

Waawacinpi



Anpetu waste mitakuyapi. Cante wasteya napeciyuzapi ye. Dakota Wicohan wowapi ska (survey) kin ounyakiyapi he wopida tanka eciciyapi ye. Hekta wi heehan, wikcemna sakpe som sakowin survey ecaunkunpi. Good day my relatives. I shake your hand with a good heart. A big thank you to all those that helped with the survey. We had 67 people take the survey last month. A relationship between Dakota Wicohan and the University of Minnesota Morris began last summer, with Dr. Heather Peters and Tracy Peterson (Dine') camping out with the Sunktanka summer camp. They were real troopers and hauled wood, played right along with the youth and even slept in a pup tent!

Since then, we've started a multi-year project that encompasses several projected outcomes: curriculum development, assessment & evaluation and publishable research. Through these, we hope to clearly identify the goals & work of Dakota Wicohan; that we're able to assess that we're on the right track; and that we hope to broadly influence other policies, systems and programs that serve American Indian populations. More

specifically, we are documenting, assessing and tweaking where needed, our language, cultural and leadership programming with youth and families. The Dakota Wicohan Research Team is currently comprised of: Dr. Heather Peters, Tracy Peterson, Nora Murphy (DW grants writer), Teresa Peterson, Ryan Dixon (DW Teacher Apprentice) and we usually have two Native Research Assistants from UMM. We have also had great input from Grace Goldtooth & Vanessa Goodthunder (DW Teacher Apprentices). Your input in this work is absolutely necessary and so the survey is just one of many ways we will be gathering information to assist in this.

The University of Minnesota Morris has a long history serving American Indian populations and in fact, early on was an Indian boarding school. Today, we see that their work can help restore Native languages and support the renewal of healthy community. Most recently, the Center for Small Towns of UMM visited Dakota Wicohan in hope to forge a relationship as well- that can provide technical assistance through interns and other creative support for our programming. Stay tuned for more information!

In short, many of you have seen and will continue to see Heather and Tracy at our tiwahe gatherings, hanging out in the office or coming to our larger community events. They certainly are now a part of the Dakota Wicohan tiospaye!

For more information or questions, feel free to contact Teresa Peterson at pete1070@d.umn.edu or 320.226.1227.

Wetu waste yuhapi! (have a happy spring)

Our Mission:
**To preserve
Dakota as a
living language, and
through it,
transmit Dakota
lifeways to
future
generations.**



L to R: Dr. Heather Peters, Sharon Pazi, Nora Murphy
Front: Tracy Peterson Not pictured: Teresa Peterson, Ryan Dixon

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Tiwahe Program

Han Relatives,

We are very happy to welcome back Katie Jo Blue as our fourth Dakota Language Teacher Apprentice. Our weekly Tiwahe gatherings have had a great turnout! Tiwahe Nights are open to everyone and all ages are encouraged to attend, we share a meal and our DTA's teach a language lesson. During the month of March the DTA's presented lessons on "feelings", "where are you from" and "where were you born", we also played Family Feud and Jeopardy in Dakota Iapi. We will

continue the language lessons during April, they will coincide with our Spring curriculum- Arts & Crafts.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Tiwahe Program.

Hope to see you all soon!!

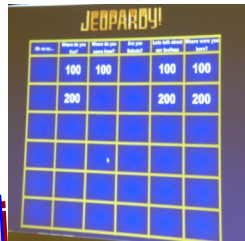
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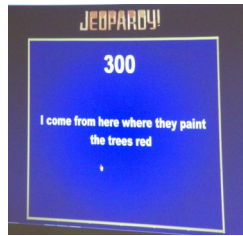
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in Dakota Iapi



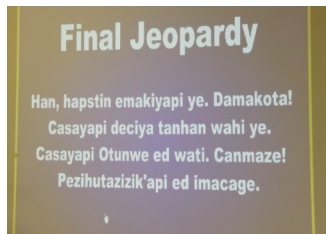
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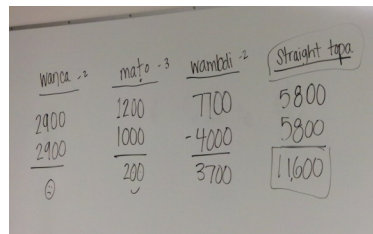
"Where do you come from" for 300



All four teams and our hosts Grace Goodthunder-Campos and Vanessa Goodthunder



Final Jeopardy for the win!



