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## 2024 Mandaree High School Graduating Class



The class of 2024 would like to acknowledge and thank the staff, administration and school board, for their support throughout our academic years. A special thanks to our families as we prepare for our futures. Lastly, we thank Daniel Stanford and David Lukaszek, our Senior Class Advisors, for their dedication and time to ensure our success. **Dahu'Xubaa Beston:** Terry & Pretty Star Woman Beston, **Breyson Bradfield:** Kelly Bradfield and Bobbi Ranger, **Kenneth Calicdan:** Nico & Bella Calicdan, **Christine Driver:** Russel & Marie Driver, **George Fox:** Dale Robin Fox & Bryce Fox, **Ayla Hale:** Shanna Fox & Stephanie Fox-Alcocer, **Aiyona Johnson:** Tony & Miranda Johnson, **Theodore Lone Fight:** Vida Bearstail & Theo Claymore, **Wesley Smith:** Catherine Smith & Jessica White Plume, **Cooper Johnson:** Angela Stiffarm & Ronald Stiffarm.

From the graduating class of 2024 Mandaree High School. The Processional was by the Young Bear Drummers, continue on page 4.

# Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Greetings to all friends and relatives. Before I begin this update I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family and relatives of Garland Likes Eagle and Jasper Don Rush. Our prayers are with each of these families.

This month was a busy one, we had kindergarten graduation, 8th grade graduation and our high school graduation. Congratulations to all our 2024 Mandaree graduates. Good luck in your future endeavors. On another note, I am very thankful and proud of our transportation/roads



department for putting these benches up in our community. The benches are very nice and comfortable. New benches are placed on the Memorial Veterans Wall site and the walking path. So everyone can enjoy them. The West Segment Recreations Department has a lot planned for the upcoming weeks. First the fishing day took place on June 12th. Hiking at the Little Missouri State Park took place on June 13th. Then on June 17 & 18th Tyrell Smith will be introducing golf to our Mandaree youth and will be doing a skill development camp. These will be taking place at the Mandaree School Football field. Adult co-ed softball league started June 13th for ages 14 and up. On June 30th we have our West Segment Festival Day, this is an all day event and

everyone is welcome to come participate, enjoy food, fun and games! The wellness campus precast is nearly complete, things are moving forward and they're on schedule.

The clinic was approved and construction will begin in the upcoming weeks. Exciting things are happening for the community. Mandaree School has started the summer youth food program and will run from June 3rd to the 28th. Breakfast will be served from 8:30am to 9:30am and lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30. Children 18 and younger are free and there is a small charge for adults. Also Summer youth applications were available at the Water Chief Hall the deadline for applications was June 14th. Summer youth start date is June 17th.

We have pictures from Brunton Architects that show how they designed the buildings for West Segment. Those photos were published in the Minot Daily News in April of 2024. Permission was granted to reprint these photos. The picture below shows how they designed the Mandaree Clinic. More pictures from Brunton Architects of how they designed our new buildings for West Segment and project descriptions are provided on pages 24 and 25. So you can see how our new community center and the gym, and aquatics place, and our Mandaree clinic lobby are designed.



This is all I have for now and thank you for being a good reader. Until next month.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

## The New Three Affiliated Tribes Museum

Submitted by Rosie Johnson



Three Affiliated Tribes Museum

Project Team:

Owner: Three Affiliated Tribes Museum

Owners Representative: Wenaha Group

Civil Engineer: CMTA

Structural Engineer: Heyer Engineering,  
Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Engineer:  
CMTA

Located in New Town, North Dakota, the Three Affiliated Tribes Museum honors the heritage of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Tribes. The heritage center is currently working with DSGW Architecture in the design process for the renovation of the existing 7,100 SF museum and expanding with a 6,800 SF addition. This project aims to blend contemporary

architectural design with the existing A-Frame structure, paying homage to the rich heritage and history of the MHA cultures.

The original A-Frame building, designed by Denby Deegan—one of the first Native American architects in the United States and a member of the MHA Nation—will undergo interior remodeling. This renovation will improve and expand exhibit spaces while preserving the building's distinctive architectural character.

The new addition will compliment the existing A-Frame building and will include a striking curved curtainwall near the entrance that will create an inviting, modern focal point for visitors. The new structure will house more of the accessory spaces, allowing the original building to focus more on exhibits and educational displays. Enhance visitors amenities, including restrooms, seating areas, and a gift shop, will be incorporated into the addition to improve the overall visitor experience.

The addition and remodel of the Three Affiliated Tribes Museum will emphasize harmony and make the museum more accessible, engaging and enjoyable for all visitors. The **Museum Director** is Cedar Henry.

Current Board Members from each segment are as follows: **Museum Board President:** Gloria Fast Dog.

**Twin Buttes:** Raven Heart and Pete Fredericks

**Mandaree:** Rosie Johnson and Michaela Bacon

**Four Bears:** John Danks and Alvina Hall

**New Town:** Jeff Fox and June Lizotte

**Parshall:** Ramona Two Shields and Noreen Two Crow

**White Shield:** Tooksie Eagle and Gary Dickens

## 2024 Mandaree High School Graduating Class

The invocation was given by Mary Gachupin. The welcoming address was by Superintendent/HS Principal Mr. Hector Serna. The Salutatorian Address was by Ayla Hale, Class President. A senior class video presentation was presented to the audience.

Daniel Sanford gave the commencement address and the Presentation of Diplomas was done by Mr. Hector Serna, Superintendent/Principal and Kelly Bradfield, Mandaree School Board President. The recessional was given by the Young Bear Drummers.

**Class song:** Good Old Days by Macklemore.

**Flower:** Stargazing Lily

**Class Colors:** maroon & gold

**Class Quote:** *"If you focus on what you left behind, you will never see what lies ahead."* ~Gusteau, Ratatouille~

**Each senior shared their favorite memory, plans after high school and their advice for underclassmen and ending with a senior quote.**

**Cooper Johnson:** Favorite memory: Playing sports with my friends.

Plans after high school: Attend college and get a degree.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't miss school.

