

This Elder Was a Cattle woman Loving The Simple Country Life



It was a nice day when I first made arrangements to schedule a visit with her grandson Adam while I and Adam visited on the phone, he mentioned to me that he would be there in case his grandmother forgot to mention something that he would remind her. I told him that would be great. I then learned that he was taking care of his grandma, I then told Adam I was very proud of him taking care of his grandmother. Through my eyes, I can see that his grandmother is very much well taken care of. So, I was very happy to have Adam there when I did this interview, he was of great help to me. It was in the afternoon when I knocked on their door and was welcomed inside and sat down, we all visited for a while before I started the interview. So, with that in mind, I will begin with my own introduction.

In this era that we are in right now is certainly not the same era our grandparents grew up in or even for some of us our parents. Back then our grandparents, and parents worked hard to have their way of life either in town or in the country. Most people who lived out in the country made their living by raising cattle and having ranches, while others raised pigs, and chickens and had big gardens. It was a way of life that leaves many of our elders with memories, even when it was hard to live in that time it was a happy and a close time with family and relatives. For this particular family member that I visited with her family raised cattle way out east of Mandaree their homestead was a long way down some hills and by the lake. It was where she grew up helping her dad with the cattle. She enjoyed riding her horse Olsen and watching the cattle sometimes with her brother Jimmy. They would watch the cattle all day so they wouldn't go down the coulee where it was boggy and get stuck and die. Once the cows laid down to sleep then she and her brother went home and rested. It was a job worth her time and effort in helping her dad with the cattle. I would say she was a cattle woman since that is where she spent a lot of her time and she enjoyed it as well. Her first name is Hii shu' wah "Peppermint" she was named as an infant, she was told her grandpa Snow named her. Her given English name is Mary Jane. She was born on January 19, 1936 in the hospital at Elbowoods, to the late Charlie Fredericks and Emma (Snow) Fredericks. I asked her what clans her parents were as she goes onto to say; "My dad is low cap and my mother belongs to the water buster clan, so I belong to the water buster clan and a child of the low cap clan. On her dad's side her grandparents are; Pete Fredericks and Mary (Walker) Fredericks and on her mother's side her mother's parents are Philip Snow and her grandmother didn't have an English name her name was Red Hat.

As we visited I asked Mary Jane where she was raised, she looked at me and said out in the woods and we all got silly and laughed. According to her grandson he said; "she was raised out east of Mandaree out in the country their place is way behind of what we know today as Elmer's point". Mary Jane said, the house was still down there, we lived in a frame house and our family was so big my folks had to build a log home so we used two homes for everybody. We had a spring below where our home was so we hauled water in buckets to and from our house which was about a mile and a half. it was long walk carrying buckets of water. Mary Jane laughed and said that's why my arms are tough from hauling coal, wood and buckets of water. Since we didn't have electricity we used kerosene lamps, we had to dig up coal and hauled coal to our house, we chopped wood so we used coal and wood to heat our home. My dad Charlie Fredericks was a cattleman, as Adam mentioned that nobody knows this but at one time her dad was a policeman. As Mary Jane goes on to say; My mother was a housewife, we had a big garden, growing up we had a lot to do around the house. We had to work in the garden, we canned foods, I was always doing things to help my mother with everything. When I wasn't helping my mother, your would find me outside watching the cattle. Adam went onto to say; Out of the daughters my grandmother Mary Jane was the only daughter that would help with the cattle. As Mary Jane went onto say; In the Spring when it was boggy we had to watch the cattle all day so they wouldn't go down the coulee where it was boggy. If we didn't watch our cows they (Continue on page 4)

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Greetings to all elders, and community members an to those who live off the MHA Nation. We do hope Spring is upon us. We have yet to see some rain so the grass can turn green

Begin I start this update. I would like to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and relatives of Lana Hazel Emma Conklin aka "Bubbles," Marjorie Hunts Along and Theresa Gail

Plenty Chief. I would like to extend prayers of comfort for those in mourning throughout our other segments.

On another note, I have some announcements for our community people in West Segment. On Thursday, April 17th there will be colorectal screening and awareness at the elders meal site from 1:00om to 3:00pm. The best cure is early detection, so mark your calendars.

We are having our Easter fun day on Wednesday, April 16 starting at 5:50pm. We will have a barbecue along with fun games and Easter baskets for our youth.

It that time of the year for every one to get their spring cleaning done. With that in mind, we have scheduled our first community cleanup is set for Friday, April 25th which will coincide with the Mandaree School's clean up day. Please come to the Water Chief Hall to sign up and receive your gloves and trash bags from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

Let's all come together and help make our community look nice.

Our youth fitness and recreation department has started some spring events for you can call Michael DeVille or LeeAnna for more information at 759-3377.

Also if you need ground plowed for your garden, please call Curtis Hall Sr., at 421-7907 and he will schedule you and let you know when he will be at your home.

Just to let you know the Elbowoods Memorial Health Center locations will close early on Good Friday, April 18th, at 12:00pm and All EMHC sites will also be closed on Monday, April 21 all day in observance of Easter. For emergencies please call 911.

The Mandaree Community Board has a survey out if you need to fill it out you can pick it up at the West Segment Office, Mandaree One Stop and the Wolf Chief Store. The deadline for this survey is on May 1st. If you completed your survey you can drop them off at the West Segment office. If you have any questions you can call one of the Mandaree Community Board members.

Pathways to health and wellness with family will be having a walk for sobriety event at Water Chief Hall on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. We will start at the CARE center in Mandaree, 825 Enterprise Rd. We will provide water for the walk. Everyone is encouraged to come and walk for anyone that is struggling with addiction and alcohol. We will have a dinner to follow the walk and event.

Care Center Weekly Support Meetings:

Wednesdays: Women's Meeting 6:00pm @ Care Center.

Fridays: AA Meetings 7:00pm @ Care Center

Sundays: AA/NA Men's Zoom Meeting with Verdell Thunderhorse @ 7:00pm.

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CARE Building

The Mandaree School changed the date of the school prom it is rescheduled to May 3rd- 6:00pm-10:00pm.

Kindgarten Graduation will be Wednesday, May 21 at 2:00pm

8th grade Graduation- Thursday, May 22 at 2:00pm

Senior Graduation- Saturday, May 24, at 2:00pm



I would like to wish everyone a safe and blessed Easter.

This is all I have for now, so please be safe and if you are traveling travel safe.

Thank you for being a good reader.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

Mandaree Students at the National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair at Oklahoma University

Submitted by Mrs. Helen Bojo



Pictured above is Mr. Vender and Love Hopkins and Mrs. Bojos while at the science and engineering fair at Oklahoma University.

Congratulations to all our students for doing a job well done in the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair at Oklahoma University.

Coming this far is already a success story of our school "Mandaree" and receiving special awards in the field of Chemistry is something to celebrate for.

Good job Love Hopkins for being chosen as one of the exemplary projects in the field of Chemistry awarded by American Chemistry Society (and won \$\$\$). This has been a very wonderful journey.

A good opportunity for the students to boost their confidence and an amazing experience from our laboratory tours (greenhouse and geology department) to the different hands-on activities and they were able to talk and ask questions to different scientists and PhD Professors.

This is indeed a beautiful experience that they will cherish for the rest of their lives.

On behalf of West Segment we are very proud of these students who were able to go to the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair that took place at Oklahoma University. This gave them a chance to see a large university and meet various professor and scientist.



Mr. Vender, in the middle is Stan McCornick and Mrs. Bojo's they're all smiles while at the fair.

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would get stuck where it was boggy and die. so, we had to sit all day with them and when they would lay down to sleep then we would go home and rest. It was I and my brother Jimmy to watch and take care of the cattle.

My mother had twenty babies, a lot of them died because of sicknesses they didn't die at birth they lived a little while some up to three and six years old, so we knew some of them before they passed away. Back then there wasn't any hospitals so when the babies got sick they ended up dying. I then asked Mary Jane to name her siblings from the oldest to the youngest. My siblings from the oldest to the youngest are; Emery, Adele, Margie, Luke, then me, Jimmy, Elmer, Pat, and Carol Ann.

My living siblings now would be myself; then Adam goes onto say my grandma Mary Jane is the oldest, she's 89 years old, then Elmer he's 85 years old and Carol Ann she's 80 now. As we started back visiting, I asked her to tell me a bit about what she remembered about her brother Pat. As Mary Jane replied; I remember my brother Pat, he was such a goofy happy go lucky guy, he enjoyed hunting and riding horseback. Adam said; he was a prankster; he loved to tease everyone. He was a good story teller and now they have him at the Interpretive center in New Town. Adam went onto say; I used to enjoy it when he would come over and they would tell us ghost stories, they were really scary. As we visited, I asked Mary Jane where they went to school back then. As she says;

Luke started in Lucky mound and my dad used to take me to Charging Eagle for school. When we moved to charging eagle where they built a log house, it was from there I used to walk to school. In the winter time my folks had to drive us to school. When we were growing up, I had a lot of work to do. I remember I used to watch my sisters' kids when they were little. I had to pull weeds from the garden, chop wood, and haul water buckets and coal. I was busy all the time. Adam mentioned my grandma learned to bake bread from a cowpuncher when she was seven years old. As Mary Jane goes onto say, I remember there was this old cowboy named Jay Karp he's now buried in the Watford City cemetery. One day he came around he said Mary Jane I'm allergic to baking powder and every time I come here that's all you guys have. So, I'm going to show you how to bake bread today. So, he did holey man my dad had a hundred pounds of flour and we used it up and filled the whole table with baked bread. When my dad came back, he was so amazed he said where did all this bread come from. Jay was sitting there and he told my dad your daughter baked all this bread. I was only seven years old then so now I know how to bake bread.

