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Quotes For The Heart & Mind

- "Art is a reflection of poetry and beauty of the heart & mind without the use of any words~ Debasish Mridha~
- "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." ~Oscar Wilde~
- "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."~Cleanor Roosevelt~

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For those of us who travel to celebrations throughout Indian country know this young lady. She is a well known Crow style traditional dancer who has traveled extensively through out Indian country, and made a name for herself. Caspie (Holds The Enemy) Abbey is a proud member of the Crow, Hidatsa and Dakota Sioux from Fort Kipp, Montana. Her given Indian name is "Makes Good Camp" Her mother is Roberta Baker and her father is Aloysius Holds The Enemy. She is the granddaughter of Norman Baker and Beverly Walking Eagle Baker. She belongs to the Prairie Chicken Clan and is a child of the Flint Knife Clan. She wanted to make sure that everyone knew that her dad wasn't from here so she goes through her grandpa Norman Baker's side so she is a child of the Flint Knife Clan. Her grandmother Beverly Walking Eagle was adopted by Cora Blackbear. As Caspie states; "Cora Blackbear took my grandmother Beverly as a daughter so that's how we are members of the Prairie Chicken Clan. We all have someone who has a great influence on us and for Caspie, it was her mother Roberta who taught her a lot and is the reason she

is the young woman she is today. She graduated from Mandaree High School in 2002, I asked Caspie what her favorite classes were in high school and she replied; your class when you taught journalism and I enjoyed Mrs. Lone Fight class (Sherry's) she taught Native prints and business". Being a Crow style traditional dancer most of her life, it's no wonder she chose Native American studies for her major.

We visited about why she picked Native American studies as Caspie goes on to explain; " I selected it because I was interested in it and I wanted to learn about us our own people. We are very fortunate to have a tribal college here that offers a degree in Native American studies." I asked Caspie if she was going to teach. According to Caspie she states, "KX News said I was planning on teaching in New Town I didn't even say that, she laughs. I'm not sure what I'm going to do with this degree. My plan in life was to be a mom, I was set and I was good. It was COVID-19 that started me thinking of going back to school, all my classes are online, right now I am carrying thirteen credits." I asked Caspie to clarify what she meant by fears of COVID, as she replied; "I and my husband Donavon were talking about Covid, just recently, he had two uncles who passed away due to Covid. I an my husband were driving down the road and we started talking about how scary this virus is and what could happen because you never know. We actually started to plan how we how we wanted

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Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Before I begin this month's update I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to the families and relatives of Robert Lincoln Sr and Patsey Ann Seaboy on the loss of their beloved ones, my heartfelt prayers goes out to the families and relatives that are in mourning.

My first priority and concern for this month is taking care of our people in our community. With these dangerously cold wind chill temperatures, many of our community members have been affected. Right now the maintenance crew from West Segment is continuously on call helping unthaw frozen pipes in homes, not only in Mandaree area but those who live out in the country as well. I would like to inform everyone in our West Segment community please know if you need anything such as a boost, or help please call the West Segment Office at 759-3377 and they will make sure someone will help you. The employees are very much aware this is a priority, that I have set to help our community members first the best way we can. My main concern right now is for our people here in our community, I

understand the impact this dangerous cold weather has taken on all of us.

Another crucial item I need to inform everyone about is our **Elders Program**. I am aware that our Elders have been calling our offices for assistance and financial help. I have been honest with our members here in our community and I will continue to be right now our West Segment Elders Program has no money what's so ever, we have nothing to work with. All these costs were spent with the previous administration that I had nothing to do with. So with that in mind, I am asking all our elders to call **Rosie Johnson at 421-8519 or 759-3377**. Elders you are asked to bring all your documents to Rosie Johnson it is very crucial that you do this ahead of time **at least 2 to 5 days ahead of your doctor's appointments**, which will give her enough time to take care of everything for you. Rosie will be available everyday at the Water Chief Hall, she has listed her cell number and prefers elders to call her at that number so she can take care of whatever you need done. Again, elders make sure to deliver all your documents to **Rosie Johnson ahead of time 2 to 5 days before your scheduled doctor's appointment** she will diligently take care of your documents and get you the help you need. We are so thankful for the elders program in New Town who offered to help our elders here in West Segment because of our dire situation.

Our biggest problem right now is with Black Eagle Estates. I will first of all explain some of the problems we are having with these homes. First of all these homes were not done right, all these homes they brought into our community are homes that were designed for Florida and California weather. These homes were not built to handle North Dakota weather. The pipes that go underneath these homes is where the cold air is coming in from so the maintenance guys have to fix those and they cost \$900.00 dollars a piece for those to be repaired. So the guys are taking plyboard and cutting it out in order to condense the cold from entering the home so their pipes don't get ruined. Then there's the air vents on the roof of these homes which were made for Florida and California weather so the white pipes on the roof of these homes are sewer pipes that freeze and get plugged up. Then all the sewage smell goes back into the home which will get people sick so that has to be fixed too. The seams that hold these homes together are coming apart on the ceiling so those needs to be fixed. These are all summer projects that will be coming up, so the majority of our money will be spent on fixing these houses. The electricity wasn't hooked up right so parts of the home aren't getting the heat they should. So we have to get a electrician to come in and repair that and that's another cost to get fixed. There is no drainage there at Black Eagle whatsoever, these homes were placed on wetlands, they did not go through any engineers to go and check soil samples of the land where they placed these homes. All these items here all need to be fixed. Right now I have an elder staying at the casino because her home is way too cold and she's an elder, and this elder asked them to get her home fixed years ago and nothing was ever done. So when this extreme cold windchills came her home was way too cold for her to stay in.

The maintenance crew had to go into the crawl spaces of these homes that were filled with water and pump the water out that was inside. This is why we need a drain fill. The water was seeping up from the ground because the home was placed on wetlands. So there was no engineering done on the soil where these homes were placed. I hope I'm not forgetting anything but there is so many serious items that need to be fixed on these homes.

White Oak was placed on wetlands too and this situation is not good either but different because these trailer homes can be moved out of there. Their water line where the water comes out is sticking out of the ground those are unthawed but the rest of the pipes are under the ground about 2 feet and are frozen solid.

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update

So the guys have been working 24/7 to get things working. I told the guys, there really isn't anything we can do until spring or summer time. This is such a big mess, our tribe was never involved, rural water wasn't involved in putting water lines in for these homes. It was the company that was hired in the previous administration that came in and did these homes. They never dealt with our tribe, they were told where to put these homes so this company put the homes where they were allowed too. Now today this is the result of these homes being put wherever and causing our segment a lot of money.

On another note, everyone keeps asking me about the two homes by the Post office those homes are tribal and private property so I have to get these homes moved. Which will be moved to the owners private property.

I would also like to mention that West Segment does not have anything to do with Fort Berthold Housing Authority, people keep on asking me about it. Those issues all belong to The Fort Berthold Housing Authority, not us here at West Segment.

I would like everyone to know that our Security is out there protecting our community that is why I have security. They are out there protecting us from drugs and Covid and what not. I am asking our people and young people within our community to be more respectful to them because these guys in security will be there and they're not going away. There are some who spit at them and get angry all because they're getting stopped and this is for the protection of our community. Security is there for a reason and that reason is mainly to protect our community to watch out for us and we have our own young people being very rude and ignorant to them just because they get stopped. So please, we need to remember these security workers are sacrificing their lives to make sure we are safe. I am asking those young people or anyone whose been disrespectful, please be respectful and grateful that we have security here in our own community. Don't be a bully to our security they work for you and they work for all of us.

The Tribal Business Council is working with us a lot better they have agreed to help us out with the things we need because they know what kind of shape we are in. We have drastically cut back because we simply do not have the monies, we had to cut back on giving assistance, but we are still assisting for medical, motel and gas and something to eat on but we are not giving out cash. We are also giving assistance I will give you an example; say a furnace went out we will pay for it but the people who get the furnace have to pay West Segment back. So far this has been working out because the majority of them are paying us back. Some of them are employees so we are able to do a wage deduction of what they can afford to pay us back. So we are not giving away money and yet we are helping but at the same time we are getting paid back. They pay what they can as long as they pay the segment back what they owe so that's how we are helping out.

We are still trying to get our food pantry going for our community. Right now we can't use the jump house because the Covid task force has their stuff in there. Our fitness center is open and our gym will soon be open not for big groups but they will be open.

On another note, just a short update on the Mandaree School, which will open up to students on March 15th. Some of the students who need assistance and extra help will go to school in the morning and afternoons. There are some students who will continue distant learning at home and there are those who want to send their kids to school so they will be able to do that too

And our CARE program is open now for services. Everyone who works for West Segment was drug tested for those who didn't have clean drug results were given thirty days to get clean if not than we have no choice but to dismiss them. I can't employ anyone anymore I am maxed out.

We are now in our second month of 2021 I would like to apologize for not having the West Segment Newspaper out to each of you the paper was done but neglected to be delivered to you community members. The January newspaper found it way to your home, we apologize for not having this paper out to you in a timely manner. The February West Segment Newspaper will be



mailed directly to your home the editor has completed the process of getting our permit done so you can look forward to receiving the future newspapers in the mail.