The winners are Straight Topa, Team (Team Wanca gets an "A" for effort)



Winning Team "Straight Topa" w/their Trophies L to R: Ray Geshick, Pejuta Magaju Win & Terri Peterson Winona Goodthunder (was not present)

Wikoska Program

The Wikoska program has welcomed a few new participants. The high school Wikoska wanted to bring in the 7th & 8th grade girls so they could mentor them into the Wikoska program. Our Wikoska program is now open to girls in grades 7-12.

We will be visiting U of M Morris campus on April 5th and 6th. We will be taking both Wikoska and some Koska to tour the campus and attend the pow wow on Saturday. The students will have an opportunity to meet with Saddle Club representative, student panel, and an admissions counselor. During the evening of Friday, April 5 the students will hang out with some Native American

students and help them set up for the Annual CNIA pow wow. During the month of March we had Dana Woods, an experienced secondary licensed media specialist, come to Dakota Wicohan office to do a one day workshop about the 3-Phase process of creating personal digital stories. He shared his own curriculum he developed for digital storytelling. It has been very useful. Some of the Wikoska have started phase one of piecing together their individual stories about Dakota Identity and being a Wikoska. The Wikoska have enjoyed the process so far and we will continue to work on their stories through the month of April. We look forward to seeing their

finished products!

We will end out the month of April with a couple guest speakers. They speak with the Wikoska about higher education. I look forward to all the Wikoska programming in April.

Wikoska program meets weekly on Wednesdays at Redwood Valley High School, 3:20 pm- 5:00 pm. If you are in grades 7-12 and interested in joining our Wikoska Program, please contact me.

Pidamayayayapi,

Grace Goldtooth-Campos
Wikoska Coordinator
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Dakota Community Arts Project



CALLING ALL DAKOTA ARTISTS!!

The Dakota Community Arts Project is a two year project made possible by the McKnight Foundation. It will consist of a monthly artist support group, where we can network ideas, solutions and resources, a field trip to an art gallery,

build a website to share your work and many other exciting opportunities. We are planning our first support gathering of Dakota Artists, and we want to make sure we include everyone who is interested.

If you are interested, please contact me at (507) 697-6272. If you get the voice-mail, leave your name, address, phone number and your email address. You

can also give me a call on my cell phone: (507) 626-5098.

Pidamayayapi,

Anne O'Keefe-Jackson
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Oral History Project

Hau!

The Oral History Project is officially completed! We had two very exciting screenings with elders at Lower Sioux and Upper Sioux who were a part of the project and the response at both locations were very positive. Dakota Wicohan is now planning to share the project with the MN Historical Society and other organizations across the state including schools, community settings and other public assemblies. These screenings will begin in early summer and continue through

the fall. If you can think of any place where this project should be shared please share your thoughts with me or any other staff at Dakota Wicohan. We are thrilled to share this piece with everyone!

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Simon
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AmeriCorps Promise Fellow

We are super excited to reveal our upcoming events!

- **Resolution: Living a healthy lifestyle** is an athletic event. This event will take place on Saturday, April 20th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine at Morton Park in Morton. This event is a five station obstacle course. Teams will need to be multigenerational and include one of each; elder/grandparent, parent/guardian, and a youth. Marissa Pigeon, Lower Sioux Diabetes Coordinator will be giving blood/sugar checks and information on Diabetic Health. Stacy Hammer will our on-site nutritionist She will give a presentation of creating healthy meals. Vicki Phillips from Snap Fitness will also be on-site providing knowledge and personal training advice. Vanessa Goodthunder will be doing Dakota language games for those

who don't want to part take in the athletic games. There will be prizes for all athletic games as well as Bingo and Dakota language games!

- I am currently working on starting a community garden. It will include traditional and non-traditional foods. The youth would like to can and sell pickles and salsa, and grow their own pumpkins for Halloween. If you would like to volunteer your time or knowledge for this garden, please contact me.
- I will be hosting a class on dress making for Inipi (sweat). This class will start on Thursday, April 11th at Dakota Wicohan, Morton, MN. We will meet every Thursday and Friday ongoing. We will also learn about the sweat lodge, the spiritual connection the sweat lodge has to our people and the role of the sweat

lodge for men and women. This class is open to all people in the community. So if you know of anyone interested, please let them know!

