She has been in the office preparing for the garage sale, cleaning out cupboards and organizing closets and so much more! It is so greatly appreciated!!</p>
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<p>Help Your Community!</p>	<p><u>Volunteers needed!!</u></p> <p>We can always use help in the office! Please come in and volunteer an hour or so of your time. We are trying to get a scrapbook together of all the news articles we have saved. MMDC is the subject of many of these newspaper articles. We need someone to come in and 3-hole punch them and put it all in a 3 ring binder. There are many little jobs like that to do around here. The basement needs to be cleared out. Bathrooms always need to be cleaned. The file cabinets need to be reorganized. Come see what you can do to help!</p> <p><u>Federal Recognition committee</u></p> <p>Anyone interested in forming a group to research what needs to be done to get on our way to recognition please call Brian Eggenberg at 612-386-6276. We already have a small committee formed and anyone is welcome if you would like to help us move toward recognition. Brian will give a report of progress at our membership meetings.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The National Park Service</i> <p>September 25th and 26th, the National Park Service will present the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Coldwater Springs. Both dates the times will be 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This will be presented at the Visitor Center at the MN Valley Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area. A court reporter will be on hand to take your comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mdewakanton Diabetic Neuropathy Study</i> <p>Mayo Clinic is offering free Diabetic Eye Exams at the Mayo Clinic Trailer next to Prairie Island Community Center. The dates for this are: Friday October 13, Friday November 3, and Friday December 8. The address is 1158 Island Blvd, Welch, MN.</p>
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Testing is free to anyone with Native American heritage and their families. Individuals do not need to have diabetes or have a membership with a tribe to participate. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. Call Sue Capelle at 507-266-1616 Monday-Thursday 7am to 3pm. This study includes free eye exams, lab testing, examination for diabetic neuropathy, EKG testing of the heart and diet info. Free eyeglass prescriptions also. Participants will receive a remuneration of \$50.00 in the mail for completing the exams.

Voting Membership Meeting



, MINUTES

A copy of the minutes is available in the office for your viewing pleasure at any time. If anyone is interested, there is a 3 ring binder that the minutes are kept in at the office. This is located on a shelf to the left of the supply cabinet in the back section of the office (across the room from the copy machine). If there are any questions, please direct them to Tiffany Eggenberg.

Dakota Culture Classes

Learn About the Dakota Culture
by Jim Anderson

Mark your calendars for the last Wednesday each month. Jim Anderson, our Historian, will share his knowledge about our Dakota heritage and ceremonies. His talks have been very popular

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Friends of the Friendlies

Mendota Dakota Oápaye
by Linda Rost and Diane Elliot

We are establishing a Society in conjunction with the Tribe to assist in the efforts to preserve the culture. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Society and helping us build our community, please contact us.

Here is the email address: hecetu1@yahoo.com Linda Rost 612-825-1079 (leave a message) or Diane Elliott at 651-457-0312.

Scholarship Committee

Greg Strandmark has agreed to be chairman of the scholarship committee. We will direct any scholarship requests to him. We have had several requests in the last month. We have already given one scholarship of \$300.00 to a member of our community for college expenses. If you would like to donate any money to this fund, it is called the Marie Nordin Scholarship Fund. We have a collection jar at the community center located on the counter in the store by the cash register, or you could mail a donation in. This is a great way to help our members on their path to a higher education.

Membership/Enrollment Committee

Ann Lauer and Becky Wiggins have been getting so much done with membership enrollment. They have met several times and are getting members approved. We have several new members now, and they are working on more applicants files currently.

Powwow Committee

Powwow committee needs to set a date for a meeting. We wanted to get started this early so we are more prepared next year. Please call the office if you can be on this committee and we will set a date.

Federal Court Hearing

Jim Anderson, our cultural chairman, will be in Federal Court September 25th at 9am in St. Paul. This is a hearing to dismiss charges against Jim, and two friends of the community (SuSu Jeffrie and Chris Mato Nunpa), for trespassing on government property. The charges were in violation of the 1805 treaty. Jim received the ticket at Coldwater Spring, for going into the area to collect sacred water and pray. Those of you that can, please come to a rally outside the courthouse at 8 am to support Jim and our friends. The address is 180 E 5th St. between Jackson and Sibley St. .