When I was younger, I used to play with the Young Bear girls, Sadie and Rozella we would always play together they would come to my house and I would go to theirs. Mary Jane then paused a moment to think about what they used to do for fun when she was growing up. Adam reminded his grandmother to tell me about the story of the masquerade she went too. "She laughed and said; "I remember they had a masquerade dance and I told momma I want to go they're having a having a masquerade tonight, my mother said Well if you want to go, I'll make you a nose so I said yeah go ahead. so, I had mask and I used that nose my mother made and I really looked goofy. So, there I went to what used to be the old Water Chief Hall the original one. I got there and got off and started to go over to the hall

then I heard my brother Luke say what are you doing here go home and take those ugly things off right now. I said no I'm not and I just went inside the hall as I walked inside I seen Sam Lincoln and he's a brother-in-law through marriage so I was teasing him. And after I was done being goofy and silly. Then all of sudden they came up to me trying to take the mask off and I said no I don't want to take this mask off and they said; well we have to show the people who you are. Then they took the mask off even though I didn't want them too. The announcer said the winner is MaryJane Fredericks. Adam then said; the first prize was a horse, which her brother Luke gave to them, so she ended up winning her brother's horse back and he was mad at her and didn't give her the horse, we all laughed.

As we visiting, I asked Mary Jane what kind of chores they had to do back then. As she states; I had to cook my mother taught me when I was ten years old, and at seven I baked bread, I had to wash clothes on a wash board, and bedding, and hang them up on the clothes line, I had to haul water from the spring chop wood and haul wood. Then I would watch my sisters kids too. I did all this; it was hard work. According to Adam he said the spring was a good quarter of mile she had to walk when hauling water in buckets, so it was hard work. Our winters here out in the country were really bad, it's a good thing when my dad would go shopping, he would buy food by the cases so when the winters were bad, we didn't have to worry about food we had plenty to eat.

I remember when my brother Luke was alive, he would fly his plane to Minot he would always bring me back the latest album or a record he would get me the latest songs. Out of all my siblings, I was closest to my brother Luke. When he died, I sure had a hard time losing him, I grieved for a long time, I mourned him and I didn't go to school for a year. I remember Luke was helping my sister Margie, I guess my dad sold her some cows, and he wanted those cows back from across the river by Charging Eagle and my dad was getting the cows back and when they were crossing them my brother came back. So I told him what they and he said well I better go help them. I was home alone I was cooking and he smelt the roast I was making, he said to me when I come back, I'm going to have my friend with me I and Scot Young Bear to eat so set an extra plate. He left and I don't know how it happened but there was a lot of hills around so when he went our and tried to fly his plane maybe there wasn't enough wind for his plane to fly and that's when he crashed. So him and Scot died together.

I remember it was towards evening, I was waiting for them to come back the food was getting cold. Then I heard someone drive up and came to the house. I answered the door and I was one of the teachers from Charging Eagle who drove over to the house and told me what happened to my brother. I was so distraught I just started walking, my brother Luke has an airplane
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and he crashed my brother was 6'7 that's how tall he was. He burnt and my mother tried to jump in the fire and they had to pull her back all her hair was singe. My mother lost it and after my brother died, they just didn't want to do anything.

After a year my brother Emery came by and told me I should be in school he even came and took me to Flandreau Indian school I was in the tenth grade. I was nineteen when I went to Flandreau my brother forced me to go even though I was older. At Flandreau I was older than the students there. I remember the Superintendent asked to talked to me. When I was in his office, he started blaming me for things I didn't do just because I was the oldest one there. After I heard the superintendent's accusations, I was so upset I walked out and went to my room packed my stuff, got a taxi and got on the bus and went home. When I was at home I went to the BIA with my mother and signed up for the relocation program. Through the relocation program, I worked in California in a factory there I can't remember the town. Adam mentioned that Mary Jane had the opportunity to be in movies there but she didn't want too because she was too shy.

Mary Jane goes onto to say; Most of my time I was always by myself, sometimes Jimmy was there too but he had his friends and he would go with them. Mary Jane shared a memory she had when she was young. A long time ago when they would go camping, her mother had this big army tent she laughed that was embarrassing. I was with two of my friends Mary and Beulah Hale and I told them don't let me get off can you cover me with a blanket and her friends said are you serious. I said yes, I told them I didn't want to be seen going into this big army tent. They laughed but they did what I asked them too and my mother said what are you doing? I told her I was ashamed of her tent her big army tent. We laughed and Mary Jane said; that tent was so big, I bet you could get about a hundred people in there I don't know where she bought it.

At one time my mother did porcupine quill work and she did her quill work all over a tipi boy a lot of people were amazed at her quill work. I can't remember how long it took her to finish it all I remember was she was ad it all summer. My grandpa put something on there too but I can't remember what it was. My brother Emery was the president at the pow wow so my mother had Emery donate it. I think that tipi was donated to the chairman at that time. Adam said; I wonder what happened to that tipi that quill work is all on canvas a lot of hard work went into that tipi.

Mary Janes happy time was being with the cattle and riding her horse Olsen, he was a good horse he looked wild but he was the tamest horse I used to crawl under go behind him my horse was tame. I started watching cattle when I was fourteen. Adam went onto say; my grandmother was a cowgirl she spent most of her time with the cattle.

In March of 2020 when the Covid pandemic hit I asked Mary Jane if she was affected by it. As Adam states; We both got covid we both almost died, I had to rush my grandma to the hospital. We were both sick for a month, we had fever and our fevers wouldn't go away.

I was even at a point where I started to thinking if it's my time to go then I would go, but that's how sick I was. I remember when I first took my grandma to the hospital, we were standing there waiting for them to show us her room. I wanted to stay there to make sure she was all settled before I left. Then she got really scared she said to me; who are these people staring at me. I looked around and there wasn't anyone in the room so we knew she had seen spirits in that hospital.

With covid being here on our reservation, I asked Mary Jane from what she could see of how things have changed. Adam went onto say; When covid was here I think the younger ones started using drugs more. Mary Jane said; she never heard of cremation; I didn't know too much about it until I was an adult. It isn't right and not our way as Indian people and that's why I haven't heard about it just when I was an adult that's what these white people do.

As we talked about changes, I asked her what she would say changed the most for us as Indian people? "Mary Jane said we lost our language, and no one comes over here and visit us. We live close to each other and yet no one comes over and visits us. The only time I see my relatives or anyone is when there's a death or at a funeral. Our funerals were really honorable those four days they took care of a lot of things. Now today they want to do the white man ways. When our loved one died, we all gather together and we would sit there, they would sing. When my dad passed away my uncles took over and did whatever they usually do. Our burials were a lot different back then where they would come and talk about how they lived and spend time with the family. Now a days it's all different.

I asked Mary Jane today what shouldn't change from the past to today. I would say love, that's what changed. Today if you say something to somebody, they would get mad and back then we didn't have to lock our doors. A long time ago, if there were people traveling and they needed something they would stop by our house even if no one was home and help themselves if they were hungry, they would eat, but they would clean up after themselves and go. That was helping each other the people in independence would ride horseback and my folks would put food out so they could eat when they were done eating, they would clean up after themselves and leave a note saying thank you so we knew they were there.

I asked Mary Jane what would she like to see in our community. Adam went onto to explain more to his grandmother; she was talking about the money that people get, (royalties). Mary Jane goes onto say; The parents aren't teaching their kids the value of money and they never had to earn it. What they do with that money is buy drugs go crazy and get killed from it. There's a lot of people who got a lot of money but they would get into drugs and die. This is really terrible. I wish an older person would have a meeting with these parents and talk to them. The parents need to teach their children responsibility and values teach them good things. There are parents who aren't spending time with their kids, they just buy them what they want and

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they don't take care of it because they didn't earn it. That's not right so our kids don't know anything about values or respecting that money they got. They should be taught that what monies they do get it's a blessing but in a way it's a curse. If their parents talked to their kids they could've had their own home. Instead, we have grown kids staying here and there and they don't have a home. They don't have anything to show for their monies. Now today, we have to lock our doors, there's people on drugs that we see walk around here at night its gets scary sometimes because we don't know what they're capable of doing.

Before I took care of this whole place here where we live now. According to Adam he said oh gosh, we had a big garden out here behind the house the garden it filled three acres. My grandma would take care of that garden by herself and once in a while I would help her. I had to take care of the other livestock we had pigs and horses and our other animals that we had here. When we got our pig, she was pregnant so we had a lot of little piglets running around, we laughed. They would get out of the pen once a while and run to our neighbor's home and mess up their garden. We would get a phone call from the neighbor and they would be upset because our piglets got into their gardens. Our pigs were behind the house down the hill where my grandpa helped me built a pen for them.

Adam goes onto mention; My grandmother is in good health right now; we went to Dickinson the other day to see Carol and she must've walk about 5 or 6 miles. As Mary Jane says; My sister is in one of them homes there, the building she was in is a big building so we walked a long way. She will be out soon.

Before we closed, I asked Mary Jane if there was anything else she'd like to share. As she went onto to say; I really feel the parents need to talk to their children so they don't use drugs, get a home or do something good for themselves. But those drugs are really strong around here and seriously I think some of these parents are scared of their kids. Adam mentioned "it's these laws we have now child protection services cps. They're so involved that if you do or say anything to these kids, they will call cps on you and you as the parents end up in trouble. Now this law has back fired and this generation is really bad they have no discipline. So, whoever talks to these parents about their situations with their children. I think the parents need to talk to cps and tell them they can't believe everything their kids tell them. If these kids want to get away with something they will lie to cps and get their way, which has already happened. I think the council needs to step up and change those laws. Mary Jane goes onto say; yes, that would be a good thing, you know I'm even scared to walk outside sometimes because we live close to those who take drugs. Adam stated; One time there was a guy that had a pistol and he was walking around here outside close to our home and a few times a neighbor here was walking around naked and he didn't even try to cover himself he was screaming around. Mary Jane said; that was awful. It would be good to start teaching these kids at a young age, teach them how to hunt, or teach them basic life skills, like they don't teach home ec. in the schools for girls, they don't have that anymore. When there's people on

drugs and they fire guns, they could be shooting around and you don't know where them bullets can go, they may end of hurting or killing someone in our community.

