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## Daun Dixon and Lexus Fox were Selected as All-District Tournament Players on the Weekend



*Daun Dixon, (Top row, 4<sup>th</sup> from left) is a White Shield Graduating senior. She played four years for the Lady Warriors. She is a 5' 7" guard and forward. She was selected "All-District Tournament" Player. Parents are Donovan Dixon and Hanna Fox. Lexus Fox was selected All-District 15 Team (regular season). She is the daughter of Fred Fox and granddaughter of Nancy Fox. She was unavailable for a picture.*



*From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman,  
East Segment, White Shield, ND 58540*



Hello community members and elders.

We have had a few losses in our community and throughout the reservation. I would like to send my condolences to all the ones that have lost someone or have family members in the hospital. Lately, it seems like we have been losing a lot of our people. Hopefully, we all keep each other in our prayers. We all need each other when we have a loss. That's what makes our Native people special – because we all come together in times of loss and hardship.

Well, winter is slowly coming to an end and spring will soon be here. The White Shield Girls basketball season has come to an end, and the girls had a very successful season. They had a record of 6-15. This has been their best record in a long time. They also won a game in the district tournament. The team is very young composed of mainly 8th, 9th and 10th graders. So we will hear a lot from these girls in the next few years.

The boy's team is coming to an end with three more games in the season and the district tournament in a next week and a half. Their record is 9-6 so far, and they have a bright season ahead of them. They also are very young and are composed of 9th, 10th and 11th graders. Next year our kids will have some great teams, and we will all be looking forward to it – especially playing in a brand new big gym.

The New Year has been very busy with a lot of important meetings with the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council did some interviews with some law firms to possibly join a class-action lawsuit against Opioid drug manufacturers. This epidemic has hit home and is affecting every single tribal member from Fort Berthold Reservation. The Tribe has been sending an alarming rate of 2 tribal members a week to treatments centers in Arizona, Florida, Wisconsin, and other places around the country. The Tribal Council budgeted and voted unanimously to build a drug treatment center in Bismarck. The reason it will be built in Bismarck is there are treatment services for addiction and it is closer to the major hospitals in Bismarck.

The Tribal Council also approved a proclamation for Tillie Walker. We will be calling February 7th "Tillie Walker Day" in remembrance of her. She was a long-time Tribal Council member, had numerous historical achievements and most recently donated the Knife River Indian Village back to the MHA Nation.

We had a very good and informational Segment update in White Shield, which was well attended. We discussed the Ambulance services that will begin in the community and what are the next steps in Emergency Management Services in White Shield. We are hoping to begin EMT courses in March and have the Ambulance service up and running by April. We have

purchased a brand new 4-wheel drive ambulance and have almost completed the ambulance garage.

We also discussed housing with all of the housing entities on Fort Berthold Reservation. Housing is a very important topic. In the past five years, we built close to 60 units, and 20 more are due this year, which includes a 12-plex apartment building, six more rental units along with two duplexes. That is 16 units built per year in the last five years. The goal is to provide affordable, quality homes for the White Shield community.

We have scheduled March 12th as the next Segment update, and March 15th as the next Tribal Council meeting.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to cheer on the Boys at the last three basketball games in the District tournament in Watford City.

Also please be safe out on the roads as winter driving conditions still exist. Take Care and God Bless.

## The Story of the Walker Land Sale



The Hidatsa Tribe of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation invites the media to attend a major tribal ceremony marking the historic return of ancestral lands to the Tribe.

Tribal elders and sisters Reba and Tillie Walker purchased the Knife River Ranch, which is adjacent to the National Park Service's Knife River Village site in Stanton, North Dakota. The sisters have decided to donate the Ranch to the Tribe in the name of their father, the late Hans Young Bird Walker, Sr., a member of the Low Cap Clan of the Hidatsa

people.