Tribal Council:		Committee Chairs:	
Chairman	Michael Scott.....612-789-6642	Constitution/ Membership	Ann Lauer 651-665-0108 Becky Wiggins 612-722-8982 ...
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Annual Toy Drive

We are donating to Pine Ridge Reservation again. We are targeting 12-18 year olds, gifts for all ages are welcome. We will accept winter jackets and warm clothing (new) and also cash donations to help with postage or gas to deliver the items. (Steve and Barrys department store sells winter jackets for under \$8.00!) We need items turned in by our holiday party December 10. Curt mentioned he may be able to load items into his van and drive to Pine Ridge to deliver items before the holidays.

Dakota Commemorative March

The Dakota Commemorative March is November 7-13 from the Lower Sioux Agency to Fort Snelling. This is the third march (held every other year). The march is held in honor of the people who were forcibly removed from the Lower Sioux Agency to concentration camps in Mankato and Ft. Snelling. You can participate ½ day, 2 days, the whole time, whatever works for you. The march covers about 20 miles per day, meals and shelter provided along the way. The group arrives in Ft. Snelling November 13, a Monday, about noon. A ceremony will be held for a hour to an hour and a half, then a feast at 2pm. Many gather at Ft. Snelling to greet the walkers.

Kowalskis

Bob Kowalski, a friend of the community is having a grand opening at 10 am, September 30. He is opening up a wine shop. He has bought several prints from us and had them framed. These are on his walls at his new store. He has asked Thunder Nation to drum, and Jim Anderson or Curt LaClaire to smudge the store. Call for location information.

Store for Rent

Dave Olin, the owner of our building, said we could try to rent out the store half of our office. We have put up a for rent sign to see if we get any bites. If that doesn't work out, we will need to be moving out of here by the end of October. If you know anyone looking for space to rent, send them our way. If you know of any reasonably priced offices for rent, let us know.

Federal Recognition Committee

We are looking for people to interview for their families oral history (this is on the list of criteria we need for Federal Recognition). Please contact Brian Eggenberg at 952-226-4084.

Governance

Kevin Martineau has some great ideas for governance for our community. He got his ideas together and worked up an outline. Please call the office if you would like us to email you a copy of this. Putting his ideas in action should greatly benefit our community.

Newsletter

Please help!! We need a volunteer or volunteers to do the newsletter. My schedule does not allow me time to fit this in at present. The job would include emailing the articles to Diane Elliot. She would edit them, and send it on to Linda Rost who would then put it together and email it to the office. We have volunteers willing to stuff, label and stamp envelopes. Contact Sharon or Tiffany if you are interested.

Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies go out to Mary Lou Foster and her family. Her husband Ed passed away just before our powwow this summer. He had helped MMDC in many ways in the past and will be deeply missed. We are sorry for your loss.

Births

Sharon Lennartson became a grandma in August. Samuel Adam was born several weeks early and is doing great! Sharon got to go to Colorado to visit him for almost 2 weeks. (We actually had a 60th birthday party planned for her, and she left before we had it.) Samuel is adorable. He made it into the newspaper because of the unique location he was born. Ask Sharon about it!

Moonwalk

A moonwalk is held at the full moon every month, meeting in the pay lot at the south end at Minnehaha Falls Park (near Coldwater Spring). These walks are led by Friends of Coldwater and oftentimes there is a guest speaker that leads the walk. Please call for dates and times or look up Friends of Coldwater online for more information.

Grants

Our grant writer, Audrey Fuller has finished writing the grant and we are submitting those soon. First Jim Albrecht has volunteered to make phone calls to the companies we plan of asking for help from.

CD's Available

We have Mitch Walking Elk and Red Ponie CD's available in our store at the community center. They are \$15.00. We also have lots of fun new beadwork items by our artist Becky Wiggins. She has many items on consignment in the store and does beautiful work.