So, my advice would be to our parents they need to talk to their kids more and child protection services cps needs to be handled more with the parents and the council. It's too bad when a child uses the cps and tells them lies and the parents are the ones that suffer for their kids lies.

In closing our visit, I thank Adam for helping his grandmother remember things and helping me along the way. I also thanked Mary Jane for allowing me into their home. I was there in the afternoon after the interview was over, we visited for a while. Then Adam got up and started cooking so I was in for a treat. You know hardly anyone feeds their visitors today, but I was fed and very grateful. I ate with them we visited and laughed. I told them both that I sure enjoyed visiting with them. Hearing all the stories they shared. Through all of this, I could see that Mary Jane was a hard-working young woman when she was growing up and the love, she had for her horse and being outdoors, just being a cattle woman. For a woman whose eighty nine years old she looks great! She reminded me of the actress Barbara Stanwyck who acted as being a cattle woman on a tv show. In the 60's some of you may remember Barbara Stanwyck acting in the tv show "The Big Valley." Well with what I wrote about today, I believe we have our own Barbara Stanwyck a cattle woman right here in Mandaree, our own Mary Jane Fredericks Yeahquo.

Message from the TAT Solid Waste Director



It's that time of year again to schedule your community clean up as Solid Waste can only be in one community at a time. We already have eight scheduled.

Thank you

Kanzas Johnson

Solid Waste Director

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Mandaree Warriors Represent MHA at the 40th Annual "All West Native American Basketball Classic



Top L-R : Korday Johnson, Nate Robertson, Teighan Halvorson, Duane Budreaux, Kyle Grady Jr., Kenyon Grady
Bottom L-R: Tommy Bear Claw, Ky Grady, Tyler Grant, Cashdyn Phelan, Oray Hall, Colte Phelan
Not pictured: Morgan Fettig, Coach Ashlyn Grady

#1 Morgan Fettig swishes a 3 point shot during the All West Native American Basketball tournament



#5 Korday Johnson swishes a 3 point shot over a defender during the second round of pool play during the All West Basketball Tournament in Denver, Colorado.

First Annual Education Conference “It Takes an Earth Lodge Village”

This two day conference was very informative. It was based on Reconciliation with Purpose, a healing-informed transformational collaborative framework. Which included pathways to creating a Circle of care, Education trauma and healing informed approaches, collaboration an understanding of reconciliation with purpose.



Faith Hale, is pictured to your left. Is a proud member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the MHA Nation. She is the Executive Director and co-founder of Ska:na Family Learning Center (SFLC), one of Ontario's first indigenous organizations focused on Child Care and Early Years programming. Faith

was instrumental in researching, developing, and implementing an urban Indigenous culturally relevant early years framework. Under her leadership, SFLC continues to grow, offering diverse programs and services, while Faith mentors the Child Care and Early Years sector through collaboration with various boards, committees, and networks. Faith holds a Master of Education, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Wayne State University, a Bachelor of Education from Brock University and an Early Childhood Education Diploma from St. Clair College. As a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE), she has served on the College of Early Childhood Educators advisory committee, presented at various conferences, and led research projects in education and community development at local and provincial levels. In addition to her work with SFLC, Faith is the President of the 7 Generations Indigenous Centre (7GIC), a College of Early Childhood Educator Mentor, and has held leadership positions such as past Second Vice-President of the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centers (OFIFC) and delegate appointee to the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services Board. Here is my contact information: faith@skanaflc.com; 519-903-4253.

This conference was held at the Northern Lights building, they had continental breakfast available as all participants checked and signed in. Before everything started an opening prayer was given by B.J. Rainbow

then we had a greeting from Dr. Twila Baker. From there the conference began with presenters such as Bernadine Young Bird who presented on “Strength based learning. Then Faith Hill gave her presentation on “Who I am. On each of the tables they put some material there where participants could make and take bracelet is what they called it. Then the participants watched a documentary film entitled “When Leaves turn Yellow.

This was a two day very educational event. The Earth Lodge Teachings, NHSC Earth Lodge Model presented by Bernadine Young Bird. This very model encourages students to see the world through the lens of our home here. This was a very important component to include because it embraces a lot of teachings. As Bernadine states; “It encompasses the four pillars, spirituality because we are spirits first. Then the people have to have a way to be our culture, our language, our social systems. Then how we maintained ourselves before non-native people came here. We had a long history of self-sufficiency and independence. We need to instill those values. According to Faith she says; our way of life has always been here and now we have to revive and understand more of our way of life. Through our education it has to come together. Connie King-Gottschall wrote; I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the inaugural Nueta, Hidatsa, Sahnish College Education conference and to be in community with so many brilliant minds and dedicated hearts to our languages and culture. The knowledge shared, the connections made and the commitment to education rooted in Indigenous ways of knowing were inspiring. A special appreciation to Bernadine Young Bird for the teachings of the earth lodge, reminding us that learning is not just about absorbing information, but ensuring that knowledge is passed with care and intention. The matriarch panel was encouraging and honest, thank you. Grateful to Superintendent Mark Bluestone joined with students and teachers. Just as the earth lodge provides shelter and a place for gathering, so too does education when it is rooted in culture, community and relationships.

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

Testimony Representative Lisa Finley-DeVilIe-HB 1545

March 25, 2025

Chairman Barta, and members of the Senate Industry, Business, and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to present this important bill before you today. As the sponsor of HB 1545, I stand before you to advocate for a change that will honor and recognize the rich history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous people in North Dakota and throughout the United States.

This bill seeks to amend Section 1-03-13 of the North Dakota Century Code to change the name of "First Nations Day" to "Indigenous people Day." This name change reflects a broader, more inclusive acknowledgment of the diverse Indigenous nations that have historically inhabited this land and continue to shape our communities in meaningful ways.

For generations, the Indigenous people of North Dakota have contributed to the development, culture, and strength of our state. Whether through the resilience of our Native communities, the preservation of traditions, Indigenous people play an integral role in our state's identity and future.

However, our current observance—First Nations Day—while important, does not fully capture the diversity of the Indigenous populations across North America. Changing the name to Indigenous people Day is not simply a matter of semantics. It is a statement of respect, acknowledgment, and unity. This change recognizes that all Indigenous communities—whether they be Dakota, Lakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara or from any other tribe or nation—have made unique and shared contributions to the fabric of our society.

This bill is a step toward greater understanding, and healing for all North Dakotans. It aligns our state with national efforts to officially recognize Indigenous people Day across the United States, a celebration of cultural heritage and the ongoing work to overcome centuries of difficulty and hardships.

I ask the committee to give a do pass recommendation for House Bill 1545, and I look forward to working with all of you to continue building a state that honors and elevates the voices of Indigenous people.

Thank you. I stand for questions.

Respectfully,

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVilIe

North Dakota District 4A, Mandaree (Ft. Berthold Reservation and MHA Nation)

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**Also noted by Lisa Finley-Deville
That this is not all my actions. I
gave you what is most important.**



Testimony of Representative Lisa Finley-DeVilIe-HB1581

March 20, 2025

Good morning, Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veteran Affairs committee. My name is Representative Lisa Finley-DeVilIe, I represent District 4A that includes Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. Thank you for the opportunity to present this bill before you today. As a sponsor of HB 1581, which provides an appropriation to the department of commerce for tribal tourism grants.

Tourism is a vital tool for fostering economic development and cultural preservation on tribal lands. By promoting and investing in tribal tourism, North Dakota can support job creation, diversify local economies, and provide a platform for sharing the cultural heritage of Indigenous communities. According to the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association[1] (AIANTA), tribal tourism contributes significantly to regional and state economies, with non-Native visitors frequently seeking authentic experiences, cultural education, and outdoor recreation[2]. Tribal tourism not only strengthens economic self-sufficiency for tribal nations but also builds cross-cultural understanding and collaboration.

Investing in tribal tourism infrastructure and marketing through targeted grants will ensure that North Dakota's tribal nations are positioned to capitalize on growing interest in cultural tourism. The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that cultural and heritage tourism accounts for over \$171 billion annually[3] in the U.S. economy, with Native American sites and experiences playing an increasingly popular role. States that have supported tribal tourism initiatives have seen measurable returns in visitor spending and local business development.

This bill will provide \$500,000 in grants for tribal governments in North Dakota to enhance and promote tourism opportunities, helping to expand local economies and boost job creation. Tribal governments may apply for grants of up to \$100,000 to develop tourism initiatives such as cultural heritage centers, interpretive trails, community events, and marketing campaigns that highlight their unique histories and landscapes.

The proposed tribal tourism grants represent a strategic investment in the future of North Dakota's economy and its relationship with tribal nations, promoting sustainable growth, cultural preservation, and mutual prosperity.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I ask that the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs committee give HB 1581 a do pass recommendation. I stand for any questions.

Respectfully,

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVilIe

North Dakota District 4A, Mandaree (Ft. Berthold Reservation and MHA Nation)

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Testimony of Representative Finley-DeVille-HB1535

Chairwoman Roers and members of the Senate State and Local Government committee, my name is Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille. I represent District 4A, which includes, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today, as a cosponsor I thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of HB 1535, which relates to the feather alert notice system, and the committee on tribal and state relations. As an Indigenous woman, I can say this bill represents a critical step toward addressing a pressing issue that affects the safety and well-being of Indigenous people not only in North Dakota but across the country.

The need for a rapid-response system to assist in locating missing Indigenous people cannot be overstated. Every year, Indigenous communities across the U.S. face alarmingly high rates of missing persons cases, particularly involving women and children. One tragic and recent example is the case of Olivia Lone Bear, a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, who went missing in October 2017. Olivia, a mother of five, was last seen leaving her home near New Town. Despite extensive search efforts, it took nine months for authorities to find her, and tragically, Olivia's case is just one of many where the response time was not fast enough to bring her home safely.

