

West Segment News

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Snow Covers the Valley of West Segment

Photos by Jesus Leyva



Pictured above you can see most of Mandaree, there is snow every where and why shouldn't there be it's only December and winter is just beginning for us!

In the photo to your left is taken from east route 12 coming into Mandaree. I like this picture as you can see the sunset and shows how beautiful our land is here in the West Segment community. I wouldn't have access to these pictures if it weren't for Jesus Leyva who was gracious enough to share these photos. So I for one say thank you to Jesus for taking such awesome pictures so everyone can enjoy seeing our community.



Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Happy Holidays! greetings to our readers far and near. I would also like to say "Happy New Year" as we welcome in the new year 2026 at the end of this month.

Before I begin this update, we had a few losses in our community. I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family and relatives of Michelle Mitchell,

Anna Rubia and Kelly Spotted Bear. We are truly sorry for your loss. May our prayers comfort your families.

As you all know this is the busiest month for everyone. The Holiday Season is upon us once again. Lighting the Pathways New Year's Parade which was previously the Parade of Lights. We have postponed it until 2026. To preregister you can get ahold of the West Segment events dynamic duo, Renay at 421-4641 or Ann at 421-1365. Categories; EMT, Fire & Rescue, Law Enforcement, community floats, ATV's, vehicles, horse parade groups of three or more. We have West Segment list of December events which are on page 18 of the West Segment news.

On December 17 the Elders Christmas luncheon will be at the Four Bears Casino & Lodge events Center. For dinner, bingo and door prizes, music, vendors and the elders disbursements. Also the West Segment Receptions department will be taking our youth to the Bottineau winter Park on January 2, 2026.

For more details on the Bottineau Winter Park trip you can see the poster on page 16. Other events going on too. The MHA tribal employees and segments are invited to attend the Christmas party at the Four Bears Casino on December 19th. A Mandaree Winter Celebration will be on December 20th and 21st at the Mandaree new high school gym. You can see the poster on the last page. This winter celebration is sponsored by Jerrilane Lincoln and family.



Don't forget to mark your calendars on December 23rd at 5pm for the West Segment Community dinner, gift giving and talent show all at the Water Chief hall here in Mandaree. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a meal, gifts and talent show!



I recently attended the Mandaree School Christmas concert and I must say, of what I seen there, was all their amazing talent.

I applaud all the students, teachers and staff, you did an awesome job! I would like to remind all parents to please mark your calendars for December 23rd. That's the date we have set for our community West Segment Christmas dinner, talent show, and gift giving all starting at 5:00pm at the Water Chief Hall. Remember Parade of lights was

cancelled due to PTC at school. We changed the name Parade of Lights to Lighting the Pathways New Years Parade.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year!

From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight and the West Segment employees.

Thank you for being a good reader.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight



For Your Information

Article and photos submitted by Lisa DeVille



In November the Mandaree Public School held their Indigenous Cultural Event.

I was honored to be invited to give the ND Representative District 4A update. Walter DeVille Sr., was the Mcee.

Before I spoke the Mandaree School Interim Superintendent spoke and an elder in our community spoke about growing up here in Mandaree. An honor song was rendered by the Mandaree Warrior drum group. In recognition for Mrs. Dawn Stroh, Amiah DeVille, Morgan Fettig, Tommy Bear Claw and Natie Mann. I would like to say thank

you to Ms. Eldora Poitra who was the Organizer for inviting me and



the Mandaree Warriors drum group for singing the honor song. This honor song was rendered for as I mentioned before Mrs. Dawn Stroh who has taken on many hats at the Mandaree School, Amiah DeVille cross

country state middle school 5th place (only class B runner in top 20), Morgan Fettig High School B state 19th place, Tommy Bear Claw Football all district and Natie Mann Volleyball all conference. You can see their photos on page 6.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Winter Safety Starts with Sensible Choices

Plan your travel route and let someone know your plans and what time you leave. Give yourself extra time and know the weather and road conditions between where you are and where you're going, before you start your trip.

