



Tree Lighting Ceremony is a Tradition For West Segment

Photos by LeeAnna Nation



Quotes For The Heart & Mind:

- * "Don't let the past steal your present. This is the message of Christmas; we are never alone". ~Taylor Caldwell~
- * My idea of Christmas whether old fashioned or modern, is very simple; loving each other. Come to think of it why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" ~Bob Hope~

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5th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in memory of Ssgt. Mike Howe and loved ones who have passed on. This years event was a great way to start the Holiday Season and bring the West Segment Community together. This event was sponsored by the Howe family along with the West Segment Events department. The family of Mike Howe put together free candy bags for the kids and cookie trays for the elders, Chili, hot apple cider, hot cocoa, cupcakes, cotton candy, and popcorn were served to all those in attendance. Gingerbread house kits and hot cocoa kits were passed out to the kids to take home. Pictured to your right are Mike Howe's mother Delma Fox and his wife Lorraine Howe.



Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Before I begin, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the family and relatives of Thomas Young Bird Jr., and to the family and relatives of Keith Mckenzie, and Mountain Sage Weasel Bear, Cornell Poitra Sr., and the Inez Baker family and relatives on the loss of their beloved ones. My sincere sympathies to these families and relatives who recently lost their loved ones. I would also like to extend my condolences to families in other segments who have lost loved ones.

We have experienced a lot of loss here in each of our segments on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

We are still in trying times covid has not left us, we are still losing our relatives to this virus. If you are traveling or being around a crowd of people, please continue to wear your mask. Even those who are vaccinated are still getting covid, we must all be very careful and watch out for one another. Due to COVID there has been many cancellations of gatherings, the Elders Christmas party at the casino was cancelled due to COVID and to protect our elders.

They will distribute meals and the elders disbursements on December 16th. This year the elders disbursement was increased to \$2,500 so all the elders can enjoy the holidays. The tribal disbursements will be \$1,000 for all enrolled members and those will be distributed in a couple of weeks.

In 2022, we will have some things to look forward too such as the Day Care which will be coming along and we are looking to open up our jump house and the grocery store will be opening soon. West Segment Development Authority is on the rise as far as Economic Development we will see all this in 2022. I don't want to set any dates down I just want you to all know they will be opening in the new upcoming year of 2022.

As far as our Christmas events for our community this is what we have:

In town and country house categories:

1st place: \$300.00

2nd place: \$200.00

3rd place-\$100.00

In town and country house winners will be announced on December 20th after the parade of lights. For more information you can contact Lindsey Fox at 421-6347.

West Segment Parade of Lights on December 20, 2021

- * **Gift giving and Christmas dinner baskets will be distributed at 11:00am at the Water Chief Hall.**
- * **Parade line up will assemble at the Mandaree School Parking Lot. Parade will travel from the MHS Parking Lot to the Mandaree celebration grounds, ending at the Water Chief Hall.**

With all these special events going on I am hoping every one comes and gets their gift giving and Christmas baskets on Monday, December 20th at 11am at the Water Chief Hall. Then the parade of lights will begin also.

Happy Holidays as we celebrate Christmas this month. Before this month is over I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe, prosperous Happy New Year!!

From Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight & family



Mandaree Elders Program

The Elder program will assist with your medical needs.

Dentures: \$4,000

Hearing Aids: \$4,000

Glasses: \$600.00

Dr. Appointments: \$200.00

Elder Ramps: \$500.00

To qualify for these benefits , you must be of age 60 and be enrolled with the tribe.

Please get all documents to me at least 7-12 days prior for scheduling. You may also call if you need to weatherize your home.

Please take note not all checks will be mailed out to the provider, and I will pick up the appointment travel checks. Stop in and have coffee with me.

Sincerely,

Rosie Johnson~(701)421-8519

Merry Christmas



Happenings at the Mandaree Elders Building:

Thursday, December 16th: We will be having our Christmas Dinner which will consist of ham, potato salad, stuffing, gravy, corn and surprise dessert!

With winter here we want to remind everyone of icy roads and weather conditions that come with this time of year. We will call you if we are unable to make it to work or unable to deliver!

Dates To Keep:

December 23rd~ Breakfast

December 24th~No meals

December 27th~ No Meals

December 31st~No meals

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to call us at 701-759-3092 or you can call Polly Chase at 701-421-0905.

We wish you a safe and Joyful Holiday Season!

Polly Chase

Pamela Fox

Thressa Fox

Brad Howe

Kenneth White

Lightening



Around West Segment

West Segment Cultural Dept. Offers Singing Practice

Article submitted by Aaron Abbey



Dosha:

The West Segment Culture Department had its first singing session at the Water Chief Hall on Wednesday the 17th. We had 6 young men show up. The singing sessions being held are designed to assist our youth in finding their identity as young Native American men. With the singing they will learn to build self esteem, build character, develop presentation and leadership skills as well as self healing thru songs.

We plan on having it for 4 more Wednesday's at the Water Chief Hall from 7pm-8pm. Sidrick Baker Jr has taken this opportunity to share his wisdom and knowledge with the young men as he did from his father Sidrick Baker Sr and his late grandfather Billy Baker just to name a few. We sure appreciate his help in keeping our traditions alive thru singing.

The next practice sessions are as follow:

November 24th

December 1st

December 8th

December 15th

Location: Water Chief Hall from 7pm-8pm

Please have your young men at the Hall by 6:50 and be picked up at 8pm.

Kasen Johnson is Bakken Bulls Bash Champion!

Photo Courtesy of Tony Johnson



Kasen Johnson is the Bakken Bulls Bash Champion. The Bulls bash was put on by Mark Coonradt, in Watford City. Pictured with Kasen are his grandparents James and RoseAnn Johnson.

This young man has done an excellent job in representing West Segment and the MHA Nation. As a young cowboy who stays active in the game of rodeo. Kasen has a lot of support from his parents; Tony and Miranda Johnson, his dad makes sure he makes it to his rodeos and encourages him on a daily basis. His mother is his best cheerleader and helps with fundraising events for her son. They all work together as a family.

We wish Kasen the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Mrs. Lincoln's Class learns Life Long Skills

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Lincoln



Mrs. Lincoln third grade students proudly hold up their Christmas stocking they made.

I know for sure if I was in the third grade I would love to be in Mrs. Lincoln's class. She has so many hands on learning skills that she uses to teach her students. I must say she would definitely be my favorite teacher. After testing her students all week she decided her students would make Christmas stockings. As Mrs. Lincoln stated that her students said; I took them back to prehistoric times because they had to sew. Her students have learned how to use a needle and thread in order to sew their stockings! A life long learned skill they will always remember.

Before making stockings this awesome teacher took her students to another level. She combined the 3rd and 4th grades classes and taught them how to make pemmican. Mrs. Lincoln demonstrated how to grind the dried meat (jerky) into a blender and added sugar and raisins. Each student took their pemmican home to let their family taste their traditional snack.

On the next column you can see Mrs. Lincoln showing one of her students how to grind the pemmican in a blender. They had all the ingredients on the table that they needed to complete their recipe. This is so awesome I for one believe our kids need more hands on so they will remember this for a long time. Kudos to Mrs. Lincoln!



Mrs. Lincoln shows one of her students how to mix the pemmican in the blender, surrounded by all the ingredients. Used to make one terrific snack that was enjoyed by our people for many generations. Pemmican can now be enjoyed by our upcoming generation as well.

Pictured to your left you can see how eager these students are to learn how to make this wonderful traditional snack. Great learning for this upcoming generation.



Looking Back From Jan. 2021 To Now

January 2021



This event was especially different this year, because of the great loss our community has gone through when Michael Howe passed away. His pictures were on display at the tree lighting ceremony, it was a time of remembrance, a time for reflection a time for tradition.

March 2021



Newly elected West Segment Community Board members; pictured from left to right; Tiffany Johnson, Olivia Spotted Bear, Kelly Bradfield, Marle Baker, Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight, and Doreen Charging. A long over due board that the community members of West Segment gladly welcome back.