We have a new logo for West Segment that was designed by enrolled tribal member Rusty Gillette owner of his graphic design business in Bismarck, North Dakota so we will be using this logo for our West Segment events. Also a letterhead for our offices in New Town and Mandaree. With that in mind, stay warm and continue to be safe and always wear your mask.

Around West Segment

Photos by LeAnna Nation & Lovina Fox



At the C.A.R.E. building there are many repairs that need to be taken care. In the photo to your left the roof is damaged and leaking inside of this building.

As you read in last month's issue of the West Segment News, Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight mentions this roof being attended too.

Most of the buildings in our community are being repaired or looked at since our segment has limited funds all repairs will take some time to get too. Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight is doing the best she can with what we have.



At White Oak Trailer Court there were many yards with trash around. Each tenant was told to have their yards cleaned up or they would be fined for not picking up their trash and fixing up their yards so our community can look nice and clean.



This is one of Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight's items on her list to get done, in keeping our community clean.

From the site of these photos Oak Park trailer court looks nice, although there are some trailer homes with tenants who did not pick up their yards or even clean their surroundings.



Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight's goal was to clean up our community, she can't do that alone she needs the help of the tenants who live in White Oak Park to do their part and help keep their space and yard clean.

Also the tenants who live in the Black Eagle Estates should be keeping up their yards as well. It looks nice and very welcoming when we have travelers or visitors come into our West Segment community. They will see how clean our community is.

Around West Segment



Here is the front entrance to the equipment one has to enter this front fence in order to get to the back of the hall.



Trucks are parked on the side of the community center and out of the way so the area looks clean and organized.



The back of the hall is all fenced up so one has to go through the fence in order to get in the back of the hall.



Here is the back entrance to the hall as you can see everything is put away with the area fenced off.



Equipment is all put in place so it looks organized and in order outside and inside the fence by the Water Chief Hall.



A better view of how all the equipment is put away and the back of the center looks really nice now and not so much junk around. Everything is organized and out of the way.

Mandaree Fire Dept. & EMS Both Have Come A Long Way!

Article by Marle Baker, Mandaree Fire Chief



The Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department was established in September of 2013 with the adoption of the Three Affiliated Tribes Fire Code and the Tribal Resolution authorizing the establishment of our Fire Department. In accordance with the TAT Fire Code, a Fire Protection District Board was established which is a volunteer organization that provides oversight and authorizes any purchases needed by the Fire Department. The Fire Protection Board is composed of community members and elections are held every four years. Current Board members include; Lisa DeVille-President, Kelly Bradfield-Vice President, Mary Fredericks-Secretary/ Treasurer, Brad Sage and Walter DeVille– are both at Large Members. The Fire Protection Board also assists in fund raising and community projects. Fire Department personnel are also members of the North Dakota Firefighters Association.

The Fire Department is organized by and follows Bylaws voted for and adopted unanimously by the Firefighters. These Bylaws set forth the rules and guidelines that provide a framework to provide for the safe and ethical conduct of the Firefighters in their duties to provide safe, effective

emergency operations for any emergency occurring in the Mandaree community. The current Officers for the Fire Department are Marle Baker-Fire Chief, Brad Sage-First Assistant Chief, Jacob Dyermills-Training Officer, Brian Brugh-Safety Officer, Walter Deville and Keith White Owl-Chief Engineers.

There are currently 15 active Firefighters on the Department Roster, all of whom are community members of Mandaree. All of the active Members have attended State Fire School held annually by the North Dakota Firefighters Association and received training in Fire Operations, Motor Vehicle Extrication, Emergency Vehicle Operations and First Aid among many other trainings. These training have provided important knowledge and expertise in responding to the many types of incidents and accidents that the Fire Department continually responds.

Equipment and vehicles utilized by the Fire Department include; a Pumper Engine with a water capacity of 1200 gallons. This apparatus is the primary vehicle used in a fire emergency and carries other equipment needed by personnel such as; Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

(SCBA), tools, hoses, ladders, first aid kits and other equipment needed. The Rescue Truck is another apparatus used primarily during a Motor Vehicle accident and carries the Jaws of Life, Spreader, and Ram. Other equipment on the Rescue Truck includes; back boards, Medical Kit, generator, emergency blankets, and hard boards.

The Fire Department went active in March of 2013 and has been active in responding to many different kinds of incidents throughout all of West Segment. Mandaree Fire has provided mutual aid to New Town Fire in one large structure fire while also providing essential support to Three Affiliated Tribes-Fire Management in fighting many wildland fires. Working with Mandaree Emergency Medical Services the Fire Department provides lift assists, first-aid, and drivers when necessary.

The Fire Department responds approximately 5-10 times per month at all times of the day or night and is dispatched by State Radio (911) and the Three Affiliated Tribes Police Department via pager and cell phone. The Fire Department is currently housed in two garage spaces of the Mandaree School and has grown as much as space will allow. This will be changing mid-March with a move to the new



building on Ridge Road that will house both the Volunteer Fire Department and the Mandaree Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Service. The move to the new Emergency Services building will allow both the Fire Department and the Ambulance Service to grow and provide more and improved services for the community. The new building will provide heated storage for five Fire Department apparatus and four Ambulance vehicles. In addition, to the Pumper Engine and Rescue Truck the Fire Department will begin raising funds for; Water Tender, Wildland Fire Engine, Side by Side, Snow Machines and other equipment that up until the new building did not have secure, heated storage for. The Ambulance Service will have sleeping quarters available for personnel as they operate on 24 hour shifts which will improve response times. Training and office space will also be available where none was before.

The Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department is deeply grateful for the support from the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council, the Mandaree community and numerous area business'. The Department is looking forward to improving our training, capacity and expertise in providing emergency services for the Mandaree community. In the photo above is the Volunteer Crew and a photo of the new fire department. As a community let us help them when they start their fundraising efforts and support them so they are able to help us more.

Mandaree EMS Will Move in With Mandaree Fire Department

Article by Director Antoinette Kitagawa



Pictured above is the new building for the Mandaree EMS this part of the building is on the south side. On the north side of this building or behind it is the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department. As mentioned in both of these articles the EMS and Volunteer Fire Dept. will share the same building. Both the Fire Dept and EMS are very crucial to our community here in Mandaree. We are so proud of the people who are responsible in writing this grant so we can have much needed building in our community.

We are excited to announce that Mandaree EMS will be moving to a brand new building. We are thankful to move in and share space with the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department. We have partnered with the Fire Department on many occasions to care for the community in Mandaree. Our experiences and trust in each other have grown over the years as we work together.

Our new building will have plenty of space. We have outgrown the garage we are currently housed at. Another thing we look forward to is running water. We have been carting water from the WCH for the last six years to clean the ambulances, equipment and garage. The new space will have room for the fire and EMS meetings and classes.

Mandaree EMS started serving the community of Mandaree on November 7th, 2014. We are extremely fortunate to have the space next to the maintenance garage behind Water Chief Hall.

The service was started with two used ambulances, some used equipment and some donated equipment from Colorado. Staffing consisted of EMT's and Paramedics who came from

Colorado. Our plan was to educate local members of the community to care for the community they live in. We have been giving healthcare services in Mandaree for six years. Josie Bingen, RN/EMT is the Squad Leader. She works hard for our community, Josie is a CPR Basic Life Support Certified Trainer. She also volunteers many hours to help with Covid related care. Josie has also been working for the State at testing sites and Long-Term Care Facilities when the State needs help. Jessica Spotted Horse EMT has been working at Mandaree EMS since the beginning and is the longest working local person to be with the service. Jessica is very community oriented and you will see her at most school basketball games willing to help if an injury occurs. Abel Feltes has also been serving the community since the beginning . He came from Denver, Colorado to help his parents start the ambulance service. He was an EMT and went back to Denver to school at the Denver Health Paramedic Program. He has been working as a Paramedic for two years now. He is also certified to teach EMT classes and is currently teaching a class in White Shield. He plans to offer a class in Mandaree sometime soon. Janine Perkins joined the crew at the end of 2017.She originally trained as an EMT in Minnesota but retook the EMT class through the Killdeer Area Ambulance, she is also regularly active in the Mandaree community an attends community events. Janine also works for the State Health Dept on Covid related care when called. Jonathan Roy started working with our service in May 2020, he is currently in the EMT class in White Shield and will be testing for national certification soon. He lives in White Shield where his father is a TAT Officer. Cassidy Johansen is our newest staff member, she has been working with us since August. She finished her EMT training in Minot and is set up to take her National Registry Certification within the month.

Our services has come a long way in the last six years. We have two ambulances that were purchased new. Most of the new equipment was purchased with grant funds. Our newest and nicest ambulance was purchased by the tribe. As we move forward, we would like to expand the services to meet the needs of the community as much as possible.

We are always looking for new opportunities to serve the Mandaree community.