Her disappearance highlights the ongoing gaps in how missing Indigenous people are treated and the urgent need for a system like the Feather Alert, which could have potentially expedited the search and increased public awareness from the outset. Like so many others, Olivia's case was delayed by jurisdictional confusion, lack of coordination between law enforcement agencies, and limited resources dedicated to finding missing Indigenous people. The creation of a system designed specifically for this purpose would ensure that cases like Olivia's—and others across our state—receive the urgent attention they deserve.

House Bill 1535 directly addresses these challenges by creating a rapid-response system modeled after Amber Alerts, but specifically for Indigenous individuals. The "Feather Alert" would be triggered by law enforcement when a missing person is reported, using the state's emergency alert system to distribute information as quickly as possible. The quicker an alert can go out to the public, the more likely it is that someone may have seen the missing person or may be able to assist in their recovery. Studies have shown that early alerts significantly increase the chances of recovery (U.S. Department of Justice, 2019). When we look at any of the cases of the many Missing or Murdered Indigenous People, it's important to remember that Indigenous communities are often dispersed and face specific cultural and linguistic challenges that other communities don't. Ensuring that alerts are delivered in Indigenous languages where necessary ensures greater accessibility and relevance to those who are most affected. Language is a source of strength and unity for these communities, and including it in the alert system will only enhance its effectiveness (First Nations Development Institute, 2014).

Another key provision of this bill is the Indian Affairs Commission will be liason between tribes and state for the Feather Alert system. This is essential for ensuring that the system remains responsive and accountable to tribal communities. Coordination between tribal law enforcement, state agencies, and federal partners is vital for swift action, and the Indian Affairs Commission will help facilitate that. As we have seen many times, jurisdictional issues can lead to delays in the search for missing persons. A system that is both tribally led and state-supported can help mitigate those challenges and ensure that every possible resource is brought to bear when someone is missing (National Congress of American Indians, 2020). The funding provided in this bill—one FTE for the Bureau of Criminal investigation of \$250,000 for a full-time position dedicated to this effort—ensures that this system can be effectively implemented and maintained over time. The creation of a sustainable, well-resourced alert system is essential to making sure it works when needed most. Without adequate funding and infrastructure, systems like this risk becoming underused or inefficient. I ask that you give House Bill 1535 a do pass recommendation. This bill represents a vital step toward addressing the disparities in how missing Indigenous persons are handled in North Dakota. It is a necessary tool to bring greater visibility and urgency to these cases, ensuring that Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, those who have gone missing, will receive the attention and resources they need for a timely recovery. We can do better for our communities, and this bill is a key part of that effort.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

U.S. Department of Justice (2019). Missing Persons; The Value of Timely Notifications Bureau of Justice Standards

First Nations Development Institute. (2014) The Role of Language in Community Health and Wellbeing

National Congress of American Indians (2014) Addressing the Crisis of Missing/Murdered Indigenous Women/Girls NCAI Policy Brief



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March 13, 2025

Honorable Governor Kelly Armstrong
Office of the Governor
600 E Boulevard Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Request for Support of the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act

Dear Governor Armstrong,

I am writing to formally request your support in urging North Dakota's congressional delegation to support the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act. As a representative of our state and an advocate for Indigenous communities, I believe this legislation is critical in addressing the historical and ongoing impacts of Indian boarding school policies on Native people and their families.

The United Tribes of North Dakota, representing the five federally recognized tribal nations within our state, have passed a resolution in strong support of this Act. This legislation is essential to revealing the impacts of boarding schools, protecting unmarked graves, supporting repatriation efforts, and preventing the continued removal of Native children from their families and communities by state and federal agencies.

Between 1867 and 1961, North Dakota was home to 12 Indian boarding schools operating across 14 locations. An estimated 60,000 Native American children—approximately 83% of school-age Native children—were subjected to forced assimilation policies. Many of North Dakota's tribal citizens today are survivors or descendants of these schools and continue to experience intergenerational trauma as a result. Addressing this history through the establishment of the Truth and Healing Commission is a necessary step toward reconciliation and justice.

Given your leadership and commitment to all North Dakotans, I request that you publicly support this Act and encourage our congressional representatives to do the same. Acknowledging this history and supporting solutions for recovery will benefit tribal communities and contribute to the broader goal of healing and understanding across our state.

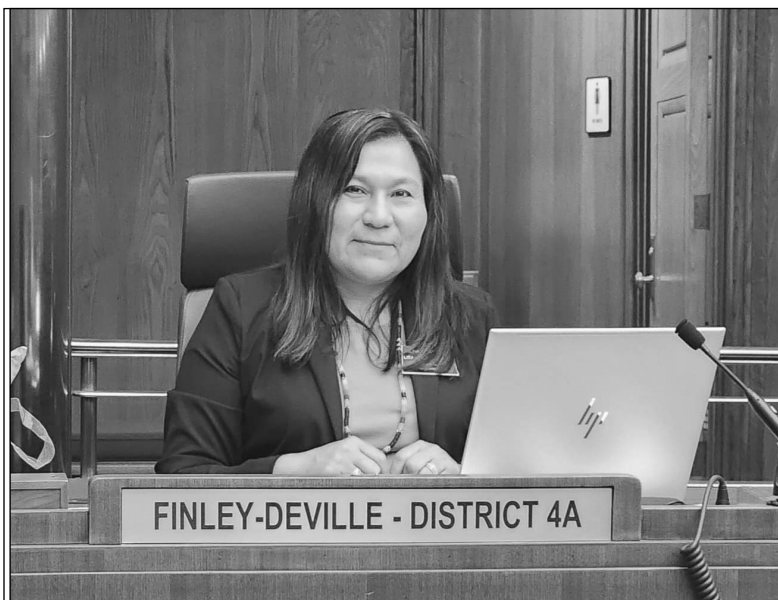
Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Representative Lisa Finley DeVille
North Dakota House of Representative, District 4A
Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation

Attachment: United Tribes of North Dakota Resolution in Support of Enactment of the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



Testimony of
Representative Lisa
Finley-DeVille
In support of House
Bill 1455
April 2, 2025

Chair Larson and
members of the
Senate Judiciary
committee, my name
is Representative
Lisa Finley-DeVille,
representing District 4

A, which includes the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. I'm testifying in support of House Bill 1455, which establishes a process for reviewing legislative measures that impact North Dakota's tribal nations and ensures consultation with tribal leaders. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. As a co-sponsor of HB 1455, I believe it is vital that we ensure tribal voices are considered when decisions impacting our communities are made.

As someone who works closely with our communities, I know how often critical decisions can be made without proper consultation or input to our State's five tribes. HB 1455 requires that the Indian Affairs Commission conduct a review of proposed legislation and determine if there may be any implications that would invoke steps for consultation with tribal leaders prior to committee hearings.

This bill is about respect and partnership. It's about acknowledging that tribal nations are sovereign governments and ensuring they have a seat at the table in shaping policy that impacts the lives of their constituents. When we communicate and collaborate, we make better decisions—not just for tribal communities but for the entire state.

I'm proud to co-sponsor this bill because it reflects our shared commitment to do better. It's a step toward stronger relationships, better policies, and a future where all voices are part of the conversation. I respectfully ask for your support and a do pass recommendation.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille
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Testimony of Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille-HB 1199

Chairman Wobbema and members of the Senate Workforce Development committee, my name is Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille, representing District 4 A, which includes the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. I testify in support for House Bill 1199, relating to the establishment of the Missing Indigenous People Task Force. This bill is an important measure in addressing the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous people, not only in North Dakota but also across the nation.

The creation of a local, dedicated task force is an essential component of ensuring that we have a coordinated and focused effort to address the specific challenges faced by Indigenous communities when it comes to reporting and recovering missing individuals. Indigenous people face unique barriers to reaching justice, including jurisdictional challenges, lack of interagency coordination, and cultural misunderstandings. This bill aims to remove those barriers and ensure that law enforcement agencies, tribes, and organizations can collaborate effectively.

The task force will identify and address the jurisdictional issues that prevent effective cooperation between federal, state, local, and tribal agencies. This will streamline investigations and improve outcomes for missing persons cases.

We must also understand why this is such a critical issue in North Dakota's Native communities. By tracking the number of missing Indigenous people and their recovery, the bill will provide essential data that will guide future policies and resource allocation. This data will help us understand the characteristics of missing Indigenous individuals and the underlying causes, allowing us to target solutions more effectively.

By approving this bill, we send a clear message to North Dakota's tribal nations that their safety and well-being matter. It is an acknowledgment that the historical and ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous people require targeted and thoughtful action. We must work together to protect vulnerable populations, and this bill provides the framework to do just that.

I urge you to give House Bill 1199 a do pass and help create a future where no Indigenous person is left behind, and no family is forced to endure the pain of a missing loved one without the support and resources they need.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I stand for any questions.

Respectfully,
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

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The Honorable Kelly Armstrong
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Urgent Request to Prepare for Federal Budget Cuts Impacting Education and Special Needs

Services

Dear Governor Armstrong,

I am writing with concern about the potential elimination of the U.S. Department of Education and its devastating implications for North Dakota's public schools—particularly in our rural and tribal communities. The potential elimination of the U.S. Department of Education would have devastating implications for North Dakota's rural schools, leaving many communities struggling to provide even the most basic educational services. In a state like ours—where most schools are in rural areas, federal funding is not a luxury; it is a lifeline.

The Department of Education's role in providing critical funding and oversight, ensuring that all students, including those with disabilities, have access to the resources they need to succeed. Without this federal support, our most vulnerable students would be at risk, and our schools would struggle to fill the funding gap.