February 2021



One of Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight's goal that she accomplished here was to clean up our community. One of the first places to get cleaned up was behind the community center. Equipment vehicles and trailers were all put in order. Other places were cleaned up as well such as the White Oak Park.

March 2021



Mandaree Fire Dept. & Mandaree EMS Came Along Way. Now they have a facility pictured above you can see people from our community who came to show their support. Guest speakers were on hand to share their experiences with Mandaree Fire Dept. & Mandaree EMS.

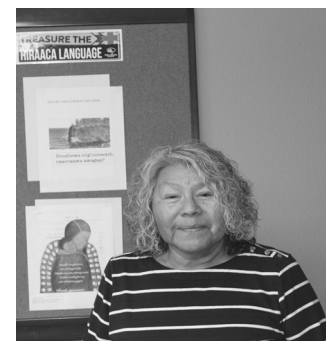
Looking Back From Jan. 2021 To Now

April 2021



Kylier and Tommy 4th graders gathering their Easter eggs. Tommy used a card board box, he was in a hurry to get his Easter eggs.

April 2021



Lila Gwin, Mary Yellow Wolf Gachupin and Martha Yellow Wolf Bird Bear. Are all working hard in the West Segment Cultural Department. All these fine ladies are fluent speakers of our Hidatsa language. All three of them are striving to keep our culture alive, it is our language that identifies who we are.

May 2021



This wild fire was horrendous this wild fire burned about 8,000 acres of land by route 17 and had grown to 9,800 acres. This was one of the most massive wild fires that ever covered the lands on the Fort Berthold Reservation. This was called the Little Swallow Fire.

May 2021



Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight had a vision for a drug free community. Mandaree CARE is a product of her vision. She dedicated the building to those who lost the battle with addiction. It also serves a memoriam for the families still grieving.

Looking Back From Jan. 2021 To Now

June 2021 Talented Youth



Pictured to your left riding a bull is the one and only Kason Johnson who also recently graduated from the Mandaree High School. He recently won 2nd at the North Dakota High School rodeo. Kason is the son of Tony and Maranda Johnson of Mandaree. He travels with his parents as they encourage and support him riding bulls in the rodeo circuit. He has been riding bulls since he was small and you can see it in his talent when he rides. Kason is the grandson of James & Roseanne Johnson and Randy and the late Jessica Phelan.

June 2021 Talented Youth



On her way to victory Blue Blossom proudly raises her arm as she crosses the finish line at the International Indian Relay races in Oklahoma. Jesse Vigen-Rider. Jesse is the daughter of Lloyd and Danielle Vigen of Mandaree, North Dakota who reside on their ranch. She recently graduated from the Mandaree School. You can bet we will hear more of her accomplishments in rodeo and relays.

July 2021



On behalf of the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Chief Marle Baker was on hand to receive the award from Nathan Fisher, VP United State Business Unit and Josh Ruffo, West Region Field Coordinator. Tribal Business Council members stand in the background.

July 2021



Pictured here is the Baby Crawl babies of Echo Claymore, CJ Good Bird and Shanna Fox. The family of late DeRae Mann sponsored this years event, DeRae was the coordinator for these children's activities in the past years.

Looking Back From Jan. 2021 To Now

August 2021



Pictured above are colored flags with our Clans on them. Each flag was carried in by a clan member and tee shirts were given to all clan members. Low Cap-Yellow, Knife Clan-Blue, Alkalia Lodge-Turquoise, Dripping Dirt-Lime green, Water Buster- green, Prairie Chicken-Purple, Wide Ridge-Red.

September 2021



Front row from left to right; Rosie White Owl, Councilwoman Judy Brugh, Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight back row left to right; Tex Hall, Willie and Bengi Good Bird and Ted Lone Fight III. For the Missing, Murdered Indian Women.

August 2021



The Meece Rooga Knife Clan members carrying the blue banner and wearing blue t-shirts.

September 2021



Her given first name is "Geese Woman" her English name is Arline Charing is our oldest elder living in our community. She is one extraordinary woman who has touched many people in our ordinary lives. She is a mother, and grandmother who has a five generation family. She has lived in this

world through 9.5 decades to be exact. She was born on September 26, 1926 on this day she will be 95 years old. Arline Charging was born at home in the Independence district to Walter Bell and Nora Bird Bear Bell, and delivered by midwife Gladys Bassett Turner.

Looking Back From Jan. 2021 To Now

October 2021



Signing of this agreement will allow law enforcement the necessary authority to provide mutual aid. Our top priority and our most sacred responsibility in government is and should always be the safety of our citizens. This agreement today extends that care and concern to enhance the safety of our citizens, strengthening our state-tribal relationship and also our county-tribal relationships with that mutual understanding. Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight, Councilwoman Judy Brugh, Chairman Mark Fox, Governor Burgum, NDHP Colonel Solberg and Sgt. Clawson Huibregtse are pictured above.

November 2021



He is one of the most active and a well respected Veteran and community member we have. His English name is James Garman Johnson, he is known to everyone as Jimmy. He was given his Indian name "Swift Eagle" by old lady Antelope in Lucky Mound. He was born on December 17, 1939 at the hospital in Elbowoods, North Dakota to Melvin and Eloise (Mandan) Johnson. "There was nine of us in our family, and now there's four of us left. I and my wife Roseann have five children, we currently live here in Mandaree. Today I have sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

October 2021



These West Segment employees are working hard. The employees are; Jason Luke Jr., Cliff Martin, CJ, Kyle Miller and Curtis Hall who are all working diligently in fixing the water line here in Mandaree. This water line has to be completed before winter sets in.

November 2021



What an original idea of how to recognize our veterans. Rosie White Owl comes from a family of veterans and she has a high regard and respect for all veterans. So this was her way of acknowledging them and fixed the hall up and it looked beautiful.

She took it upon herself to get the boards up and make copies of the Veterans pictures she was able to get ahold of and she displayed them in the gym of the Water Chief Hall.

For Your Information



Lady Warriors basketball team participated in the Shoot out in Billings, Montana. Coaches are Donovan Abbey and Acorn Holds The Enemy. Congratulations to BrandeeRhae Mays for receiving the Sportsmanship Award and Ashlyn Grady for All Tourney Team for the Lady Warriors!



Mandaree Boys & Girls Club take time out to decorate their tree at their club.



New location for the Minot Satellite Office is 1933 S. Broadway Suite # 3 in Minot, North Dakota. Here are numbers to call for assistance; Nalonna Redford: 421-3011, Tina Cimijo: 421-5635, Tyrone YoungBird: 421-2052, Tray Lachney: 421-6886, James Jackson;839-3645, Marlene Archambault: 421-5336.



Chopped Challenge Champion was Jeanine Spotted Horse from the Fitness & Rec West Segment

For Your Information

Public Comment Notice - Business Licenses Code

November 24, 2021

To the Members of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation):

Please take Notice that the Tribal Business Council of the MHA Nation has approved the attached Draft Business Licenses Code to be considered for enactment by the Tribal Business Council at its regularly scheduled Tribal Business Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

The Tribal Business Council is taking comments from the public on the proposed Business Licenses Code and will consider your comments when it takes final action on the enactment of the Code. You shall have thirty days from the date of this publication to submit written comments by either hard copy or by electronic transmission to:

Tax Department
MHA Nation
404 Frontage Road
New Town, ND 58763

Email: taxadmin@tax-mhanation.com

Comments must be in writing and must be signed by the individual submitting the comments. Comments shall be received until December 23, 2021.