Charging Acknowledges the people who helped with Fundraising for Holidays

Article by Doreen Charging



St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Mandaree is a group of men and women who come together to serve our community. Easter Thanksgiving and Christmas activities are a few of the

traditions that have been passed down from generations. I remember one such occasion when I went to Dickinson to shop for Christmas gifts with Mrs. Margaret Chase, Woolworth was the place to go. All of the fundraising at that time was done in the basement of our old church after mass on Sundays. They held bingos and sold food plates, everyone would bring a food item and a bingo prize. I clearly remember Bonnie and Nacho Fimbres including the families of; Yellow Wolf's, Chase's, Finley's, Fox's, Young Bears, Bakers, Bird Bear's, Hall's, Lone Fight's, Jackson's, Johnson's, Reimer's, Hale's and Young Bird's. It was a time of gladness and happy times. After that time, our gatherings were held in the Quonset building and the same happy memories were carried over. Even though space was tight, everyone who came got a delicious meal and a gift and of course, Santa made his appearance. Now we have a new Church and fellowship hall, which provides us with the space and facilities. Just like always, we do our fundraising for our Christmas party. We do Indian taco sales, breakfast and bingo, basket sales and rummage sales. This past year, we got together and did a drive thru Christamas party, due to the Covid-19 virus. We gave out a food basket, Christmas gifts and gift cards along with a bag of candy. A lot of people came and helped make this event a success. These activities the church does won't happen without the time and efforts that these people give. I mentioned earlier families that started this tradition of giving and helping others. They are still being carried on by their families today. Martha Bird Bear, Mary Gachupin, Joletta and Theodora Bird Bear, Ted and Sherry Lone Fight, Wendall and Arvella White, Bonnie and Bobbi Blake, Paige and Jean Baker, Brenda Hale, Gabriel and Bea Fettig, Delphine Baker, Veronica Serdahl, Donna White Owl, AI and Carol Newman, Wendy White, Toni Smith, Staci Fettig, RoseAnn Johnson, Marcella Hall, Sister Lucille Heidt and Father Roger Synek.

Just wanted to thank all these wonderful kind hearted people for helping all through the years.

God Bless you!



Another view of as you approach the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Mandaree.



A piece of history was saved from the old Catholic Church that was torn down.



Another view of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Mandaree.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWS) Training at Mandaree Water Chief Hall



Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWS) training took place at the Water Chief Hall here in Mandaree. Pictured to your left is one of the instructors who is presenting to the participants at the training.

The training was with the McLean County Sheriff's department. Deputy Alexander Torrez, who is a Tactics and PPCT Instructor with the McLean Country Sheriff's Office. Deputy Torrez assisted in this training held a the Mandaree community center. The West Segment Security Division to include its current security officers and curfew enforcement officers completed Initial security proficiency training that took place On January 21-22nd 2021. This two day training had 16 hour block of training which included the following listed.

¹Understanding Use of Force Continuum (Officer VS.

Subject), 1 Plus 1 Theory, Reactionary Gap, De-escalation Techniques. Understanding Use of Force (UoF) from its lowest level to its highest is the core concept of any for encounter. The UoF model empowers the officers use reasonable force to de-escalate most situations for a safer outcome for all those involved.

Handcuffing: Nomenclature, Cover/Contact, Handcuffing Techniques, Hands on Scenarios.

Proper handcuffing techniques will allow the officers to safely detain subjects until law enforcement arrives on scene. There will be situations where safely detaining a subject (s) is necessary to ensure scene safety for all those present.

Baton-Nomenclature, Cover/Contact, Striking Techniques, Defensive Techniques, Hands on Scenarios.

Proper baton techniques are imperative to deploy the defensive & offensive tool to ensure the safe outcome when utilizing the tool in certain situations.

OC Spray– Nomenclature, Personnel/Environmental Risks, Engagement Techniques, Hands on Exposure (Exposure to OC Spray, Hazard Identification/Handcuffing Under OC Spray Exposure)



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Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWS) Training at Mandaree Water Chief Hall



Pictured here is Steven GoodBird being tasered while Deputy Torres & Michael Mandan assist in the process.

Knowledge and exposure are important when deploying pepper spray. Understanding its effects and being able to safely handle the situation when pepper spray is deployed enhances the officers awareness. In certain situations, then officer can be effected by pepper spray, experiencing a controlled exposure gives the officer credibility and confidence when faced with deployment and exposure in the field.

Axon Conductive Energy Weapon (X26 Taser) - History, Nomenclature, Personnel Environmental Risks, Engagement Techniques, Hands on Exposure (Controlled Exposure to CEW), Written Test.

Knowledge and exposure are important when deploying the taser (conductive energy weapon). Understanding its effects and being able to safely deploy the taser enhances the officers ability to control most situations. The taser is a valuable tool and experiencing the effects of NMI (Neuro Muscular Incapacitation) gives the officer credibility and confidence when faced with deployment and exposure in the field.

The core purpose of this two day training was to provide the West Segment Security Division and it's people with these valuable tools to assist in de-escalation where security is needed.

The West Segment Security Division proved to be a valuable asset to the West Segment community. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact at anytime.

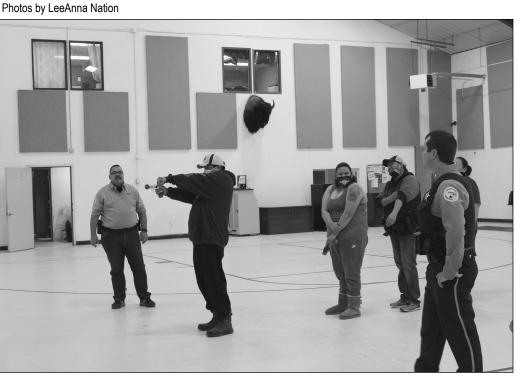
Instructors:

Lieutenant Justin Krohmer

Deputy Alexander Torrez (PPCT/Tactics Instructor)

Correctional Officer Sam Mitchum (Taser/CEW Instructor)

Submitted by: Deputy Torrez (PPCT/Tactic Instructor.

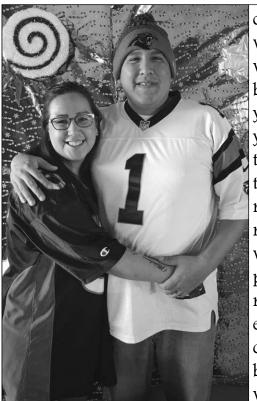


In the photo above West Segment Security officer Chris Knows His Gun, demonstrates how they use the taser gun, while other participants await their turn. Each participate is guided a long with the instructors on hand to make sure the participates are utilizing the taser correctly.



West Segment Security honors the McLean Co Sherriff's office with Star quilts as a way of saying "Thank You", as they completed the two day training. Pictured above are all the participates.

(L-R) Director James Johnson, Chris Knows His Gun, Deputy Sherriff Torres, Steven good Bird, C.O Mitchum, Robin Hall, Detective Krohmer, Micheal Mandan, Ashly Crows Heart & Benner White Owl. (Front row) Tiffany and Rhonda Hall.



and Caspie Donavon Abbey. Have been funeral arrangements, it happily married for the past isn't easy for anyone to eight years. years.

our wakes and where we wanted our kids to go where we wanted to be buried. And being 36 years old and being this young for me to be doing this it was really scary. All this got me to think. With me I'm a stay at home mom, a foster mom, what would I do if my husband passed away. I knew I needed get this to education just incase." I commended Caspie for being a young mother and wife, for being brave her husband enough to talk about

talk about especially when they're young. As

she goes onto say; "yeah we went as far as picking our senior pallbearer and how we wanted things done just so it would be done the way we were taught. So it wouldn't be a burden on my kids and with the guidelines for Covid. Because every where you look there's someone who passed away. Death was on our street literally right next door to us. I was telling my sixteen year old this is how your going to do it, you have to do this and your going to have to watch your siblings. We even had a plan if one of us ended up in the hospital, so yes COVID was a big eye opener for us and really scary. My mom always preached education, education, I never really thought I fell in that category. I graduated from high school and I said I was done, I'm good. I have always just worked and took care of my kids. So once Covid happened and because we're foster parents its' very limited of how many parents are available we wanted to have that door open, we wanted to be able to help in our community. So when Covid hit, I started thinking about college again then all of a sudden everything's on line. Everyone was going to school online so I seen this as a blessing of going back to school. I don't have to go to New Town we live here in Mandaree and everything is thirty minutes away. Right now I have a sixteen year old who is being home schooled and I have a four and three year old who do online head start, we also have a six month old foster baby and the

daycares are full. There is no daycare in Mandaree, I'm the daycare for my sister and my brother so on top of that having my four kids, I had my sisters two and my brother one. So when I heard the classes were online I jumped on it I just took it as a sign I needed to get going on it. Caspie was awarded a T3 award I asked her to explain that. "It's through the AISES foundation (American Indian Science Engineering Society) This was aimed for students affected with COVID. I didn't even know about it at all to be honest, I didn't know anything about it. I downloaded Tix tok because I was bored from COVID and everyone's on Tix tok I an my sister would send tix tok stuff to each other. My sister sent me a tik tok where this lady was talking about this scholarship my sister told me to apply for it so I did I had to write a paragraph on how COVID-19 affected me so I did. I told them the same thing I told you. My husband was laid off of work in late June and he was the only one working. Almost two weeks later I got an email telling me I was awarded the scholarship. So this scholarship was a one time shot but it helped me with expenses". I asked Caspie to share her advice with anyone wanting to go to college. As she says; " You can do it, when your ready to. I went right out of high school to Dickinson

State and it wasn't right for me. I went back again wasn't right for me, went back again it wasn't right for me. I'm 36 now an I'm back in school so whenever you feel its right for you do it. There's no age group. If you can get done earlier great but if you're like me and you do it later make sure you get it done. Because I am hopeful this time I will get it done and graduate. I would say start off with a tribal college, get your generals out of the way first. One of the things I feel is very important is

college to do that learning



that you learn about your Caspie and her husband Donavon with own people, an what better some of their children.

at than your own tribal college right here at home. I and my husband Donavon have eight children and we are doing the best we can in raising our children together. We have been together for the past twelve years. Stay safe and always abide by the COVID-19 guidelines.