Senior quote: *"If you ain't first, your last."* -Ricky Bobby.

**Wesley D. Smith:** favorite memory: Riding the bus with the boys.

Plans after high school: Rodeo & become a welder.

Advice to underclassmen: time flies enjoy it.

Senior quote: *"Without commitment you'll never start, but without consistency, you'll never finish."* ~Denzel Washington~

**Theodore E. Lone Fight:** favorite memory: playing sports with da boys.

Plans after high school: to play college ball and become a physical therapist.

Advice for underclassmen: Don't miss school.

Senior quote: *"I've never lost a game. I just ran out of time."* ~M.J.~

**Dahu'Xubba Beston:** favorite memory: 7th-8th grade football games and rides after the games.

Plans after high school: go to college and work my up to chairman.

Advice for underclassmen: Do your work.

Senior quote: *"We all have the ability to come from nothing to something."* ~David Goggins~

**Breyson K. Bradfield:** favorite memory: middle school football games.

Plans after high school: Attend MSU, Mankato for Aviation.

Advice for underclassmen: Don't mess around your 9th grade year and just stick the 4 years out.

Senior quote: *Don't settle for less."*

**Aiyona Johnson:** favorite memory: Almost wrecking Ayla's ATV but messed it up twice.

Plans after high school: Attend Dakota College at Bottineau to continue my basketball journey.

Advice for underclassmen: Do your work.

Senior quote: *"You aren't a kid no more; we'll never be those kids again."* ~Frank Ocean~

**Ayla J. Hale:** favorite memory: What yona buns said.

Plans after high school: travel this summer and continue my studies at Norwich University in Vermont this upcoming fall.

Advice for underclassmen: whatever the drama may be, it does not matter, keeping yourself in sight is the key to success.

Senior quote: *"I see you people way too much."* ~David Rossi~Criminal Minds.

**Kenneth S. Calicadan:** favorite memory: when we went to the National Park.

Plans after high school: attend college in the Philippines.

Advice to underclassmen: homework is not just an extra task, but a way to distract ourselves from what we are learning.

Senior quote: *"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground."* ~Theodore Roosevelt~

**Christine Driver:** favorite memory: The bus rides home from ball games.

Plans after high school: Attend Dakota College at Bottineau to play ball and get my degree in pre-nursing.

Advice for underclassmen: try your best at everything you do.

Senior quote: *"It's the little things that make you realize how good life is."*

**George C. Fox:** favorite memory: I liked when Bryce and I were in school. I used to have breakfast with him and his friends. I'll always look up to them, literally.

Plans after high school: I'm always hard on myself with plans for my future, I'll just take it easy for a while.

Advice for underclassmen: Your future is yours, your background is yours, your voice is yours, and your dream is yours. You'll only reach your dreams if your willing to work for them.

Senior quote: *"That destiny is not our own. But I know better. Our fate lives within us. You only have to be brave enough to see it."* ~Merida, from Brave.

Graduation took place at the;

Mandaree School Gymnasium on May 25,2024

117 Warrior Way

Mandaree, North Dakota 58757



# 2024 Graduates



Dahu' Xubba Beston



Aiyona Johnson



Ayla Hale



Cooper Johnson



Wesley Smith



George Fox



Breyson Bradfield



Kenneth Calicdan



Christine Driver



Theodore Lone Fight



Senior Class Advisor; Mr. Sanford was gifted a star quilt.



Mavis Young Bear with her two grandsons. Wesley Smith and Cooper Johnson.



Fayette Young Bear stands with her two grandsons, Wesley and Cooper.



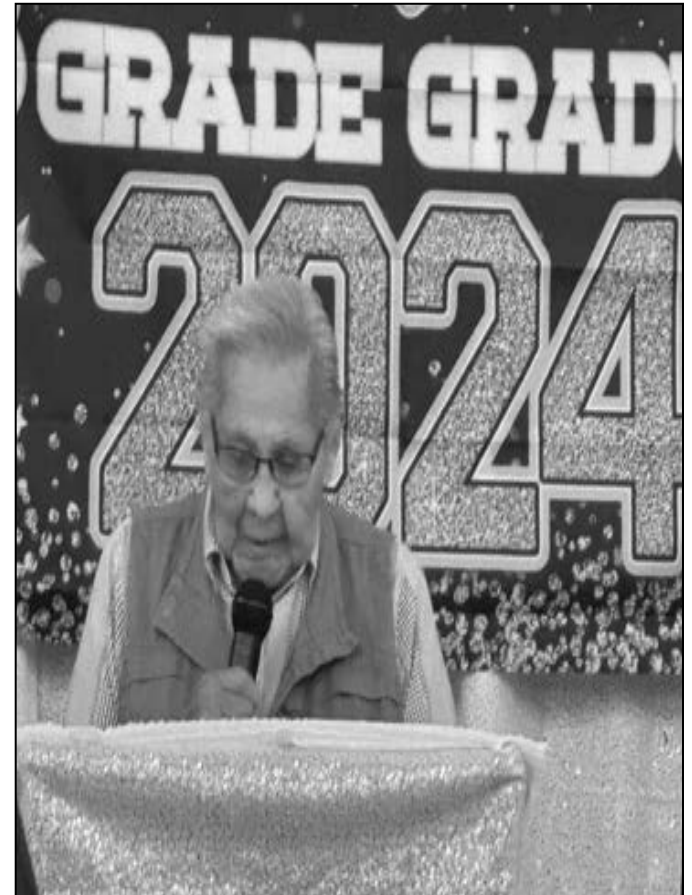
Mrs. Stroh gifted a star quilt.

# Mandaree School Presents The 8th Grade Graduation

Photos by Frannina Lincoln



8th grade graduates: Clifton Black Hawk, Charleigh Driver, Morgen Fettig, Bradley Fischer, Tayah Grant, Robin Hall, Aiden Hoisington, Natayla Howling Wolf, Passion Lincoln, Cora Mann Jacelyn Martinelli, Cricket Mckenzie, Daryl Mingus, Ashton Morsette, Cashdyn Phelan, Colte Phelan, Night Rabbithead, Aaliyah Renner, Collin Robertson, Janaya Standish, Eli Wagon, Lewis West, Pricillaz White Owl, Curtis Young Bear.