Beautification Program

Snow Removal Services to schedule an appointment, please call Hope Baker at 701.421.5474 or the office at 701-751-1783

Service hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

Priorities will go to elders 55+ handicapped and single parent homes:

- **Please allow up to 24 hours for snow removal services**
- **Snow removal will begin after snow/wind has stopped (unless emergency circumstances arise)**
- **No snow removal when there is no travel advised for the safety of the crew.**
- **Let us know if plows have been through and created wind rows**
- **Limited activities that result in packed snow.**



Beautification Project Winter Services

- * **Weatherization: plastic over windows & Weather stripping. (OUTSIDE SERVICES ONLY)**
- * **Raking/bagging leaves (weather permitted)**
- * **Smoke Alarm/Carbon monoxide installation & maintenance**
- * **Gutter Services**
- * **Snow Removal**
- * **Melting Salt-Where would you like the salt? Sidewalk, porch etc.**

For Your Information

2022 Mandaree Celebration Committee



The Mandaree Celebration will have bingo every Sunday of each month. Please keep in mind our bingo fundraiser will automatically be cancelled due to wakes. Here is the schedule for the month of

December:

Sunday, December 12th

Sunday, December 19th

Sunday, December 26th

Come out and Support Your Local Celebration Committee and have fun playing Bingo!

Thank you.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Updated Mandaree Post Office Hours:

Monday~ Friday: 12:00~4:00pm

Saturday: 11:00~1:00pm

Mandaree Post Office: 759~3370

Mandaree One Stop Requires Face Mask



New Store Hours for Mandaree One Stop were in effect on July 11, 2021. Here are the new hours:

Saturday & Sunday:

11:00AM-6:00PM

Monday-Friday:

7:00Am-9:00PM.

Everyone must wear a mask when entering the One Stop Store Until further notice. Thank you! Let us all be Safe and keep others Safe!

Attention West Segment Elders

For any medical needs or any other appointments such as dental ect., to be made all West Segment elders are to contact Rosie Johnson. Rosie is the Elders Advocate for West Segment, once you contact her she will take care of your needs in a timely manner. Elders feel free to contact her at these numbers:

Office Number: 759-3077

Cell Number: 421-8519

Again elders, please contact Rosie Johnson, Elders Advocate for our West Segment community.



Just remember when we get a lot of snow your vehicle or anything that blocks the roadways needs to be moved so plows can open up the road ways on our streets.

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For Your Information

Christmas Meditation



As Christmas is just around the corner, let's use one of St. Ignatius' meditation techniques and ponder what that first Christmas might have been like.

St. Ignatius advises that before we start our prayer, we should always prepare ourselves by asking for grace from God that our whole being (words, thoughts, actions, etc.) is attentive to God and that we are open to receive anything God

wants to give us or do with us so we can serve God and Praise God more abundantly after this meditation. This is important because this prayer helps us to be attentive to the subtle movements that many times accompany God speaking to us.

It is now time to read the Christmas Story in Scripture (Lk 2:1-20). Don't be afraid to read it two or three times to get the details of the story readily present in your mind. It is also wise to even read the Christmas Story found in the other Gospel (Mt 1:18 - 2:12) because this gospel recalls the adoration of the Three Wise Men.

Now it is time to contemplate or meditate on the Christmas Story. Be sure you are in a place where you are not distracted or could be disturbed. We want a space where we can discern and receive what God wants to show us, give us, or do with us.

As St. Ignatius directs, use your imagination and let your mind's eye replay the Christmas Story. Visualize all the events as if you are watching a movie. Pay attention to the details. Use the five senses to fill in the details: sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch. Imagine what the characters are thinking and feeling. Loose yourself in the story. Imagine what they may have said that is not recorded in Scripture. At some point, place yourself in the scene. You can become a bystander or one of the characters in the story. Being an animal or object in the scene can be fruitful as well.

As an example, let's focus on Joseph as he sees Jesus for the first time. What does he see? Mary and Jesus, what do they look like? Where did they get the "swaddling clothes?" Did Joseph get them? Did Joseph help with the birth of Jesus? Where are the animals in the stable? Where is the manger? Is the light from the Bethlehem Star entering the stable?

What does Joseph hear? Is Jesus crying? Are the animals making any sounds? Is the wind blowing? Is Mary saying anything? Can he hear angels singing?

What is Joseph feeling? Is he feeling joy? Is he feeling awe? Is he feeling the urge to give praise and thanksgiving to God for allowing him to witness the birth of the Messiah? Is he feeling overwhelmed? Is he feeling sad that he could not find a better place for Mary to give birth to Jesus? Is he feeling helpless?

And now place yourself into the scene. Imagine you are the owner of the stable. You come in to check on the couple. Can you see Jesus? Is he in Mary's arms? Where is Joseph? What are you going to say? Will you go over and look at Jesus? What are you feeling? Will you get on your knees and worship Jesus? Do you have anything to say to Mary or Joseph? Do you have anything to give Jesus? Does Mary offer Jesus to you to hold in your arms? Are you crying? Are you overwhelmed? Are you in awe?

As you let your imagination go, trust that at some point God begins to touch you. It could be that as you imagine yourself knelt in front of Mary and Joseph holding Jesus in your arms with tears running down your cheeks, you actually are crying. This is God communicating with you. It could also be that you imagine Mary speaks to you and says something like "Jesus is pleased that you are here." This could be Mary or God communicating with you.

This is the goal of contemplation - God communicating with you. Thus, when you are about to end your time of contemplation, St. Ignatius advises us to first thank God for the graces we receive during this time of prayer. It may be that we couldn't perceive anything, but we confidently trust that God did give us something. Then, right before we leave, we ponder these questions: What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What ought I do for Christ?

If we meditate on the Christmas Story like this every day throughout Advent, I guarantee you will celebrate Christmas a little differently this year.

May God Bless you Always

Have a great day with Jesus Christ

May your Christmas be
Merry and Spiritually
Fruitful.

Love & Prayers

Father Roger A. Synek

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

New Town and Mandaree,
North Dakota



Mandaree School News

Submitted by Mrs. Bluestone, Supt. Mandaree School

Student Athlete Eligibility and Attendance



A student athlete can be deemed ineligible based on attendance even with passing grades. Bringing awareness to this requirement now ensures that students and families are not caught off guard when non-credit procedures are applied for excessive absences. A student will be non-credited when their absences exceed four days absence.

First Semester grades will be issued on December 22, 2021. The North Dakota High School Athletics Association regulations mandate that any high school student that does not pass five classes at semester time must sit out four weeks of the next semester beginning January 3, 2022 when we return to school after the winter break. **Attendance Plans will not keep this consequences from happening. If a student athlete has not made-up attendance before grades come out and are non-credited in more than two classes he/she will have to sit out four weeks.**

First Semester Ends December 22, 2021:

When report cards are printed the high school report cards will be reviewed with careful attention to absences. Any class that has more than four (4) absences will not marked as a non-credited course. It will remain so until students make up the attendance to bring the course into compliance.

There are ample opportunities for attendance recovery with Saturday Academy, after school tutoring, and enrichment Fridays.

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College

Submitted by Dr. Constance E. King Gottschall, Vice President of Student Services

1. Spring Registration is now open for new and returning NHSC students. Early registration is December 15th and 16th from 9am-6pm. Final registration is Jan 3rd and 4th from 9am-6pm and Jan 5th from 9am-5pm.
2. Spring applications are now closed! We are accepting applications for our upcoming Summer 2022 semester. Applications will be accepted until April 30th with documents due no later than May 10th.
3. Join us to celebrate our Fall 2021 graduates. Graduation will be held on December 17th at 1pm in the 4 Bears Casino Grand Ballroom.
4. The NHSC Campus will be closed for our 2021 Holiday Break from December 18th – Jan 2nd. Campus will open again on January 3rd.
5. NHSC will be on Facebook live for College Talk on December 14th at 11am-12pm. Check out our Facebook page to watch our next session.
6. Are you a former NHSC or FBCC student and want to join our Alumni group? Reach out to Carla Villamil, our SSAVE Coordinator for additional information. She can be reached at alumni@nhsc.edu
7. Want to join the NHSC team? We have a number of jobs currently open and would love for you to join our team. Check out our www.nhsc.edu/jobs to apply.
 - a. Native American Studies Instructor
 - b. Computer Science Instructor
 - c. Men's Assistant Basketball Coach
 - d. Women's Assistant Basketball Coach
 - e. Information Technology Assistant
 - f. Safety Officer
 - g. Cafeteria Helper
 - h. Engineering Instructor
8. We have openings for our NAS and NACTEP cohorts for our upcoming semester. Both cohorts are available for students that are registered for the Spring semester. For additional information on each cohort, go to www.nhsc.edu/students/student-cohorts
9. Interested in playing for the Storm Athletics program? Contact our Athletic Director Kyle DeCoteau @ kdecoteau@nhsc.edu We do offer athletic waivers and still have some available for our

upcoming Spring 2022 season.