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MHA Isolation Care Center Available For Those Recovering From Covid-19 Virus



Pictured above is a nice living room area with a television for clients who are staying at the MHA Isolation Care Center.

This facility is inside the old nursing home in New Town if in any case you don't know where that is the address will be at the end of this article. People who need a place to recover from the COVID-19 Virus can call Jerri Kerzman at (701) 527 ~5868 or Alicia Standish at (701) 421~6194 or call the Isolation Care Center at (701) 627-7300 as long as there are rooms available. Our main goal is to provide our clients with the support and care they need. The only requirement is to be COVID positive and not be able to quarantine at home or have no where else to go. You do not need to be a member of the MHA Nation, and we take care of all costs while you are quarantining with us. This facility is staffed 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and while the facility holds 18 beds in the North, West and East wing. The rooms are fully furnished with a kitchenette, full bathroom/showers with all amenities and toiletries included. I visited with Jerri Kerzman, current Human Service Branch Director. I asked her how she serviced families. As she replied, "We have housed a few families, depending on the size of the family in the past, we have been able to give them two rooms. As I mentioned each room is set up with a living room, tv, bedroom with a full bed and bathroom with a small kitchenette and we have extra roll a way beds if a family has more than two people. I would say each room could hold 3-4 people comfortably but if you would have more people, we would put them in another room. Children need to have at least one parent or guardian with them staying in the room". According to Jerri she goes on to talk about the meals they provide at the Isolation Care Center. "Yes, three hot meals are provided everyday through Better B's and Jimmy's Pizza they deliver it on the table outside of each

wing we have set up with their room number on Everything is confidential at our facility so when they call to order they just them their room number and let them know they are staying at the Isolation Care Center. Another option we have is they can order anything from Jason's Grocery Store through us if they would like fresh produce or soups, tea ect., we have a hot plate, airfyer, skillets ect. So clients can check out from us at the ICC if they feel up to making their own food. We also provide games, playing cards, books, magazines and IPads they can check in and out from security, as well as clothing if needed. Kerzman also informs us of the rules they have in place at ICC. "Yes, we have two scheduled check ins that clients must do so we can monitor their symptoms, take temps, pulse and oxygen levels with our staff one in the morning and one in the evening. Clients are free to come and go as long as they are not going in businesses or in any homes, they must wear a mask. We do lock the outside doors at 7pm to 7am for their safety. Security does hourly checks in around the building we also do not allow drugs and alcohol in our facility, if our clients do not comply to these rules, they will be asked to leave. ICC works with the State and abides by the policy and procedures of the Dept. of Health Recommendations upon departure of the resident. As Kerzman explains how this works. "So their stay with us is entirely voluntary on their part, so they have the option to leave at anytime before their quarantine is up, by the State but the State notifies them and gives them the ok to be off of quarantine and go back into the community and work safely. So that's a big part of how we abide by the State, we go by what they recommend which has normally been 10-14 days. The state calls them and will give them the ok and to be safe and to be off quarantine, just like they do if you were at home quarantining.

In closing Kerzman stated; "I really feel this is a wonderful option for people in need of a safe, comfortable place to quarantine. Also, if anybody just has questions or needs someone to talk to through this pandemic we are definitely here for that as well. I also want to mention we have not had any clients since Christmas which a good thing that our numbers are decreasing and now working on getting vaccinated. We are here through the duration of this pandemic to help in any way we can. Stay healthy and warm.

Jerri Lynn Kerzman, Director of Human Service (701) 527-5868.

Alicia Standish: Deputy Director of Human Services: (701) 421-6194.

603 1st St. North New Town, ND 58763.

For Your Information

Dangerous Wind Chills Cause Pipes to Freeze

MHA COVID-19 Task Force

The West Segment Maintenance Crew has been on call day and night helping our community members whose pipes froze. Pictured to your left is a photo from a home in Black Eagle estates, it shows a water line sticking out of the ground the heating rods are not far enough in the ground to thaw out. This is what froze and is an issue, we will have problems with heaters and hoses. These were made for Florida weather and put

inside the homes at Black Eagle. Now maintenance has to take them all out and put plyboard behind them so the pipes won't freeze. The maintenance crew has worked on White Oak and community members living in the country, whose pipes froze. This crew has gone far and beyond the call of duty to help get pipes unthawed. West Segment would like the Maintenance Crew to know they are very much appreciated in our community. Keep your facets running low at night this will help your pipes not freeze when we have dangerous wind chill temperatures.

Although the vaccine is being rolled out in MHA, Covid testing still plays an important role in our efforts to contain and mitigate the pandemic to prevent further person-to-person transmission. Elbowoods Clinic is doing COVID rapid testing everyday from 9AM-10AM and 2PM-3PM by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call Elbowoods testing hotline at (701) 627-7641. Its free and open to the public. The Four Bears Segment is also offering a Drive up COVID-19 rapid BinaxNow antigen screening and/or COVID-19 PCR test by appointment at the North Johnny Bird Veterans Memorial Building. Please call (701) 627-8306 or (701)627-8317 to schedule appointment. It's also free and open to the public. If you are looking for public testing locations outside of New Town, the NDDoH website provides a list of locations throughout North Dakota. Check out the website on how to get tested at these locations. https:// www.health.nd.gov/.../tes.../where-get-covic-19-test Here are free Covid Testing locations for College students. http://ndus.edu/gettested

Thank you,

MHA COVID-19 Task Force, Emergency Operations Center

West Segment Health Care And Related Services Provided but		Medicare General Enrollment	
not limited to:	Greetings,		
* Wound care- dressings changes	Medicare General Enrollment is approaching from January 1 To March 31. If they are any elders who have not signed up for Medicare Part A		
 Vital Signs; blood pressure, pulse checks 			
* Setting up your med planner	and/or Part B. I can help you in enrolling.		
* Activities of daily living, bathing, showering, dressing, oral care	See the attached flyer on page 12 of the West Segment News for more information.		
 Assisting in filling our forms for medical insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and personal forms 	Due to COVID-19, the Social Security Administration is preferring	referring to	
 Advocate for your care if you are not understanding what the doctor is saying and telling you. 	applying online.Even if the elder is older than the 65 years, they should still apply.		
If it is not listed here please call us to see if we can help assist you or find the resources you need.	• If the elder is 65 and older and still working, they could still be eligible for Medicare Part A.		
Cathy Lone Fight, RN: 701-421-2427	See the attached poster on page 19 of the West Segment News for more information.		
Myra Red Stone, Health Aide: 701-421-4616	more inform	ation.	
Message From Elbowoods Health Center	Upd	ated Mandaree Post Office Hours: 759-	<u>3370:</u>
Any phone calls from elders/compromised patients 55 and older requesting to make an appointment for the COVID-19 Vaccine can transfer the call to:	Monday-Friday: 12:00-4:00pm		
		Saturday: 11:00-1:00p	
Diabetes: 627-7931 (ext. 7931)	St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule: Saturday: 7:30pm New Town Sunday: 8:30am New Town Sunday: 11:00am	ule:	
Or they will also call:			
Sunny Hall: 627-8318			
Brianna Foote: 421-2004			

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Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College~Storm offers Support (SOS)

Our new initiative, "Storm Offers Support (SOS): College Knowledge', started Sunday, 2/7, and runs through May. "Storm" is a nod to the name of our college's basketball team. The SOS initiative incorporates 4 main areas of college knowledge for prospective students (middle, high school, dual credit and GED students) and their families (parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, etc.):

- College Prep & the Application Process– March Affording College & Financial Aid-February
- Programs & Registration-April
- Resources for Student Success-May

The same video will run every Sunday (3pm) and every Wednesday (noon) on our Facebook and will be posted on our website for the whole month of (February through May). A Question and Answer session will take place via Zoom every Wednesday (12:30-1pm), The Zoom link is: https://zoom.us/i/97639728260-or you can use your phone to dial in, by calling: +1 312-626-6799 give the Meeting ID # 976 3972 8260.

In addition, SOS: College Knowledge Care Packages with essential information on how prospective students can apply, register and be successful were distributed to middle and high schools in each of the segments on Fort Berthold, during the first week in February.

We want our MHA Nation to know that NHS College is their college! Please visit our website at www.ndsc.edu and visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/NHSC1973. For more information, please contact Vice President of Student Service, Connie King Gottschall, Ed.D at cfrank@nhsc.edu or 443-534-5769.



Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College

Storm Support

Students, Parents, Guardians, Community member! Do you have questions about college? Do you need help understanding the FAFSA? Are you unsure about a degree program?

