



# Rosebud Eyapaha

## Great Plains Tribal Chairmans Association

Rosebud Sioux Tribe President Kathleen Wooden Knife and various members of the tribal council met with other leaders of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association (GPTCA) and the Great Plains Tribal Health Board (GPTHB) in Rapid City, SD. Also, all attended the strategic planning meeting of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn (Battle of the Greasy Grass) Planning Meeting with has a set date scheduled for June 25th, 2026. The objective is to ensure the commemoration is a unified, accurate testament to Native American resilience and sovereignty, not just an event.

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



## Sinte Gleska University Elder Christmas Dinner



December 5, 2024. Sinte Gleska University staff organized and hosted a warmly received Christmas dinner for the elderly, held at the Multipurpose Building. This event provided a valuable opportunity SGU staff and students to connect with and show their appreciation to the elders while offering a variety of dishes and distributing gifts.



## Wells Fargo Bank Donates Warm Blankets to Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Wells Fargo Bank has provided a significant donation of blankets to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to ensure essential warmth for tribal members during the height of the winter season.

The blankets directly address a critical requirement for winter provisions, thereby helping to mitigate the health risks associated with prolonged cold exposure. RST President Wooden Knife sends sincere appreciation to Leah Seymor at Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo maintains its commitment to ongoing collaboration with tribal governments throughout the United States.



**Lakota Phrase of the Month**  
By Russell Eagle Bear  
Lakota - Omaka teca waste yuhapo/pe!

English- Happy New Years!





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## RST COUNCIL REP SHOUTOUT

### Youthful Perspective, Strong Leadership

**Christopher Eagle Bear**  
**Black Pipe Council Representative**  
**Term 2023-2026**

Mr. Eagle Bear was inspired to become a council representative from a young age, motivated by watching his grandfather lead by example. His passion for tribal politics grew strong, rooted by a desire to serve and give back to his community. As a youth, he became involved with the Sicangu Youth Council, where he gained hands-on experience in leadership and advocacy. Through organizing initiatives, presenting proposals, and stepping up when needed, he learned the responsibility and proactive mindset required to lead.

As he begins his current council term, Mr. Eagle Bear's top priorities are building stronger relationships with other tribes and improving workforce opportunities for the people. Guided by the Lakota values of Waunsila, Waohola, and Wochekiye, he strives to lead with compassion, respect, and prayer. Staying grounded in these values has helped him remain connected to the people he represents and committed to serving them in a good way.



### RST Showing of the Tree's

On December 22, 2025, the Rosebud Sioux Reservation Secretary's Office was buzzing with Christmas cheer as it hosted the annual Showing of the Trees at the Tribal Building. Community members bundled up to enjoy festive Christmas trees, warm cups of hot chocolate, and old-fashioned candy bags. Thanks to the generosity of Tribal Programs, Christmas trees were given away to individuals, helping spread holiday warmth and joy throughout the Rosebud Reservation.



### RST Tribal Enrollment Offers Services to Tribal Members Off-Reservation

Rapid City, SD. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Enrollment Program planned to expand its operations to align with the annual Lakota Nation Invitational (LNI), and other major events, held in the Rapid City, SD area. This initiative was designed to bring essential tribal services directly to RST members who live in the surrounding Rapid City area and also tribal members who were attending the events, minimizing travel barriers and maximizing accessibility due to the constant threat of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

During the period of these events, the Enrollment Program successfully offered a range of vital services, including, enrollment applications, membership updates, tribal ID card services and documentation review. This approach allowed the Enrollment Program to serve a significant number of tribal members who might otherwise face challenges traveling to the main tribal offices on the reservation, reaffirming the Tribe's commitment to convenient services for all tribal members.







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## SICANGU RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

*Professionals Conference 2025*

The Sicangu Resource Development Program recently hosted a conference in Rapid City, SD, from December 17th to the 20th, bringing together more than 200 attendees for several days of learning of AI (Artificial Intelligence) based software. The event was well received and enjoyed by all, featuring engaging, high-quality sessions led by excellent speakers who shared valuable insights and practical knowledge. Grounded in the values of Wolakota, the conference fostered a spirit of respect, unity, and collaboration, allowing participants to network, exchange ideas, and strengthen relationships while celebrating the growth and resilience of our community.