- a. Men's Basketball
- b. Women's Basketball
- c. Golf
- d. Cross Country



**Merry Christmas
& Have a safe and
Happy New
Year!! From the
Nueta Hidatsa
Sahnish
Personnell and
staff!! Happy
Holidays!!**

2020-2021 Nature Program: Sunday Academy Schedule.

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish(NHSC)Kerry Hartman

December 5, 2021	"Smart PIGS in Pipes"
January 9, 2022	"Enter or Not Enter"
February 6, 2022	"The Spectacular Cell All Sites"
March 6, 2022	"Counting Equilibrium"



For Your Information

The Big Hitters Boys basketball Traveling Team!



They are a 2nd grade boys basketball traveling team made up of West Segment residents, on and off the Rez players from the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation. December 11 and 12, 2021 the big hitters hit the court for the very first time playing at the Mandan boys basketball club winter

basketball tournament. They took home consolation in the 2nd grade level. Great job players, coaches and parents, grandparents and spectators. Coaches; Fred Hale, Charles Hale and Preston Johnson.



Roster:

#23 Kingman Hale-Mandaree 7 years old-1st grade. Fred & Jamie Hale

#12 Flint Hale-Mandaree 5 years old-Little Plume Headstart. Fred & Jamie Hale

#30 Ryland Jetty-Mandaree 5 years old-Kindergarten Caroline Good Bird & Jordan Jetty

#3 Moziz McCormick-Mandaree, 7 years old-1st grade Jeanine & Elton Spotted Horse

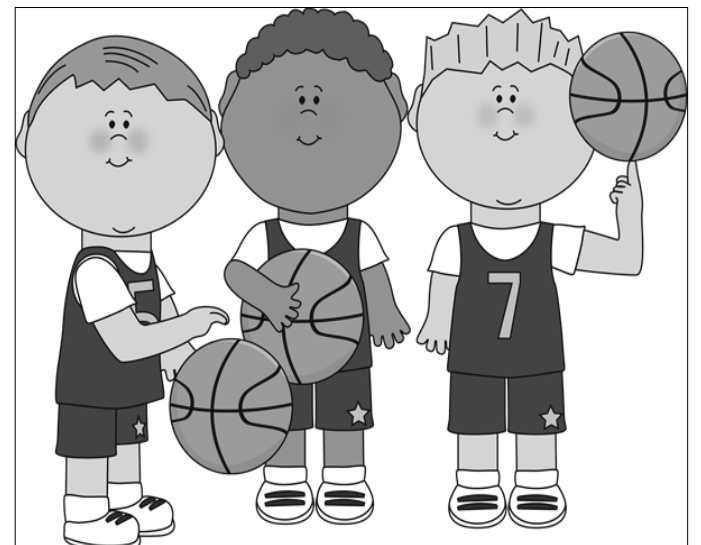
#10 Darren Poitra-Mandaree 5 years old-Kindergarten Kylee Dawes & Cornell Poitra Jr.

#32 Sage Avery-Mandan 6 years old-1st grade Rocky Avery & Vicki Clairmont

#13 Mckoy Avery-Mandan 7years old-1st grade Rocky Avery & Vickie Clairmont

#8 Austin Hale-Bismarck 6 years old Kindergarten Marie Spotted Horse & Gordon Hale

#33 Colton Chase-Mandaree 5 years old Kindergarten Jesse Chase & Kaylee Robertson.



Approved 2021~2022 Mandaree School Calendar

Mandaree Public School | 2021-2022 CALENDAR | (4-Day St 8/16, S1 12/21, S2 5/19)

School Days = 0
 5 Observed Day Off
 Black Fridays are regular, required school days with all students expected to attend.
 Gray Fridays are WARRIOR enrichment/tutoring days with school open for activities.

JULY '21						
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JANUARY '22						
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30	31					

School Days = 17
 7 PD #5 all staff no school
 17 M.L. King Day
 14 Enrichment/Tutoring
 21 Regular School(4-Day week)
 28 Snow Day make-up

School Days = 6
 6&9 New Staff PD no school
 10-12 PD #1-3 all staff no school
 13 Teacher Prep Day 6 hrs.
 16 First Day of School
 8/17 No School
 20 PD #4 all staff no school
 8/23, 8/24, 8/25 No School
 8/26 Paper based Virtual Learning Day.
 27 Enrichment/Tutoring

AUGUST '21						
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FEBRUARY '22						
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School Days = 16
 3 Parent Teacher Conf.
 11 Snow Day make-up
 4,11,18 Enrichment/Tutoring
 21 All Chiefs' Day
 25 Regular School (4-Day week)

School Days = 18
 6 No School- Labor Day
 10 Regular School(4-Day week)
9/13 No School
 16 Parent Teacher Conf.
 3, 17. Enrichment/Tutoring
9/24 Make-up Day (8/23)

SEPTEMBER '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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MARCH '22						
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School Days = 19
 4,18,25-Enrichment/Tutoring
 10 End of Q3 (40)
 11 PD #6 all staff no school
 25 Snow Day make-up

School Days = 16
 1,8,15 Enrichment/Tutoring
 14 End Q1 (36)
 21-22 No School – Fall Break
 29 Snow Day make-up or
10/29 Make-up Day (8/24)

OCTOBER '21						
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APRIL '22						
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School Days = 12
 14&18 PTC Comp(No School)
 15 All staff day off
 11-13 Spring Break (cont.)
 22 Regular School (4-Day week)
 7 Parent Teacher Conf.
 1,8 Enrichment/Tutoring
 29 Snow Day make-up

School Days = 18
11/5 Make-up Day (8/25)
 11 Veterans' Day
 12 Regular School(4-Day week)
 18 Parent Teacher Conf.
11/19 Make-up Day (9/13)
 24-26 Family Break
 26 Family Day

NOVEMBER '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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MAY '22						
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29	30	31				

School Days = 12
 6,13 Enrichment/Tutoring
 13 Snow Day make-up
 19 Last Day of School/Sr. Grad
 19 End of Q4 (36)
 19 End of Sem. 2 (76)
 19 End of Year (147)
 20 Teacher Close Day 6 hrs.
 21 Senior Graduation
 30 Memorial's Day

School Days = 13
 10, 17 Enrichment/Tutoring
 21 End of Q2 (35)
 21 End of Sem. 1 (71)
 22-31 Winter Break

DECEMBER '22						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
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JUNE '22						
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School is Monday – Thursday in addition to these Fridays on holiday weeks to make 4-days:
 Sept. 10
 Nov. 12
 Jan. 21
 Feb. 25
 Apr. 22