Please join us in February, March, April, and May for information sessions and Q &A sessions, about college. All sessions will be LIVE through Facebook and Zoom sessions.

Zoom Login Information: https://zoom.us/j/97639728260 NHSC Facebook Page: Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College

For more information or questions please contact: Dr. Constance King Gottschall @ cfrank@nhsc.edu

February Financial Aid Month	March College Prep/Admissions Month	April Degree Programs/ Registration Month	May NHSC Resource Month	
Topic: Paying for College and Financial Aid	Topic: College Preparation and Application Assistance	Topic: Degree Programs and Registering for Classes	Fopic: College Resources and Options	
Sessions: 2/7/2021 @ 3:00 PM	Sessions: 3/7/2021 @ 3:00 PM	Sessions: 4/4/2021 @ 3:00 PM	Sessions: 5/2/2021 @ 3:00 PM	
2/14/2021 @ 3:00 PM	3/14/2021 @ 3:00 PM	4/11/2021 @ 3:00 PM	5/9/2021 @ 3:00 PM	
2/21/2021 @ 3:00 PM	3/21/2021 @ 3:00 PM	4/18/2021 @ 3:00 PM	5/16/2021 @ 3:00 PM	
2/28/2021 @ 3:00 PM	3/28/2021 @ 3:00 PM	4/25/2021 @ 3:00 PM	5/23/2021 @ 3:00 PM	
Live Q &A Sessions:	Live Q &A Sessions:	Live Q &A Sessions:	Live Q &A Sessions:	
2/10/2021 Times:	3/10/2021 Times:	4/7/2021 Times:	5/5/2021 Times:	
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3/3/2021 Zoom 12:30PM-1:00PM	3/31/2021 Zoom 12:30PM-1:00PM	4/28/2021 Zoom 12:30PM-1:00PM	5/26/2021 Zoom 12:30PM-1:00PM	

February Is Heart Month

Warning Signs of a Heart Attack

Catch the signs early

Don't wait to get help if you experience any of these heart attack warning signs. Some heart attacks are sudden and intense. But most start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Pay attention to your body and call 911 if you experience:

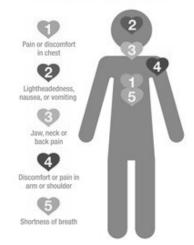
- <u>Chest discomfort</u>. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or it may go away and then return. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

Shortness of breath. This can occur with or without chest discomfort.

Other signs. Other possible signs include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.



Common Heart Attack Warning Signs



Learn more at Heart.org/HeartAttack.

Symptoms vary between men and women

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain (angina) or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

Don't hesitate to call 911



Learn the signs for heart attack, and remember: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out.

Minutes matter. Fast action can save lives - maybe your own.

Call 911 if you experience heart attack warning signs. Calling **911** is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment.

An emergency medical services (EMS) team can begin treatment when they arrive – up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too.

For many reasons, it's best to call **911** so that an experienced EMS team can begin treatment and arrange rapid transport to the emergency room.

What should I do if I suspect a heart attack:

Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, **immediately call 9-1-1** or your local emergency medical services (EMS) such as the fire department or ambulance . EMS staff can begin treatment when they arrive– up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too.

What else can I do?

Before there's an emergency, it's a good idea to find out which hospitals in your area have 24 hour emergency cardiac care. Also keep a list of emergency phone numbers next to your phone and with you at all times, just in case. It would be wise to take these steps NOW.

Why don't people act fast enough?

Many people having a heart attack wait more than two hours before getting help. Some people feel it would be embarrassing to have a "false alarm". Others are so afraid of having a heart attack that they tell themselves they aren't having one. These feelings are easy to understand, but they're also very dangerous.

How can I help to avoid a heart attack:

- Don't' smoke, and avoid second hand smoke
- Treat high blood pressure if you have it
- Eat foods that are low in saturated fat, trans fat, sodium (salf) and added sugars.
- Be physically active
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight
- Control your blood sugar if you have diabetes
- Get regular medical check ups
- Take medicine as prescribed,



American Heart Association。

MHA Drug Enforcement

Recognizing & Responding to Illegal Drug Activity	house might simply mean that a large and sociable family lives the However, in combination, the activities below could mean that you a seeing illegal drug activity. Sometimes sales and manufacturing happen the same location and sometimes not.	
Illegal drug activity can include drug use, sales, and/or manufacturing. These activities, alone or in combination, can		
cause serious safety and livability problems in our communities	Am I seeing drug sales?	
on Fort Berthold. This information sheet covers how to recognize drug sales and manufacturing, and how to respond if you witness these problems on your streets and in your community.	Drug sales may happen at home or in a public place, such as a street or a park.	
What illegal drugs do people use on Fort Berthold? How can	Possible signs of drug sales:	
<u>I learn more about them?</u> Illegal drugs commonly used on Fort Berthold include;	 Numerous short visits to the location by people in vehicles, on bicycles, and/or on foot. 	
methamphetamine, cocaine and crack cocaine, heroin, marijuana and hallucinogens. The partnerships for a Drug Free American	* Money or small packages being exchanged, cars frequently drive by slowly at the location.	
has extensive information on their website (www.drugfree.org) about these and other drugs and what they look like, how they are used their effects, and along terms for them	 Visitors often bring personal property and leave without it. People who appear to be acting as lookouts. 	
are used, their effects, and slang terms for them. Illegal drug activity affects us all:	* Activity at the location happens at odd hours such as in the middle of the night or early in the morning.	
Drug activity has a major negative impact on everyone in our society, not just on drug abusers themselves and their families and friends:	* Occupants seem paranoid, unfriendly, or secretive, shades or binds constantly being drawn, even though the house if occupied.	
 Death, injury, and illness from overdoses and the short and 	* Unusually extensive security measures around the house.	
 Death, highly, and hiness from overdoses and the short and long term effects of drugs. Increased crime and fear of crime, causing people to withdraw from community life. 	* Drug paraphernalia at or near the location, such as; very small zip lock plastic baggies; small bundled or twisted pieces of cellophane; small pieces of balloon; hypodermic needles and needle caps; broken automobile antennae, small glass vials or pipes or small pieces of brillo.	
• Abuse and neglect of children and seniors, aggravation of	* Elevated levels of theft in the surrounding areas.	
domestic violence, drug related homicides and assaults.	Responding to illegal drug activity:	
Damage to property from neglect, contamination, fires, and explosions.	If you think that you are seeing drug sales on your street, here are some	
Increased burdens on the law enforcement and corrections systems.	suggestions for how to work on the problem. This information is based on experience gained from successful efforts solving drug house problems in our city.	
 Increased burdens on social services and treatment providers. 	Report the problem and ask for help TAT Police: Call Three Affiliated <u>Tribes</u> Police Department at (701) 627-3617, to report incidents of danger or	
Increased burdens on schools and the foster care system from drug affected children.	illegal activity.	
Burdens on employers from increased workplace accidents and loss of worker productivity.	MHA Drug Enforcement: (701) 627-2622 to report suspected drug activity. MHA Division of Drug Enforcement (MHA-DDE) will get involved and	
 Contamination of natural areas. If you are a parent, a student, a homeowner or renter, a taxpayer, an employer or employee, a user of the healthcare system, a driver, a landlord, or just about any other role you have in life, you ARE affected by illegal drug activity. <u>How to recognize sales:</u> 	conduct an investigation. The Drug Enforcement Office will also complaints about suspected drug houses. Be patient, suspicious ac alone does not mean the drug enforcement can shut down a suspected house. Only after the drug enforcement have gathered enough rel information about a problem location will they be able to get a se	
Some of the activities listed, especially happening alone, may have a reasonable explanation. For example, frequent visits to a	warrant to go in and look for evidence that could lead to	

MHA Drug Enforcement

prosecution. This process can take months or even longer. When reporting, it helps to provide your name and phone number..

While an anonymous tip is better than none, a tip from an identifiable resident is more creditable and may receive priority. Drug enforcement has done a good job of keeping complainant names confidential in the past-there is little chance that providing your name to drug enforcement can respond to your complaint.

Work with your neighbors:

Your chances of eliminating a drug house are best if you work with other neighbors who are seeing the problem activity too. Credible, valid reporting by groups of neighbors gets the best and fastest results, and reduces chances of retaliation. Contact the neighbors you feel comfortable with and set up a meeting to discuss the problem and make a plan.

Document everything:

Document the problem and your problem-solving efforts immediately.

- Report every significant incident to the police and ask that a report be written even if they cannot establish that a crime was committed. The creation of these reports helps track and legitimize the problem. Ask police for advice about what kinds of things should be reported immediately, and what kinds of things should simply be recorded in a log and turned in periodically.
- Keep a log of the suspected drug activity that you observe. You can create your own. Regularly turn in your logs of observed drug activity, keeping copies for yourself. These logs help establish patterns of activity and who is involved and under certain circumstances, these logs can be used to get search warrants. The logs should be turned into your police department, officer or criminal investigator. Be sure to discuss with them whether the way you filling our the log is giving the information they most need for the particular situation.
- Keep a detailed record of every contact you make to get help every phone call, every letter, every email and every meeting. Once you have established a communication link with the police department. Note the person's name and try to call the same person every time you make a complaint.