North Dakota's rural schools rely heavily on federal funding for special education, early childhood programs, and teacher training. Programs like Title I provide essential support for schools serving low-income families, enabling them to hire teachers, reduce class sizes, and offer after-school programs. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures students with disabilities receive necessary services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, and assistive technology. Without federal oversight and funding, these services could be drastically reduced—or eliminated—leaving families without critical support and widening the equity gap between districts.

For our rural and tribal communities, the stakes could not be higher. Local districts with limited resources would face impossible choices, cutting essential services that help students overcome barriers to education. Federal protections for students' civil rights could also be weakened, leaving many children without the safeguards they need to thrive.

North Dakota's schools have always been at the heart of our rural communities. They are where our children learn, grow, and prepare for the future. With the pending elimination of the U.S. Department of Education I fear that it may jeopardize that future, shifting an enormous burden onto already-stretched state and

Local resources. Our rural communities would bear the brunt of this shift, and it is our students who would pay the price. Given the severity of this potential crisis, I urge your administration to act swiftly to protect these essential programs and develop a plan to mitigate the impact of potential federal budget cuts. Preparing now is essential to maintaining continuity of services for our students and ensuring that our rural and tribal schools do not fall behind.

Under your leadership, I am confident that North Dakota can take the necessary steps to protect our schools and communities. We must safeguard education and ensure that every child—regardless of geography or background—has an opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. I look forward to working with you to protect our students and our schools.

Sincerely,

Lisa Finley DeVille

Representative, North Dakota House of Representatives, District 4A

Flags to be Raised for the Four Bears Pow Wow

May 23-25, 2025

Friday:

Dreke Irwin-Army

Edwin Butch Grady-Army

William Well Sr.-USMC

Saturday:

George Chubby Fox-Army

Lloyd Vigen Sr.-Army

Sunday:

Herbert White Owl-Army

Thomas Young Bird-Army

Russell Deserly-Army

Continue District 4 Representative Lisa DeVille

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Representative, North Dakota House of Representatives, District 4A

For the Safety of our Kids Please Keep your Dogs in your Yard

Now that Spring is here and the snow has melted, we will see more of our students from the Mandaree School outdoors.

Some of the youth will be outdoors running and getting into shape for school track or any other activity that West Segment Recreation Department and the Mandaree School will have for the youth.

When our students or kids are outdoors especially those running we all know there are always dogs encountered. Some dogs from the old school area and some of the dogs up by the store and community center and by the new school. Not too mention outside of some of the homes.

For the safety of the youth if you have a dog it would be good if you would have your dog inside your home or your fenced yard. If any dog acts anyway or are vicious to our youth. We will have no choice but to call the pound. So please keep your dogs under control for the sake of our youth and kids who love to play outdoors.

Mandaree School

Summary of the EO Meeting with BE and Tribal Consultation

I want to address concerns regarding school voucher programs via Executive Order from Friday's meeting with BIE and their negative impact on tribal schools. Mandaree Day School, a tribally controlled grant school on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota, receives funding from the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to support Native students through education, language, and culture.

The BIE is trying to have a plan for a school voucher program, which redirect public funds to private or parochial schools, which redirect public funds to private or parochial schools, which are particularly harmful to rural tribal schools. Unlike urban areas, where families may have multiple school options, rural communities have limited educational institutions. Diverting funds from BIE to Tribal Grant schools reduces their already strained budgets, affecting teacher recruitment, facility maintenance, textbook updates, and extracurricular programs. These reductions hinder the ability of tribal schools to provide a quality education that incorporates Native language and culture, ultimately contributing to cultural erosion.

Additionally, financial inequities created by voucher programs. Wealthier families may be able to afford additional tuition, transportation, and other costs associated with private schooling, while low-income Native families are left in underfunded public schools with fewer resources. This further widens educational disparities and limits opportunities for Native students.

Tribal schools are not just educational institutions; they serve as vital community centers that provide jobs and promote cultural engagement. When these schools lose funding, it leads to staff reductions, school closures, and diminished extracurricular opportunities, weakening community trust in the education system. Rather than promoting voucher programs, policymakers should invest in improving rural reservation schools by increasing teacher salaries, updating technology, broadening curriculum options, and enhancing infrastructure. Expanding partnerships with higher education institutions and improving broadband access would also provide more equitable opportunities for students in remote areas.

While school vouchers are often presented as a solution to educational inequality, they fail to address the unique challenges of tribal schools and instead jeopardize their financial stability. To ensure that all Native students receive a quality education, policymakers should focus on strengthening BIE and tribal school funding rather than diverting resources elsewhere. Preserving Native languages and cultural traditions must remain a priority to prevent the loss of indigenous knowledge and identity.

Respectfully,

Hector Salvador Serna, Ed.D (d) CMAA

Superintendent/High School Principal Mandaree Day School

Mandaree School Calendar:

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

May 2025

- 3: Prom is from 6pm to 10pm
- 6: Academic, Art and Athletic Award Banquet at Mandaree gym: 6:00-10:00pm
- 8: Mother/Son Daughter Dance: 6:00-8:00pm
- 9: will now be a **regular school day** for both students and staff. It will **NOT** be an Enrichment Day as previously scheduled.
- 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.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we make these adjustments. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 701.759.3311.



NHS College April News



NHSC April Newsletter

Campus Updates:

April 18-April 21st-Campus Closed for Easter Break

Events:

- April 1st– Seed Starting/Transplanting in the NHSC Greenhouse @ 5pm
- April 4th– All Chief's Society Xosha Day 10am @the MHA Interpretive Center
- April 8th– Career/College Fair 9am-2pm@Johnny Bird
- April 9th-Lunch & Learn @noon in Room 37 (Drug & Alcohol Awareness)
- April 10th– Bison Harvest @10am in Twin Buttes
- April 14th-Financial Aid Easter Egg Hunt @ 8am
- April 15th-Corn Grinding and Mush workshop @ 5pm in the Cultural center
- April 18th– Maapaa-Sunflower Planting Day @ Four Sisters Garden @9:30am
- April 22nd– Meat Grinding Workshop @ 5pm in the cafeteria
- April 24th & 25th– NHSC Equine Horsemanship Seminar @ HHR
- April 24th-MHA Seed & Food Festival 9am @ Fort Berthold Native American Church
- April 24th-Job Service on Campus in front lobby
- April 25th-MHA Seed & Food Festival 9am @ Four Sisters Gardens
- April 29th– Meat drying workshop 5pm in the cafeteria
- April 29th-Storm family study night-4:30pm to 7:30pm

New Employee:

Alex Kraft-Evening Maintenance



NHS College April Calendar

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27	28	29 Meat Drying Workshop 5pm in the Cafeteria Storm Family Study Night 430pm-730pm	30			

2025 Mandaree Celebration Information

2025 Mandaree Celebration Committee

- President**– Stepanie Fox Alcocer
- Vice President**– Megan Danks
- Secretary**– Sienna Spotted Horse (daughter of Cornell Spotted Horse and Kylee Dawes)
- Treasurer**– Terry Beston
- Flag Bearer**– Donald McKenzie
- Drum Keeper**– OD Draper
- Announcer**– Aron Abbey Jr. (son of Aron & Hailey Abbey Sr.)
- Arena Director**– Shayne Lone Bear (son of Milo Lone Bear & Josy Espino)
- Sr. Princess**– Kairence Birdinground (daughter of Tasha Phelan)
- Jr. Princess**– Jeneva Goodiron (granddaughter of Harriet Goodiron)
- Headman Dancer**-Robin Hall Jr.
- Head lady Dancer**-Cora Young Bear

2025 Mandaree Celebration Bingo!



The 2025 Mandaree Celebration Committee will have bingo every Monday. Join us at the Water Chief

Hall with the early birds at 6:00pm and the Regular session at 6:30pm.

Just a reminder, wakes or any emergency event or bad weather will take precedence over our bingos.

Attention Vendors!

Terry Beston, Committee Treasurer, is now accepting payments for the Upcoming 2025 Mandaree Celebration. For more information, please contact Terry at (701) 421-3339.

We look forward to seeing you in July!



Mark Your Calendars!

The 2025 Mandaree Celebration Committee will be having a big bingo

On Monday, April 21st at the Four Bears Casino ball room.

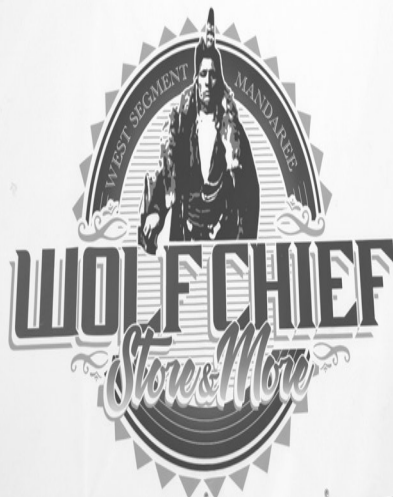
Early birds will be at 1:00pm

The Regular session will start at 1:30pm



For Your Information

Wolf Chief Store & Café Regular Hours



Wolf Chief Store

Hours: 7:00am-8pm
Monday to Friday.

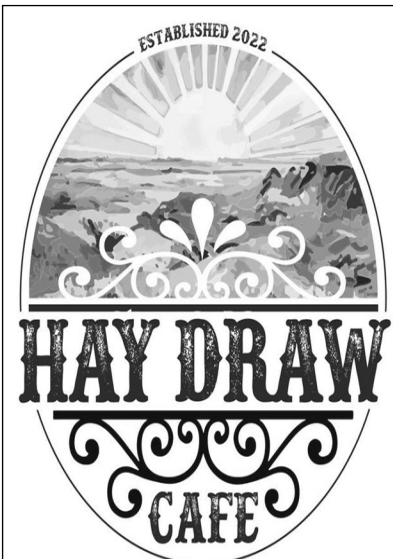
Saturday and Sunday Open
at 10:00am-6:00pm

Wolf Chief Store number is
(701)759-3140.

Hay Draw Café opens 7:00
am to 3:00pm 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.