Approved: 10-20-2021

West Segment Maintenance On Call Schedule

12/12/2021-12/18/2021	Christopher Montclair (call supervisor 701-421-8093 he had no work phone) Ervin Halvorson Jr. 701-421-2948
12/19/2021-12/25/2021	Arden Halvorson: 701-421-5866 Calvin Good Bird: 701-421-2239
12/26/2021-1/1/2022	Merrill Howling Wolf: 701-421-9078 Jeremy Wound Face: 701-421-3979
1/2/2022-1/8/2022	Christopher Montclair: Call Supervisor: 701-421-8093 Ervin Halvorson Jr.: 701-421-2948
1/9/2022-1/15/2022	Arden Halvorson: 701-421-5866 Calvin Good Bird: 701-421-2239
1/16.2022-1/22/2022	Merrill Howling Wolf: 701-421-9078 Jeremy Wounded Face: 701-421-3979
1/23/2022-1/29/2022	Christopher Montclair: Call Supervisor: 701-421-8093 Ervin Halvorson Jr.: 701-421-2948
1/30/2022-2/5/2022	Arden Halvorson: 701-421-5866 Calvin Good Bird: 701-421-2239
2/6/2022-2/12/2022	Merrill Howling Wolf: 701-421-9078 Jeremy Wounded Face: 701-421-3979
2/13/2022-2/19/2022	Christopher Montclair: (call supervisor 701-421-8093 he has no work phone) Ervin Halvorson Jr.:701-421-2948
2/20/2022-2/26/2022	Arden Halvorson Jr.: 701-421-5866 Calvin Good Bird: 701-421-2239
2/27/2022-3/5/2022	Merrill Howling Wolf: 701-421-9078 Jeremy Wounded Face: 701-421-3979
3/6/2022-3/12/2022	Christopher Montclair: (Call Supervisor 701-421-8093 as he has no work phone) Ervin Halvorson Jr:-701-421-2948
3/13/2022-3/19/2022	Arden Halvorson: 701-421-5866 Calvin Good Bird: 701-421-2239
3/20/2022-3/26/2022	Merrill Howling Wolf: 701-421-9078 Jeremy Wounded Face: 701-421-3979
3/27/2022-4/2/2022	Christopher Montclair: (call supervisor 701-421-8093 he has no work phone) Ervin Halvorson Jr.:701-421-2948
4/3/2022-4/9/2022	Arden Halvorson: 701-421-5866 Calvin Good Bird: 701-421-2239
If you cannot get ahold of any on-call employee please call: Director: Sam White Owl: 701-421-9172 or Supervisor: Julius Halvorson: 701-421-8093	

Local & Surrounding Area Directory

Mandaree Boys & Girls Club Branch Manager: Olivia: 759-3049

Mandaree Catholic Church Father Roger Synek: 759-3412 or 627-4423

Mandaree Clinic: 759-3422 Fax: 759-3209

Mandaree Clinic Pharmacy: 759-3151 or Fax: 759-3181

Mandaree Elder's Meal Site: 759-3092

Head Cook: Pamela Fox

Assistant Cook: Teresa Fox

Delivery/Helper: Brad Howe

Monica Nagel Henry: Helper/transporter

Mandaree Elders Program: 759-3092

Elder's Care: Nina Finley Newman

Aging Services: Director: Polly Chase: 421-0905

Aging Services Main Office New Town: 627-4913

NHSC Mentor's Office: 759-3545 or Fax: 759-3528

Native Printing LLC: Jody Brieck: 421-1027 Email: nativeprinting_nf@yahoo.com

Mandaree Fire Chief: Marle Baker: 759-3124 or cell: 421-1423

Little Plume Head Teacher 1: 759-3369

Mandaree Post Office: 759-3370

Mandaree Roads Dept: 759-3420

Director Mandaree Roads Dan Hall: 421-7958

Donald Young Bird: 421-7534

Mandaree One Stop: 759-3609

Mandaree School Numbers:

Bus Garage: 759-3395

Business Office: 759-3120

Main School Office: 759-3311

Mandaree MHA DOT Dispatch Operations: 759-3576

Motor Carriers:

Matthew Yellow Wolf: 421-8676

Michael Blacksmith: 421-5651

Ricardo Villagrana: 421-9121

Denver Spotted Bear: 421-3124

Thomas Fredericks: 421-3064

Jocko Frank: (701) 550-6797

Rylan Howling Wolf: (701) 805-5628

Dane Fox: 421-1695

Mandaree Water Hauler: 759-3377 or 421-0458

NHSC Mandaree Community Liaison: Frances Buff White: 759-3545

Mandaree Water Treatment Plant: 759-3160 or Fax: 759-3199

Mandaree Non-Emergency: Antoinette Kitagawa: 421-1361 or 421-1357

Emergency or Ambulance: 911

Mandaree TAT Solid Waste Transfer Station: 759-3641

Contact Kansas Johnson: 421-7674 Hours: M-F 7am-6pm

Saturday: 8am-4:30 pm

Sunday: Closed.

New Town Solid Waste Office: 627-2034

New Town Tribal Office: 627-4781

New Town Elbowoods Health Center: 627-4701

New Town Diabetes Program: 627-7969

New Town Tribal Enrollment office: 627-4238

New Town Tribal Security: 627-0686

New Town Animal Control: 627-2654

Delia Baker: 421-5214

Travis McCabe: 421-3095

New Town Circle of Life Director: Nellie Boyd: 627-4700 Fax: 421-4105

TAT Fitness Recreational Specialist: Tia Mandan: 421-0239 or tiamandan@mhanation.com

New Town Boys & Girls Club: 627-4415

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

TAT CHR Main Office in New Town: 627-4240

TAT Utilities: 627-5291

TAT Mortgage Program: 627-2560

Game Warden: Bradfield Sage: 421-6977

Beuford Joe: 421-1233

TAT Police Dept: 627-3617 or 1-800-952-7923

Interim Chief Of Police: Marty Foote: 627-3605

New Town Tribal Court: 627-4803 Fax: 627-4602

Tex Fox Justice Center: 627-3500

McKenzie County Sheriff: 444-3654

* North Dakota Travel Information service dial 511. When dialing out of North Dakota for weather /road conditions you can dial: 1-866-696-3511.

* Please read: Some numbers have changed some removed. Some of the names changed. Please post this so you can find what numbers you need. Thank you for being a good reader.

West Segment Employee Directory

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight: 421-9820

Chief of Staff: Kevin Finley: 421-6399

Executive Admin.Assistant: Jodi Finley: 421-2011

New Town Office Admin: Florene Halvorson/Colleen Halvorson: 627-8202

CEO West Segment: Regina Yeahquo: 421-4611

West Segment Fire Chief: Marle Baker: 421-1423

Water Chief Hall Receptionist: 759-3377 ext. 206

Loretta Lone Bear Cell: 421-5510

West Segment Program Analysts': Ted Lone Fight III: 421-2481

West Segment Security Director: James Johnson: 421-9732

Security Receptionist: Rhonda Hall: 421-0547

Security Officers:

Robin Hall: 421-4599

Benner White Owl: 421-3122

Steven Good Bird: 421-4573

Frank Bear Claw: 421-0700

Hidatsa Housing Director: Shanna Fox: 421-6205

Hidatsa Housing Secretary: Losa lu: 759-3399

Time Keeper Supervisor: Hailey Abbey: 421-7819

Sunshine Halvorson: 421-9127

Colleen Halvorson: 627-8202

West Segment Maintenance Specialist: Sam White Owl: 421-9170

Main Number: 759-3377 Ext. 209 & 219

Receptionist: Michaela Bacon: 421-6715

West Segment Maintenance Workers:

Ervin Halvorson Sr. 421-3257

Ervin Halvorson Jr. 421-5738

Julius Halvorson: 421-8093

Tyrell Halvorson: 421-4518

Jeremy Wounded Face: 421-3979

West Segment CARE Recovery Center Director: Vivian Lone Fight cell: 421-4631

West Segment Health Dept: 759-3377 ext. 203

West Segment Health Director: Cathy Lone Fight: 421-5525

Kyle Mandan: 421-0643

West Segment Health Driver: Rayne Brown: 421-4641

West Segment Custodian Supervisor: Rosie White Owl: 421-9450

Mandaree Elders Building Custodian: Ken White Lightening: ext.213

West Segment Elders Advocate: Rosie Johnson: 759-3077 or her cell: 421-8519

West Segment Education Director: Bernadine (Fredericks) Mendez: 421.5687

IT Specialist: Aaron Abbey: 421-5076

West Segment Transportation Specialist: Curtis Hall Sr.: 421-7907

West Segment Transportation Receptionist: Michaela Bacon: Office: 759-3766 or her cell: 421-6715

West Segment Fitness Center Supervisor: Santos Casarez: 759.3780

West Segment Events Department: Lindsey Fox Sepeta: 421-6347

Cultural Coordinator: Aaron Abbey: 421-5076

Language Specialist: Lila Gwin 421.6605

Carol Newman

Martha Bird Bear

Mary Yellow Wolf—Gachupin

Land & Livestock Supervisor: Megan Danks

Land & Livestock receptionist: 759-3978

Minot Outreach Specialist: Dusty (Brugh Jackson): {701} 421-4266 Fax: 701-839-0835

Bismarck Outreach Specialist: Leah Black Hawk: Office: 701.751.1481. Fax: 701.751.1489

Assistant : Sharron Lone Fight: 751.0456

Fargo Outreach Specialist Jolene Gonzales: 421-6200

Fargo Outreach: 701-478-6811 Fax: 701-478-6818

TERO Information person: Carson Hood

West Segment Facebook page: LeeAnna Nation: 421-1868 or Jordan Mann: 421-9214

West Segment News Editor: Lovina Fox: lovinafox@mhanation.com

West Segment News Assistant: LeeAnna Nation: 421-1868

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Obituary

Thomas Young Bird Jr., “Magi guwa” (Soldier) was born June 10, 1941, in Crow Agency, Montana to Lottie Sherwood and Thomas Young Bird Sr. Thomas Jr., was the firstborn to this union and one of nine brothers with two sisters. His mother Lottie named all her children after Saints from the bible.