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In Remembrance of Rosebud Sioux Tribe Employees  
who made their journey in 2025:

Kenneth Haukaas- Forestry

Florentine Black Bear- Ambulance Service

Bernadine Kills Plenty- Health Administration

Linda Marshall- President's Office

Sheila Konop- ARPA Office

Suzanna Valandra- Land Office

Jeremy Black Elk- Motor Fuel

Johnna Big Crow- Head Start

Lynn Long Pumpkin- Ambulance Service

Justin Good Shield- Health Administration

James Scott- Law Enforcement

Patti Romero - Vice President Office







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## **ROSEBUDSIOUX TRIBE TRIBAL MEMBER RIGHTS:IF ICE STOPS YOU IN PUBLIC**

All Rosebud Tribal Members living in the United States have certain U.S. Constitutional and Treaty rights. As an enrolled tribal citizen, you have specific options and rights if approached or stopped in a public place or on the street by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer.

### **1. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK IF YOU ARE UNDER ARREST OR FREE TO LEAVE**

- Do not panic or run away.
- Be respectful, even if they are not.
- Ask if you are being arrested or detained. If the ICE officer says no, you can ask if you are free to leave.
  - If they say yes, walk away calmly.
  - If they say no, stay where you are and do not attempt to leave.

### **2. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT**

- You do not have to speak to the immigration officer, answer any questions, or show any documents.
- If you are asked where you were born or how you entered the United States, you may refuse to answer or remain silent.
- If you choose to remain silent, say "I choose to remain silent."

### **3. YOU MAY USE YOUR TRIBAL ID AS IDENTIFICATION OR REFUSE TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS ALTOGETHER**

- You may use your non-expired tribal identification card to evidence your citizenship as an original American. Your Tribal ID card is a valid form of government-issued photo identification in many places under the Department of Homeland Security regulations and South Dakota State law. For example, a Tribal ID card is valid at federal buildings, airports, and banks. If an ICE agent does not accept your Tribal ID, request to speak with their supervisor. Not all
- Department of Homeland Security / ICE agents know that a Tribal ID card is an acceptable form of identification for traveling within the United States. You may refuse to show your identification documents, if you so desire.

### **4. YOU MAY REFUSE A SEARCH**

- You have the right to refuse a search of yourself or your personal belongings unless officers have probable cause or a warrant.
- ICE officers cannot search you without your consent unless they have probable cause. However, they can pat down the outside of your clothing if they suspect you have a weapon.
- If ICE officers attempt to search you, you may say "I do not consent to a search."  
If they search you anyway, do not resist them physically.



- Document what happened, as this may assist in a future legal case.

#### **5. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY**

- If you are detained or taken into custody, you have the right to contact an attorney.
  - Even if you do not have an attorney, you may tell the officers that you want to speak to one by saying, “I want to speak to an attorney.”
  - If you have a lawyer, you have the right to talk to that lawyer. If you have proof of that relationship (such as a signed Form G-28), give it to an officer.
6. If you do not have a lawyer, ask for a list of pro bono (free) or low bono (low cost) lawyers.
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#### **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN ANYTHING**

Do not sign any paperwork without speaking to an attorney first.

If you choose to sign something, make sure you fully understand what it means. Signing documents may waive your rights or lead to an extended detainment, and possible deportation.

#### **7. IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED**

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- Write down what happened or ask a witness to do so for you.
- Include specific details like names, badge numbers, and exactly what was said and done. Report any potential violations to an attorney.



# Wounded Knee Massacre

December 29, 1890



## History of Massacre

**What?**

U.S Soldiers killed hundreds of men, women and children.

**When?**

December 29, 2025

**Where?**

Wounded Knee Creek, South Dakota



## *Congressional Bill H.R. 165*

December 19, 2025. H.R. 165 was signed, "the "Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act," which directs the Secretary of the Interior to take actions necessary to place certain land in South Dakota into restricted fee status for the Oglala and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribes." Referenced from White House Site