This is the first time that the Hidatsa People have returned to their ancestral homelands after a smallpox epidemic destroyed the village in 1837. It is a rare event for the Tribe to receive its lands back, and even rarer to benefit from the generosity and kindness of tribal members who have used their savings to make a large gift of property. The Tribe intends to use the new property to open a cultural interpretive center to further preserve the traditions and legacy of the Hidatsa people. *Reprint Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association. Photo by Chris Stearn*

# Congress Passes Spending Bill to Fund Government, Renews SDPI

February 9, 2018

Early this morning, both chambers of Congress approved a spending bill written by the Majority and Minority leaders in the Senate. Following the vote, President Trump signed the bill into law, reopening the federal government after an hours-long shutdown. The bill funds the federal government until March 23, 2018.

As NIHB the spending bill includes long-term funding for several public health programs, including Community Health Centers, CHIP, and the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. **NIHB is also very pleased to be able to report that at long last the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) has been renewed at the current funding level of \$150 million until the end of FY 2019.**

NIHB has issued several updates, calls to action, and alerts to ensure this moment arrived. SDPI is a life-saving, fiscally sound program that currently funds 301 Tribally-operated programs to target Type-2 diabetes in Indian Country. Failure to renew the program would have risked reversing all the critical gains made over the last two decades of the program.

*Thank you to all of you who contacted your Members of Congress and advocated for renewal of SDPI! Without the support of advocates throughout Indian Country, we could not have been successful in this effort.*

Of course, NIHB has long advocated for an increase in SDPI funding, which will remain at its 2004 level of \$150 million per year through its new authorization, which now expires on September 30, 2019. NIHB will continue to support H.R. 2545 and S. 747 to fund SDPI for seven years at a level that accounts for medical inflation.

If you have any questions, please contact NIHB Director of Congressional Relations, Caitrin Shuy at (202) 507-4085 or [cshuy@nihb.org](mailto:cshuy@nihb.org).



## **Polar Plunge Raises Money for the American Indian Cancer Foundation**

NEW TOWN – The frigid, ice-covered water of Lake Sakakawea will be the site of the third annual Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation’s Polar Plunge on Monday, Feb. 26. The Polar Plunge will be held at the 4 Bears Marina, west of New Town.

Money raised from the charity event will benefit the American Indian Cancer Foundation. Tribal Chairman Mark N. Fox’s goal this year is to have 50 or more jumpers and raise at least \$50,000. Individual jumpers will gather sponsorships for the dip into the icy waters and at 11 a.m., they will plunge into open water through a hole made with chainsaws.

The reason for Fox’s winter challenge is that Native Americans face disproportionately high rates of cancer incidences and mortalities compared to other ethnicities and this event highlights the issue and helps raise money for the fight against cancer.

## **Councilman Fox’s Upcoming schedule for February 2018**

2/12/18 \*School Board Mtg, White Shield  
2/12/18 \*Boys Basketball game (home)  
2/13/18 \*Boys Basketball game (home)  
2/17/18 \*Boys Basketball game (away Max)  
2/19-21/18 \*Navajo Visit, Gallup NM  
2/23,24, 26/18 \*Boys District Tourney, Watford City  
2/26/18 \*Budget Meeting at 1 pm, New Town  
2/27/18 \*Judicial Committee Meeting, New Town





Frederick represented all the way from White Shield, ND - Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, MHA Nation. He was constantly thinking of how his basketball team was doing back home. Wishing he could be back home playing with them this weekend, but he had this opportunity to be with other High School Football players from around the Nation.