Thomas grew up in Crow Agency and Lodge Grass, Montana in the early part of his childhood where his dad operated a cattle ranch. The boys all loved to hunt with their dad and uncle Frank Sherwood. Thomas attended the Lodge Grass elementary school with his brothers until they returned to Mandaree in 1955.

Thomas was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1964 and was sent overseas to Vietnam in 1965. Saigon, Vietnam was his assigned duty station. Thomas served a year in the Transportation Division under General Westmoreland, who oversaw all the operations in Vietnam. He was awarded a letter of commendation for his service to General Westmoreland during this time. He came back to North Dakota after his honorable discharge in 1966. His mother was diagnosed with cancer and later succumbed to it. He married Mary Ione Little Swallow in January 1967. They had two sons, Kevin and Mike. Thomas attended United Tribes and earned a degree in accounting. He returned and worked for the Neighborhood Youth Corp as an Assistant Director. After Thomas and Mary divorced, Thomas earned his ironworking experience in Chicago, Illinois. He moved to Kalispell, Montana. He met and married Elaine Sidmore. This union brought two more sons Anthony (Tony) and Dwight Young Bird.

Thomas was an ironworker for many years. His work took him from Kalispell to Billings to Colstrip, Montana. He worked on the Libby Dam, in Lincoln County, MT. He returned to North Dakota after his divorce and there, he met Truby Hunter in which his youngest son was born, Stewart Young Bird. In his later years, Tom met Ordean Iron Shield. They made their home in Twin Buttes for several years before moving to New Town. They opened their doors to their family and enjoyed many activities together. Thomas was a well-known man in many respects. He loved to hunt, ride bulls, ride horses and be with family. He truly loved the company of any and all family. Thomas came from the last traditional appointed Chief of Hidatsa’s Joseph Young Bird. Thomas loved to sit with his brothers and tease. When he said he would do something, he would get it done.

He was a very humble man and an honorable veteran. Thomas was the last of the eleven siblings to leave and passed to the spirit world on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

He is survived by his longtime **companion**, Ordean Iron Shield of New Town; **son**, Thomas Kevin Young Bird (Louanne) of Bismarck, ND, and grandchildren; Teffie Dickens-Bison, Blossom Young Bird, Xavier Young Bird, and adopted grandson, Frank White Clay (Jade); Son, Michael B. Young Bird (Jesse) of New Town, ND and grandchildren; Mike Young Bird Jr, Keely Young Bird, David Miranda, Sergio Miranda, Gerald Miranda, Kason Young Bird, Utah Young Bird, Chezney Young Bird, Hudson Small, Boots Coyote Runs, Birdman Gros Ventre, Rowdy Young Bird, Jace Young Bird, and Johnnygirl Small; **Son**, Dwight Young Bird (Tanasha) of Kalispell, MT, and grandchildren; Cortlyn Young Bird, Morgan Young Bird, and Savannah Williams Young Bird; **Son**, Anthony Young Bird (Julie) Young Bird of Marion, Mt and grandchildren; Jasmyn Young Bird, Aden Young Bird; his **grandchildren** from the late Stewart Young Bird, Dakota James Young Bird, Thomas John Young Bird, Amayah Joyce Young Bird, Daeshauntiah Marie Young Bird, Jeremiah Tate Young Bird; and **adopted daughters**; Denise (Taylor B) Young Bird, Peggy (Thomas) White Clay, Jamie (Landon) White Clay Medicine Bull; and numerous **great-grandchildren**.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; Thomas Sr. and Lottie Young Bird; Son- Stewart Young Bird, Brothers; Matthew Young Bird Sr., Henry Young Bird Sr., Leroy Young Bird, Nathaniel Young Bird, Bryan Young Bird, Herman Young Bird, Robert Young Bird Sr., and Reynolds Young Bird Sr., Sisters; Philomena Young Bird Grinnell and Karen Young Bird White Clay.

Obituary

Honoring The Life Of
Thomas Young Bird Jr.
"Magi Guwa" (Soldier)

June 10, 1941 ~ November 16, 2021



Wake:

Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 5:00pm
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Funeral Services:

Monday, November 22, 2021 at 11:00am
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Officiant:

Father Roger Synek

Active Pallbearers:

Nathaniel Young Bird, Clay Young Bird, Austin
DeCraze,

Senior Pallbearer:

Loren Fox

Tristan Gross Rope, AJ Grinnell, Michael B. Young
Bird Jr., Tyrone Young Bird, Wyatt Joe, Morgan
Young Bird, Ervin Halvorson Jr., Patrick Wolf, JC
Young Bird, Sierra Young Bird

Honorary Pallbearers:

All Viet Nam Veterans, Henry Pretty On Top, Bill Cardinal, Hank
Star, Virgil Eagle, Clayton Neohar, Delmer Wilson, Jim Cardinal,
John Perry, Julian Krueger, Dustin Krueger, James Jacobs, Vic
Boepple, Cory Spotted Bear, Fred Beatty

Military Honors Presented by:

Myron B. Johnson/Nathan J. Goodiron Post 271
Young Hawk/ Bear Post 253
VFW Post 9061

Burial:

St. Anthony Catholic Church Cemetery, Mandaree, ND

Obituary

Keith was born on January 26th, 1974, in Chicago, Illinois to John Ivan Mckenzie Jr., and Florene Leon Martin. He lived in Chicago until the age of five. He then moved back to Mandaree, ND to live with his aunt and uncle, Patricia, and Henry Young Bird. He thought highly of his uncle Henry. While growing up Keith liked to fence, hunt and fish. He enjoyed working with horses, training them, and especially horseback riding. He was very active in school sports as well. He enjoyed cross-country, softball, football, and basketball. He was such a good basketball player. Keith also enjoyed midnight drives with his older brothers Ty, Moon, and Farley. Keith attended Mandaree Public School. He was a very strong supporter of the Mandaree Warriors. He traveled to every game he could. He enjoyed watching the Mandaree Warriors. Later in the years he got his high school diploma in 2012 online from McHill High School. He was so proud of himself.

Keith had a great work ethic, he worked with the TAT Roads department, Solid Waste department, Buffalo Project, Four Bears Casino as a Porter, West Segment Maintenance and Security, TAT Water Treatment Plant, C.S.I. Roustabout, and he also worked as a flow tester. Keith worked as a ranch hand for Danks, Arnie Guimont and Randy Phelan. He worked construction at the Mandaree School as well. On August 16th, 1955, he met the love of his life Amanda Swift Eagle . They married on February 6th, 2000. Together they had seven children, six daughters and one son, all his pride and joy. Together they raised their children in Mandaree. Keith also helped Amanda raise her nieces and nephew, he loved all the kids as his own, he had such a big heart. He also adopted the Looking Horse boys and Melvin Smashed Ice Jr., as his own sons.