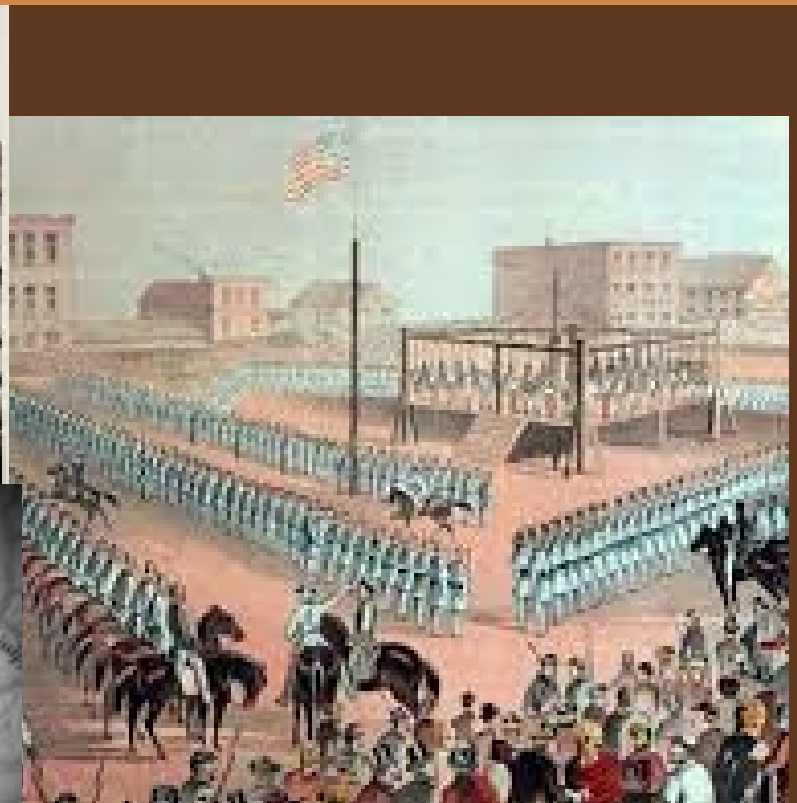
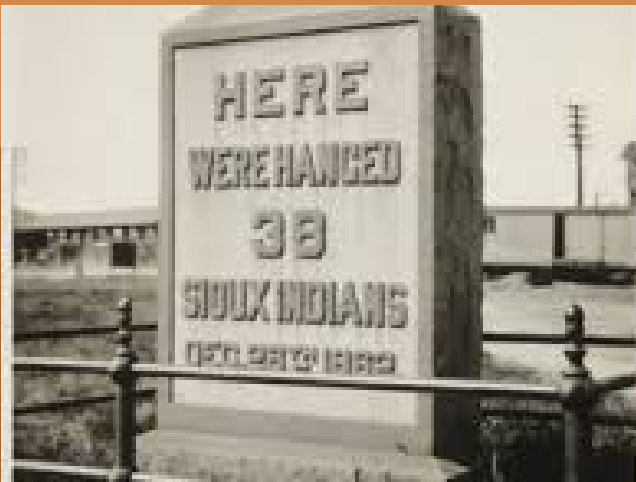




# Mankato Massacre

## December 26, 1862

The U.S. Government failed to follow promises, unpaid annuities and treaties, causing famine to the Dakota people. Dakota warriors attacked causing death to hundreds of white settlers, after the conflict many were captured. As a result of the Dakota uprising, the Lincoln Administration lead the largest mass execution in U.S. History, hanging 38 Dakota men on December 26, 1862, in Mankato, Minnesota.



TODAY WE REMEMBER THE DAKOTA 38



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## MEMORANDUM

December 8, 2025

To: All Tribal Employees/Programs  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe

From: Kathleen Wooden Knife, President  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe



Re: Holiday Leave – December, 2025

CC: RST Personnel Office  
RST Finance Department

## CORRECTED MEMO

The following leave will be granted in accordance with the RST Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, Ordinance 2020-10, Article VI. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, Section A. Holidays, Page Thirty-Five (35) and RST Resolution 2023-53. Any leave beyond the granted Administrative Leave and Holiday Leave is subject to the use of your personal leave and the approval of your Supervisor/Director.

**Wednesday, December 24th, 2025**, Christmas Eve, Administrative Leave will be granted from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 25th, 2025**, Christmas Day, Holiday Leave will be granted on this day.

**Friday, December 26th, 2025**, Mankato Massacre, RST Resolution 2023-52, Holiday Leave will be granted on this day.

**Monday, December 29th, 2025**, Wounded Knee Massacre, RST Resolution 2023-52, Holiday Leave will be granted on this day.

**Wednesday, December 31st, 2025**, New Years Eve, four (4) hours of Administrative Leave will be granted from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 1st, 2025**, New Years Day, Holiday Leave will be granted on this day.

Those employees that are designated Essential and are scheduled to work any Holiday will get their Holiday Pay.

We ask this year that you check on your relatives, young and old, and consider those who may be going without this holiday season. Have a safe and joyful holiday vacation!