Check conditions by visiting travel.dot.nd.gov, texting 511, or by downloading the ND Roads app.

ROAD CLOSED

- Never travel on closed roads – it is against the law to go around road closure gates.
- Don't use GPS to find another route – if roads are closed due to weather conditions, secondary roads are not cleared and traveling on them is extremely hazardous.

- Don't CROWD the plow – snow plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently. The road behind an active snow plow is safer for driving. If you are behind a snowplow, stay behind it or use caution when passing, especially in a "snow fog."

More Advice for the Road

- Slow down – observe speed limits AND drive for the road conditions.
- Be aware of changing road conditions.
- Increase following distance – 8 to 10 seconds is a good rule to follow.
- Do NOT use cruise control on compacted snow or in icy conditions.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Control steering – if you're skidding, steer in the direction of the skid and do not overcorrect.
- ABS brakes – apply firm steady pressure on brake pedal.
- Turn your lights on – especially during snowy blizzard conditions.
- Always buckle up – buckle up in the front and back, make sure children are correctly restrained.

If you're stalled, stay with your vehicle – DO NOT walk for help, it is safer to stay with your vehicle. Call 911 and wait for help. Clear the exhaust pipe of any snow and run it only sporadically – just long enough to stay warm.

Emergency: Dial 9-1-1
Road Info: Dial 5-1-1

Be Legendary.™

Around West Segment



As you can see these guys unloading the turkey and ham for the gift baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday. This event took a lot of preparing for our community. They unloaded, separated and opened these loaded boxes so our people could have a choice of turkey or ham. As soon as they arrived then the team of employees and workers got busy to make the baskets for Thanksgiving. Pictured to your right are the team of workers who graciously made it possible for us to have a Thanksgiving basket for our families.



The turkeys were given to us by the Energy Transfer Team. They're the ones who unloaded the turkeys and stacked them up.

On behalf of West Segment we are very thankful and grateful to the Energy Transfer Team for furnishing the turkeys for our families. We appreciate your team a lot and not to mention helping out the West Segment team. A big thank you to our Councilwoman Gladys Sherry



Turner-Lone Fight for the Ham and the fixings.

Enjoy the pictures that were taken when they distributed the Thanksgiving baskets.

On the next page we have more pictures for you to enjoy of people and families who gathered at the Water Chief Hall to pick up their Thanksgiving basket.



Around West Segment



These community members left with smiles on their faces & were Very thankful!



Mandaree School News

Mandaree Boys Basketball head Coach

Interview questions by LeeAnn Nation article written by Editor



This young lady has many fans from all over Indian country and in the United States and Canada. I say that because she is well known for competing in Indian relay races. Her name is Hailey Vigen, her parents are Daniella and Lloyd Vigen. Hailey is a Mandaree high school alumni. She went to college at Lake Region State College. Hailey was recently hired as the boys head coach for the basketball team.

Some may think it's very different to see a young lady coaching a high school boys basketball team. Yes, I too would say it's very different, we all know that women have come a long way in today's world. I see Hailey as a very unselfish, disciplined, caring and patient young lady. She

believes in being successful as far as competing is concerned. She can easily influence students to believe in themselves, to think positive as well as being successful. Not only does she coach basketball but she also helps with the high school rodeo team.

Her hobbies include competing in Indian relay races, where she has been victorious and is well known. She has competed in Indian relay races throughout the United State as well as Canada. People know who she is when they hear Saddle Butte Sisters. According to Hailey, she says; "I enjoy just being outdoors, I spend a lot of time with my horses and cows. I love competing and watching rodeos". You can say this young lady is a cowgirl as well.

With all those skills she has developed for herself, all combined will help her pave a new pattern as the head coach for the boys basketball team.

According to Hailey here are some of her goals; "For this season I just want to be more successful and to start a program where the students can really excel and create a healthy environment for all young athletes to excel." With her life experiences, her education, with her positive encouragement, she will accomplish her set goals for the students at the Mandaree School.