- Dakota Wicohan is participating in the Adopt a Highway Program. We have a two mile stretch of highway just out of Olivia coming towards Morton. We will appreciate any help on clean up days. For more information please contact me.

Everybody is encouraged to participate in our programs or you can simply volunteer your time or knowledge, we appreciate it greatly!

Shakeena Pazi
AmeriCorps Promise Fellow
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Wopida Tanka

Han Mitakuyepi, Wopida tanka eciciyapi. I want to thank the Dakota Wicohan family and community for the love and support shown to my mother and to all of us during her final days and through her wake and funeral services. On behalf of Mazaakiye Win (Yvonne Leith), we are truly grateful. As those that love her, we know she made a beautiful journey to be with our relatives, yet we will miss her. And now we must learn to live in a different way, and to relate to her in a different way. I want

to say that we were comforted and encouraged by so many of you during this time. And I know that it has been a hard time of loss for so many families in the community recently. Yet it is heartening to see the love and support that the people show to one another during such a difficult time. And it is encouraging to see that our Dakota teachings endure, especially during these difficult times. We show our love through food, through our presence, through comforting words, through

songs and prayer. That *kigna* is still there; the tender care of those in mourning. So thank you for being who you are, for being *medicine* for us, not only for my family, but for all of our Dakota Oyate.

Pidamaya,
Taniya Wakan Win/Gaby Strong



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Donations are accepted through Pay Pal, QR code scan or by email. Pay Pal email address: dakotawicohan@gmail.com or scan the QR code to donate online.

 **Dakota Wicohan**
Donation Form

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____

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Check here if you would like to receive our newsletter via email.

Announcements:

Dakota Wicohan will be teaching a class on how to make a dress for Inipi (sweat). We will meet at DW every Thursday & Friday beginning on April 11, 2013 at noon. During class we will talk about the Inipi - what it means and it's history.

You will need to bring your own material for your dress, we will provide sewing machines. We will also store the dresses on-site until finished if you wish.

Contact Shakeena Pazi for more info: (507) 697-6272

Sunktanka Program

Kick-Off Event!!

May 11, 2013 at the RWF Fairgrounds!

- Horse Games!
- T-shirts!
- Food!
- Program sign up!
- Family Fun!

Call for more information: (507) 697-6272

SPRING GARDEN PARTY!

Morton Senior Citizen's Fundraiser



SATURDAY
April 20, 2013
8 a.m.

REZolution: A Health Lifestyle

Saturday, April 20, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Morton Park

Morton, MN

RAIN OR SHINE!

(Details are on page 4)

Prizes!



MN Valley History Learning Center

Summer and Residential Camp

Day Camp June 10-26 Morton, MN 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1st to 6th grade	Residential Camp June 28-30 Fort Ridgely 9 a.m. the 28th - noon on June 30th 7th to 11th grade
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Visit the website for more information www.mvhlc.org
Or call Carl Colwell (507) 626-4279

Everyone has their own spiritual foundations and beliefs-with the one commonality of all traditions being "prayer".

Please join us in the
Lower Sioux's 1st Day of Prayer
Saturday, April 13, 2013

Wherever you pray and get your strength from

A pot luck meal will be served following the ceremonies at 1:00 p.m. at the MPR.

Fundraising Event!



TACO SALE



Saturday
May 4, 2013
7:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Redwood Falls VFW
825 E. Bridge Street

All proceeds will benefit the
Dakota Wicohan **Sunktanka Program**.

The funds raised will go towards horse care, Sunktanka Summer Camp,
Family Fun Day and the Redwood County Horse Show.

Your support is greatly appreciated!!

If you would like to donate gently used items for this
sale you can drop them off at DW

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.	2 Koska 3:45-5:30	3 Tiwaha Gathering 6:00-7:30 Koska Drum 4:30-5:30	4 Inipi Dress Making 12-5	5 Wikoska UofM Morris Leave RWVHS Inipi Dress Making 12-5	6 Wacipi @ UofM Morris
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28	29	30 Koska 3:45-5:30		 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Inipi Dress Making Class is open to ANYONE interested! </div>		