Keith loved spending time with family, he enjoyed family cookouts, holiday dinners, and any type of family gatherings, he always looked forward to his sister Florene's holidays dinners. Keith was his children's biggest supporters when it came to their school sports, track meets, football games, and Indian relay races. He always organized events for the youth in the community, he encouraged the youth to play softball, kickball, and basketball. He bought all the softball equipment for everyone to join in, he would open the community gym for everyone to play basketball and have overnight 'lock-ins'. He liked to buy snacks, drinks and supplies for the lock-ins he would host. He was a supporter of pow wows, rodeos, sports, and bingo gatherings, he enjoyed watching football as well, he was a huge Chicago Bears fan.

Keith was a great storyteller and he loved telling jokes, he always made sure his family had food on the table and a roof over their head. Keith always made sure his children, his wife, and animals were taken care of. He not only looked after his family but his sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews and every one of his grandchildren. Keith had a special place in his heart for his nieces~Sunshine, Shiann, and Colleen and his nephew J.C. When it came to his daughters, Connie and Alicia's artwork, he admired and cherished their work. Keith loved to travel, he especially loved traveling to his daughters' Florence and Star's horse races. He loved his daughter Jamie for her sassy, witty comebacks, he loved his daughter Mea for being his baby girl. Keith loved his son, Moon for his personality and his sense of humor, Keith and Moon shared the same sense of humor. He always loved every one of his grandchildren equally. Our storyteller is now resting in peace.

Keith is survived by; his daughters; Connie (Corbyn), Florence, Jamie, Star, Alicia, Mea, Patricia, Jerrilane (Dakota) Nancy (Steven), Frannina (Kolby) Sabrina (New Town, ND); his sons; Moon, (Mandaree,ND), Steven (Jamestown, ND); his brothers; Michael Mckenzie Sr., (Fargo, ND), Donald Mckenzie, Farley Young Bird (Mandaree, ND), Henry Young Bird Jr., Bruce Young Bird (New Town, ND) Leroy Smith (Chicago, Illinois), Jason Martin, (Minot, ND), August Good Bird (South Dakota). His sisters; Ivanna Mckenzie (Montana), Pamela Jones (Minnesota), Florene Halverson (Mandaree, ND), Glenda Good Bird, Lujanna Young Bird, Valerie Halverson, Maggie Halverson (New Town, ND). His grandsons; William Looking Horse, Monte Egna (Mandaree, ND) Kaimber Ramsey (New Town, ND), his granddaughters; Linda Lincoln, Mystic Mckenzie, Tiane Iron, Noel Lachney, Leona Egna (Mandaree, ND)

Keith is preceded in death by; his father Ivan Mckenzie Jr., his mother Florence Martin; his brothers; John Mckenzie III, Tyrone Young Bird, Gary Wolf, Touchine Brothers, his sisters; Cheryl Jones. His paternal grandparents; John Mckenzie Sr., Alice (Standish) Mckenzie; maternal grandparents; Jim Bullsake, Nora Jones; his uncles; Henry Young Bird Sr., Keith G. Mckenzie, Jonathan Mckenzie, his aunties; Patricia Young Bird, Pauline Nez, Mildred Rough and Maxine Wilson.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Of

Keith McKenzie

“Maa-agishuii ii-agooshi” (Whistling Eagle)

Sun-Up January 26,1974~Sun-down November 17, 2021



Wake:

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 At 5:00pm
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, North Dakota

Funeral Services:

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 10:00am
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, North Dakota

Music:

Neal Hale, Randy Phelan & boys

Senior Pallbearer:

Richard White Tail

Officiating:

Pastor Bill Bender

Active Pallbearers:

Teigan Grant	Joe Don McKenzie
Arden Halverson	Carlisle Wells
Ervin Halverson Jr.	Colby Young Bird
KC Clifford	Garratt McKenzie
OJ Black Hawk	Tyrone Young Bird

Honorary Pallbearers:

Sonny Howling Wolf, Chaunde Chase, Edmond Pibbs Baker, Gerald Lyons, Chad Connor, Robin Hall, Blaine Flynn, Frank Grady, Cornell Poitra Sr., William Good Bird, Orlando Black Hawk, Tex Hall, Keith White Owl Sr., Peyton Red Elk,

Travis Fox, Marlin Mason, Travis Smith, Corey Sanders, Bill Marvzl, Randy Sanders, Ted Siers Sr., Walter DeVille Sr., Jacob Takes The Gun, Curtis Hall Sr., Everette Hall, Dustin Connor, Heath Hall, Ervin Halverson Sr., Bennet White Owl, Julius Halverson, Raymond Yellow Wolf Jr., Paul (Kojak) White Owl, Matthew (Tony) YellowWolf Sr., Thorton Judge Fox, Ben Good Bird, J.C. James, Hugh Young Bird, Tracey Wounded Face, Rory (Sonny) Flynn, Randy Phelan, Damian

Final Resting Place:

Independence Cemetery, Mandaree, North Dakota

Obituary

Mountain was called home on November 26th, 2021 in Bismarck, ND with his wife Kiana and son Tobias Mark by his side. He was born on October 8, 1998 in Camp Pendleton, California to Elroy Weasel Bear Sr., and Tiffany Hunts Along. Mountain met the love of his life Kiana B. King in the summer of 2015 before their junior year of high school in Lame Deer, the mother of their son Tobias Mark and have been inseparable ever since.

He attended St. Labre Northern Cheyenne Tribal School for elementary and junior high. He attended all four years at Lame Deer "Morning Star" High School, graduating in 2017. He continued onto Chief Dull Knife, Little Big Horn and United Tribes Technical College. Mountain was a dedicated worker wherever he was employed. He began at Northern Cheyenne Housing in summers, Arby's in Lawrence Ks, MHA West Segment while in Mandaree, UPS after moving to Bismarck, ND.

Mountain had a love of all sports and played in Stinger Baseball in the summers of his youth. Basketball, football and cross country during his school years, basketball being his love and passion. He was known for his left-handed 3's and his power taking the ball to the basket. He was causing defeat to the opposing teams; Mountain was a part of Montana's 30 point Club his senior year. He played in high school basketball all four years with his best friends, Draven Hart, Troy Redsleeves, Essence Americanhorse, Trustin Twomoons, Jaden Seminole, Michael Wesel Bear, and Rocco McMakin, Donald Bishop. He got asked to play in tournaments like All West tournament in Denver, AAU in Vegas, NABI in Phoenix, Arizona and Big Sky tournament in Billings, Montana. He played in the Bismarck city leagues and many more independent tournaments where he met numerous friends that became family throughout Indian country.

Mountain was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Herman and Elsie Weasel Bear, Aunt Leanna Laforge, Cousin Taylor Trepanier, Nevada Cruz Beartusk, on his maternal side Mark and Betty Bird Hunts Along

Survived by Tiffany (Jonathan) his sister Fawn (Larshay) and brother Elroy Jr., (Kaylee & Odell). His Auntie/moms; Anissa Kellum (Joseph YUMS, Anthena, Anthea, Angelica, Kanea), Roselyn (Arhiyah, Walter, Elijah Jr, Mark, Kashayla, Ezerah) Roselea (Ty) (Mahala, Mahlonie), Markita (Paul, Theresa, Ty'Lea) Papa Wilbur Hunts Along, Roberta White Eagle, Megan and Wilbur Jr., Papa Randy Phelan, Carrie Braine, Clarice Big Back-Baker. On his paternal side; His father Elroy Sr., Uncles; Kenneth Birdchief (Keith, Chad, Augusta, Haley, Lana) Herman Sr., (Herman III) Gilbert Laforge (Carla, Marquel, Jeremy, Skylar, Rosaline) Uncle Biggie AH, Terry Curley, Joe Limberhand, Wallace Bearchum, Darren Cruz Bixby, Auntie/Moms; Valoria Weaselbear (Leslie, Trent II, Morgan, Grant, Audrey) Anna and Mike (Mikey, Melissa, Mykyol, Aiden) Nadine (Talon, Valao, Chris Jr) Stephanie and Roy Fisher (Roy Jr., Bernadine, Bryan) Special grandma's; Amelia Birdchief, Linda Brady, Lenora Wolfname, Alvin Birdchief, Rick Wolfname, He has numerous nieces and nephews. His extended family Woodpecker, Bird, Littehead, Blackstones, Fredericks, Phelans, Littlebirds, Kings, Birdchief, Eaglefeathers, Redcherries, Redstars, Wolfname, Blackwolf, Shoulderblade, Yellowrobe, Weaselbears in 605 South Dakota family and friends in the 406.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Of
 Mountain Sage W̄as̄l̄ B̄ar
 ᠠwaxaawi Shigaagash "Mountain Boy"
 October 8, 1998~November 26, 2021