He met some very good friends he will remember. Very blessed, humbled and honored. I know he wouldn't say how he did, but he did great! – Fred Fox



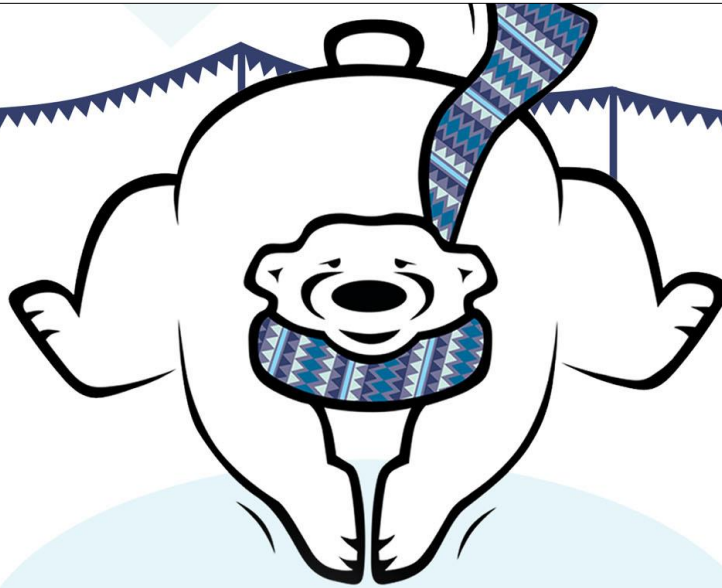
## Dad and Segment Councilman, Fred Fox, is honored by daughter Lexus on Basketball Parents Night



*Fox spins ball like Globe Trotters*



**Next year all basketball, volley ball and others games, boys, and girls, will be played in the new gym of the White Shield new school!!**



3rd Annual  
MHA NATION  
**POLAR PLUNGE**  
2018

*Hosted by Chairman Mark N. Fox and 4 Bears Casino & Lodge*

**FEBRUARY 26TH**  
Four Bears Marina

**Registration: 10 a.m, jumping at 11 a.m.**

**For more information call Tony Lone Fight 701-627-8126**



## White Shield gets new ambulance



\* White Shield Emergency Management Services Strategic and First Responder Plan - (3) Stage Process - 1) Ambulance 2) Fire Dept 3) Sub Station for the Police Department 4th) Pending - Veterans Building

- Mission Statement - will be committed to providing the highest quality emergency medical services available to the White Shield Community. –

\* EMT / EMR / Paramedic Job Openings and Advertisements on 2-12-2018

\* EMT / EMR Training to begin 3-6-2018 at the Cultural Complex Center

\* By March 12th the majority of the exterior work shall be completed, and interior work commenced - electrical - water - etc.

\* Target date of April 9th, 2018 the WS Ambulance Service to be in operation, weather permitting, building licensing and State of ND insurance and paperwork completed

\* We will have Basic Life Support with Advanced Life Support capabilities

\* This has all been possible through and with the leadership of Councilman Fred Fox's vision, tradition - culture, and education. This is White Shields Ambulance Service. People first.

\* We need a logo/design and are open to individuals design(s) and artwork, thank you.

## New Census for February 2018

Full Name	Enroll Dt.	Res. No.	Res. Dt.
Little Bird, Ruth Lillian	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Two Crow Jr., Corey Blake	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Phillips, Aaliyah Karma	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Moore, Josiah Chatan	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Gullikson, Avere Arrow	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Stabler, Skareh Tate	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Wilcoxson, Jacob Greger	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Manikateri, Siani Butterfly	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Redhorn, George Day	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Heart, Chey Shulton	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Many Ribs, Landon Jay	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Soles-Moore, Aurora Marjorie	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Hovanic-Weeda, Barrett Anthony	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Lockwood, Calogero Quinn	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Bruce-White Body, Caliana Jimmie	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Johnson, Peyton Renea Kourtney	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018
Burton, Isaiah Lorenzo	02/07/2018	18-015-FWF	02/07/2018



## LET'S END THE CONFUSION

REE LODGE MANAGEMENT IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING SAFE, COMFORTABLE HOUSING FOR THE WHITE SHIELD COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MINUTE TO CLARIFY SOME OF THE CONFUSION THAT MIGHT EXIST CONCERNING REE LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES VERSUS TENANT/HOME OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPLAIN THE WORK ORDER PROCESS.