Look at the big picture:

What are the social conditions that exist in your community as a whole that contributed to the problem in the first place? It may give you a sense of well being and greater effectiveness to tackle those issues after your immediate problem is solved. Meet with your Tribal Chairman, Tribal Council Representatives and testifying before the Tribal Council, which will help get more dollars for enforcement, treatment and prevention.

Describing people: take note of sex, race, age, height, weight, hair, complexion, scars, tattoos, glasses, facial hair, clothing, and anything else that would help police find the person. If you don't have time to note all of these, pay the most attention to things the person cannot change. They can quickly change out of their clothing, but they can't quickly remove a tattoo or scar, or change their weight. If you know the person's name use it.

Describing vehicles: the license plate is the most important piece of information. Take not of the license plate and the directions in which the vehicle was traveling. Then, note color, make, year, body style and any other identifying characteristics such as dents or bumper stickers.

Describing activities: give as much detail as you possibly can. For example; "I saw a person take a small orange colored object our of their mouth and hand it to another person. The second person handed the first person money, which the first person put in their pants pocket." is much more useful than; "I saw a person dealing drugs."

If you see anything that is clearly dangerous or life threatening, or you have strong suspicious of either call **911 immediately**.





***Always do what is right, be firm but humble, you will never forget it. Never forget you are here to serve the people.**

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Uncommon Sense



Wester's Dictionary lists the definition of "common sense" as "sound practical judgement that is independent of specialized knowledge of training; normal human intelligence." Hm-m-m sound practical judgement...normal human intelligence. Okay, I will buy into that statement. How about yourself? After all, there ought to be

an explanation as to why we respond the way we do and act the way we do, in a specific situation that we have not been specially trained for; shouldn't there be?? (Wow, that was a mouthful). I bring this to your attention because of an experience I had quite a few years ago. Allow me to explain...Several years ago, I attended a class on Humanities. The presenter of the class asked if anyone could explain whey we do, and react to certain situations the way we do. Well, I answered and said it is because of the common sense we have. (I thought that was a fairly good answer). Not so. Not at all. "Actually, the presenter said, " there is no such thing as common sense". Whoa....that was like a slap in the face. No such thing as common sense? I could not believe what I just heard. The presenter went on to explain; 'we act and react to a specific situation because we have been trained on how to act and/ or react." I honestly cannot remember ever being trained to not jump in front of a moving bus or trained to not walk up to a mountain lion saying "here kitty-kitty." I just have "that feeling" that if I were to do either of those things, I was going to get hurt..really bac! To me, that feeling was and is common sense that we as human beings, all possess (to various degrees). That feeling prevents us from doing things that otherwise might be harmful to our wellbeing. I suppose that if common sense did not exist, (as per the presenter of that class) we could refer to this 'feeling' as "uncommon sense' (just a thought). Regardless, the word "common sense" is in the dictionary and there is a specific definition for the word; therefore, by definition, 'common sense' exists. Now that we have clarified that common sense exists, (I hope we have), I have a question for you. Could this common sense challenge our belief that God exists? Maybe maybe not. Situations have and continue to challenge my common sense. Case in point, I have seen, and I have pictured of a tree growing in a crack in a large boulder. Common sense tells me that this is not possible. A tree needs to be in soil to grow. And yet, here the tree is growing and thriving in this crack in this boulder. How can it? It just is not possible, Then why is it? Bible scripture tells us that nothing is impossible for God. Maybe the example of the tree is God's way of reminding us that He does exist. His challenge to our common sense.

PRESS RELEASE February 15, 2021

On December 22, 2020, MHA Nation received its first shipment of the Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine at Elbowoods Memorial Health Center. On December 23, 2020, the first doses were administered to Healthcare Providers.

Since then, the Modern Vaccine has been administered efficiently in accordance with the MHA Nation Covid-19 Vaccination Plan and Prioritization Guidelines, overseen by MHA Nation's Public Health Authorities: Elbowoods Memorial Health Center and the MHA Emergency Operations Center, in partnership with the North Dakota Department of Health, and with direct support of MHA Nation's Tribal Chairman Mark Fox and the Tribal Business Council.

As of today, February 15, 2021, 56 Days from the beginning of the Recovery Phase of the MHA Nation's Pandemic Response, MHA Nation is now in Phase II, Tier VII of its Mass Covid-19 Vaccination Plan,

The Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine is now available to the General Population of Ft. Berthold Reservation. "General Population" is defined as;

All Individuals 18 Years of Age and Older Who:

- 1. Currently reside within the exterior boundaries of the Ft. Berthold Reservation, regardless of race or tribal affiliation (enrolled or non-enrolled), or
- 2. MHA Nation Enrolled Members who live and/or work off the reservation but still reside within the state of North Dakota, or
- 3. Any Remaining Phase I Population Groups.

Individuals who are interested in registering for an appointment to receive the vaccine, may call the MHA Vaccine Call Center at 701-627-7300 or Toll Free at 1-833-877-0150. Hours of Operation are Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST. Thank you for your continued support.

In Service,

Elbowoods Memorial Health Center

MHA Emergency Operations Center

MHA Covid-19 Task Force

For Media Inquiries, contact EOC/Covid-19 Task Force Public Information Officer Nyamka Reese, Nyamkhorol.reese@ihs.gov

Dan Barone/St. Anthony Catholic Church

For Your Information

MHA Nation Medicare General Enrollment Jan. 1 - March 31 2021

- Medicare provides a General Enrollment Period every year if you missed signing up during your Initial Enrollment. When you were first eligible when you turned 65 years old.
- · If you missed signing up during your Special Enrollment.
- · You can enroll into Medicare Part A and/or Part B during General Enrollment.
- Will be using the Social Security website ssa.gov to apply.
- If you are approaching or are 65 and still working. You could still be eligible for Medicare Part A.
- Coverage begins on July 1 of that year.
- · Have free material. Can mail if requested.

Due to Covid-19. Applying online is preferred.

Call to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions.

> Contact: Shaundel Schweigman Tribal Health Insurance Dept. Cell# 701-421-1854 sschweigman@mhanation.com

Local & Surrounding Area Directory

Boys & Girls Club Branch Manager: Olivia 759-3049 or 627-4415	McKenzie County Sheriff: 444-3654	
Catholic Church Father Roger Synek: 759-3412 or 627-4423	Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222	
Mandaree Clinic: 759-3422 or Fax: 759-3209	TAT CHR Main Office: 627-4240	
Circle of Life Director: Nellie Boyd: 627-4700 Fax: 627-4105	Tribal Court: 627-4803 or Fax: 627-4602	
Elders Meal Site: 759-3092	Tex Fox Justice Center: 627-3500	
Head Cook: Pamela Fox	TAT Utilities: 627-5291	
Assistant Cook: Teresa Fox	TAT Utilities Supervisor: Ron Mann	
Elders Program: 759-3092	TAT Solid Waste Mandaree Transfer Station: 759-3614	
Elder's Worker: Nina Finley Newman	Contact: Patrick Dubois: 421-0143. Hours: M-F-7am-6pm	
Aging Services: Director Polly Chase: 421-0905	Saturday: 8am-4:30pm	
Main Office In New Town: 627-4913	Sunday: Closed	
NHSC Mentor's Office: 759-3545 or Fax: 759-3528	MHA Department Of Transportation: MHADOT.COM	
Fire Management Marle Baker: 759-3124 or cell: 421-1423	Office: 627-2838	
Little Plume Teacher 1: 759-3369	Dispatch: 627-2468	
Native Printing LLC: Jody Brieck: 421-8654	Motor Carrier Inspectors:	
Pharmacy: 759-3151 or Fax: 759-3181	Matthew Yellow Wolf: 421-8676	
Post Office: 759-3370 M-F 8am-4:30pm, Sat. 10am-12pm	Michael Blacksmith: 421-5651	
Road Department: 759-3420	Ricardo Villagrana: 421-9121	
Director: Dan Hall cell: 701-421-7958	Denver Spotted Bear: 421-3124	
Donald Young Bird: 701-421-7534	Thomas Fredericks: 421-3064	
Mandaree One Stop: 759-3609	Jocko Frank: 701-550-6797	
Mandaree School Numbers:	Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College: 627-4738	
Bus Garage: 759-3395	Tribal Enrollment: 627-4238	
Business Office: 759-3120	New Town Tribal Security: 421-0686	
Main Office: 759-3311	TAT Mortgage Program: 627-2560	
New Town Tribal Office: 627-4781	Game Warden Bradfield Sage: 421-6977	
Elbowoods Health Center: 627-4701	Beuford Joe: 421-1233	
TERO Compliance Office: 759-3255	TAT Police Department: 627-3617 or 1 800-952-7923	
Cornell Poitra: 421-6166	Local Police Cell Phone Numbers:	
Tribal Ranch & Lodge: 759-3176	Chief Of Police Nelson Heart: 627-3617 ext. 3	
Water Hauler: 759-3377 or cell: 421-0458	• North Dakota Travel Information service dial 511. When dialing	
Water Treatment Plant: 759-3160 or Fax: 759-3199	out of North Dakota for weather and road conditions you can dial: 1-866-696-3511.	
Animal Control: 627-2654		
Delia Baker: 421-5214	* Please read: Some numbers were removed and some were added	
Travis McCabe: 421-3095	and corrected. Some of the names changed of the workers in son	
Emergency or Ambulance: 911	of the programs. Please post this so you can find what numbers you	
For Mandaree Non- Emergency: Antoinette Kitagawa: 421-1361	are looking for when you need them. Thank you for being a good reader.	
or 421-1357		