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Mandaree Clinic

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

FNP: is in the Mandaree Clinic on Tuesday and Wednesday only.

Foot Clinic on Wednesday, at the Mandaree Clinic please call 759-3422 or Sharlene at 627-7977 to schedule your appointment.

Mandaree One Stop



As of March 24 Mandaree One Stop will be open 8:00am-4:00pm.

We only have 2 employees at this time. This may change if a new employee is hired.



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

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

Mandaree School: 759-3311

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree



Mandaree Post Office has a new Post Master. Laurel Parker

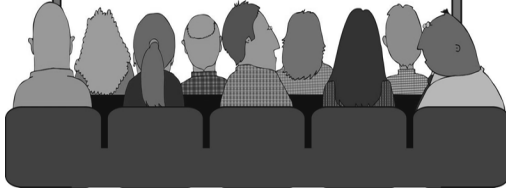
Post Office Hours Monday-Friday: 12:00-4:00pm

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

Main Phone Line: (701) 353-8854

For Your Information

COMMUNITY MEETING



Beginning this month March 2025. The Mandaree Community Board will be holding their monthly meetings every first Wednesday of the month. Community

meetings will be held at the Water Chief Hall.

Mandaree residents are invited and encouraged to attend!

Feel Free to contact these board members if you have any concerns or questions:

President: Harriet Goodiron~ 421-5685

Vice President: Kelly Bradfield~421-7842

Secretary: Marle Baker~421-1423

- Our Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7th:

West Segment Community Board Comprehensive Community Needs Survey:

You can pick up a Survey to fill out at the following places in West Segment. They can be dropped off at the West Segment Security Office. The deadline date is May 1, 2025

- One Stop Store
- Wolf Chief Store
- Mandaree School
- West Segment Tribal Office

Email: hgoodiron@mhanation.com

kbradfield@mhanation.com

marlebaker@hotmail.com

howardfettig1@gmail.com

MANDAREE HIOATSA CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 2025

Eagle Woman
5/16/1953-1/20/2023

Marcia White Eagle

Men's Fancy Bustle Special

Champion-\$4,000,
Runner Up-\$3,000, 3rd Place-\$2,000, 4th Place \$1,000, two consolation \$500 each.

Soldiers Arena Mandaree N.D. 58757

For Your Information



MHA Youth Rodeo Association Schedule

May 18th Rodeo Queen, Teen and Pee-wee Pageant

May 30th MHA Youth Rodeo Clinic

May 31st Four Bears

June 7th Twin Buttes

June 28th Parshall

July 13th White Shield

July 19th Mandaree

August 10th New Town/Little Shell

September 6th Finals White Shield


Help Wanted

SHORT TERM LABORER \$20 PER HOUR

CALL NOW


Ken Danks
 701-260-5451
 The Rooster Waterline
 BIA Rd 10 Rural Mandaree N.D., 58757.

Message From Water Chief Hall



Any items left at the Water Chief Hall will be disposed of after (30) days.

If anyone has any clothing it is to be picked up as soon as you can or it will be thrown out.



AA Meeting:
 Every Friday at 7:00pm
 At the CARE Building.
 Phone number at the CARE Building: (701) 759-3089
 You may also contact the following people:

Verdell Thunderhorse: (715) 501-8491
 Donald McKenzie: (701) 690-0308
 Todd McKenzie: (701) 502-9158

For Your Information

Job Openings In Mandaree

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

Solid Waste:

Transfer Tech

Location: Mandaree

Description: Basic

Pay: \$18.38 per hour

HeadStart:

Cook-Mandaree/Teacher

Location: 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

Applications must be submitted to the Human Resource Department-Recruitment Team before the deadline with all required documents or it will not be accepted. Applications are available online at www.mhanation.com/mhanationemployment. Applications are valid for 6 months. For questions regarding the application process, please call (701) 627-4781 or email: recruitment@mhanation.com

EMS Job Opening

We need Spring/Summer/Event drivers. Part time/full time

Must have a clean driving record.

18 plus years old.

Free CPR training and get certified as an Emergency Medical Responder.

\$336 a day for a 24-hr shift.

WE'RE HIRING



Join Our Team

We are looking for individuals interested in working as EMR drivers for our service. Please email for serious inquiries.

Opportunities include:

- ✓ In-house training
- ✓ EVOC training
- ✓ BLS certification

Requirements for position:

- ✓ Clean driving record
- ✓ Available to work 24hr shifts
- ✓ 18 years of age or older

Contact us at:

MandareeEMS.6431@outlook.com

War Bonnet Parade Schedule for Fort Berthold Segments



**FOUR BEARS
CELEBRATION
WARBONNET
PARADE**

**Saturday
April 12, 2025**

**Johnny Bird Veterans
Memorial Building
Four Bears, ND**

**Mourners Feed @ 11am
Grand Entry @ 1pm
Parade Begins @ 2pm**



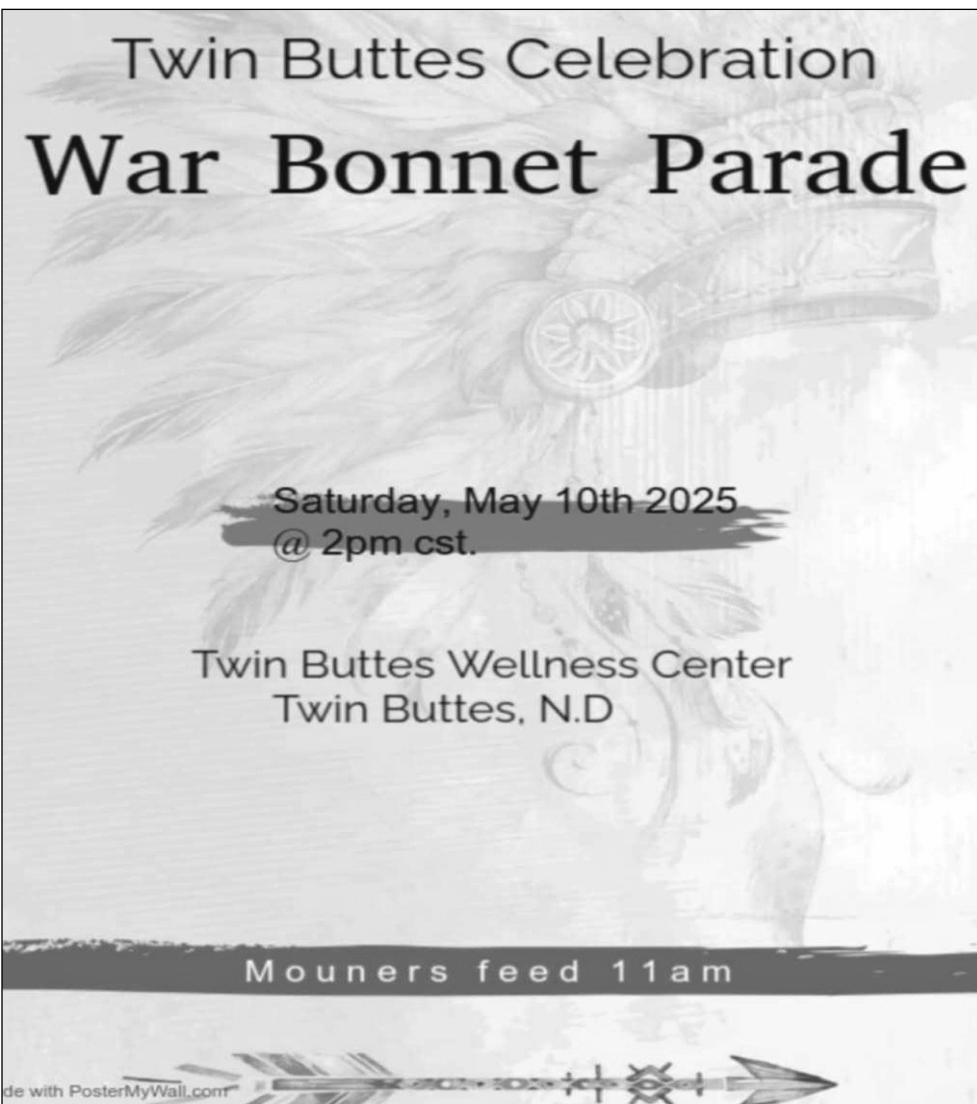
Warbonnet Parade

SANTEE LUCKY MOUND
Celebration
PARSHALL, NORTH DAKOTA
JUNE 19-22, 2025

**Parshall-Lucky Mound Veterans Hall
(Red Hall)
Parshall, ND**

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Mourners Feed: 11AM
Grand Entry: 1PM
Parade to Follow!!

Twin Buttes Celebration
War Bonnet Parade



Saturday, May 10th 2025
@ 2pm cst.

Twin Buttes Wellness Center
Twin Buttes, N.D

Mourners feed 11am

de with PosterMyWall.com



HOME OF THE ARIKARA

ARIKARA
CELEBRATION
20 25
WHITE SHIELD, ND

SAVE THE DATE!
WARBONNET PARADE
SATURDAY MAY 3RD
MOURNERS FEED 12PM | PARADE 1PM

For Your Information



Weightlifting Competition

Community Members vs. TAT Police Department

Strength, Unity, and Justice: Let's Lift More Than Just Expectations!

Event Details

- Date: April 26th, 2025
- Time: 2:00 PM
- Location: Mandaree Fitness Center, Mandaree

Competition Highlights

- Open to all members of the West Segment Community
- Three Person Team Events and Individual Strongest Events
- Bench Press, Deadlift, Seated Barbell Curl (Three Attempts to Reach Max Weight)
- Prizes for winners
- Special guest appearance by professional Strong Man competitor Nate Miller
- Broadcast live on KMHA

Registration Information

To participate in the competition, please register Contact K9 Officer Erick Torres for Registration closes on April 26th, 2025 12:00 PM. MUST be at least 16 by day of event, if under 18 will need to have parental release form signed and turned in by 12:00 pm day of competition.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Officer Erick Torres at (701) 421-3082.