OUR STAFF STRIVES TO MEET THE TENANT/HOME OWNERS REQUESTS IN A TIMELY MANNER AND ARE CONCERNED FOR THE WELL BEING OF ALL REE LODGE MANAGEMENT CLIENTS. THERE IS A VERY SPECIFIC WORK ORDER PROCESS THAT NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PROMPT SERVICES AND RECORDING OF MATERIALS AND LABOR PROVIDED.

## WORK ORDER PROCESS

- PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 743-4145 OR 743-4151 TO REPORT ANY REPAIR/MAINTENANCE ITEMS.
- A WORK ORDER WILL BE FILLED OUT, SIGNED, AND DATED BY RECEIVER OF REPORT AND AGENCY OF THE SITUATION WILL BE RELAYED TO THE PROJECT MANAGER.
- THE PROJECT MANAGER WILL SIGN AND DATE ONCE RECEIVED. THE PROJECT MANAGER THEN ASSIGNS THE WORK ORDER TO A CREW OR INDIVIDUAL TO COMPLETE REPAIRS NEEDED.
- THE CREW OR INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNED TO THE WORK ORDER THEN FILLS OUT MAINTENANCE/REPAIR COMPLETION REPORT, WHICH IS ALSO SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMPLETER OF THE WORK ORDER REQUEST.
- THE PROJECT MANAGER WILL THEN INSPECT THE WORK DONE TO ASSURE COMPLETION AND QUALITY OF WORK PERFORMED. IF THE PROJECT MANAGER FINDS THE WORK ORDER HAS BEEN SATISFIED THEY WILL SIGN AND DATE THE MAINTENANCE/REPAIR COMPLETION REPORT ALONG WITH THE TENANT/HOME OWNER.
- THIS COMPLETION REPORT IS THEN TURNED BACK IN TO THE OFFICE FOR RECORDING.

## TENANT/HOME OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES VS. REE LODGE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

IN THIS SECTION WE WILL COVER WHAT SERVICES

ARE PROVIDED BY REE LODGE MANAGEMENT MAINTENANCE FOR TENANTS/HOME OWNERS AND WHAT IS CONSIDERED TENANT/HOME OWNER RESPONSIBILITY.

### REE LODGE MAINTENANCE

- RLM MAINTENANCE IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR HOME APPLIANCES, PLUMBING, STRUCTURAL DAMAGES, AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.
- RLM MAINTENANCE WILL ASSES WHETHER A PROFESSIONAL PLUMBER, ELECTRICIAN, ECT. SHOULD NEED TO BE CALLED IN OR IF IT CAN BE DONE BY THE REE LODGE CREW.

### TENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- REPORT ANY AND ALL DISCREPANCIES IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO KEEP DAMAGES AND EXPENSE OF REPAIR TO A MINIMUM. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ISSUES BE ADDRESSED IN A TIMELY MANNER IN ORDER TO ENSURE QUALITY OF LIVING FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE TENANTS.
- SHOULD A TENANT WANT TO MAKE ANY UPGRADES OR CHANGES SUCH AS PAINTING, CHANGING FIXTURES, OR BUILDING A FENCE THEY WILL HAVE TO PRESENT THE REQUESTED CHANGE TO THE REE LODGE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR REVIEW. THE MATERIALS NEEDED WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TENANT IF APPROVAL IS GRANTED.

### HOME OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- REGULAR REPAIRS AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED THE HOME OWNERS. ANY AND ALL UPGRADES ARE THE HOME OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## Housing information – Call 701-743-4145 ask for Tina Malnouri

### Ree Lodge Management Housing data

11 scattered homes- home ownership	\$350.00
16 Sesame – Regular rentals	\$300.00
13 Awahu – Rent to Own	\$500.00
9 Senior Apartments – regular rentals	\$325.00 to \$350.00
3 Law Enforcement – regular rentals	\$500.00
1 trailer – rent to own	\$250.00

### Applicants

- 23 applications
- 6 applications are on hold
- 7 applications are approved
- 1 regular rental application is pending
- 5 regular rental applications are approved
- 7 are completed waiting for RLM board review