Tribal Elder Lyda Bearstail offers the opening prayer for the 8th grade graduation commencement.

The 2024 8th Grade Graduation Class from the Mandaree School.  
Their class motto: "The only way to do great work, is to love what you do." ~Steve Jobs~  
Their class flower: White and pink Rose  
Class colors; Rose gold, maroon and white.  
Drum group: White Cloud and Western Dakota



Pictured to your left is the Mandaree School drum group, this group has all students from the Mandaree School.



Mrs. Baker and Mr. Sherwood gift Mrs. Johnson a star quilt donated by the 8th grade class, for her contribution for the graduation cap and gowns.

# 8th Grade Graduation



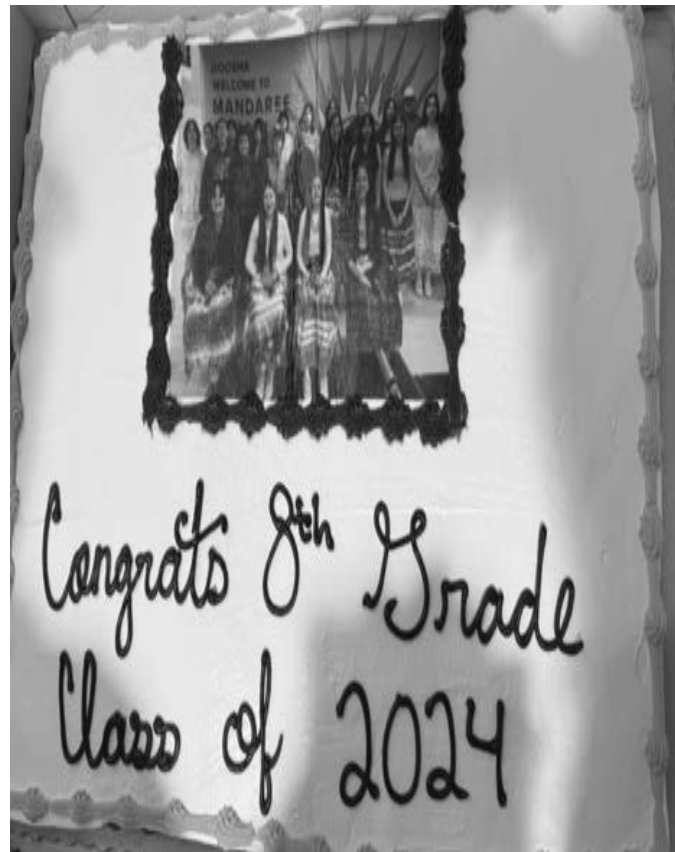
Cora Mann 2024 Class President gives a welcoming speech to the audience.



8th grade teacher Mrs. Baker, Elementary Principal Mr. Sherwood and Superintendent/High School Principal Mr. Serna.



Tayah Grant and her mom Colleen Halvorson.



Here is a picture of the 2024 8th grade class cake that was ordered. The cake has a picture of all the graduates.



Natayla Howling Wolf Student Council Representative gave the class speech.

# Mandaree 2024 Kindergarten Graduation



Peyton Johnson, Nihzoni Gwin, and Hendrix Baker during the Kindergarten processional.

The Mandaree Kindergarten Class of 2024.



Kaylee Bear smiles so pretty holding her flowers and diploma.



Mr. Greg Sherwood stands with Auggie Abbey a young graduate who proudly raises his kindergarten diploma high in air.

# Around West Segment

## Mandaree School Cultural Celebration



Mandaree School grand entry led by the Myron B. Johnson Nathan Goodiron Post #9061.



The DeVille family honors these teachers for their dedication to our students.



Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight gifted the senior class their letterman jackets.

## West Segment Youth Fishing Trip at McKenzie Bay



Kaylee with the help of her brother and these young boys help her hold a carp she caught at the Youth fishing derby at McKenzie Bay.



TAT Fish & Game provided Fishing poles, tackle & bait for the kids. Kids below eating burgers and hotdogs.



# Around West Segment

## Local Decorator In our community

Photos by Nancy Lincoln



There are people in our community that we know of that can do certain things. What we don't know are those people behind the scenes who go out of their own way to make things happen. In this case, that person would be Nancy Lincoln. First Mr. Sherwood asked her mom to decorate then her mom asked Nancy. So Nancy did it for her 8th fam bam is what she called it. So Nancy accepted the challenge, and what a beautiful outcome she created. Look at the wonderful seating area with covered chairs along with the beautifully decorated flowers in the isle. In the top picture she even made a special place for pictures for the graduates and their family and friends. She certainly out did herself in decorating for the 8th grade graduation. Yes Indeed it will be an unforgettable day for those graduates and their parents, family and friends. She didn't want any recognition for her work I thought she deserved it.

## Corn hole Tournament hosted by West Segment Recreations Department

By LeeAnna Nation



Congratulations to the Father's Day BBQ and corn hole tournament winners! Thank you to all the father's that came out and participated. To show the father's appreciation each one won a door prize sponsored by West Segment Events staff, the Corn hole tournament was hosted by the West Segment Recreations Department and the meal was catered by the family of the Young Bird Bull

Riding Memorial. Pictured above is Renay Brown from the West Segment Events is helping to serve at the corn hole tournament. Pictured below are the winners:



Champions: Beau & Nathan Robertson.



Runner up; Tavares and Dennis Fimbres



3rd place: Mike DeVille & Sky Robertson.