Don't Miss Out!

Join us for a day of strength, endurance, and community spirit as we bring together the Twin Buttes Community and our TAT police department for a friendly and exciting weightlifting competition. Whether you're a seasoned lifter or a newcomer, this event promises to be a memorable experience for all!

For Your Information



AVAILABLE NOW

CPR/First Aid/AED



**American
Heart
Association**

Now offering CPR/First Aid/AED classes.

BLS course available for medical clinicians, providers, and community healthcare support.

- Contact Kat Luger
 - (701)426-4732
 - kat.nyberg@hotmail.com

Heartsaver course for nonmedical/general public

- Contact Josie Bingen/Heart
 - (701)421-1732
 - jbheart25@gmail.com
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For Your Information

EMERGENCY DENTAL WALK-IN HOURS (NEW TOWN CLINIC)

<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>
7am-10am	7am-10am	CLOSED	7am-10am	8am-10pm
1pm-3pm	1pm-3pm	1pm-3pm	1pm-3pm	1pm-3pm

Please remember that we must attend to patients who have scheduled appointments, which may result in a longer wait time.

Emergencies include

- Severe oral pain
- Facial swelling or fever due to an infection
- Excessive bleeding
- Broken or loose tooth
- Jaw fracture

Not an emergency

- Comprehensive exams
- Cleaning
- Fillings

Don't Forget!

Schedule a dental appointment

701-627-7927

Extended walk-in hours for EMHC emergency dental care at the New Town facility.

Here are the new walk-in hours for dental emergencies:

Mondays: 7 am - 10 am; 1 pm - 3 pm

Tuesdays: 7 am - 10 am; 1 pm - 3 pm

Wednesday: 1 pm - 3 pm

Thursdays: 7 am - 10 am; 1 pm - 3 pm

Fridays: 8 am - 10 am; 1 pm - 3 pm

For Your Information

**RODEO TIMER,
SECRETARY, JUDGE
CLINIC TRAINING**



MANDAREE
RODEO COMMITTEE
NORTH DAKOTA

FREE ADMISSION
Breakfast and lunch
will be included

INSTRUCTORS:
SHAWN MOUNT
Kami Kling
CONTACT: (701)-421-8735

9am-4pm APRIL 26TH
@JOHNNY BIRD
BUILDING NEWTOWN





**FORT BERTHOLD
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

💰 Earn \$20/hr | 🌟 Gain Experience | 🏠 Help Your Community

📅 June 1st 2025 - August 31st 2025

- ◆ Full-Time or Temporary Positions Available
 - ◆ Ages 16-24
 - ◆ Office & Maintenance Jobs
- ◆ Pre-Employment Drug Test Required (Permission slip from parent/guardian needed)


<p>MAINTENANCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSISTING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT • MOWING • CLEANING YARDS • GENERAL LABOR 	<p>OFFICE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FILING • ANSWER PHONES • ORGANIZATION • CLEANING
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📧 APPLY NOW! 📧

📍 FBHA | Hwy 1804 N. & Dakota Dr., New Town, ND 58763
☎ 701-627-4731 (Ask for Jackie Sturm or Crystal Johnson)

Office Hours:
🕒 8 AM - 4:30 PM

Rez Rebels



AA Meeting

EVERY MONDAY 7-8PM
BEGINNING MARCH 24, 2025

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Mandaree, N.D.
East of Mandaree BIA 12

Please contact Kyle Mandau 897-1677 for more information.

📖 *Let it hurt.. Let it heal. Let it go.* 📖

HONESTY. FAITH. SURRENDER. SEARCHING. INTEGRITY. ACCEPTANCE.

HUMILITY. WILLINGNESS. FORGIVENESS. MAINTENANCE. COMMUNITY. TENACITY.

 MAY 22-25, 2025 4-BEARS CASINO EVENTS CENTER	 JUNE 13-15, 2025 TWIN BUTTES, NORTH DAKOTA	 JUNE 19-22, 2025 PARSHALL, NORTH DAKOTA
 JULY 11-13, 2025 WHITE SHIELD, NORTH DAKOTA	 JULY 17-20, 2025 MANDAREE, NORTH DAKOTA	 AUGUST 7-10, 2025 NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA



Jump House Calendar

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	2 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	3 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	4 OPEN JUMP 1-7 PM	5 RESERVED
6 RESERVED	7 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	8 OPEN JUMP (WEST SEGMENT REC. DEPT)	9 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	10 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	11 OPEN JUMP 1-7 PM	12 RESERVED
13	14 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	15 RESERVED	16 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	17 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	18 OPEN JUMP 1-7 PM	19 *CLOSED*
20 Happy Easter! 	21 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	22 OPEN JUMP (WEST SEGMENT REC. DEPT)	23 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	24 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	25 OPEN JUMP 1-7 PM	26 OPEN JUMP 1-7 PM
27	28 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	29 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM	30 OPEN JUMP 4-8 PM			

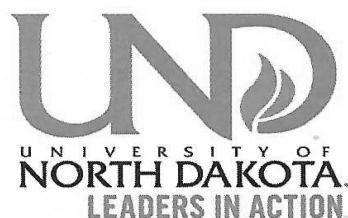
****Open jump dates are subject to change if Jump House is reserved****

Call 701 759 3122 for Jump House inquiries or reservations.



Follow us on Facebook! [West Segment Jump House.](#)

For Your Information



The University of North Dakota in collaboration with Mississippi State University



Extension and their Alliance for System Safety of UAS through Research Excellence (ASSURE)

Is offering **FREE** FEMA Training on Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS)/drones and data management to First and Emergency Responders serving MHA Nation

Training is Available at **NO COST** and includes a **\$300.00 stipend** for any cost related to attendance.

When:

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
UAS Flight Operations

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
UAS Data Analytics

Where:

Computer Lab
at Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College
301 College Drive
New Town, ND, 78763

Training Content:

April 22, 2025: UAS Flight Operations for Emergency Response (AWR-422) is a 1-day, in-person course that will prepare first responders with technical resources, knowledge, and experience to deploy UAS for a variety of emergency response scenarios. Content will cover rules and regulations, mission planning, airspace coordination, platform and sensor selection, risk assessment and mitigation, flight operations, data collection, and metadata retention. [Register to UAS Flight Operations](#)

April 23, 2025: UAS Data Analytics is a 1-day, in-person, instructor-led course on how to effectively organize, generate, analyze, and rapidly disseminate geospatial data from UAS imagery. This course will train participants on how to transform UAS imagery, video, and other data into products that can be used to support decision-making, damage assessment, and other mission-critical tasks for emergency response. [Register to UAS Data Analytics](#)

The session can host only 12 participants so register early. We hope to have all of the MHA Nation Segments represented. This training is being offered in collaboration with The MHA Drone Project.



Obituary

Theresa Gail Plenty Chief iixohgadagi-Sage, 67, Bismarck, North Dakota, made her grand entry to join her family on April 4, 2025, in Bismarck, North Dakota. Theresa was born July 25 of 1957, in Minot North Dakota to Jim Plenty Chief and Mary Jo Plenty Chief-Packineau. Theresa Plenty Chief is a member of the Prairie Chicken clan and a descendant of 'Ash Tree on a Hill' and Awahuu band of Arikara. As a young girl, Theresa attended various schools, making many friends in Mandaree, ND, Lame Deer MT, and graduated from Flandreau Indian School in 1975. While attending school in Flandreau, she met and married Tom Mancha, and out of their union their son Thomas Jay Plenty Chief was born. Theresa later parted ways with Tom Mancha and decided to pursue a degree in geological engineering. In pursuit of her education, she attended NDSU, Haskell University, and KU. With the knowledge Theresa learned, she entered employment in the oilfield as a pipeliner, union laborer, and various other jobs.

In 1984, Theresa was named 'Sage' by the late Carrie Brady. She was very proud of her name and the understanding behind it. In 1986, Theresa was involved in a life-changing car accident in Minot, ND. Through the prayers of many ceremonies, churches, family members, and friends, she found the strength and healing to continue on living. Following her recovery, she relocated to Fargo ND, with her mother. In 1988, Theresa was blessed with motherhood again, bringing Jonah Daniel Plenty Chief into this world. Theresa did her best as a single mother with her mother Mary Jo as support, and the family moved to Bismarck, ND. While in Bismarck, Theresa spent her time in recovery groups at the DLC. Theresa enjoyed going to bingo and the casino and traveling with her mother. Theresa purchased her second home in 2018 and was very proud of this achievement as a homeowner.

Throughout the years, Theresa was a very spiritual woman with her faith in the Native American Church, MHA Ceremonial ways, and Christianity. Theresa enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren. She loved having gatherings in her home for Christmas and holidays, always ensuring everyone got a present. After her mother's passing, Theresa relocated to Edgewood Vista Assisted Living where she spent the remainder of her days. Theresa was a testimony to the power of prayer and God's word. She carried the teachings of love, kindness, compassion, and gentle teachings. Theresa was a true embodiment to her Indian name Sage; she was a medicine to those who paid attention to her and brought healing to all.

Theresa is survived by her sons, Thomas Jay Plenty Chief (Lori Plenty Chief), Jonah Daniel Plenty Chief. Siblings: Claire Bald Eagle, Gordan Plenty Chief, Greg Laplante (Mary), Carol King, Jeanine Rogstad, Lenora Hale- Sustayta (John) Grandchildren: Elaine Plenty Chief, Thomas Plenty Chief Jr (Antoinette Antonio), Sahnish Plenty Chief, Dion Taylor Bolman (Tiana DuBois), Pierce Plenty Chief, Quintin Plenty Chief, Alivia Paige Bolman (Jaston Howling Wolf), Xavier Enno, Javin Clyde Plenty Chief, Logan Plenty Chief, Silas Plenty Chief. Great-grandchildren: Skylee Plenty Chief, Aaliyah Plenty Chief, Mary Plenty Chief, Thomas Jay Plenty Chief III, Taylor Benson, Miraxubaawia Bolman.