Wake Services:

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7pm
 Water Chief Hall~ Mandaree, North Dakota

Funeral Services:

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 10am
 Water Chief Hall~ Mandaree, North Dakota

Officiating:

Father Roger Synek

Pallbearers:

Draven Hart Essence American Horse
 Michael W̄as̄l̄ B̄ar Trent Trepanier
 Walter Rock Grant Trepanier
 Elijah Rock Elroy W̄as̄l̄ B̄ar Jr.
 Trustin Two Moons Rashaun Red Star
 Mickey Old Cranze Jr. Roy Fisher Jr.

Senior Pallbearer:

Kevin Finley

Honorary Pallbearers:

Tommy Robinson, Randy (Biggie) American Horse
 O.J. Haugen, Late Haugen, Levi Haugen, The late Allen
 Fisher, Bernadine Fisher, Joseph Haugen Jr., Delano
 Harris, Austin Two Moons, Terry Curley, Ruben Little
 Head, the late George Scalperanz and all the fans of Lake
 Deer High School

Final Resting Place:

Hunts Along Family Cemetery
 Independence, North Dakota

Obituary

Cornell Lewis Poitra Sr., (Buffalo Bull Cape) was born August 25, 1971 in Garrison, ND to his parents Julius Peter "Mickey" Poitra Sr., and Marie Delores Seminole.

In his early years he attended school at Wahpeton Indian Boarding School, then transferred to White Shield High School where he graduated in 1989. He attended United Tribes Technical College and graduated in 1994 with an Associates in Criminal Justice.

Cornell had many jobs. He worked as a counselor at Wahpeton Indian School and as a paraprofessional at Mandaree School. He also ran the Mandaree Boys & Girls Club for many years. Cornell became a Juvenile Detention Officer for the tribal court. In the past twelve years he enjoyed working as a TERO Compliance Officer. He enjoyed working with his crew and was very knowledgeable in his duties.

Cornell loved watching the Minnesota Vikings and his many YouTube videos. He enjoyed being with all his family and friends telling many stories. He was comical in his own way. He gave each of his friends a nickname. He loved watching sports, hunting, fishing and searching for Big Foot. He very much enjoyed and lived his traditional ways of life, sharing these teachings and values with his children.

Cornell met the love of his life, Delaine Francis Clairmont and were together for twenty-four years. They resided in Mandaree, ND where they raised six children and many pets. Cornell also raised many foster children whom he also loved.

Loved ones he leaves behind include his wife Delaine F. Clairmont, *daughters*; Aprielle M. Poitra, Kenzie Poitra, Terran Poitra & Sparrow Poitra all of Mandaree, ND. *Sons*; Cornell Poitra Jr., (Kylee Dawes), Gavin Poitra and Night Rabbithead all of Mandaree, ND. *Sisters*; Eldora Poitra, Adreienne Poitra, Kathy Poitra & Brenda Poitra, *Brothers*; Elton (Jeanine) Spotted Horse, Julius (Patty) Poitra Jr., Fred Poitra and Patrick Mountain. All his loved nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, his sisters, Gloria, Eileen, Valerie, and Rosie and brother Roderick.

Obituary

Cornell Lewis Poitra Sr.

Buffalo Bull Cape "s'huutaatu"

August 25, 1971~December 4, 2021



Wake:

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 5:00pm
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Funeral Services:

Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 11:00am
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Officiants:

Pastor Damon & Jackie Strum

Active Pallbearers:

Elton Spotted Horse Jr. John Poitra
Merrill Howling Wolf Sr. Joseph Dickens
Bryce Clairmont Bernie Jo Monogram
Milo Vincent Long Bear Mike Vandal
Tyrone Young Bird

Eulogy:

Marcus Levings

Honorary Pallbearers:

Fred Fox, Wayne Fox, Walter DeVille Sr., Corey Sanders, Jamie Amdahl, Sonny Flynn, TERO Office, Blaine Flynn, Tony Yellow Wolf, Todd McQuino, Chad Johnson, Billy Johnson, Dennis Fimbres, Dewey Hosie, George Good Left, Paula Danks, Waylon Good Left, Jay Standish, Duane Young Bird, David Black Smith, Les Yellow Wolf, Terry Morgan, Marcus Levings, Lisa Bruce, Jason Cummings, Cedrick W. Neal Heal, Frank DeLaPaz, Callie Baker, Claire Fox, Kellie Quick Bear, Tony IU, Lloyd Johnson, Marty Footz, Ted White Sr., Dan LeBeau, Lloyd & Danielle Vigen, Joan & Kenny Church, Wilbur Hunts Along Sr., Jim Miller, Ryan Wilson, Terrance Morgan Sr., Dez Conklin, TAT RDU Nurses, Raymond Yellow Wolf Sr., Yellow Face Singers, West Segment Ambulance, Norma & Elmer Flying Horse Sr.

Interment:

Arikara Congregational Cemetery White Shield, ND

Obituary

*In
Loving
Memory*



**inez Margaret
Baker**

June 3, 1965 - December 2, 2021

Obituary

In Loving Memory Of Inez Baker

“Ookꞓ-Gua-Naagish”

June 5, 1965~December 2, 2021



Wake & Rosary:

December 9, 2021 at 5pm
St. Anthony’s Catholic Church
Mandan, North Dakota

Funeral Services:

December 10, 2021 at 10am
St. Anthony’s Catholic Church
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiating:

Father Roger Synek

Active Pallbearers:

Stephen Bascom	Colby Young Bird
Brian Poitra	Nolan Standish
Archib Bzarcub	Sheldon Black
James Jackson	Ronnie Brugh
Manny Ortiz	Phillip Fox

Senior Pallbearer:

Rene White Bear

Honorary Pallbearers:

Dis High Elk, Geraldyn Halz, Eunice White Owl, Holly Windy Boy,
Lisa Young Bear, Ronnie Brugh, Brent High Elk, Suzah Holen,
Dorzen Charging, Betty Young Bird, Sherry Long Fight,
Leah Young Bird, Maggie Young Bird

Final Resting Place:

St. Anthony’s Catholic Cemetery, Mandan, ND



Our deepest Sympathy goes out to the family and relatives of Thomas Young Bird Jr., and Keith McKenzie family and relatives, to the family and relatives of Mountain

Sage Weasel Bear and to the family and relatives of Cornell Poitra Sr., and Inez Baker on the loss of your loved ones.

Prayers for comfort to each and everyone of you.

From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Long Fight & Personnel.

Merry Christmas



The Holiday Season is upon us! As we gather this month for the Holidays with our families and relatives, let us continue to be thankful and grateful for what we have in our lives. Have a wonderful & joyful Christmas Holidays!!

From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Long Fight & Personnel

Important Announcement

MHA Nation

will be changing from Boon Group Health Insurance coverage to Sanford Health Insurance Coverage



for MHA Enrolled-Tribal Members

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION AND DETAILS TO COME



Change to be effective January 1, 2022



Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Elders!!

- James Johnson
- Avallon Hale
- Ed Danks
- C.A. Wolf Eyes
- Garland Likes Eagle
- Ronald Brugh
- Rosie Johnson
- Bruce Fox Sr.
- Katherine Young Bear
- Lana Turner
- Florence Halvorson
- Karen Fetting
- Donald Young Bird

* Please forgive us if we forgot to mention your name, it was not done intentionally.