4th place: Robert Fimbres & Terrance Morgan,

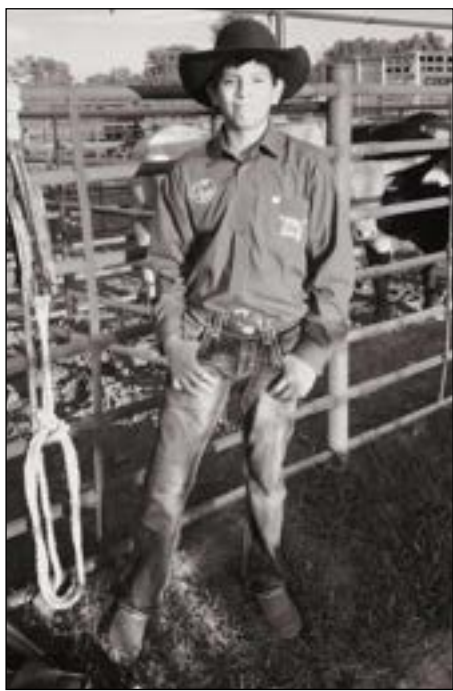


5th place: Dayne Fox & Xavier Tortilita.

# Around West Segment

## Johnson is Top 20 Standings in the Badlands Professional Bull Riders

Photo courtesy of Johnson family



Many talented young men and women come from Mandaree, North Dakota. A small community located on the Fort Berthold Reservation and home to the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation.

Kasen Johnson is definitely one talented young man. He is the son of Tony and Miranda Johnson. Kasen belongs to the Ma'xo'oxadi ( Alkali Lodge) and a child of Ciicga (Chicken Clan). Kasen travels with his parents

who encourage and support him riding bulls in the rodeo circuit. He's began riding bulls at a young age and you can see it in his talent when he rides.

Presently, Kasen in in the top 20 standings in the Badlands Professional Bull riders. On behalf of West Segment we are very proud of Kasen you represent West Segment and the MHA Nation very proudly. Best of everything in your future competitions.

## MHA Nation DOT Conducts Compliance Checks



MHA Department of Transportation were conducting compliance checks in the West Segment area. This picture shows them checking truck drivers on BIA route 14 mile marker 1. Heavy traffic of hauling trucks are on Highway 22. Some enroute to

BIA Rt. 14

## A Reminder From The West Segment Recreation Department

- **Adult co-ed softball leagues started on June 13 ages 14+**
- **T Ball sign up is open for elementary youth**
- **Father's Day corn hole tournament was June 6th**
- **June 12 Youth fishing day at Mckenzie Bay**
- **June 13 hiking at Little Missouri Park**
- **June 17th & 18th Tyrell Smith will be coming down and doing skills development and introducing golf to the Mandaree youth will be at the Mandaree football field.**
- **Also, we will be transporting youth to Volleyball Camp at the Johnny Bird Building on June 6th and 7th and basketball camp June 10-11th at Northern Lights**
- **Mark your Calendars\***

**For more information or to sign up for any of the activities;**

**Contact: Mike DeVille: 421-5814**

**Santos Casarez: 421-0378**

**LeeAnna Nation: 421-1868**

**Tia Mandan: 421-0239**

**Some of these activities have already happened or are taking place now. So please mark your calendars so you know when our next activities will be taking place.**



# West Segment Fitness & Recreation Mother's Day Walk

Photos and captions by Tia Mandan

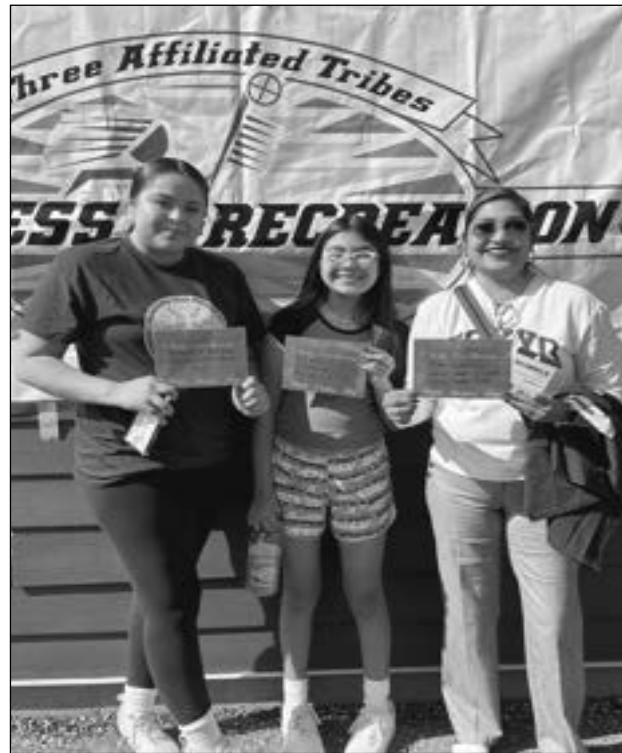


## Mandaree Mother's Day Walk

We had an awesome evening of activities Honoring our Mandaree Mother's Walk was a great turn out, we had 56 participants. Thank you, West Segment, for providing drinks and snacks! Very much appreciated We also had our cornhole tournament

1st place- Bucky and DeAnn Johnson  
 2nd place-Kylee Dawes and Tia Mandan  
 3rd place-Terrance and Hailey Morgan  
 4th Place Mike and Amanda DeVille

Thank you again to Marea DeVille and Hunter Gwin for cooking.  
 Thank you all for coming out to enjoy the beautiful evening with us



More walkers for the Mother's Day honoring. Pictured to your left is Hailey Morgan, unknown, and Delaine Clairmont. These walkers honored their mothers, aunts, and grandmothers.

## Cornhole Tournament



Pictured above are the First place winners for the Cornhole Tournament. DeAnn and Bucky Johnson.



Sheila Jenner walks in honor of her mother the late Wanda Sheppard.



Marea DeVille walked to honor her mother Lisa DeVille and her late grandmother Marcia White Eagle. Lisa DeVille walked to honor her late mother Marcia White Eagle and her late grandmother Julia Charging.



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# Around West Segment



## Veterans Memorial Wall now has Benches



Pictured above are the 2nd place winners in the Cornhole tournament; Tia Mandan and Kylee Dawes.



Pictured above are the 3rd place winners in the Cornhole tournament; Terrance and Hailey Morgan.



The new sign has been up at for the Veterans Memorial Wall located on the side of the Mandaree Celebration grounds.

The benches were put up by the transportation/roads department headed by Curtis Hall Sr. and his crew.

The benches are very nice they have West Segment on the back of them. When you are in the area, you can stop by and see the new sign and the benches.



Here is another view of the benches this view is when you come up from the steps then you see the seating area. This is something everyone can sit and enjoy.

# Around West Segment Community

## Benches are now on the walking path

Photos by LeeAnna Nation

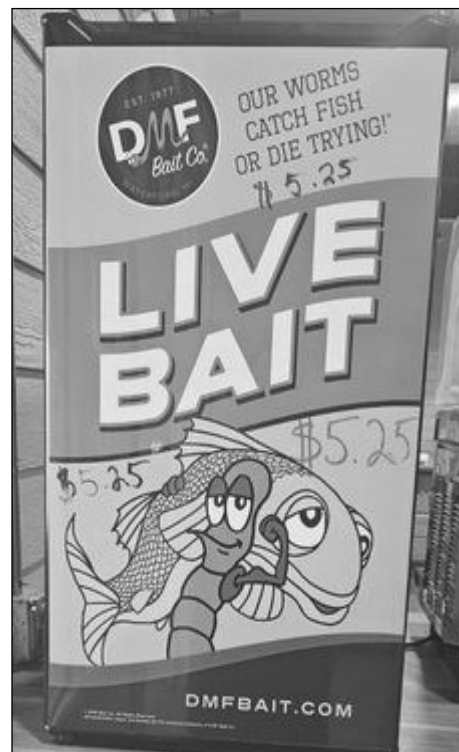


Many thanks to Curtis Hall Sr., with the Transportation/roads department for placing these West Segment benches along the walking path. This bench is placed by the new Mandaree School. So you will have a place to rest your feet when you are walking.



Here is a bench in another area of the walking path it's placed before you walk down to the new school area. A nice place to sit and enjoy the view around you while you take walks.

## Wolf Chief Store is set for Summer



Wolf Chief Store is now ready for summer! They have all the items you need. If it's for a cook out or if you need a cooler. The Wolf Chief Store is the place to be and pick up your fishing needs. They now have live bait for those who love to fish.

Wolf Chief Store is always looking for new ways to improve. With that in mind they also offer icy flavored drinks inside the store. When it's hot outside a cool icy flavored drink is waiting for you inside the Wolf Chief Store. Stop in and see what we have to offer! We may just have what you need.



# Around West Segment Community

## Honoring Marcia "Eagle Woman" White Eagle



## Mandaree Extravaganza



Submitted by Family members

Photos by Tia Mandan



May 16, 2024, we came together to remember our dear mother, Marcia "Eagle Woman" White Eagle. It meant the world to us to see her friends and family gather to celebrate her life. The memorial was a beautiful reflection of who she was. We started with a traditional song in honor of

our mom, grandma, aunt, sister and friend. We shared a meal, with her senior pallbearer feeding her first, just as she always cared for us. We prayed together, we held a giveaway, enjoyed a feast, and played bingo, a game she loved. We want to thank everyone who came to honor our mother. A special thanks to the Phelans for the traditional song, and to Sherry Turner-Lone Fight and the staff at West Segment for sponsoring bingo and providing door prizes. And to all her loved friends and family who contributed the bingo prizes, your kindness made the day even more special!

With heartfelt gratitude Roberta White Eagle, Lisa DeVille and Judith Wilkinson. Another family pictured below.



These kids are all excited to get involved with the Mandaree Extravaganza!

This was the end of the school year celebration.

The first 200 participants got a t-shirt, sunglasses and a color packet. On their agenda they did a color run in the new track parking lot by the new school. They have a live DJ, and fire pits.



In the photo to your left you can see them roasting marshmallows getting ready to make smores. They also had a hot dog roast! The day was perfect for this event.

In the bottom photo you can see the color run. You can see a cloud of color right in the middle of the runners!

The kids all had fun and the turn out was good. Everyone that came enjoyed themselves.



# For Your Information

## Grand Opening for Veterans Memorial Building in White Shield

Photos by Leah Blackhawk



Long time legion members were gifted star quilts with the legion post embroidered on them. Standing from left to right: Mike Laverdure, Tom Dullman, Shannon Fox for Franklin "Sioux" Howard, Austin Gillette, Kenneth Deane, Forrest Dickens stood in for his dad Donny Dickens, Pearl Ross, Doug Niesen, President at Woodstone and Jenny Hamson.



West Segment Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight, Veteran-Ted Lone Fight III and Four Bears Councilman Robert White all enjoyed the grand opening of the Veterans Memorial building in White Shield.

## Dawes Wins Art Show at Mandaree School



Janet Dawes who won 1st place in art show.



Here is her drawing that won her 1st.

## Mandaree School Has Playday for kids



Students had a day to play here are some of the students in the back of the school in the field. In the photos below students are figuring out what to play next. It was a fun day for the kids to be outdoors.



## For Your Information



West Segment has set the clean up date for Monday, April 22 starting at 9:00am to 5:00pm.

This is for Mandaree residents only. Here is a schedule:

- Take all garbage to Solid Waste~ Hours Monday~ 7am~3:30pm.

Tuesday~Saturday: 7am~4:30pm. Their phone number is 759-3641.

- Residents who are unable to get to Solid waste please leave your bags of trash too large for you to take to solid waste yourself leave your trash next to the street to be picked up.
- Please contact Water Chief Hall at 759-3377 if you do not have a mower to keep grass/weeds cut they will provide you with one to cut and upkeep. Please keep garbage off residential roads and in proper receptacles.
- Staff will be monitoring yards for cleanliness. Please be sure to keep your areas in compliance with Hidatsa Housing Lease agreements/Fort Berthold Housing agreements. Township standards. Citations for upkept yards/eyesores will be issued.
- Gloves and bags will be available at the Water Chief Hall when available to keep yards clean through Spring and Summer.
- Sign up at the Water Chief Hall for Clean up day to earn your North Dakota State Fair Grandstand or Mega Band.
- For more information, please contact Renay Brown at 701-421-4641.

### West Segment Upcoming Events; Mark Your Calanders!

**June:**

**6th: Father's Day Cornhole tournament 1pm**

**30th: West Segment Festival ALL DAY EVENT.**

**TDH catering 6pm**

**July:**

**8th: Community Clean up Day 9-5pm**

**23rd: Indian Relay Elder trip, Bus will leave at 3pm.**



### Fort Berthold Celebrations Dates for All Segments

**Twin Buttes Celebration: June 14-16 2024**  
(Warbonnet Parade will be June 13, 2024)

**Santee Lucky Mound Celebration: June 21-23, 2024**

**Arikara Celebration: July 12-14, 2024 in White Shield**

**Mandaree Celebration: July 18-21, 2024 in Mandaree**

**Little Shell Celebration: August 8-11, 2024 in New Town.**

## From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



We recently celebrated the Mandaree School Year with a powwow, honoring both staff and students. Additionally, we recognized the dedication of nine teachers who played a pivotal role in securing the school's accreditation for the next five years, presenting them with a star quilt. I highlighted the significance of this accreditation, noting that without it, Mandaree School faced closure. Our children would have to go to Killdeer and Watford City where they would not be educated on our culture and traditions. This is why we need to have Representation at state government or I should say all governments.

SB 2254 was introduced in 2023, addressing interventions for chronically low-performing schools. Mandaree, along with other small schools, found itself on this list. I, alongside Kelly Bradfield, provided testimony, and I also received comment letters from other small school superintendents.

Collaboration among superintendents, educators, parents, and community leaders is essential for fostering a positive educational environment. Effective communication and receptiveness to diverse perspectives can prevent obstacles and promote progress.

Education stands as a cornerstone for me and my family. While the passage of Senate Bill 2254 isn't a comprehensive solution for improving our education system, our focus should center on initiatives that empower and support teachers and administrators dedicated to bridging the achievement gap for our students.

A big thank you to all the Mandaree School staff for your dedication and hard work.

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille

Pictured to your left is Lisa and Teacher Ms. Eldora Poitra.



On May 10, 2024 was the NHSC graduation where I was the alumni speaker. My speech was live streamed on my fb. These speeches still hard for me but I continued nervously and finished. If you did not catch it on my live stream. Here is the end of my speech.

"Nearly two years ago, I received a Native American song titled "standing up for the people." And that is exactly what I intend to do. I will continue to stand up for our community, to ensure that we are seen, heard, and respected. Hard work, dedication, and the struggle does pay off. Tribal colleges are the lifeline of our communities. The opportunity is there for each and every one of us. We just have to have the courage to take it!

So, you may be thinking now that it's graduation time, "what now?". I want you to know that your journey does not end with personal success; it extends to the collective uplifting of our community. Through initiatives like advocating for methane regulations, expanding air quality monitoring, and championing the establishment of the Maah Daah Hey National Monument, we can shape a future where our voices are heard, our lands respected, and our rights upheld.

As I look to the future, I am filled with hope and determination. Our journey has been marked by challenges, but it is defined by the belief that education is not just a tool for personal advancement, but a chance to empower our people. There is no other place in the world that can replace the connection that our tribal colleges provide.

To the graduates, I say this: Your journey does not end here; it is only just beginning. As you navigate the path ahead, remember the lessons of the past, the strength of your community, and the power of education to shape a brighter tomorrow.

Thank you and congratulations!"

# From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

Endorsement Decision - Advance Native Political Leadership | Lisa Finley-DeVilLe

I am excited to share with you that I have been endorsed by Advanced Native Political Leadership, "Congratulations – on behalf of the Advance Native Political Leadership Action Fund, we are proud to formally endorse Lisa Finley-DeVilLe (Mandan & Hidatsa) for North Dakota House of Representatives District 4A."

Attached is the full Letter of Official Endorsement for your review.

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## Letter of Official Endorsement

*Guu'wah'tse! Nf'daguté! Siyo! Da'anzho! Boozhool! Hau! Yá'át'ééh!*

***Congratulations - on behalf of the Advance Native Political Leadership Action Fund, we are proud to formally endorse Lisa Finley-DeVilLe (Mandan & Hidatsa) for North Dakota House of Representatives District 4A.***

For years, Lisa has drawn attention to the impact of the oil and gas industry on the environment and on the health and safety of her community. She is a cofounder of the grassroots organization Fort Berthold Protectors of Water and Earth Rights, has served on the board of the Dakota Resource Council, and has received several awards, including the North Dakota Human Rights Arc of Justice Award in 2015. We are confident that, if re-elected, Lisa will continue to be an effective advocate for her policy priorities: environmental protection, sustainable economic development, tribal sovereignty, landowner rights, Indigenous education, mental health, and several others.

The people of North Dakota deserve to be represented by an incredible Indigenous leader such as Lisa. On behalf of Advance Native Political Leadership Action Fund, I urge you to vote for **Lisa Finley-DeVilLe** for **North Dakota House of Representatives District 4A** in the primary on June 11th, 2024, and in the general election on November 5th.

Our endorsement committee is made up of Indigenous leaders who represent the beautiful diversity of Indian Country and have been working to build political power in our communities for decades. We believe deeply in Lisa's reasons for running, her leadership, and her commitment to building a democracy that is reflective of our shared values. The committee members are as follows:

- Anathea Chino (Acoma Pueblo)
- Chrissie Castro (Diné and Chicana)
- Holly Cook Macarro (Red Lake Band of Ojibwe)
- Peggy Flanagan (White Earth Ojibwe)
- Alyssa Macy (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs)
- Jennifer Van der Heide

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On behalf of the endorsement committee:

Anathea Chino (Acoma Pueblo)  
Co-Founder & Executive Director

May 14th, 2024

Date

## From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

The National Tribal Toxic Council invited me to be keynote speaker at their Chemical Safety Workshop at the Sky Dancer Casino and Lodge. Here is an overview.

I introduced myself and told my story on my advocacy work and my journey of 15 years. The focus was on flaring and brine fluid. Here is the overview of presentation.

### **Fort Berthold Protectors and Water Earth Rights (POWER) Origin**

**Duke Oil Waste Study**

**Federal Methane Rules**

**Working toward Tribal Air Quality Monitoring**

**Renewable Energy**

**Protecting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

### **Highlights on Advocacy**

**Duke Oil Waste Study:**

2014 we had one of the biggest brine spills in ND of one million gallons behind Mandaree. The Duke Oil Waste Study proved the toxic pollution that is in the brine fluid. Can go online and view study.

### **Methane:**

2016 Trump rescinded the Obamas administrations EPA and BLM methane rules that POWER advocated for. Trump wanted to silence us by not allowing public consultation. Biden Administration finalized EPA methane rule December 2023. BLM Methane rule was finalized March 2024. POWER was instrumental in getting both the BLM and EPA methane rules finalized. The BLM methane rule is very similar to the 2016 rule. The EPA methane finally addresses existing sources!

### **Air quality monitors:**

In mid-2023 Air Monitors were installed throughout Ft. Berthold reservation. You can download justair.app to see the results. POWER will be installing more air quality monitors on MHA over the summer and repairing or replacing the non-functioning monitors. We will be doing some outreach regarding additional sites for monitors in May. In addition, we plan to do a series of presentations in June regarding the data that was collected over the past year to the college and 1-2 other communities in Fort Berthold. We are exploring options to monitor for more than the criteria pollutants (PM, NOx, SO2, etc.).

### **Protecting NEPA:**

Trump administration rolled back NEPA. The NEPA is one of the only laws that ensures indigenous voices are heard surrounding energy projects. Ft. Berthold POWER has been working with Biden administration to restore and improve NEPA. Last week May 2024 the Biden Administration finalized the National Environmental Policy Act.

Elected to Legislature, ND District 4A:

During the 2023 legislative session I introduced three House concurrent resolution (HCR); 3027 safety corridors on state hwy within Ft Berthold Reservation, 3028 Study spills on state hwy with in Ft. Berthold Reservation, and 3029 Air Quality study. Which all failed.

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille

## Emergency Medical Services Honored for Dedication

Courtesy of EMS

**Jessica Spotted Horse** started as an EMR driver in 2014. She was a CHR in the community for many years prior to taking our very first EMT class. Jessica passed her state certification in 2015. She has worked with the service for the nine and a half years that we have been in operation. She is trained in active shooter response and incident command. Jessica was the previous squad leader for four years. She recently moved to Fargo and works at Sandford ER as an emergency room technician. She continues to work with us when she is available part time. Mandaree EMS will always be grateful for all her efforts and devotion to the community.

**Josie Bingen** is an RN/EMT. She started with the EMT class we taught in 2015 and she has been with the service since then. Josie is also a CPR and first aid instructor. She is an instructor for the Stop the Bleed campaign. She is the advanced life support personal. She has been an American Red Cross volunteer for the last five years. She is a blood drive coordinator and She is trained in active shooter response and incident command. Josie also has training for missing persons. Currently, Josie is continuing her education in health care. She is an asset to the service with her wide range of nursing skills and her dedication to the community of Mandaree.

**Abel Feltes** obtained his certification at Denver Health in 2013 prior to the service starting. His parents are Benji and Antoinette Kitagawa. He worked as an EMT for three years and went back to Denver Health in 2017 to continue his education. He received his Paramedic certification in 2018. He has been a certified EMT/EMR instructor since 2019 and is currently teaching his third EMT/EMR class. Abel is trained in active shooter response and incident command. Abel is also an advanced life support personal. He is a great asset to both White Shield and Mandaree communities.

**Janine Perkins** has been working as an EMT with the service since November 2017 as a first aid driver. She has an associate degree in applied science in law enforcement from Leech Lake Tribal College. She also graduated from the Professional Peace Officer Academy in Hibbing, MN. She has a background in corrections where she completed her basic Juvenile Corrections FLETC in Artesia, NM. In 2019, she received her EMR certification and shortly after received her EMT certification. She has completed a course in H2S awareness. She is trained in active shooter response and incident command. We are honored to have her on our team. She has been very dedicated and resides in West Segment.

**Jonathan Roy** began working the ambulance service in May of 2020. He was hired as a first aid driver. He took the EMT class through Abel in 2022 and is currently a certified EMT. Jonathan has worked for Wildland Fire for the last four years. He has been a positive person, and you can count on him to have a smile when you need one.

**Jazmyn Lucio** has been with the service since December of 2021 as a first aid driver. She is currently in the process of obtaining her EMT certification. She has a background as a quality medical service provider which provided home health care within the community. She has completed a course in H2S awareness. She has completed incident command training. Also, this summer Jazmyn will become a certified car seat technician. She is always willing to help when she is available, and we appreciate her.

**Shantel Fettig** has been with the service since May of 2022 as a first aid driver. She has a higher education background in the medical field and is also CNA certified. She took an EMT course in 2022 and will be testing for her certification within the next few months. She is trained in active shooter response. She has taken a course on H2S awareness. She is a valuable member of our staff, and we are lucky to have her.

**Katarina Nyberg-Luger** started the service in July 2022 as an EMT. She received her EMT certification in 2021 through Bismarck State College. She has a bachelor's degree in biological science with a biomedical emphasis and a minor in chemistry from North Dakota State University. She has completed Stop the Bleed training. She is trained in active shooter response, and incident command training. She is a first aid and CPR instructor for the American Heart Association. She is currently our Squad Leader and deals with the hard job of managing the daily issues that come along. She is also taking classes at Minot State University to further her healthcare career. We are thankful for her guidance and management skills.

**Manny Lucio** started with our team as a first aid driver in July of 2023. Manny has a background in corrections where he was a corrections officer at Gerald Tex Fox Justice Center in 2018. He started working for West Segment Security in 2021 and Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department in 2021. He is certified in extrication. He is currently training for his EMT certification. This is a hard job and sometimes very stressful. We are grateful that he has decided to take this role in the community of Mandaree.

## For Your Information

### Mandaree Volunteer Dept. Calls For Volunteers!



**Volunteers are needed to join the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department. You can contact Marle Baker, Mandaree Fire Chief at (701) 421-1423 or Robin Hall West Segment Security at (701) 421-4599, for more information. Come join our community!**

### Make A Difference



### Mandaree Celebration Committee Thanks our Community for their Support!

**On behalf of the 2024 Mandaree Celebration Committee we want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support throughout this year!**

**Your support will help us offer the best in our upcoming celebration! Again our 2024 Mandaree Celebration committee says thank you to all of our supporters.**

### Let the battle begin!

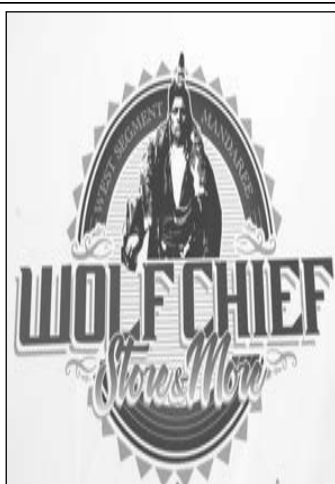


This spring, so far, has shown a lot of promise and success...as seasons go. The comfortable temperatures, the timely rain showers, the abundant sunshine. All these elements coming together to bring another season of new growth to our small piece of God's country. The new leaves on the trees, the lilacs blooming, the grass growing, (which needs to be mowed), the fresh clean smell in the air. It gives a person a good feeling to be able to experience all this "newness" (maybe not so good if you have allergies...)! Nonetheless, all these elements coming together as a reminder to us of God's gift of creation. A showcase of the beauty that is given to us by the Creator of everything that we see and experience. If you recall some of the words in bible scripture that say that after creating everything in existence, God said that it was "good". Well... I sometimes wonder about the "intended meaning" of the word "good". For the most part of creation I agree with the "good". However, I'm just not sure about the "intended meaning" of "good" when it applies to...dandelions! I mean, what was God the Father thinking? Hmm, that reminds me of yet another passage in bible scripture that says, "who among us can know or understand the mind of God"? We may never know why God the Father allowed dandelions to exist. Unless, and this is just a thought, God allows dandelions to exist as a reminder to us that we are sinners. That no matter how pleasant and beautiful creation can be, sin is still present. Fortunately, for us, God the Father sent His son Jesus the Christ to us to repair the damage caused by our sin. To put us back in the good graces with God the Father. I understand the need for reminders in our life...but dandelions?? I just wish there weren't so many of them...

Deacon Dan Barone  
St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
New Town and Mandaree

# For Your Information

## Summer Hours For Wolf Chief Store & More



**Wolf Chief Store Summer Hours: 7:00am-10:00pm Monday to Friday.**

**On Saturday and Sunday the Wolf Chief Store opens at 10am to 6pm. Wolf Chief Store number is (701)759-3140.**



**Hay Draw Café opens 7am to 2pm Monday to Friday.**

**Hay Draw Café is closed on weekends.**

**Lindsey Fox Sepeta will be there if you have any questions you can call her 421-6347.**

## Mandaree One Stop

**Monday -Friday: 6am to 8pm**

**Mandaree One Stop is closed on Weekends.**

**For information you can call 759-3609**

## St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

**Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town**

**Sunday: 8:30am New Town**

**Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree**

## Mandaree Post Office Hours:

**Monday-Friday: 12:00-4:00pm**

**Saturday: 11:00am- 1:00pm**

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## Mandaree Field Clinic Hours

**Clinic is open Monday-Friday: 8:00am-4:30pm:  
Closed for Lunch 12pm-1pm**

**FNP Lori Jepson: is in the Mandaree Clinic on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays**

**Every Wednesday: a Nurse will be at the Clinic for immunizations only by appointment.**

**Mandaree Clinic Pharmacy: is open everyday during the week Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm**

## Numbers for Your Convenience

**Water Chief Hall : (701) 759-3377**

**Mandaree One Stop: (701) 759-3609**

**Wolf Chief Store & More: (701) 759-3140**

**West Segment Elders Advocate Rosie Johnson: at (701) 759-3377 ext.227 Her cell (701) 421-8519.**

**Mandaree Clinic: Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm phone 759-3422 (Pharmacy is open daily)**

**Mandaree School: 759-3311**

# Brunton Architects & Engineers

Submitted by Brunton Architects and Engineers



Another angle of the Mandaree community center.

## Mandaree Community Center

**Project Description:** The newly designed community center for the West Segment is two stories with an upper-level mezzanine. The primary structure of the building has been designed to last for decades to come and is comprised of steel, metal stud framing, precast concrete, cast in place concrete, and glulam. The building envelope has been designed for longevity and low maintenance, and consists of natural stone, metal panel, curtain wall, EPDM roofing, and standing seam metal roofing.

The surrounding site is to include a splash pad, playground, and exterior patio. The lower level includes an aquatic center, locker rooms, fitness center, bowling, community room, commercial kitchen, golf simulator, E gaming, lecture hall, gymnasium, and performance stage. The main level includes a lobby, retail, staff spaces, security offices, concessions, food court, recreation center, fitness studio, cardio space, meeting rooms, and memorial patio. The mezzanine level includes administrative offices, running track, and exterior viewing balcony. The entire facility opens towards Eagles Nest Butte, paying tribute to the influence the butte has had on the community of past, present, and future.

**Project Update:** Construction began in the Fall of 2023 and continued through the winter months. The deep foundations required at the aquatic center have been poured. Foundation walls continue to be constructed in anticipation of setting precast, steel, and glulam during spring. The design team led by Brunton Architects and the construction team led by Adolfson & Peterson have been continually working with West Segment leadership to bring this project to life for the betterment of the community.

**Tentative Grand Opening:** January 2026

In the next column they have pictures of what the community center will look like in the top photo in the next column shows a different angle of the Mandaree community center.

They also have other pictures for you to look at so you have an idea of what our community center will look like inside and what they have as far as offices and meeting rooms.



This shows the Aquatic room.



Here is the Mandaree community center gym.

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