February 2018								Mar 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
				1	2	3		
4	5 Update at complex 6:30	6 White Shield BB 5 pm	7 Tribal Business Council meeting 10 am council chambers 	8 Girls District Tourney, New Town 	9 White School Board Negotiations Bismarck	10		
11	12 Housing Meeting 4 pm – elder apartments WS School Board Meeting Boys BB Game Home.	13 Boys BB Game Home	14 Valentines Day 	15	16 Elders to Crow Creek for Repatriation Meeting with FBI	17 Boys BB Game @ Max 		
18	19 Navajo Visit, Gallup, NM  President's Day Lent Begins	20	21	22	23 Boys District Tourney, Watford City 	24		
25	26 Polar Plunge American Indian Cancer Awareness Registration 10am and Plunge at 11am and 4 Bears Marina.  Budget Meeting – 1 pm New Town	27 Judicial Committee Meeting, New town	28					

### Elder Birthdays

Kaye Bell	2/16
Theodore Everett	2/13
Elva Karlson	2/12
Leone White	2/6
Grover Yellow Bird	2/14
Nelrene Yellow Bird	2/16



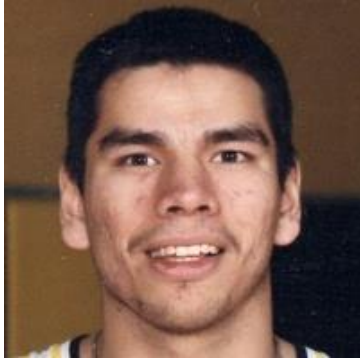
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11	12	13	14 Elder Casino trip to Spirit Lake	15 Elders Casino Trip to Spirit Lake.	16 Elders casino trip to Spirit Lake	17 St. Patrick Day 	
18	19	20 Spring Begins 	21	22	23	24	
25 Palm Sunday 	26	27	28	29	30  Good Friday	31	

### Elder Birthdays

Denby Deegan	3/15
Thomas Eagle	3/15
Bernadette White Bear-Hall	3/11
Martha Hunter	3/35
Loretta Meredith	3/3
Delvin Rogers	3/16
Delilah Yellow Bird	3/10



## Obituary



**Ty “Cat” Hall (Holy Hoop) “Miricaa Xobaa-sh”, 47, New Town, beloved father, son, brother, uncle and friend departed this life on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at Trinity Hospital in Minot surrounded by his family and friends.**

Ty was born on December 12, 1970, to Titus D. Hall and Marlene Deschamp-Hall. He attended school in New Town and during high school found his love for sports. Several coaches discovered his talents, and with encouragement, he soon pursued his dream of playing sports. He played basketball with the New Town Eagles, Mandaree Warriors and DeKalb Spartans of Illinois. He earned

many awards during his basketball career that confirmed his talent.

Ty also participated in boxing and boxed with the North Side Boxing club of New Town, coached by the late Virgil Chase, Sr. During his boxing career in 1986, Ty became the 4th state champion and qualified for the Junior Olympics at Peoria IL. He graduated in 1990 from DeKalb High School in DeKalb IL.

With his parent’s encouragement and untiring support, he developed other skills that amplified and revealed the blessed person Ty became. He excelled and overcame life challenges with good spirits in areas of his life that increased his love for family, friendship, and career. He learned from his love of sports the importance of listening and encouraging people. Whenever he listened to people, talk about their dreams or achievements he would not hesitate to see a good future for his family and share the enthusiasm that boosted their sense of self.

Ty loved his children and would seize any opportunity to talk to family and friends about each child’s achievements. Whenever he spoke of his children, the love would show in his eyes, and you could see how happy his children made him. Ty’s willingness to cherish his children’s memories and kind words were a gift to his family.

In 1990 Ty began a career that served the MHA Nation as a security officer. He served in that position on and off until his death. Ty carried a boldness when it came to the help and care for people’s concerns. His leadership quality was demonstrated when he ran for public office as the North Segment Tribal Council Representative. His leadership character demonstrated to family and friends he cared about the MHA Nation. Through this, he revealed a true sense of caring and value the MHA people held in his heart.