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West Segment Employee Directory

Councillwoman Turner-Lone Fight: 421-9820	Elders Building Custodian: Kenneth White Lightening ext. 213
Chief Of Staff Kevin Finley: 421-6399	West Segment Education Specialist: Sandy Young Bird
Executive Admin. Assistant: Jodi Finley: 421-2011	IT Director: Aaron Abbey
Community Outreach Director: Regina Yeahquo: 627-8186	West Segment Transportation Dept Director: Curtis Hall Sr: 421-7907
West Segment Fire Chief: Marle Baker	Or 759-3766
Water Chief Hall Receptionist: 701-759-3377 ext. 206	Receptionist: Michaela Bacon: 421-6715
Loretta Lone Bear: 421-5510	Jacey James: 421-9246
West Segment Security Director: James Johnson: 421-9732	Keith Mckenzie: 759-3766
Security Receptionist: Rhonda Hall: 421-1811	West Segment Curfew Workers:
Security Officers:	Christopher Knows His Gun: 421-3223
Robin Hall: 421-4599	Ashley Crows Heart: 421-3247 Michael Mandan: 421-4605
Benner White Owl:421-3122	Layne Durpris: 421-3634
Steven Good Bird: 421-4573	West Segment Fitness Center Director: Angela Stiffarm: 421-1091
Tiffany Hall: 421-4548	
Rhonda Hall: 421-0547	Fitness Coordinator: Santos Casarez: 759-3780
Hidatsa Housing Program Director: Shanna Fox	Fitness Center: Hours: 9am-5pm
759-3399 Office hours by appt only.	West Segment Events Department Director/Administrator Assistant:
Time & Attendance Clerks: 759-3377 ext. 208	Lindsey Fox-Sepeta: 421-6347
Director: Hailey Abbey: 421-7819	Youth Coordinator Director Merrill Howling Wolf: 421-9078
Sunshine Halvorson: 421-9127	West Segment Cultural Dept. Director: Maybella Lone Fight: 421-1557
West Segment Maintenance Director: Samuel White Owl: 421-	
9170	Aaron Abbey: 421-5076
Main Number: 759-3377 ext. 209 & 219	Land & Livestock Director: Ted Lone Fight: 421-9088
Receptionist: Amanda Mckenzie: 421-2288	Receptionist: Alyssa Baker
Ervin Halvorson Sr: 421-4518 Ervin Halvorson Jr.: 421-5783	West Segment Fargo Outreach: 701-478-6811
Julius Halvorson: 421-8093	Director: For Fargo Outreach: 701-478-6811/Fax: 701-478-6818
Tyrell Halvorson: 421-4518	Director For Fargo Outreach: Jolene Gonzales: 421-6200
West Segment C.A.R.E. Recovery Center (Compassion,	Minot Outreach Director Dusty Jackson: 701-839-3645 Fax: 701-839-
Acceptance, Respect, Empowerment)	0835
Director: Vivian Lone Fight: 421-0552	<u>Oil & Gas:</u>
Intake Specialist/Receptionist: Lynn Marvel: 701-460-9259	Director: Carson Hood
Program Manager: Kyle Mandan: 421-9498	Oil & Gas Admin. Assistant: Rosie Johnson
Program Coordinator: Sidney Hunts Along: 421-4580	Natural Resource Officer: Lloyd Vigen
West Segment Health Dept. 759-3377 ext. 203	West Segment Facebook Page:
Director: Kathy Lone Fight: 421-5525	Social Media Specialist: Jordan Rose Mann: 421-9214
Myra RedStone: 421-4616	Social Media Specialist: LeAnna Nation: 421-1868
West Segment Custodians: 759-3377 ext. 213	West Segment News Editor Lovina Fox: lovinafox@mhanation.com
Director: Rosie White Owl: 421-9450	West Segment News Assistant: LeAnna Nation: 421.1868
Frank White Owl: ext. 213	* Keep in mind some cell phones numbers are not listed because they
Azin Antonio: ext. 213	are personal cell numbers not Tribal cell phones. Thank you for being
Stacy Bear: 421-8287	a good reader.

For Your Information

Mandaree Fitness Center Update

Submitted by Angela Stiffarm

Greetings from the Mandaree Fitness Center just an update on some of the services our gym provides for community members:

The gym is open from 9:00am to 7:00pm Monday through Friday. We have two friendly staff members to help monitor and upkeep the facility.

Santos Casarez can be reached at 759-3780 Monday through Friday 9:00am~7:00pm and myself Angela Stiffarm at 421-1091 Monday through Friday 9:00am~7:00pm.

We offer an array of fitness equipment to satisfy your workout needs:

1.) Cardio Equipment:

Treadmills

Elliptical

Bikes

AMT machines

Punching bag

Jump box

2.) Strength Training Weights

Free weights

Pulldown machine

Smith machine

Room for body weight excercies

Assisted pullup machine

Dry sauna

We here at the Mandaree Fitness Center encourage everyone to utilize our community facilities to help in the aid of your Health. We are holding a February competition for the grand prize of a Scheels gift card. The winner will be announced the first week in March for having the most signed in visits to the Mandaree Fitness Center within the month of February.

Thank you

The Fitness Center Director & Staff.





Pictured to your left is Lindsey Fox Sepeta, the new Events Director for our West Segment community. She is also a Administrative Assistant for Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight. Lindsey is the daughter of Bruce Fox Sr., and Kathy Mann. She belongs to the Prairie Chicken Clan and is a child of the Flint Knife Clan. Her grandparents are the Late Clark Fox on her dad's side and Christine Burr on her mother's side.

She is married to Sario Sepeta, they are the

parents of four babies, her family resides in Watford City. According to Lindsey she spends most of her time in Mandaree with her dad. She loves to garden, cook big meals and be outdoors. She states: "I always look forward to learning something new".

Lindsey went to Elementary and Middle school here in Mandaree. Later on she went into Job Corp in Clearfield, Utah where she obtained her degree in culinary arts in 2002.

Lindsey has lived away from Mandaree for the past twenty years, she is glad to be home and thankful for the opportunity to work for West Segment. Lindsey states; "I look forward to meeting and getting to know my community again. I would like everyone to know I am always here to help. I am all about our community, so please if your at the Water Chief Hall, stop by and say hello my door is always open.

Abandoned Vehicles

"If you have abandoned vehicles in your yard and want them gone, give Solid Waste a call!"

TAT SOLID WASTE

• IF IT'S BEEN SITTING IN YOUR YARD FOR OVER A YEAR, DON'T PLAN TO PART OUT OR SEND TO A MECHANIC, LET US GET RID OF IT FOR YOU!

• TITLE NOT NEEDED

ABANDONED VEHICLES DRAW VECTORS
 (RODENTS AND SNAKES)



Call - (701)627-2034

For Your Information



Dr. Amanda Hurley (Satermo) is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation and Chiropractor. Dr. Hurley provides specialized chiropractic care for the whole family to the Fargo-Moorhead Area and is excited to be bringing care to Fort Berthold. Dr. Hurley will be providing Chiropractic Care to enrolled MHA Members at Northern Lights Wellness Center.

Dr. Amanda Hurley will be in North Segment at the following dates:

10:00AM-6:00PM at Northern Lights Wellness Center. (Tribal IDs and Masks are required.)

Saturday, February 6, 2021 Sunday, February 7, 2021

Saturday, February 20, 2021
Sunday, February 21, 2021

Walk-ins are welcome! Appointments can be scheduled below.

https://rfchiro.janeapp.com/

You will be promoted to create an account and can schedule your appointment!



Remembering the Life of..... Patsey Ann Seaboy "Mia Howish" (Corn Silk Woman) 63 left this world on Friday, January 29, 2021, surrounded by her family at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota. Patsey was born on March 17, 1957 to Arthur Clyde and Isabelle Florence (Good Iron) Smith in Keene, North Dakota. She was a member of the Axaxe Dripping Dirt Clan and a child of the Mecinooga Knife Clan. She was raised in Mandaree and during her grade school years she attended St. Mary School in New England, North Dakota and graduated from the Good Counsel Academy in Mankato, MN. She would spend her summers riding horses and spending time in Oakdale Coulee with her friends, sister and brothers.

In 1974 she met Francis Driver Jr., and from this union her first son Lorne Luke Walking Hawk was

born. She continued her education at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. In 1979, she met the love of her life Nicodemus "Danny" Seaboy. They were joined in marriage on July 3, 1980, from this union they had four children; Cody, Alfred, Jared (JT) and Cedar. Patsey made her home in Sisseton, Wahpeton Oyate. Her greatest accomplishments while working for the SWO were starting Toys for Tots and the SWO Fitness Center.

She enjoyed traveling to pow-wows made many friends and family throughout the pow-wow trail.