Proceeded in Death by: Mother- Mary Jo Packineau, Father- Jim Plenty Chief Sr, Sister LeeAnn Plenty Chief, Maternal Grandparents- Jeanette Smith and Richard Wilson Packineau, Paternal Grandparents- Mary Agnes Plenty Chief and Wesley Plenty Chief.

Obituary

Celebration Of Life Forever in our hearts

Theresa Gail Plenty Chief

Ixhogadagi~Sage

July 25, 1957~April 4, 2025



Wake Services:

Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:00pm
Living Waters Family Worship Center
Mandaree, North Dakota

Funeral Services:

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 10:00am
Living Waters Family Worship Center
Mandaree, North Dakota

Officiates:

Jackie Stern & Barb Miller

Senior Pallbearers:

Reverta Dragswolf

Active Pallbearers:

Thomas Jay Plentychief Jr. Sahnish Gage Plentychief
Dion Bolman Quintin Nishu Plentychief
Xavier Enno Samuel Burr
Rocky Wilkie Jr. Westly Bald Eagle

Honorary Pallbearers:

Shell Creek Native American Church, Medicine Butte Sundance, GAPS Inc.
Dakota Center For Independent Living, Barney & Merle Botone, Church Assembly of
God, Living Waters Family Worship Center and all her friends at Bingo-Rama and
Pastor- Isaac Seville.

Interment:

Ebenezer Congregational Cemetery
Mandaree, North Dakota

Obituary

Marjorie Galeener (Hunts Along), given the traditional name (Blue Rose) Micgaba`a arura do`hi, was born on August 6, 2021 to Danette Hunts Along in Minot, North Dakota. She came into the world as a member of the Three Clan Marjorie was raised in New Town and Mandaree by her family. She was named after her great-great grandmother, Marjorie Hunts Along.

Marjorie was an adorable, loving, and playful girl with a smile that could brighten anyone's day. Her favorite color was purple. She enjoyed playing with balloons and bubbles, and she had a special bond with her brother and sister.

Often, she would sit with her brother even in the smallest chair. Marjorie loved watching movies like Boss baby, Toy Story and Moana with her siblings. She also like to play indoors and would dance around with her family while her mom tossed balloons into the air.

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, our sweet three year old baby, Marjorie Joann Galeener gained her heavenly wings, in Stanley, North Dakota.

She was greeted by great grandparents; Marjorie Hunts Along, Vincient Hunts Along, Basil Hunts Along, Meridith Baker and Audrey McArthur.

Grandparents; Gerald Hunts Along, Mark Hunts Along, Ryan Hunts Along, Vincent Hunts Along Jr., Pamela Baker, and Inez Baker, Infant sister-

Shyann Renner, Uncle Basil Hunts Along. Cousins; Court Hunts Along and John Bercier, and many extended family members.

Marjorie's Loving Family; Mother-Danette Hunts Along, Brother; Gerald Renner, sister; Aaliyah Renner.

Grandpa-Wilbur "Willie" Hunts Along,

Aunts; Natasha Hunts Along and Megan Hunts Along.

Uncles; Vincent Hunts Along and Wilbur Hunts Along Jr.

Cousins; Basil Hunts Along Jr., Emily Mandan, Jeslyn Hunts Along, Pamela Hunts Along, Mark Hunts Along, Phoenix Hunts Along, Nevaeh

Hunts Along, Bentley Bercier, Bryleigh and Breyleigh Hunts Along, Shania Hunts Along, Daniel Hunts Along, Zoe Hunts Along and Vincent

"Chenzo" Hunts Along.

Obituary

Forever Loved

Marjorie Joann Galzener

Miegaba'a arura do'hi

(Blue Rose)

August 6, 2021~March 19, 2025



Wake Services:

Monday, March 31, 2025 at 5:00pm
St. Anthony Catholic Church Mission
Mandaree, North Dakota

Celebrant:

Father Roger A. Synek

Funeral Services:

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 10:00am
St. Anthony Catholic Church Mission
Mandaree, North Dakota

Senior Pallbearer:

Lindsay Fox

Active Pallbearers:

Chenzo Hunt Along Walter Rock
Mark Rock Duane Budreau
Paul Williamson Elijah Rock

Honorary Pallbearers:

Rosalyn Hunts Along Tateona Hunts Along Marjorie Big Pond
And all of Marjorie's family and relatives

Burial:

Hunts Along Family Cemetery
Mandaree, North Dakota

Obituary

Sweet Grass Woman ~ Macuaca mia'sh

Lana Hazel Emma Conklin "Bubbles" was born July 18, 1979, to Edward Flys Away and Emma White Owl in Watford City, ND.

Lana was a member of the Dripping Dirt clan and a child of the Chicken Clan.

Bubbles grew up in Killdeer, ND on her Dad's Tom Edward's farm. She loved running around on the farm and taking care of all the farm animals. She helped with the farm work and feeding the chickens, cows, horses and garden work.

She always tried to beat her sister Missy in track and went to State that year. She loved to brag all about it. She loved nature and watching the birds. Bubbles loved riding side by sides. Her favorite thing to do was to go to pow wows and watch the fancy shawl dancers. She loved her cigs and going to family events.

She always had to have her coffee in the mornings to start her day. She also couldn't live without her expensive seafood boils or her crossword puzzles.

She loved taking care of her kids and grandkids. She was the best at wrestling and had a heart of gold for everyone around her.

Lana is survived by her children: Isiah (Mariah) Finley, Tamira (Manny), Kaci (Conrad), Jacquelyn, Ben (Kelly) Heart, Jake Thomas.

Grandchildren: Alana Young Bear, Martin Finley, Tenaya Rush, Draco Finley, Stacey Demarce, Ava Lightall, Karsyn Lightall-Ortiz, Iris Dubois.

Lana's Brothers and Sisters: Jassen (Toni) White Owl, Nina Finley, Allen Edwards, Avis Finley (Sister-in-law),

Mathilda (Howard) Fettig, Mindy (Matt) Esquibel, Effie Poitra, Cherly Beldarde.

Preceded In Death by:

Her husband Jack Conklin, Michael Lightall, daughter Brooke Heart, brothers; Edward Finley, Ricky Finley, Thomas Edwards Jr., mother-Emma White Owl, father, Edward Flys Away and Thoms Edwards Sr.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Of

Lana Hazel Emma Conklin "Bubbles" Macuaca mis'sh Swęzt Grass Woman

July 18, 1979~March 17, 2025



Wake Services:

Friday, March 21, 2025 At 5:00pm
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Officiating:

Pastor Kevin Finley

Music:

Damon Hopkins

Active Pallbearers:

Brandon Edwards	Donovan Gilbert
Jayden White Owl	Alano Antonio
Holy Horse Lone Fight	Riley Esquibel
Raymond Yellow Wolf	Emery Esquibel

Honorary Pallbearers:

Kathy Poitra	Adam Fredericks
Abel Feltes	Antoinette Kitagawa

Funeral Services:

Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 11:00am
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Senior Pallbearer:

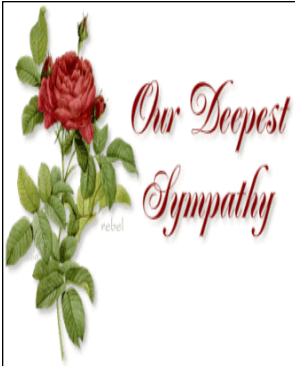
Iris Jackson

Faręwell:

Tristan Baker

Final Resting Place:

White Owl Family Cemetery
Mandaree, ND



On behalf of West Segment we extend our sincere condolences to the family and relatives of Lana Hazel Emma Conklin aka "Bubbles." Marjorie Galeener and Theresa Gail Plenty Chief. Our heartfelt prayers are with these families and their relatives.

We would also like to extend my condolences to the other segments who have lost loved ones.

From: Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight & Personal



On behalf of West Segment we would like to say "Happy Easter" to everyone far and near!

Have a wonderful time with your family and relatives in celebrating this holiday.

From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight & Personal.

WEST SEGMENT

MANDAREE EASTER FUN DAY

APRIL 16, 2025

WATER CHIEF HALL MANDAREE, N.D.
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM ALL EVENTS WEATHER PERMITTING

3 Legged Race	Wheel Barrel Race
5pm Boys & Girls Ages 5 to 7	5:15pm Boys & Girls ages 5 to 7
5:15 Boys & girl Ages 8 to 13	5:30pm Boys & Girls Ages 8 to 13
5:30 Boys & Girls Ages 14 to 18	5:45pm Boys & Girls Ages 14 to 18
6:00 PM Water Chief Hall Gym Elders Pick an Egg 55 and over	
6:30 West Side Gym Scavenger Hunt 7 to 12 Grade	
7:00 inside WCH Gym Egg Hunt 1 to 2 ages-	
7:15 Outside front of WCH Gym Egg Hunt 3 to 4 ages	
7:25 East side of Hall Egg Hunt 5 to 6 ages	
7:40 Park Area Egg Hunt 7 to 8 Grade	
8:00 PM Pow-Wow Grounds Relays Water Ballons 4 to 8 ages/ 6 Team	
8:10 Pow-Wow Grounds Relays Water Ballons 9 to 13 years/ 5 Team	
8:20 Pow-Wow Grounds Relays Hoola Hoop Roll 14 to 18/ 4 Team	
8:45 Hiraaca Egg Game All Ages	
Prize awards	



Happy Birthday Wishes To Our Elders!!

- Veronica Serdahl
- Ethan Hall
- Claryce Mandan
- Sheila Jenner
- Clayton Danks
- Eldora Poitra
- JoAnn Keehn
- Paula Danks
- Clement Baker Jr.



BirthDay
greetings

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