Ty will be remembered as a loving, caring and compassionate person and an encouraging and brave friend. He was proud of his father’s accomplishments, and when his Dad was adopted by Carrie Brady into the Flint Knife Clan, he was honored. Later, Ty was given his Indian name, Holy Hoop, from his father.

Ty is survived by his mother, Marlene Deschamp-Hall of New Town; sons, Ty Hall Junior of White Shield, Colton Hall of Parshall and Jacob Hall of AZ; daughters, Rainey Hall of White Shield, Chelsea Elaine of Denver, CO and Ashton Sea Walker of Fargo; brothers, Richard (Jamie) Hall of New Town and Titus Hall of Browning MT; sisters, Edith Hall of New Town, Kandice (Andy) Sanchez of New Town, Stephanie (Aaron) Thomas of White Shield, Sunny Hall of New Town, Kasey Hall of New Town, and Jo Louise Sando of New Town; companion, Cody Lincoln of New Town and stepdaughter, Hailey Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his father, Titus Hall; sister, Shannon Hall; niece, Meleah Parker; paternal grandparents, Eleanor Red Fox-Conklin and Leland Hall, Sr.; and his maternal grandparents.



**Tillie Fay Walker, age 88 of Mandaree, ND,** passed away on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at Sanford Health, Bismarck, ND. Her funeral arrangements are with Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home of Watford City.

Tillie Faye Walker, named Hishua Adesh (Blossoming Mint), was born at home in the Independence community on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation on July 11, 1928. Tillie was born a member of the Ma'xohxadi or Alkalai Lodge clan, and was a child of the Apuhga Wigaa or Low Cap Clan. Tillie's mother, Mercy Baker Walker was the daughter of Louis Baker and Emma Taylor, but was raised by her grandmother First Sprout and grandfather Two Chief. Her father Hans Walker Sr. was the son of Joseph and Susie Walker Youngbird, who were both Hidatsa from the Lucky Mound community.

*Photo by Marilyn Young Bird.*

Tillie and her siblings grew up in a world centered on traditional Mandan and Hidatsa values and culture, a bi- and tri-lingual world where most community members spoke or could communicate in English, Hidatsa, and Mandan. They lived in a log house built by their father, and ate the delicious food their mother prepared from her extensive gardens. Both parents enjoyed visiting their extended family, and made sure their children knew their relatives and the traditional values embedded in those relationship norms – from respect and dedication to helping your family, to teasing.

Tillie began her education in the local Independence school, and moved to the mission school in Elbowoods when she was a few years older. She finished her high school degree at Sanish High School, then continued on to work toward her postsecondary degree at Haskell and Willamette University before finishing her BA in Business Administration at the University of Nebraska. This was a period in which it was unusual for tribal members to complete a college degree, especially so for women. Tillie's father wanted his daughters to have the same opportunities his sons did – this in an era in which educational opportunities were constrained for women, and when many believed that women would not benefit from or use a higher education degree.

While in college she constantly worked to help fund her education, from driving a pea truck to working for the Nebraska Legislature. After graduation, Tillie and two of her friends took a train to Philadelphia – without a job or a place lined up to live – and she approached the American Friends Service Committee and asked for a job. They hired her on the spot, and eventually, that position led to the creation of the United Scholarship Service, an organization conceptualized, organized, and driven by Tillie that brought promising Native youth to fully funded slots in elite private boarding schools. She recruited students from all over Indian Country, and many national and community leaders and activists who came of age during the 1960s and 70s were those she had identified, cultivated, and supported during their studies through her organization – or who she had employed as staff.