In 1990 Danny and Patsey and few close friends started the Long Hollow Sundance (Wiwang Waci). This Sundance continued until 2019, then it was moved to the Standing Rock Reservation with the grandchildren of Charlie Wise Spirit. During this time Patsey gained many many Hunka "adopted" children, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Patsey had a personality that drew people to her she was the best frybread maker and good cook. Her laugh was contagious and distinct. She was a caring, loving and a very generous woman.

She is preceded in death; Grandparents; Samuel and Gertrude (Burr) Smith, Parents; Arthur and Isabelle Smith, Husband; Nicodemus "Danny" Seaboy, Son; Twin to her son Cody, Brothers; Ron Smith Sr., Tracy Smith, Lyle Walking Hawk and Kenny Smith Sr., Sisters; Janice Smith, Doris Smith Fox, Valerie Smith. Nephews; Jesse Storm, Wyatt Smith, Niece; Jade Marie Paul and Adopted mom; Doreen Johnson

In Loving Memory Patsey Ann Seaboy "Mia Howish" Corn Silk Woman March 17, 1957~January 29, 2021

Wake: Sunday, January 31, 2021 Water Chief Hall at 5:00pm Mandaree, ND

> Officiant: Kevin Finley:

Speakers:

Ian Halsey & Eric Jens

Farewell Singers:

Scott Satermo and friends and family of Patsey

Active Pallbearers:

Eric Smith Jr. DJ Smith Luther Taken Alive Cody Tougest Didymus Morsette Eric Grey Cloud Kalib Bruer Joe McNeil

Honorary Pallbearers:

Elias Mendoza Clayton Dog Skin Suzie Tall Bear Sherri McNeil Lois Owen Patsey's Sundance Family & Pow wow family & Friends

Patsey's Family:

Children: Sons; Lorne Walking Hawk (Kim), Nicodemus Cody Seaboy (Sonya), Alfred Seaboy (Laura) Jared Seaboy (Kelcey) daughter; Cedar Jacome (Jason). Grandchildren; Sam, Dakota, Kyleigh, Peyton, Arthur Cash, & Pony Boy Walking Hawk, Briza, Neko, Emilia, Wihe, Mahto, North Star, Makoa Seaboy, Jayana Jacome, Mary, Lonica, Waba, Cindy, Sophia, Marice, Brother Bear, Jessel and many more. Brother: Mike (Dana) Smith, Sisters; Brenda, Barbara, Sandy Smith. Adopted Brothers; Tote Gray Hawk, Leon Old Elk, Rod & Marcel Isnana, Tex Hall, Tony IU, Chaske Hill. Adopted Sisters; Linda Obago, Ladonna Allard, Val Hogan, Claudia McGrady, Caroline Johnson, Leann Tall Bear, Teresa Henry, Cindy Weston, Maureen Akre, Mary Goette, Barb Jens, Alvina Chaske. Adopted Children; Tood Goodsell, Winona & Monique Shopbell, Clifford & Simon Dumarce, Landon Haug, Caspie Abbey, Kyle Thompson, Kenny Morsette, Felicity Nicolar. Nephews; Dillion, Shaun, Kenny Jr., Aaron, Kolby, Tanner, Shayne, Coy & Tracee. Nieces; Willow, Valerie, Shii, Issy, Mahrye & Andrienne.

Final Resting Place:

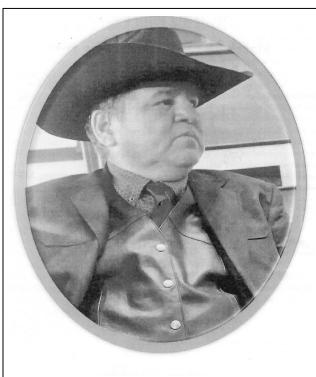
Smith Family Cemetery

Funeral: Monday, February 1, 2021 Water Chief Hall at 10:00am

> Senior Pallbearer: Cedar Dancing Bull

Mandaree, ND

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In Loving Memory of Robert Lincoln Sr. (Walking Bald Eagle) (Cool Bob) was a member of the Dripping Dirt Clan and a child of the Chicken Clan. Born on March 23, 1967 in Hazen, ND to Victoria (Morsette) Lincoln and Michael Lincoln Sr. As a seventh born child, he was known by many as "Cool Bob".

Robert spent a majority of his younger years in Twin Buttes, ND and would come accustomed to moving throughout his years but would find home to be in Mandaree, ND. Robert came from a big family and was adopted by Frances Swift Eagle. Born into a family of nine they would grow up extremely close. As his parents would insist that they would take care of one another throughout any and all obstacles in life and that is exactly what they did, even if that meant they would do it in sibling sets.

Robert would often consider himself a "jack of all trades" and was quite the handy man which led him to attend Job Corp., at Kicking Horse, where he would gain his

knowledge of forestry. Robert wore many hats during his time, many of which consisted after he gained his CDL; a truck driver, a bus driver, a firefighter, as well as fencing with the Mandaree Buffalo Project.

"Cool Bob" was a man's man who liked to hunt on occasion as well as fish by the lake surrounding himself with many stories, laughter, while enjoying an ice cold beverage. You could find Robert anywhere from working on different vehicles in the yard to cooking in the kitchen there was nothing that he could not do. If there was a band playing within earshot there was a strong chance that he would be dancing up front and center with a smile on his face.

What brought him great pride and joy was watching his children participate in sports so much that he would accept coaching jobs for the Twin Buttes basketball and cross country teams. Along with taking in the occasional pow wows he would find comfort in sitting in front of a campfire an any summer night. His children were his greatest love as he was actively involved in his grandchildren's lives. Cool Bob loved to tease as many would come to know. He would eventually meet and marry his wife, Julie who would take part in his joy for camping, gambling and being around friends and family. Always helping where he could, it was rare that your would see Robert by himself.

He will be missed by many and all that knew him.

Robert Lana Lincoln Sr., departed this life on January 23, 2021 at Sanford Hospital surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Julie Lincoln of Bismarck, ND, Children; Brittany Lincoln of Mandaree, ND, Michael Lincoln of Bismarck, ND, Hunter and Samuel Lincoln both of Mandaree, ND. Siblings; Phyllis Lincoln-Steen (Jay), Michaela Bacon (Allen), Corrine Lincoln, Janis Davis (Dayrl), Deigh Lincoln, Monte Lincoln (Denise), Coty Lincoln. Adopted sister; Sherry Turner-Lone Fight, Adopted Brothers; Todd McKenzie, Alan (Tubby) Chase. As well as thirteen grandchildren.

Robert Lana Lincoln Sr., is proceeded in death by his parents; Michael Lincoln Sr., and Victoria (Fox-Morsette), Brothers; Michael Lincoln Jr., Daughters; Michelle and Victoria Lincoln, Son; Robert Lana Lincoln Jr., and infant granddaughter Kendrick Lincoln.

Robert Lana Lincoln Sr. "Walking Bald Eagle" March 23, 1967~January 29, 2021

Wake:

Monday, February 1, 2021 Water Chief Hall at 5:00 pm **Funeral:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Water Chief Hall at 10:00am

Officiating:

Rev. Duane Fox

Senior Pallbearer: Thornton Jude Fox

Active Pallbearers:

Bryce ClairmontVan Troy HalePatrick BaconTerrence Morgan Sr.Oscar GrayCody SpiderNolan DavisLevi GrinnellTommy HallJunior WhiteStorm Hale

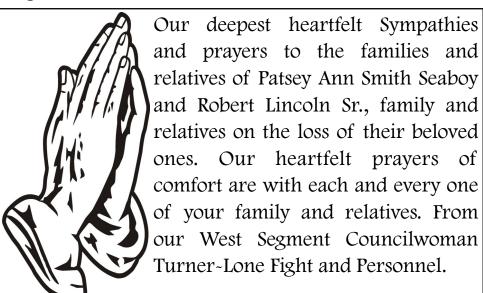
Honorary Pallbearers:

Kelly Spotted Bear Charles Hale Donald Young Bird Jarret Lone Bear Clancey Bears Ghost Vaughn Hoffman Donald Hill

> **Final Resting Place:** Lincoln Family Cemetery Twin Buttes, ND

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On behalf of Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight she would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Valentines Day! From Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight and personnel.



WATER CHIEF HALL MANDAREE, ND 58757 OFFICE: (701) 759-3377 FAX: (701) 759-3232

Mandaree West Segment's Mission, Vision, and Value statement.

<u>Mission-</u>

The entire staff of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation's Mandaree West Segment will strive on a consistent basis to provide the utmost quality service to our community members.

<u>Vision-</u>

Our Vision to serve our people from the youngest to the eldest with integrity, compassion, and respect through our community resources in helping to improve the lives of our most precious resource, <u>Youthe people.</u>

<u>Value-</u>

Our value is meeting the needs of our people by developing a community which will withstand the test of time to ensure that the next generation will have a strong sense of pride and ownership in our community as we continue to honor our elder's sacrifices with the hopes of a brighter future.









Brenda Hale Belinda Beston Keith Mandan Arnie Guimont Fayetta Young Bear Rose Ann Johnson Ted Lone Fight III Terry Gottschall Jon McGrady

Elders

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