



# Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community News

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55150 MMDC is a Tribal 501C3 Organization

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## Message from Sharon:

Hello everyone!

There's not much going on. We are thinking about using Zoom so we can stay connected with family and friends and continue our meetings.

Stay safe and stay healthy. Stay in the house for 14 days!!!!

Turn in your consent form and survey.

The council is working at home on the bylaws, grants and federal recognition.

Applied for P.W. grant. Due April 7th.

Thank you to Sharon and Joe, Lorena Weaver and Cheryl Fundingland and John LeClaire for working on the Capital Grant. Best Buy is on hold for capital grant. Will have to continue until next year. If they even do anymore grants?

We applied for pow wow grant from MRAC.

Thank you to Joy Borchardt for helping us so quickly getting people's addresses and thank you to Joe who continues to work on grants.

Dave from Mendota will light a fire at St. Peters Church today 5:05 for 4 days.

Thank you Tommy and Riley, and others, for keeping the sacred fire, at Leech Lake Nation sacred fire and ceremony. The fire will remain lit until April 30th. This is a huge humble commitment from Tommy and Riley.

Welcome back Greg Strandmark as our new acting historian. Also welcome Jason Delmont as our acting secretary. They will remain in those positions until our next until our election in April 2021.

Thank you Bridget Lopez for telling me about Jyni Koschak from Volunteers of America. Jyni has got us some volunteers for grant writing and fundraising.

Thank you to Dr. Mike Klein is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Justice and Peace Studies at the University of St. Thomas. When we are done with our Federal Recognition process, Mike said he may write a book about us. mike has written many books.

Coleen Brady for helping with Sharon's family ancestry research.

Thank you for sending in you surveys we have received about 50, we still need more of our members to turn them in.

If I forgot to thank someone, sorry so thank you too.

Here are some links I wanted to share

<https://my2020census.gov>

<https://www.houseofnames.com/leclaire-family-crest>

Due to the shutdowns, there will be no future meetings until further notice.

It's very important that everyone complete and return their survey form and consent form! They can be downloaded and printed here: [mendotadakota.com/mn/downloads](http://mendotadakota.com/mn/downloads)

- We need research done, you volunteer your time at home.
- (Newspapers on MN Frontier 1849-1860) we will pay for the documents, so there is no cost for you. Just send us the information.
- Another site is (Newspaper.com) also needs to be looked at for community family / members,
- Ancestry.com,
- MNHS, MNDS,
- MN Genealogical Society,
- Old church records, libraries and anywhere else you can find information.
- Also look up any families anything that pertains to Mendota.
- Mdewakanton.org and Dakota kinship on face book.
- Santee Sioux Genealogy on Facebook.
- Anything any subject about Mendota.
- [accessgenealogy.com/native/mdewakantonsioux-tribe.htm](http://accessgenealogy.com/native/mdewakantonsioux-tribe.htm)
- French Fur Traders
- Indian Scouts in 1860 – 1864
- Old phone directories for Mendota.
- Please look at your (great) grandparents birth certificates to see if they were born in Mendota in the DuPuis House our ancestral home of Hypolite DuPuis & Angelique Renville. Send us a copy of that birth certificates or baptismal. I know not all of you are related to Hypolite and Angelique. If you are we still need any stories about them. Other members we need your ancestor's stories too.
- When you find something, document where you found it, if it is a book, the page, the date you found it, the date it was written. If it is on microfiche what box, what document, etc.

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

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## STAY CONNECTED:

Make sure to like us at [www.facebook.com/MendotaDakota](http://www.facebook.com/MendotaDakota) to be the first to hear about upcoming events and news! Your opinion matters, please feel free to leave us a [www.facebook.com/MendotaDakota/reviews](http://www.facebook.com/MendotaDakota/reviews)

## REMEMBER YOUR 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS:

All members of the tribe, even honorary members, are required to pay contributions.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the tribal and honorary members who pay their contributions on time or who use the automatic payment system.

These contributions are important for keeping our tribal office running. They pay for things like cultural events, education, powwows, office supplies, programs, gas, inips, community car, etc.

Please get caught up on your dues. For those of you who have not paid for a while please get caught up. You don't want to be removed when we are so close to sending in our narrative. If you have not paid in two years you could be removed.

Would you like to pay your contributions automatically? [www.mendotadakota.com/ach](http://www.mendotadakota.com/ach)

Need to get caught up with back payments or make a one time payment? [www.mendotadakota.com/payment](http://www.mendotadakota.com/payment)

## ARE YOU GOOD AT RESEARCH?

We are looking for research volunteers. If you'd like to help, please contact us Greg Strandmark. [mendotadakota.com/mn/contact](http://mendotadakota.com/mn/contact)

We are looking for any photographs or new information about Angelique Renville, wife of Hypolite Dupuis.

We'd like to find any evidence of our Mdewakanton ancestors who were born in or lived in the DuPuis House, in Mendota, MN.

**“To preserve, protect, and promote the Dakota culture for future generations.”**

Help our tribe and grow your business.

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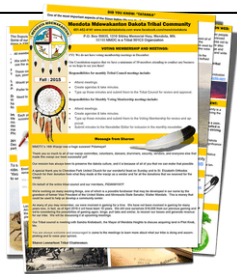
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Please let us know of any errors you may see in the newsletter. Send all updates and corrections to us and if necessary we will revise the current newsletter or correct the error in the next edition.

### Do you have an idea for a story?

Would you like to find or write articles for the MMDC website, facebook page or newsletter?

Are you an artist/cartoonist, storyteller, activist or photographer?

Do you have something you would like to

contribute for possible inclusion to our

newsletters? A funny anecdote or joke? Stories, news or history, art, a link to your music, videos or photo gallery?

Have you seen something interesting on the web you think should be included?

Please send us an email.

[newsletter@mendotadakota.com](mailto:newsletter@mendotadakota.com)



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### ABOUT US AND OUR GOALS

The Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal community is a non-profit 501C3 organization dedicated to preserving the Dakota heritage.

**In 2002, the MMDC membership participated in a comprehensive strategic planning session that resulted in the development of seven (7) long range goals striving to:**

We currently have seven (7) goals:

- Obtain federal recognition.
- Maintain a tribal office in Mendota, MN.
- Acquire a land base.
- Develop self-sufficiency through in-house business.
- Promote and support the preservation of the Dakota culture, including protecting sites of cultural significance to the Dakota people.
- Teach community members and others the Dakota language.
- Promote an understanding between the Mendota Community and other Native Communities, and the public.



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