Attachments



## **RST Road Maintenance Program-Snow Removal/On Call List**

Main BIA Routes and Secondary Routes in Two Strike, St. Francis, Spring Creek,  
Grass Mountain, Parmelee, He Dog, Corn Creek and Norris

### **January 1, 2026-January 7, 2026**

Leon Wright-----605-319-0871  
Bruce Iron Shell-----605-252-6922  
Arthur Little Elk-----605-828-0857

### **January 8, 2026-January 14, 2026**

Shawn Boyd-----605-319-9236  
Franklin Young II-----605-747-2499

### **January 15, 2026-January 21, 2026**

Leon Wright-----605-319-0871  
Bruce Iron Shell-----605-252-6922  
Arthur Little Elk-----605-828-0857

### **January 22, 2026-January 28, 2026**

Shawn Boyd-----605-319-9236  
Franklin Young II-----605-747-2499

### **January 29, 2026-February 4, 2026**

Leon Wright-----605-319-0871  
Bruce Iron Shell-----605-252-6922  
Arthur Little Elk-----605-828-0857

### **February 5, 2026-February 11, 2026**

Shawn Boyd-----605-319-9236  
Franklin Young II-----605-747-2499

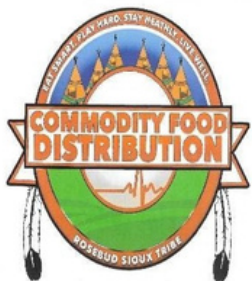
### **February 12, 2026-February 18, 2026**

Leon Wright-----605-319-0871  
Bruce Iron Shell-----605-252-6922  
Arthur Little Elk-----605-828-0857

### **February 19, 2026-February 25, 2026**

Shawn Boyd-----605-319-9236  
Franklin Young II-----605-747-2499

**If you are unable to contact the Snow Removal/On Call worker please call  
Jerome Eagle Bear, Jr. at 605-319-8633.**



**COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**  
**PO BOX 84**  
**MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA 57555-0084**  
**PHONE: (605)-856-4558 FAX: (605)-856-4283**  
**Cell (605)828-1372 / toll free: 1-877-631-8022**  
**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOXES**



**January 2026**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1) Happy New Year!!! Closed for the Day! Holiday!!!	2) Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM
5) Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM– 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM–3:45 PM	6) Black Pipe / Corn Creek @ Black Pipe Community Center 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM	7) Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM	8) Swift Bear / Horse Creek / Butte Creek @ Swift Bear Comm Ctr 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM	9) Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM
12) Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM– 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM–3:45 PM	13) St. Francis / Two Strike / Spring Creek @ Warehouse St Francis Comm Ctr 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM	14) Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM	15) Winner / Ideal / Gregory @ Winner Community Center: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hrs :8:30 AM–3:45 PM	16) Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM
19) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday Closed	20) Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM  Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM  <b>INCOMING FOOD DELIVERY TRUCKS</b>	21) Gregory/Bonesteel @ City Auditorium 11:00AM – 2:00PM Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hrs: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM	22) Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM	23) Bonesteel / Milk's Camp @ Milk's Camp Comm. Ctr. 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Warehouse Issuance 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hrs: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM
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**Schedule is Subject change without notice – Listen to KOYA 88.1 FM & KINI 96.1 for announcements, and watch CH. 93. Warehouse issuance hours: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Certification Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM OPEN THROUGH THE NOON HOUR Individuals picking up commodities must be named as their Authorized Representative and have the recipient's ID Card. If individuals are not the recipients authorized representative both ID card and a Signed Note are required.**



# January 2026

Calendar for meetings set by ordinance, subject to change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>HOLIDAY</b> 10am- Health Board 6pm- Gaming Commission	
5 10 am- Land & Natural 10am- SWA 1 pm-Tax Commission	6 12pm- TUC 1 pm-Economic Development 530 pm-Treaty Council	7 10 am – Personnel 1 pm – Education 6 pm – Grazing Forum	8	9 10 am- Judiciary 10am- TECRO
12 10 am-Social Services 1 pm-Governmental Affairs 5pm- Sicangu Co	13 10am- Transportation 10am- TLE	14 10 AM RSTC	15 10am- Health Board 10 AM RSTC	16 10 am-Judiciary 1 pm-Enrollment
<b>HOLIDAY</b> 10 am-Land & Natural 1 pm-Tax Commission	20 10am- SWA 12pm- TUC 1 pm-Economic Development 530 pm-Treaty Council	21 10 am-Personnel 5:30 pm- Liquor Commission	22 10am- Transportation 10am- Veterans Affairs	23
26 10 am-Social Services 1 pm-Governmental Affairs 5pm- Sicangu Co	27 10 am - Budget & Finance	28 10 AM RSTC	29	30 12





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FROM THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE