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## Birds Eye View of The New Community Center In West Segment

Photo Courtesy of Adolfson & Peterson Construction



An awesome birds eye view of what construction looks like now. This building is 93000 square feet and has three levels. Presently, they have fifty workers and by January they are looking at one hundred workers. They will continue working on the building throughout the winter months. In February of 2026 is when this building will be complete. On page 7 shows the outside of the construction on the building. On pages 10 and 11 are inside photos for you to look at these photos will give you an idea of where offices, recreation area, performing arts stage, mechanical and kitchen areas will be located.

## Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Here we are at the end of 2024 seems the years go by so fast. Before I begin this update, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the family and relatives of Tracy Wounded Face. Also, to other segments who have

lost loved ones.

The Holiday Season is here already and the West Segment events department has been in the planning. We will be very busy this month getting everything together so you can have a joyous holiday. The elders Christmas event will be on Tuesday, December 17 at the Four Bears Casino Events Center. Also, this year we will have the Mandaree Holiday Talent show that poster is on page 21 with all the details this event is for West Segment community members only. The Parade of Lights will be held on December 16th and on page 20 you can see the details on that too. Also as part of our events we will have a Holiday home decorating contest this poster is on page 19 with all the details. Remember all winners will be announced at our Mandaree Holiday Talent show on December 19th. Good luck to everyone who participates.

On another note, the Mandaree's Volunteer Fire Department and EMS 10 year anniversary has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict. The new date will be determined after we are able to get everyone

in these departments here on the same date and time, April is the month we are trying for.

We have scheduled ahead of time for our Easter distribution, so you can mark your calendar. The drive through be held on March 20, 2025 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at the Water Chief Hall.

We do have a plumber, HVAC, Carpenter and electricians working on our existing Hidatsa housing, also please fill out your application with Shanna Fox, for the new housing development.

We are currently working with MEC, Rural Water, Public Works, Roads and Brunton to make sure our infrastructure is stable for our new housing development.

Look our for our youth recreation activities they are advertised in our paper and the Facebook community updates and events.

If you have any ideas you would like for our youth or any other activities in our community that you would like us to include, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Again the Holiday Season is upon us, It's a time to spend with our family and relatives. I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year as we step into 2025!

This is all I have for now. Thank you very much for being a good reader.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

## Winter Safety for Older Adults

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Baby, it's Cold Outside! When the temperatures drops, older adults run a higher risk of health problems and injuries related to the weather, including hypothermia, frostbite, and falls in ice and snow. Like most things in life, it is better to be prepared. Here are a few precautions everyone should take, especially older adults, during the winter.

**Hypothermia:** occurs when your body temperature drops to a dangerous level. Your body temperature can drop when you are out in the cold for an extended time because it begins to lose heat quickly. Older adults are at an increased risk of hypothermia due to the changes that happen to your body with aging.

**Warning Signs:** cold skin that is pale or ashy; feeling very tired, confused and sleepy; feeling weak, problems walking; slowed breathing or heart rate. Call 911 if you think you or someone else has hypothermia.

NOTE: shivering is not a reliable warning sign because older people tend to shiver less or not at all when their body temperature drops.

### **Precautions to Take:**

Stay indoors (or don't stay outside for very long)

Keep indoor temperature at 65 degrees or warmer

Stay dry because wet clothing chills your body more quickly.

Dress smart– protect your lungs from cold air. Layer up! Wearing 2 or 3 thinner layers of loose fitting clothing is warmer than a single layer of thick clothing. Think about getting your thermals!

Essential Winter wear; hats, gloves (or preferable mittens) winter coat, boots, and a scarf to cover your mouth and nose.

**Frostbite:** occurs when your body experiences damage to the skin that can go all the way down to the bone. Not surprisingly, extreme cold can cause frostbite. It is most likely to occur on body parts farthest away from your heart. Common places include your nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, and toes. In severe cases, frostbite can result in loss of limbs. People with heart disease and other circulation problems are at a higher risk.

**Cover up!** All parts of your body should be covered when you go out in the cold. If your skin turns red or dark or start hurting, go inside right away.

**Know the warning signs of frostbite:** skin that's white or ashy or grayish-yellow; skin that feels hard or waxy; numbness. If you think you or someone else has frostbite, call for medical help immediately.

**If frostbite occurs:** run the affected area under warm (not hot) water.

**Injury While Shoveling Snow:** It's one of the evils of winter-snow shoveling. If you choose to shovel, take some precautions. Remember, when it's cold outside, your heart works double time to keep you warm.

Strenuous activities like shoveling snow may put too much strain on your heart, especially if you have heart disease.

Shoveling can also be dangerous if you have problems with balance or have "thin bones" (osteoporosis). Ask your healthcare provider whether shoveling or other work in the snow is safe for you.

**Falls:** it is easy to slip and fall in the winter, especially in icy and snowy conditions.

**Precautions to Take:** Make sure steps and walkways are clear before you walk.

Be especially careful if you see wet pavements that could be iced over.

Clear away snow and salt your walkway at home, or hire someone to do it.

Wear boots with non-skid soles-this will prevent you from slipping

If you use a cane, replace the rubber tip before it is worn smooth.

Consider an ice pick like attachment that fits onto the end of the cane for additional traction.

**Fires and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:** During the winter months, it is common to use the fireplace or other heating sources, such as natural gas, kerosene, and other fuels. Unless fireplaces, wood and gas stoves and gas appliances are properly vented, cleaned, and used, they can leak dangerous amounts of carbon monoxide-a deadly gas that you cannot see or smell. These and other appliances, such as space heaters can also be fire hazards.

**Warning Signs:** headache, weakness, nausea or vomiting, dizziness, confusion, blurred vision, loss of consciousness. If you think you may have carbon monoxide poisoning, get into fresh air and get medical care immediately.

**Precautions to Take:** Call an inspector to have your chimney and flues inspected-preferred annually. Open an window (when using a kerosene stove) just a crack will do. Place smoke detectors and battery operated carbon monoxide detectors in strategic places-especially in areas where you use fireplaces, wood stoves or kerosene heaters. Make sure space heaters are at least 3 feet away from anything that might catch fire, such as curtains, bedding, and furniture. Never try to heat you home using a gas stove, charcoal grill or other stoves not made for home heating.

Adults 65 and older are involved in more car crashes per mile driven than those in nearly all age groups. Winter is an especially important time to be vigilant when driving because road conditions and weather may not be optimal.

**Precautions to Take:** winterize your car before the bad weather hits. This means having the antifreeze, tires, and windshield wipers checked and changed if necessary. Remember your cell phone when you drive in bad weather and always let someone know where you are going and when you should be expected back. Avoid driving on icy roads, and be especially careful on overpasses or bridges. Stock your car with basic emergency supplies; first aid kit, blankets, extra warm clothes, booster cables, shovel.

# Mandaree Little Cheer Squad

Photos courtesy of West Segment Fitness and Recreation



Mandaree Little Cheer Squad for 2nd and 6th grade students has started their practice sessions with Coach Amanda Deville.

What an awesome start for these youngsters, who will gain the skills of being on a cheering squad. These sessions will prepare them for being a cheer leader when they are old enough.

West Segment Fitness and Recreation department has done an outstanding job in offering this opportunity to our younger girls and boys which starts from the second grade to the sixth grade.

The practice times started in November with a sign up sheet for the students at the school. The coaches are Amanda Deville and Francesca Ross also known as Fancy.

Keep in mind places and times may be subject to change.

If you would like more information you can call these numbers listed below:

Amanda Deville: 421-8119

Francesca Ross: 421-7055

Tia Mandan: 421-0239



Here they are the Mandaree Little Cheer squad all eager and excited to begin.



All standing in formation as they practice with their coach Amanda Deville.



# West Segment & Energy Transfer Thanksgiving Turkey Give Away



Fred Everette, from Energy Transfer and crew is pictured here with Renay Brown, Councilwomen Turner-Lone Fight and Michela Bacon all holding their turkey's during the Thanksgiving turkey giveaway at the Water Chief Hall in Mandaree.



Arlin Baker stops for a photo he's all smiles with his turkey.



Two teachers from the Mandaree School got their Turkeys.

After we had a winter snow advisory our weather changed for the better. The Water Chief Hall garage door was open for community members to come in and sign in for their gift card and turkey. Every community member received a turkey and a hundred dollar gift card Jack & Jill in New Town.

The turkey and gift card give away started before 4pm and will be open till 7pm. The turkeys were provided by Energy Transfer and the \$100.00 gift card per household was provided by West Segment Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight and staff.



Vida Bearstail is pictured to your left signing up for her turkey and gift card.

More photos on page 6.



Fred Evette with Renay Brown getting his turkey.



Sierra Yeahquo is happy to get her turkey.



Gayla Likes Eagle getting her turkey.

# Community Members Are Very Thankful to Trans Energy & West Segment Councilwoman

Photos and write up by LeeAnn Nation



Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight stands by elder Martha Bird Bear. As a Trans Energy team member carries her turkey for her.



Energy Transfer team members took a photo with Councilwoman, Brenda Hale, Fred Everette, Robin Hall and Sheila Jenner hold their turkeys. All thankful for their turkey and gift cards.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight along with the staff and Fred Everette and the Trans Energy Team, formerly known as Crestwood, organized this Annual Thanksgiving turkey distribution. Along with the frozen turkey included gift cards worth \$100 from Kenbeck's Jack & Jill for each household in Mandaree, to help support the community during this Thanksgiving Holiday. Pictured are community members who are thankful for their turkey and gift cards. Thanks to Trans Energy for the turkeys and Councilwoman for the gift cards one per household.



# Construction Moves forward Even on Cold Winter Days



These photos of the center were taken the last week of November of the outside only. The workers were on site and machines were going. Production of this new building continues even through the coldest days. In some of the photos to your top left side there were workers outside and to your left they had machines moving items in and around the building. This building is slowly taking shape. Recently, LeeAnna Nation went to the work site and she was escorted by Adam Steen, Superintendent for Adolfsen & Peterson Construction. Adam did a walk through of the construction of this building and showed us what parts of the building will be. Such as where the main entrance will be etc. You can get a better idea of what will be in place inside the walls of this construction on pages 10 and 11.



# Fort Berthold Cowboy Heads to Vegas National Finals Rodeo

Photo credit to Ric Anderson and article by Ted Harbin Twisted Rodeo News



Mandaree, N.D.-On a September day in 2008, J.C. Yeahquo realized what he was meant to do.

“The first time I got to rope of a horse was on my eighth birthday,” said Yeahquo, 24, who is originally from Mandaree, grew up in Crescent, Oklahoma, and now lives in Stephenville, Texas. “That was when I turned my first steer, and I’ve been doing it pretty much ever since.”

Being a cowboy is really all he’s ever known. His father, Luke, rode bareback horses and still ropes. He has two great uncles, Joe Chase and Pete Fredericks, who have been inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

The genetics and talent are showing for Yeahquo, who has qualified for the National Finals Rodeo for the first time in his career. He finished the regular season with \$128,296 in earnings and will enter ProRodeo’s grand championship as the No.8 team roping header in the world standings. Once he arrives in Las Vegas, he will try to cash in for his share of the \$12.5 million purse with Buddy Hawkins, his heeling partner for the 2024 regular season.

“This means the world to me,” he said, “This is all I’ve ever dreamed about my whole life, making the finals and getting to do what I love and make a living at it. I really don’t think there’s any better way to do it or any better way to live.

“This is what I’ve worked my whole life for, and to get to compete at my first National Finals in my third year of having a PRCA card is pretty dang exciting.”

It should be. It’s the culmination of years of practice, a strong work ethic and a family’s support. Born in northwestern North Dakota, the Yeahquos moved to Oklahoma when J.C. was about 2 years old. They are from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and part of the MHA Nation-Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara, which his know as the Three Affiliated Tribes.

J.C. Yeahquo is the youngest of Luke and Jennifer’s four children, which include his sister, Sierra Ventresca, and brothers Jessy and L.J. His trip to Las Vegas to battle for the 2024 world championship is a family affair, and he wouldn’t have it any other way.

“Our place was pretty rough and rowdy when I was little, and being the youngest, I got beat up a bunch when I was a kid,” J.C. Yeahquo said with a laugh. “I don’t know if it made me tough, but I dang sure got whooped on the most.” That sometimes happens to baby brothers, especially in homes like theirs.

“I was probably 3 or 4 when they turned me loose on Shetlands,” he said. “My brother and I used to race and play tag all the time on Shetlands when we were little.”

That’s brother L.J., who is 360 days older. The two grew up together and competed together until this year. The entire clan is tight-knit, and it wasn’t until a year ago that he moved from Oklahoma to Stephenville, the Cowboy Capital of the World, which is about five hours south of the family’s home.

When in Erath County, Texas, he’s closer to dozens of other ropers who live, practice and compete there. It’s a chance to hone his skills and get with his partner, who lives in Morgan, Mill. Hawkins is a seven-time NFR qualifier who earned the 2021 aggregate championship while roping with another Oklahoman, Andrew Ward.

“It’s pretty neat roping with him, because it seems like he knows how to make the plays come together and does such a good job,” Yeahquo said of Hawkins. “I just have to worry about myself and my job, and I know he takes care of the rest.”

The two dabbled for a bit last fall and started competing together in jackpots, contests where cowboys put up entry fees and hope to beat most in the field for a share of the purse. Their first rodeo together was in January at Odessa, Texas. It didn’t take long for them to find the pay window, with their biggest victory of the season coming in March when they won RodeoHouston, pocketing \$54,750 each.

“That was the biggest win of my career, and that set me up for making the National Finals,” said Yeahquo, who credits part of his success to his sponsors, 4 Bears Casino & Lodge, Cactus Ropes, Cactus Gear,

Continue on next page.

## For Your Information

### Yeahquo story continues

Shorty's Caboy Hattery, FCA Rodeo, Gold Buckle Construction, Wrangler, Sema Custom Boots and Cleveringa Equine Feeds.

He also competed for the second straight year at the Calgary Stampede, winning the title this year roping with a different heeler, Kollin VonAhn, the 2015 world champion. By winning two of the biggest rodeos in the PRCA, Yeahquo set sail on a cruise to the Nevada desert, where he and Hawkins will be one of a handful of teams in the mix.

Only the top 15 contestants in each discipline from the regular season earn the right to compete for the biggest pay in the game at the NFR, where go-round winners will snag nearly \$34,000 for each of the 10 nights. The average winners—like Hawkins and Ward were three seasons ago—will earn more than \$86,000 for having the best 10-run cumulative time.

It's a big chance at a big payday, and that's something that appeals to everyone. Of course, there's also a Montana Silversmiths gold buckle on the line; it will be handed out to the top money-makers in each event for 2024.

"This is very big, because there haven't been any Yeahquos make the finals," he said. "For me to be able to put my family's name out there is such a great thing for all of us. I know they're all excited, and I'm excited for it.

"I'm the most excited about doing good out there, and I want to just enjoy my time since this is my first National Finals. I want to cherish the moments with all my friends and family. That's really meaningful to me."

It's the next step in the deliverance of a young cowboy with native roots, a strong familial support and a hunger to strive for greatness. Much has changed over his lifetime, from leaving the reservation as a toddler to learning the ropes in Oklahoma to maturing as a man and a cowboy.

"This year's taught me quite a bit," Yeahquo said. "With moving out and getting all on my own and changing partners, I had a lot of doubts at times, but I knew I could talk myself into keep going. Things were tough sometimes, then they were really good sometimes, but I just had to look forward and stay positive about it.

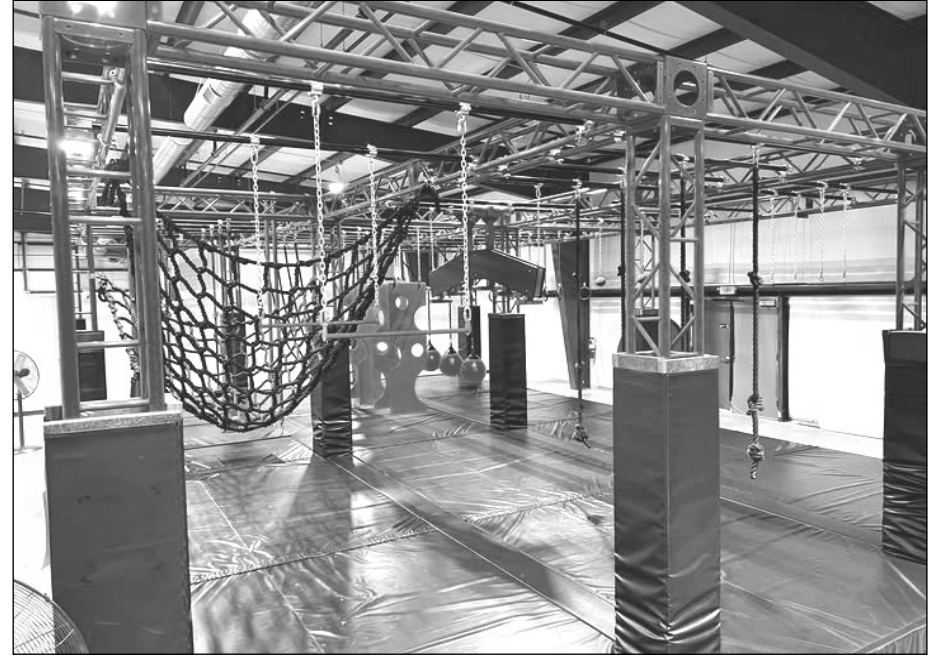
"it just worked out."

On behalf of West Segment here in Mandaree, North Dakota we wish J.C. the best of luck at the National Finals in Las Vegas. We may not be there in person but we will be cheering you on. We are all very proud of your rodeo career and where it's taking you. We wish you the best!

Press Releases on page 19.

### Mandaree Jump House Will Open To the Public

Photo and caption by Echo Claymore



Hello Everyone! In a few days we will be opening the Jump House to the public in the evenings (days we don't have reservations for parties). For kids to jump is \$5.00 per person and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

West Segment Jump house is a trampoline park located in Mandaree. For questions or reservations please call (701) 759-3122 or you can call the Jump house Coordinator Echo Claymore at (701) 421-4689. Check out their page on Face Book West Segment Jump house.



# Walk Through The New Community Center

Photos by LeeAnna Nation



The main entrance will be here.



Observation deck facing south towards Eagles Nest. The walls inside will be the memorial hall.



This is where the water slide, heated pool, hot and cold sauna will be located.



The Administration offices will be in this area.



The photo to your left is where the performing arts stage will be in this area.



This building has three levels. In this photo shows the main level looking down at the gym floor.

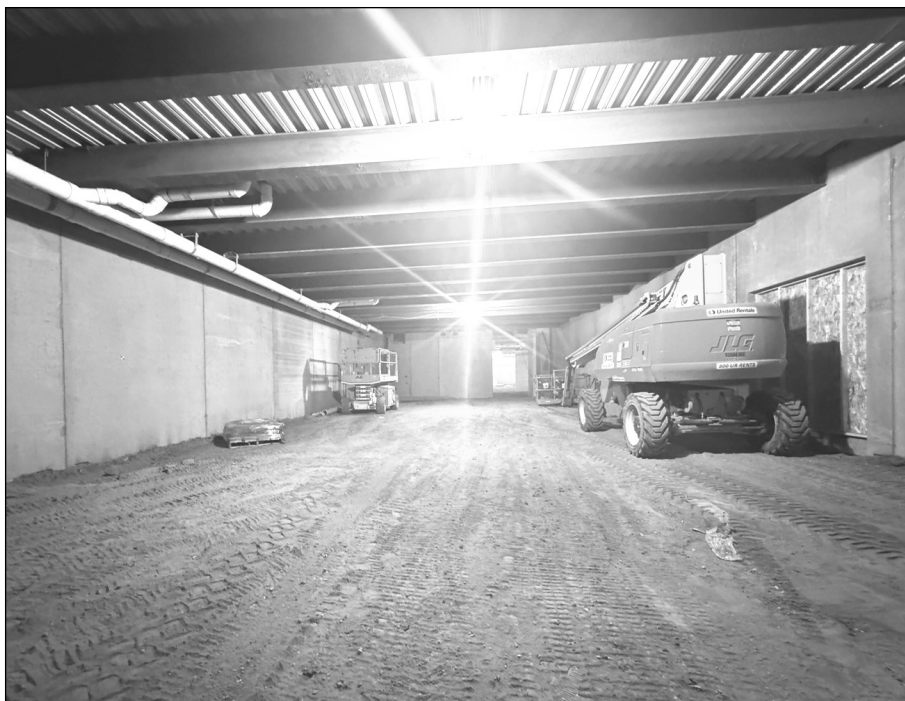
# Walk Through The New Community Center



The fitness and workout area. It will have two levels one for weight lifting and the other for cardio equipment.



The second level where the food court will be.



This is the area where the bowling alley will be.



The kitchen and community room will be in this area.



Lecture hall will be here in this area.



Pictured above is the mechanical room.

# Looking Back On 2024



Standing from left to right; Ronnie, Tracey, Lyle, Kenny and Mike all brothers with their dad sitting Clyde Smith. Oakdale Singer. Story on Recognition of Great singers who are no longer with us Carrying on their Legacy.



Newly Re-Elected to the Tribal Business Council are; Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight from West Segment, Councilwoman Monica Mayer- North Segment , and Councilman Fred Fox-East Segment.



High winds carried this prairie fire all along Mandaree. The National guard was on hand to help contain these fires were spread throughout our West Segment community. This by far was the worse fires we had in our area.

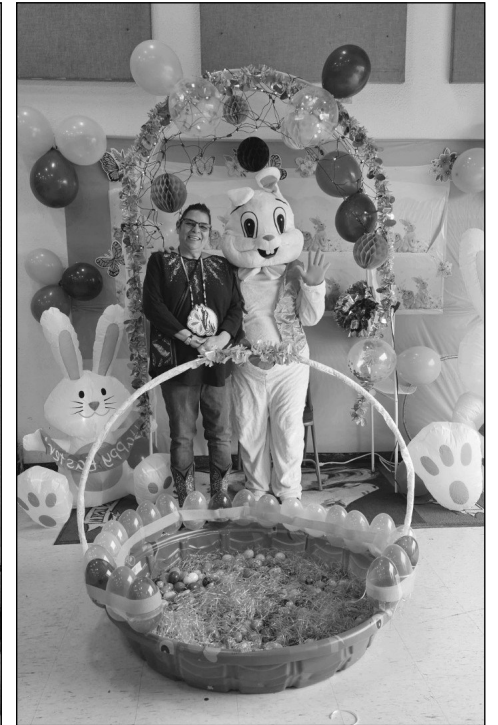


Soldiers and airman were activated by Governor Doug Burgum to help combat wildfires in North Dakota. A team of soldiers and airman joined the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services in Mandaree. So they can dig a handline and conduct a controlled burn to help mitigate continued wildfires. Crews on the ground saved the small community of Mandaree as they fought through the night to contain the Bear Den fire, estimated to have burned over 12,000 acres.

# Looking Back On 2024



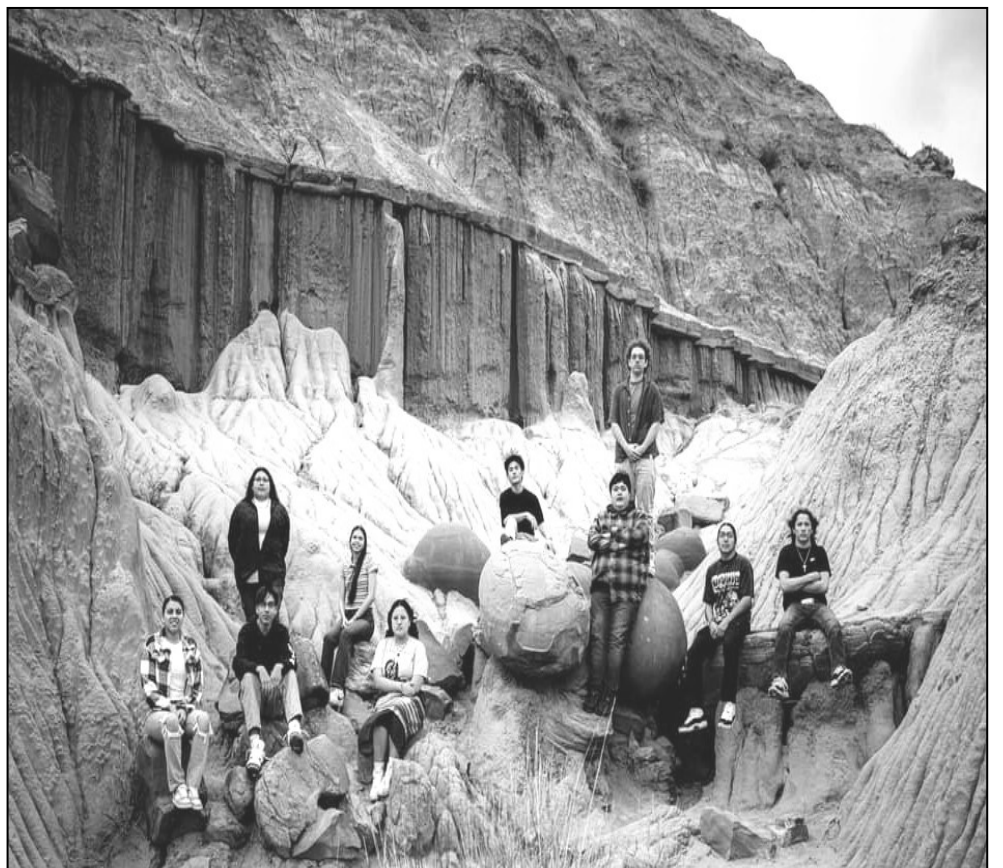
Native American Science Fair on campus of Minot State College. Mandaree students were the 1st place winners.



West Segment made sure all the kids in our community got their Easter baskets. Councilwoman stands with the Easter bunny.



Mandaree School concert. Their theme was jungle party. K-d sang songs and they had the 6 & 7 and 8th grade students speak in between their songs.



Class of 2024. from left to right; Aiyona Johnson, Theo Lone Fight, standing; Ayla Hale, Christine Driver, Jorge Fox, Kenneth Caliedan, Cooper Stiffarm, standing; Breyson Bradfield, Dahu Xubaa Beston and Wesley Smith.



Mandaree Elders gathered at the hall for breakfast before the trip to Deadwood, South Dakota.

# Looking Back On 2024



Mandaree Volunteer firefighters; from left to right; Benner White Owl, Duane Young Bird, Robin Hall, Heath Hall, Marle Baker-Fire Chief, Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight, Walter DeVille Sr., Bradfield Sage, Daunte Sage, Manny Lucio and Brian Brugh.

FRED HALE - HEAD COACH PRESTON "BUCKY" JOHNSON - ASST. COACH DENVER SPOTTED BEAR - ASST. COACH SEASON HALE - STUDENT MANAGER # 3 - COLTEN CHASE - 2ND	# 4 - BRAYLEN CLOSE - 2ND # 6 - SHOOTER WILLIAMS - 1ST # 8 - KALUS BEAKS - 1ST #10 - DARREN SPOTTED HORSE - 1ST #12 - AHSINI ABBEY - 2ND #13 - ARIAS BAKER - 2ND	#15 - AJ ABBEY - 2ND #21 - RYLAND JETTY - 2ND #24 - RYLAND HOLDS THE ENEMY - 2ND #34 - RUSSELL JOHNSON - 2ND #35 - WARRIOR IU - 2ND #41 - WILLIAM LOOKING HORSE - 1ST
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8th grade girls graduates.



8th grade boys graduates.

Pictured to your left was the Mandaree Celebration Clans that gathered before the first grand entry at the 2024 Mandaree Celebration.



# Looking Back On 2024



2024 Mandaree Celebration grand entry.



Elders Doreen Charging and Mary Gachupin enjoy their meal on the River Willow cruise with elders.



Jody Briek and husband Bob enjoying the ride on River Willow cruise with the elders.



Elders Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves enjoying themselves on the River Willow cruise for West Segment.



West Segment and Trans Energy giving out turkeys and gift cards. Renay Brown and Michaela Lincoln handing them out.



Paul White Owl Sr., with grandson Jacob and his wife Donna White Owl.



Mandaree Recreations department has grade school cheer team.



West Segment Honors Veterans.



Inauguration 2024 Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight being sworn in by her brother.

## Preventing and Thawing Frozen Water Services



Fort Berthold Rural Water

Three Affiliated Tribes \* 308 4 Bears Complex New Town, ND 58763

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1. Determine the location of the frozen pipe. This can be done by touching or by running your hand along accessible water pipes in the home while feeling for extremely cold spots. If a cold portion of pipe is encountered; thaw it gently, preferably using a hair dryer. DO NOT use a propane torch, as it could cause a rupture of the water line.
2. If you suspect the water line is about to freeze, check the temperature of the water. Do this at the location of where the water enters the home. If the temperature is close to freezing, run a substantial amount of water until the temperature increases. This could take some time. Showering and washing extra loads of laundry will put the extra water to good use.
3. If you choose to leave the water in the home trickling, be careful! Leaving the water running at a trickle can help prevent frozen water service lines. However, trickling water can sometimes lead to frozen sewer service lines. In the past, water and sewer lines were installed in close proximity of each other and often at the same depth. Trickling water in a sewer line can cool to the point of freezing if the sewer line is cold. This could lead to the sewer service freezing shut and causing a sewer backup.
4. If you chose to run the water at a trickle, it is advised to periodically turn the flow of water up to about a garden hose size stream for several minutes. The increased flow of water allows for a better exchange of heat between the water and water service line/ground and also allows the water to assist in heating the sewer system.
5. If having a freezing water issue is on a septic system, trickling water should be diverted away from the septic system. Septic systems have a limited capability to accept excess water in deep frost conditions. The trickling water could compromise the on-site septic system, leaving the customer with more problems and expense. If possible, use a hose to run the trickling water to an outside, acceptable area.
6. Electrically heating of water lines, using a welder, only works on metallic lines. It will not work if there is any plastic or pvc piping in the service line. Care should be taken, if using.
7. a welder, as they have been known to start fires in adjacent structures. It has also been found that the use of welders can increase the speed at which cast iron or ductile iron lines corrode.
8. If the water service line does become frozen FBRW advises our users to open one or two faucets. This will allow the ice to have room to expand without damaging any other piping.
9. For Manufactured homes on piers/Blocks without a basement it is recommended that you install a heat tape on the waterline coming into the home then wrap pipe insulation around the exposed pipe. These are commonly found at hardware stores.
10. There are companies throughout the state that have the ability to thaw frozen services with a re-circulating thawing unit. If there is no one that offers this service in your area and you would like assistance, please contact us at 701-627-8185. We will guide you through the processes of thawing out a froze up line and help you with contacting a contractor for assistance.

Thank you

Joseph Silveria-Director

Office- 701-627-8185

Cell: 701-421-2502

# Time of the Year to Avoid Frozen Pipes for your Home



## HANDY TIPS TO AVOID FROZEN PIPES THIS WINTER



### BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER SETS IN



Check sprinkler or irrigation systems. Make sure everything is turned off and drained.



Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines. Fix drafty windows and plug drafts around doors. Identify your home's freezing points.



Know how to shut off your water.



Protect your pipes. Wrap them with insulation.

### WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING



If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.



Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.

### BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE



Shut off the water immediately.



Thaw pipes with warm air, with a hair dryer or space heater. Do not leave space heaters unattended and do not use kerosene heaters or open flames.



Be careful turning water back on. Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks.

### IT'S ALL ABOUT PREVENTION

Frozen pipes can leave you without water in the worst of weather. And cost a lot to repair. But with a few simple steps, you can easily preserve both your budget and your peace of mind.



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## From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



As District 4 A's House of Representative, which is the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, I am hopeful about the opportunities ahead with Doug Bergum's

appointment as Secretary of the Interior. During his tenure as Governor of North Dakota, Governor Burgum worked to establish meaningful relationships with tribes, and we hope to continue building on that foundation in his new role.

That said, I am a bit nervous about the direction of some of the plans we hear that may be coming out of the Trump administration. However, I am optimistic that Secretary Burgum will be a trusted voice that North Dakotans, and especially Tribal Nations can count on to advocate for balanced and thoughtful policies.

The Department of the Interior plans an important role in ensuring that the United States upholds its trust responsibility to our tribes. This responsibility includes protecting our tribal sovereignty, honoring our treaty rights, and ensuring that development is conducted responsibly and with the full consultation of all impacted Tribal Nations.

I hope that future Secretary Burgum remembers the trust and relationships that he's built with North Dakota's five Tribal Nations.

My hope is that future Secretary Burgum will work collaboratively with tribes to ensure our voices are heard in decision-making processes.

Together, we can address critical issues such as sustainable development, cultural preservation, and economic opportunity in a manner that respects tribal sovereignty and strengthens our partnerships.

Lisa DeVille 4A House Representative

### Letter: Protecting Sacred Lands

Jeremy Turley/Forum News Service

#### Rep. Lisa Finley-DeVilLe responds to Rob Ports column on the proposed Maah Daah Hey National Monument



Rob Port's take on the proposed Maah Daah Hey National Monument frames conservation and economic progress as incompatible. As a member of the MHA Nation and the Dakota Resource Council, I want to set the record straight.

North Dakota Rep. Lisa Finley-DeVilLe, D-Mandaree, poses for a portrait in Memorial Hall at the State Capitol in Bismarck.

Jeremy Turley/Forum News Service

This proposal is about protecting lands that hold deep spiritual, cultural and historical significance to indigenous peoples. These lands are more than beautiful-they're sacred. To dismiss tribal involvement as a "fig leaf" for environmentalist agendas disrespects the voices of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation, Standing Rock Sioux and Spirit Lake Nation. We are not pawns in someone else's agenda. We advocate for our ancestors, communities and future generations. This effort does not aim to lock western North Dakota into "economic and cultural stasis." it challenges the notion that oil and gas development should always take precedence. North Dakota has a history of balancing development with preservation, but the scales have tipped. Roads, pipelines and drilling pads are fragmenting the land at an alarming rate. Without thoughtful planning, these "thriving communities" will face the long-term costs of unsustainable development-economically and environmentally.

Compromise is critical. Tribes and local advocates have shown a willingness to engage with other stakeholders. However, compromise is not a one-way street. If Port and others want productive discussions, the industries profiting from our lands must meet us halfway. Adjusting development plans to protect sacred sites or preserving natural areas alongside infrastructure are reasonable steps toward collaboration. The Maah Daah Hey National Monument proposal isn't just about conservation or energy-it's about equity. Who benefits from these lands, and at what cost? Who benefits from these lands, and at what cost? Decisions impacting heritage, health and the environment must reflect values beyond profit margins. If Port is interested, I and others from the coalition would welcome a conversation about the proposal to provide clarity and address questions. This dialogue is essential for finding common ground and solutions that work for everyone. North Dakota deserves thoughtful dialogue about its future-not accusations or false dichotomies. Together, we can honor sacred lands, respect communities, and support balanced development. *Rep. Lisa Finley-DeVilLe, D-Mandaree, serves in the ND House of Representatives. She's a member of ND Native vote and North Dakota Resource Council.*

## For Your Information

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NFR Header J.C. Yeahquo

For Information: **Release Date: Dec.8,2024** (660)254-1900

Contact: Ted Harbin imteditor@gmail.com

### Yeahquo Snags Round 3 Payday

Las Vegas-Team roping header J.C. Yeahquo is having the experience of a lifetime during the first qualification to the National Finals Rodeo. "It's been great," said Yeahquo, 24, originally from Mandaree, North Dakota, raised in Crescent, Oklahoma, and now living in Stephenville, Texas. "I've been around great people. Everybody's helped me fill in on all that I need to do, and it's been extremely fun for me to be out here living a dream that I've had ever since I was a kid."

His status in the city of Entertainment got a little better when he and his heeling partner, Buddy Hawkins, stopped the clock in 4.0 seconds to finish in a tie for fourth place in Saturday's third go-round. That was worth \$11, 410 and helped push his annual earnings to nearly \$148,000. "I wasn't nervous the first night when I was in the (timed-event) box," he said, "The only time I was nervous was when I was sitting in the alley behind, the boxes. I couldn't swing my rope, and I was sitting there and watching these guys rope that I've watched rope since I was a little kid. I was like, this is the real deal here. This is this. All that I've waited for is right here." Saddled with a no-time on opening night, he rebounded in Friday's Round 2. Unfortunately, Hawkins snagged one leg instead of two, and the team incurred a five-second penalty. All the while, though, they gained the confidence they needed to find a payday on Night 3. "I knew I could basically leave as soon as I nodded," Yeahquo said. "With that, I didn't have to worry about scoring; I just had to worry about roping. It takes all the hard stuff out of it that I've struggled with through the years, like scoring and riding. I just have to ride and rope. When you take all that other stuff out it seems to be a lot easier." It helps too, to have a partner like Hawkins, a six-time NFR qualifier who won the NFR average title in 2021. "I didn't give Buddy anything to go at on the first one, so that one was on me." Yeahquo said. "I did the same thing on the second one, but he pencils it all down so good that he basically just knew it was going to happen again when the steer steeped right like that, so he just adapted, and he knows just what to do. "Winning money felt pretty good. I was so excited when I got out the back. I was just grabbing and shaking buddy. I was just so happy that we finally got a clean run." It can be a long 10 days in the Nevada desert, but each evening offers a new chance and a new shot at making money. The focus now is on building to the momentum the team gained Saturday. "I think I'll just keep my head down and keep roping the sharpest here," he said. "The pen of steers we have (Sunday are probably the strongest set. I don't know if the times will be quite as fast as they were (Saturday), but I bet there will be a lot of catches, and I think think it's going to be pretty good."

It's the next step in climbing the ladder to success in Las Vegas.

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### Yeahquo Shares Round 4 Win

Las Vegas-Team ropers J.C. Yeahquo and Buddy Hawkins were the first tandem out of the timed-event box Sunday night at the National Finals Rodeo, and they set a standard that wasn't beaten. It was tied, however, by three other teams. They stopped the clock in 4.1 seconds, and each of the eight men earned \$23,635 for sharing the fourth-round victory. That's a good thing for Yeahquo, a first-timer on ProRodeo's biggest stage.

"It's awesome; this was a good night for me," said Yeahquo, 24, of Stephenville, Texas. "I was just excited to be here, just happy I got a good steer and my partner did a good job. It all came together."

Yeahquo was born in northwest North Dakota, and his family moved to Crescent, Oklahoma, when he was a toddler. He's been roping almost all his life, and his adventure to Las Vegas is the culmination of the dreams he's had. He's competing with men who first qualified for the NFR when Yeahquo was 10 years old.

Most of the 30 men in the field (15 headers, like Yeahquo, and 15 heelers) are his heroes, and he either beat or tied them Sunday night. "I think after the first night, I was a little off the barrier and was a little hesitant at the start," said Yeahquo, who has earned \$45, 046 at the NFR, all but \$10,000 over the past two days. "When I realized I left right after the steer and was off the barrier, I was like, "I can go whenever I want." "That just makes my job a whole lot easier to be able to go, and I can get close to the cow and just try to turn them."

He's pushed his season earnings to \$171,341 and sits seventh in the world standings. Even after being saddled with a no-time in Round 1 and a five-second penalty on Night 2, Yeahquo and Hawkins have moved up to ninth in the four-run aggregate. If they can maintain consistency through the final four rounds, they have a good chance to collect an average bonus when the finale ends Saturday.

"I'll just keep going from here," Yeahquo said. "I don't want to change anything. I just want keep hitting the steer and having fun. I don't want to think about it too much or trying to do things to do better. I think if I just keep the pace that I'm at right now. "I just want to maintain what I've got."

It's working. At major championships like this, there's no sense in changing a winning formula.

# MHA Committee Members

## MHA NATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS & AGENDA CONTACTS

### **Cultural Committee:**

Chair: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

Member: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear

Member: Councilwoman Monica Mayer

\*Agenda Contact: West Segment Office: Phone: 701-627-8121, 8148, or 8186. email: sturner-lonefight@mhanation.com

### **Education Committee:**

Chair: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

Member: Councilwoman Monica Mayer

Member: Councilman Mervin Packineau

\*Agenda Contact: West Segment Office: Phone: 701-627-8121, 8148, or 8186. email: sturner-lonefight@mhanation.com

### **Energy Committee:**

Chair: Councilman Fred Fox

Member: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear

Member: Councilwoman Monica Mayer

\*Agenda Contact: East Segment Office: 701-627-8248; Kenny Lyson, MHA Energy Director, (701)-421-2629 or Paul Grady, Realty Specialist Manager, (701)-421-0506.

### **Executive Committee:**

Chair: Chairman Mark N. Fox

Member: Vice Chairman Cory Spotted Bear

Member: Executive Secretary Fred Fox

Member: Treasurer Mervin Packineau

\*Agenda Contact: Chairman's Office: Stella Berquist (701) 627-8122; email: sberquist@mhanation.com

### **Health and Human Resource Committee:**

Chair: Councilwoman Monica Mayer

Member: Councilman Fred Fox

Member: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

\*Agenda Contact: North Segment Office: Lexi Taft-Driver (701) 627-8103; email: ldriver@mhanation.com

### **Housing Committee:**

Chair: Councilwoman Monica Mayer

Member: Councilman Robert White

Member: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

\*Agenda Contact: North Segment Office: Lexi Taft-Driver (701) 627-8103; email: ldriver@mhanation.com

### **Judicial Committee:**

Chair: Councilwoman Monica Mayer

Member: Councilman Fred Fox

Member: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

\*Agenda Contact: North Segment Office: Janie Schroeder-Herman (701) 627-6418; email: jherman@mhanation.com

### **Natural Resources Committee:**

Chair: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear

Member: Councilman Fred Fox

Member: Councilman Robert White

\*Agenda Contact: South Segment Office or Texx Lonebear, NRC Director, 701-627-6158 or Twin Buttes Admin. Assistant, Crystal Bowen, @ 701-421-3075. email: cbowen@mhanation.com

# For Your Information

## Water Chief Hall Schedule:

**December 16th:** Parade of Lights will start at 5:00pm line up will be at the new school. (winners will be announced at the Christmas Party on December 19th).

**December 17th:** Elders Christmas Party at the Four Bears Events Center

**December 18th:** Beneficiary IIM Lonnie Wright

**December 18th:** Judging will be at dusk for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. ( winners will be announced on Dec.19th at the Community Christmas Program & Mandaree Talent show,

**December 19th:** West Segment Community Christmas Program & Mandaree Talent Show

**December 24th:** West Segment Employee Party and Pot Luck All employee's bring a dish.

**On December 17th:** The Elders Christmas Party will be at the Four Bears Casino for elders distribution,

**On December 20th:** All MHA Employee's Christmas Party will also be at the Four Bears Casino.

## MHA Job Openings In Mandaree Area

### Roads Department:

**CDL Driver/Heavy Equipment Operator – Mandaree X2**

Location: Mandaree, ND

Management: No

Description: Regular, Full-Time, Benefits

Pay: \$24.00/ Per Hour

Deadline: Open Till Filled

Questionnaire: Not Required

### HeadStart:

Cook-Mandaree

Description: Regular, full time benefits

Pay: DOQ

Deadline: Open till filled

### COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

**CHR - Four Bears-Mandaree**

Location: Four Bears ND

Management: No

Description: Regular, Full-Time, Benefits

Pay: \$20.00-23.00/per hour

Deadline: Open until filled

Questionnaire: Child Care



We would like to invite you to our

# Weekly A.A Meetings

Every Friday beginning | Mandaree, ND:  
Nov. 15th starting at 7pm | CARE BUILDING

WEST SEGMENT RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH GOOD ROAD CENTER, BUT HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO SIGN OFF ON HOURS FOR CLIENTS IN RECOVERY THAT ATTEND WEST SEGMENT A.A WEEKLY MEETINGS.

We hope you can make it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**Contact Person: Glenn McKenzie 701-502-9158**



# Mandaree School Calendar of Events

## December 2024:

5: Parent/Teachers Conferences: 4:40-8:30pm  
 10: Girls Basketball @ Killdeer: 5:30-7:00pm  
 16: Girls Basketball @ Alexander: 5:30-7:00pm  
**18: Title I Literacy Community/Family Engagement Night 5-7pm.**  
**19: Christmas Concert at 12:45 Mandaree School Gym**  
**19: Mandaree Community Christmas**  
 19: End of the 2nd Quarter  
 20: Parent Teachers Conferences: Comp day, No teachers/students  
 20: DH (Double Header) Both girls and boys basketball @Trenton 3:00-4:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm DH @ New Town, 1:00-2:30pm and 4:00-5:30 pm.  
 26: Capitol Classic @ Bismarck State College 2:00pm and 3:30pm.  
 27: DH @ McLaughlin: 10:00-11:15, 12:30 to 2:00pm.

## January 2025:

2: Second Semester/3rd Quarter Begins  
 3: DH @ Wilton Wings: 1:00-2:30pm, 4:00-5:30pm  
 9: Girls Basketball @ Parshall 5:30-7:00pm  
 10: DH Garrison @ home: 3:00-4:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm  
 11: DH Powers Lake @home: 3:00-4:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm  
 13: Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School Employees/Students  
 16: Science Fair K-12, Judging at 11:00, Award Presentation at 2:00pm in the school gym.  
 17: DH @ White Shield: 3:00-4:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm  
 18: DH @ New Salem: 3:00-4:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm  
 21: Girls Basketball New England @ Mandaree 5:00-6:30pm  
 23: DH @ Center 4:00-5:30, 7:30pm  
 24: DH @ Washburn: 3:00-4:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm3  
 30: Mandaree Spelling Bee in the gym at 2:00pm

## February 2025:

1: DH Bomber Shootout @ Berthold TBD  
 6: Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4:30-8:30pm  
 10: Boys Basketball Alexander @ home: 5:30-7:00pm  
 13: Family Cupid Dance: 6:00-8:00pm  
 14-15-17: Girls District 6 @ Washburn  
 17: All Chiefs Day: No School Employees/Students  
 24-25-27: Boys District 6 @ Washburn

## March 2025

5: Title 1 Community/Family Engagement: 5:30-7:00pm

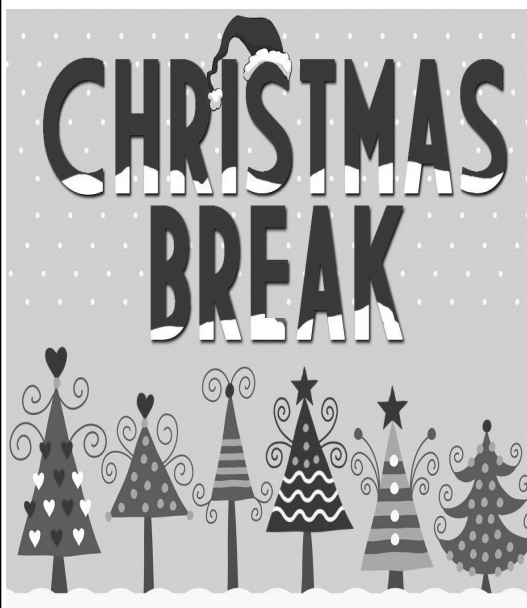
6: End of the 3rd Quarter  
 18: Snow day Make up day  
 19-21: Spring Break/No School

## April 2025:

10: **Title 1 Math/Annual Review 5:00-7:30pm**  
 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4:30-8:30pm  
 11: Snow Day Make up day  
 16-17: Cognia Impact Conference (Staff Only)  
 18: Good Friday: No School Employees/Students  
 21: PTC Conference: Comp Day, No Teachers/Students  
 17: K-12 Spring Community Music Program: 11:30-12:45pm, Spring Program: 1:00pm  
 25: Dance ? Prom 6:00pm-10:00pm

## May 2025

6: Academic, Art and Athletic Award Banquet at Mandaree gym: 6:00-10:00pm  
 8: Mother/Son Daughter Dance: 6:00-8:00pm  
 9: Snow Day make up day  
 14: Spring Field Day  
 15: K-1 Field Trip  
 16: 2-3 Field Trip  
 19: 4-5 Field Trip  
 20: 6-8 Field Trip  
 22: Last Day of School  
 24: Senior Graduation at Mandaree Gym at 1:00pm



**Christmas Vacation for Students/Teachers begins on Friday, December 20th through January 1, 2025. Merry Christmas Everyone! & Happy New Year!**

# West Segment Holiday Home Decorating Contest



# HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Judging will begin at dusk,  
December 18th, 2024.

Winners will be announced Dec. 19 2024 during  
Mandaree Holiday Talent Show!

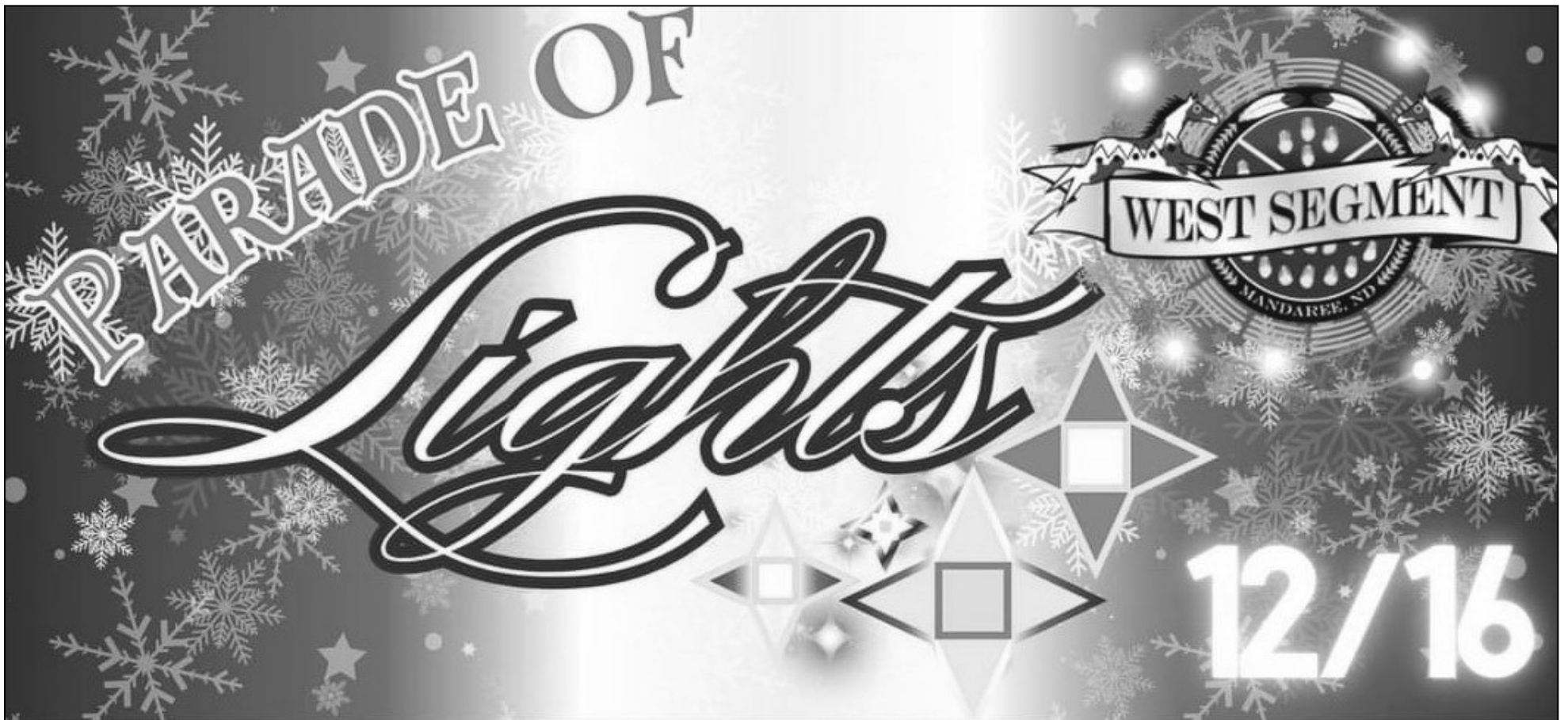
**WEST SEGMENT COMMUNITY TOWN &  
COUNTY RESIDENTS**

**1ST \$600, 2ND \$500, 3RD \$400, 4TH \$300  
5TH, \$200**

**PLEASE CONTACT RENAY BROWN TO ENTER  
701-421-4641**



# West Segment Parade Of Lights



**MEMBERS OF THE MANDAREE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS.**

## CATEGORIES

COMMUNITY, EMERGENCY SERVICES,  
HORSE NATION.

1ST-\$1000,  
2ND \$900, 3RD \$700,  
4TH \$500 5TH \$300

Please sign up with West Segment  
Events Renay 421-4641

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED  
12/19 AT CHRISTMAS PARTY.  
HOT COCOA AND COOKIES WILL BE  
AVAILABLE AT WATER CHIEF HALL.



# Mandaree Holiday Talent Show

Mandaree Holiday Talent Show is open only to West Segment community members.

**WEST SEGMENT**

**Mandaree Holiday Talent Show**

**DEC. 19, 2024**

**Water Chief Hall Mandaree N.D.**

*Join us in jubilant celebration of the holiday with West Segment, featuring delightful events, community camaraderie, and a festive feast!*

*Categories for Talent Show:  
Sing, Dance, Other*

*K-4th 1st \$125, 2nd \$100 3rd \$75 4th \$50 5th \$25*

*5-8th gr. 1st \$125, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75, 4th \$50, 5th \$25.*

*9-12th gr. 1st \$150, 2nd \$125 3rd \$100, 4th \$75, 5th \$50.*

*Adults 1st \$200, 2nd \$175, 3rd \$150, 4th \$125, 5th \$100*

*skit-All Ages-1st \$500, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100*

*Ugly Sweater Contest:-  
K-12gr 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50.  
Adults 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$125*

*Gingerbread House Contest  
Youth 1st \$60, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$40, 4th \$30, 5th \$25  
Adults 1st \$100, 2nd \$90, 3rd \$80, 4th \$70, 5th \$60.*

*All categories are holiday themed.*

*please sign up with WS Events Renay 421-4641*

## For Your Information

### “Baby Boy”



Colder temperatures, shorter daylight exposure, freshly fallen snow; what could this all mean? It is Christmas time!! The time of year to start shopping for that “perfect” gift for those very special people in your life. Well, at least that’s what various manufacturers would have you believe.

Fantastically low prices on everything from hoobiedoos to whatchamacallits to that one-of-a-kind hand crafted never to be recreated again...gift. You’re almost guaranteed to find that perfect gift for that very special someone, and it won’t break your bank. But you better hurry because they won’t last long...whatever “they” is. It’s the same shpiel every year. And year after year, people fall victim to the constant sales pressure inflicted by the plethora of advertisements. So much so that we forget the basic and true meaning of this “Christmas” time.

But please, don’t misunderstand. Yes, this is a very special time of year... for gift giving. And if you can allow yourself to break away from the constant bombardment of advertisements, you may be able to realize that you have already been given a very special one-of-a-kind, never to be recreated again...gift. A gift so special that the creator of this gift wanted everyone to receive it. No pressure on our part to deliver. How is that possible, you ask? What sort of gift could this be?

Well, it started with the birth of a baby boy, quite a few centuries ago. And according to bible scripture, this baby boy was destined to free every human being from the pangs of sin and death, because of their own state of sin. He was to reveal to humanity His identity (Jesus the Christ) and the identity of the creator (God the Father), of this one-of-a-kind gift. To help us understand that He, (Jesus), is the most important one-of-a-kind gift we could ever hope to receive.

To take the time to reflect on this baby boy and the life He lived...and gave for us. To keep our heads on straight and our hearts open wide... for Him.

Amen!

Merry Christmas!

May God Bless you always  
Have a great day with Jesus Christ  
Love & Prayers  
Deacon Dan Barone  
St. Anthony’s Church in New Town  
St. Anthony’s Church in Mandaree



### Days Mandaree Pharmacy is Open



**EMHC Pharmacy will be able to staff Mandaree Pharmacy on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm. With limited staff and weather permitted we will do our best to provide coverage. Please call EMHC Pharmacy at**

**627-7621 or Twin Buttes Pharmacy at 627-7973 for any questions.**

**Kathryn R. Eagle-Williams, MD, MPH, CEO**

**Elbowoods Memorial Health Clinic**

**1058 College Drive**

**New Town, ND 58763**



**Mandaree Post Office has a new Post Master.**

**Post Office Hours Monday-Friday: 12:00-4:00pm**

**Saturday Hours: 11:15am-1:15pm**

# For Your Information

## Holiday Hours For Wolf Chief Store & Cafe



**Wolf Chief Holiday Hours:**

**Christmas Eve:**  
**Closed.**

**Christmas Day:**  
**Closed.**

**December 26 will be open at 12:00 Noon.**

**December 31, 2024 NEW YEARS EVE:**  
**closing at 5:00pm.**

**New Years Day: Closed.**

**January 2, 2025: Open Regular Hours.**

**Have a Good Holiday!**

**Have a safe and fun New Years.**

**Any questions you can call Lindsey Fox Sepeta at 421-6347.**

## Native Printing LLC is Open For All Your Printing Needs

**Native Enrolled Member in the Mandaree Area:**

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**Silk Screen Services**

**Phone: (701) 421-1027**

**Email: nativeprinting\_nt@yahoo.com**

## 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 and Wednesday only.**

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

**Mandaree Clinic Pharmacy: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am-4pm**

## 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**

## Mandaree One Stop

**Hours: 7:00am-9:00pm**

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

**If you need more information you can call (701) 759-3609**



## St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

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

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

**Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree**

# NHS College December News



## Campus Updates

December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup> – Campus Closed for Holiday

## Events

Every Tuesday – Free Lunch at Noon in Room 37

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Fire Cider Workshop 5pm in the cafeteria

December 6<sup>th</sup> - All Staff Meeting –in the cafeteria

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Commencement Ceremony 10am at Johnny Bird

## Academics

December 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – Finals Week

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Document Deadline

December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Spring Registration

## Athletics

December 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> – NHSC @ Rocky Mountain College JV

December 10<sup>th</sup> –NHSC @ Williston State College



# NHS College December Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Free Lunch at Noon in Room 37	<b>4</b> Fire Cider Workshop 5pm in the Cafeteria	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> All Staff Meeting –in the Cafeteria	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Finals Week	<b>10</b> Free Lunch at Noon in Room 37  Finals Week  Document Deadline	<b>11</b> Finals Week	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Spring Registration	<b>17</b> Spring Registration	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Campus Closed for Holiday	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Campus Closed for Holiday	<b>24</b> Campus Closed for Holiday	<b>25</b> Campus Closed for Holiday	<b>26</b> Campus Closed for Holiday	<b>27</b> Campus Closed for Holiday	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Campus Closed for Holiday	<b>31</b> Campus Closed for Holiday				

## Obituary

Tracy J. Wounded Face Sr., was born on June 3, 1965 in Watford City, North Dakota to Joe Wounded Face Sr., and Lillie Mae Smith.

Tracy was a child of Me cirooga Flint Knife Clan and a member of the Ciicga-Prairie Chicken Clan. His late grandmother Julia Hunts Along gave him his traditional name of Awaxaawi Maceeihci meaning Mountain Chief.

As a child, Tracy grew up near Chaulk Butte, south of Mandaree. He loved to ride horses all day long, climb trees, and run the hilltops back then. He had no care in the world but to play with his siblings and other sisters and brothers who came to visit; there was something to do every day while living our in the country.

In 1979, for a short time, Tracy lived with his sister Kaye in Tempe, Arizona. While there, he taught his nephews who was about four years old, how to swim while they were both in the swimming pool. He returned home to Mandaree where he attended school. After the sixth grade, he transferred to Marty Indian School in Marty, South Dakota. While there he participated in basketball, track and football and played guitar in the school band. He graduated from Marty in 1985 and continued his education at Fort Berthold Community College to pursue a liberal arts degree.

Tracy enlisted in the United States Army and began his service in December of 1987. He was stationed at Fort Devons in Massachusetts before his honorable discharge in November 1989. Tracy always worked hard to provide for his family. Some of his jobs included working at Four Bears Casino & Lodge in the Players Club, driving heavy equipment and redoing government missile base sites and subbing in the Mandaree School kitchen. He also worked on oil rigs and did roustabout work for Dan McCauley Construction of Watford City and Kehoe Construction. Tracy also worked for the TAT Buffalo Project, building buffalo fence lines.

Later in life, he enjoyed doing ranch work around his home until he was diagnosed with cancer. Tracy loved his family. He married his high school sweetheart Collette Sitting Bear on April 27, 1987, and to this union, four children were born; Dustin, John, and twins Lacey and Tracy Jr. The couple divorced in 1994. His children, Steven and Sabrina were born through his marriage to Jolene Swift Eagle. They later divorced and Tracy married Eloise Drapeau; sadly this marriage ended in divorce.

Tracy was blessed with his daughter, Ruby Ann from his relationship with Winona Morsette. Ruby Ann, was his baby girl they were always together and hardly seen apart. Ruby Ann gave Tracy a reason to fight against his cancer because he didn't want to leave his baby girl. Tracy also cherished his six grandchildren. He loved all his grandbabies and would do anything for them.

On Saturday, November 23, 2024 with his family members beside him. Tracy Jay Wounded Face Sr., passed away at the age of 59. He will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him. Tracy was the last little brother in our family. We will miss you always. Tracy was welcomed on the other side by his parents, Joe Wounded Face Sr., and Lillie Mae Smith; paternal grandparents; William Wounded Face and Julia Hunts Along, maternal grandparents; John Smith and Nellie White Hawk, brothers; Joe Wounded Face Jr., Joebill Wounded Face, Kenneth Wounded Face, Terrence Claymore Jr., and Tex Wounded Face, sisters; Roxanne K. Claymore-Williams, and nephew Mackenzie R. Wounded Face.

Tracy's Loving Family; sons-Dustin (Kim) of Mandaree, John (Sunny) of White Shield, Steven of Jamestown, and Tracy Jr., of Mandaree. Daughters; Lacey of Parmelee, South Dakota, Sabrina of New Town and Ruby Ann of Mandaree. Grandchildren; Geneva, Dayton, Baby J, John, Crimson, and one grandbaby on the way. Sisters; Joleen Fox of Mandaree, Evelyn (John) Wounded Face of New Town, Terrie (Gordon) Blake and Gwendolyn Claymore both of Billings, Montana, Billie Joe of New Town, Muriel Kaye Jackson of Maricopa, Arizona and Wanda Smith of Poplar, Montana. Aunt-Joanne Smith of Minot, North Dakota. Special sister-Madonna White Man of Bismarck, North Dakota and many extended relatives.



*With Deepest  
Sympathy*

On behalf of West Segment we extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of Tracy Wounded Face Sr., we are all sorry for your loss. From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight and staff.



On behalf of West Segment we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! May our Lord Creator Jesus bless you all, your families, relatives and your homes. May 2025 be the best of blessings to all. From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight & Staff.



Happy Birthday Wishes To Our Elders!!

James Johnson

Ronald Brugh

Rosie Johnson

Bruce Fox Sr.

Katherine Young Bear

Lana Turner

Florene Halvorson

Ed Danks

Frank White Owl



remembering you  
on your special day..  
happy birthday !!

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

Northern Lights Wellness Center, New Town, ND

Grand Entries:

Tuesday, December 31st at 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 1st at 5:00pm

Tail Feather Ceremony

Wednesday, January 1st at 10:00am

Specials to Include:

Fancy Dance Special sponsored by Wade Baker & Family

Veterans Special sponsored by ALA Unit 300

Round Dance "Two Step" Special sponsored by Antelope Society

Jerome Dancing Bull Memorial

Vendors Contact: Dennis R. Fox Jr., at (701) 421-0032