“She was incredibly independent, even when we were little,” her sister Reba recalls. This independence, her energy and hardworking nature cultivated by her parents, and her natural

charisma and sense of fun made her a force to be reckoned with. She mentored and was a role model to many of the original red power activists involved in the National Indian Youth Council, including Clyde Warrior, Mel Thom, and Hank Adams. Tillie and others began to question the status quo power structures of how federal power was exerted on tribal lands, from staffing of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to land use rights, to issues of leasing and resource extraction. Her work on the national level caught the attention of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as he began to organize for the Poor People's Campaign, and she met him shortly before his assassination when he brought her into the campaign organizing. Tillie served as one of the key Native organizers for the campaign and recruited tribal members and leaders from across the country to participate. She made sure to include elders such as George Crow Flies High and Mattie Grinnell, who made the trip to Washington, DC to participate in the marches, sit-ins, and testimonies as part of the Campaign. She also gave fiery and memorable testimony to the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs during the Campaign, as detailed in several academic histories of red power activism. Through these decades of work on the national scene, Tillie influenced the very direction of activism and federal Indian policy. She considered the implementation of Indian Preference hiring in Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be her biggest professional accomplishment.

Those guided and mentored by her remember her as a mixture of being highly educated and very traditional, during a period in which many saw those qualities as in conflict. She lived and worked off-reservation in Denver, but she had a constant stream of older and younger relatives and friends visiting her. They remember that almost her entire record collection was powwow music and that she always had corn in various stages of drying in her apartment. Her family remembers that she had knowledge of traditional medicines – likely cultivated in her by her mother Mercy, who held a traditional medicine bundle and helped care for the Lone Man Shrine – and would tell her niece and nephews bedtime stories that included traditional origins stories.

After Tillie's mother Mercy suffered a stroke, she eventually moved back to Fort Berthold to help take care of her mom. She moved back to her family's house in what remained of the Independence district (vastly changed due to the land loss associated with the Garrison Dam), near Mandaree. She helped her mom and continued her extensive gardens, and ran for and won a tribal council seat in the 1980s. While on council she worked on the Garrison Unit Joint Tribal Advisory Committee (JTAC), that advocated for a fuller accounting of and compensation for the land taking associated with the Garrison Dam. The work she and others did secure an additional \$143M in federal compensation for the eminent domain taking of the heart of the Fort Berthold land base.

After retiring, Tillie continued to work for her tribal community. She enjoyed visiting, organizing, and rabble-rousing with her close friends Celeste Witham, Rosemarie Mandan, Wanda Fox, and Phyllis Cross. She picked and preserved juneberries and bullberries, made beautiful star quilts, and never missed Mandaree Powwow. She had a longstanding love affair with chocolate (especially Godiva chocolate) and enjoyed watching the Letterman Show, often closing her evening with "Mudakua" and a crossword puzzle. She was a role model, a confidante, a supporter, and a mentor to many of her lucky nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Tillie lived in the country outside Mandaree for decades, in the house her parents built during the relocation process due to the Garrison Dam flooding. When her mobility required her to be

closer to services, she lived in New Town for several years and eventually settled in Bismarck to be close to her younger sister Reba. In 2014 Tillie and Reba bought and donated lands associated with a historical Hidatsa village site to the Three Affiliated Tribes. Tillie gave a substantial donation to the Three Affiliated Tribes Museum, with no strings attached to how the money would be spent. In 2016 Tillie was successful in her two-decade effort to have the Independence Congregational Church designated as a historic place on the National Register of Historic Places. Despite her accomplishments and substantial service to her tribe and Indian Country, she never talked about herself and all the work she did – a reflection of the traditional values modeled by her parents. Although affected by Alzheimer’s, Tillie remained true to her character – independent, fun-loving, and generous to her relatives to the last of her days.

Tillie passed away on February 3, 2018, and is survived by her younger sister, Reba Walker, niece Leah Ann Walker, and nephews Tom Walker, Carey Walker, and Reid Walker. She was preceded in death by her father Hans Walker, Sr., her mother Mercy Baker Walker, and her two brothers Melvin Walker and Hans Walker, Jr. Everyone who was lucky enough to know Tillie will miss the light and generosity she brought to our lives.