On behalf of West Segment we are very fortunate to have her as the boys head coach. She has a lot to offer and most of all she wants our students to be successful and succeed in whatever they want to do.

Mandaree School Athletic and Academic Banquet



Amiah DeVille with her ND Middle School State Cross Country All State Award.



Morgan Fettig receives his 2025 ND All State Cross Country Award.



Mandaree Football Coaches; Demetric Ranger and Dante Sage present Tommy Bear Claw his 2025 ND High school 6 Man All Conference Award.



We apologize for not getting everyone's photo and awards in this paper.

Natie Mann with her ND high school Volleyball All District Team and MVP Award.

Coaches Inside the Mandaree School

All photos and interview questions by LeeAnna Nation article written by Editor



When this guy isn't wearing his dancing regalia you will most likely see him wearing casual clothing. All the students know who he is at the Mandaree School. Donovan Abbey is currently the Head Coach for the girl's basketball team here at the Mandaree School.

His parents are the late Aron Abbey and Kay (Good Bird) Abbey. His mother Kay currently resides in Dickinson, ND. Kay is the eldest of her siblings. His grandparents are the late Emery Good Bird Sr., and Charlotte Eckiss.

Donovan graduated in 2001 from Belcourt and after high school he went to United Tribes Technical college in Bismarck. He played basketball there for two years. He is proud to say he was a part of the 2001-2002 team that made it to nationals. Donovan has worked in many capacities. He worked for the MHA Education department. He has 13 years of experience in coaching both high school boys and girls combined. His main goal for the students at the Mandaree school is to get them to college or get them interested in obtaining a certificate for a job. Donovan states; "My hope is to get our kids off to college and maybe for some we can help them obtain a basketball scholarships to help pay for college like we did in the past with our student athletes. I would love for our students to go out and get educated then come back and help our youth and break the bad cycles we have in our community. What I mean by those bad cycles; they are generational problems like; alcohol and drugs. At Mandaree school we have had students with so much talent but they continue those bad cycles and in doing so, our kids end up wasting their talents. I would like to see students get educated come home and help start a new cycle of living healthy."

During his time when he isn't coaching Donovan shares his interests and hobbies. Pow wows have always been a part of his life when he was growing up. I remember seeing Donovan and his siblings with their folks at many pow wows, when I traveled with my daughter through out Indian country. So, Donovan grew up in the pow wow circuit. He also enjoys creating and doing crafts with his family and most of all he loves coaching. Today he enjoys traveling with his wife and family to pow wows throughout the United States and Canada. His wife Caspie is a champion traditional Crow dancer who also grew up on the pow wow trail and Donovan is a champion traditional dancer as well. They are both active in the pow wow world not only out there but around home as well. When they are called upon for pow wow committee duties here and other places as well they gladly accept the responsibly. With a combination of the pow wow circle and being on the sidelines of coaching, Donovan is always in tune with students and kids. We are indeed lucky to have him guiding and teaching our students.

On behalf of the West Segment News, we thank Donovan for his expertise as he continues to set good moral values and offers a positive direction for our students here in Mandaree.



If you're from Fort Berthold, then you know of him. Around home we may not know him personally or maybe we're just acquainted with him. For the most part many people they have seen him at church offering sermons or sadly at funerals offering his services.

This man is definitely there for his people regardless of the need. He is also there for the kids. His given English name is Kevin Finley, he was blessed with his Indian name "Gi dabi Itsia" meaning Strong Bull. His paternal grandparents are the late; Evan Sr., and Louise Finley, his maternal grandparents are the late;

Benjamin and Helen Good Bird.

Kevin went to school in New Town and he attended the University of Mary. He considered himself blessed to have graduated from both places. According to Kevin he says; "My heart has always been in Mandaree where I was born and raised, even though I can't vote here".

Today he works at the Mandaree School as the assistant girl's basketball coach. Kevin enjoys working with his nephew Donovan Abbey. Kevin says Donovan has done and is doing a great job with the youth in our community.

He has goals for the students and athletes of the Mandaree School. Kevin goes onto to say; "To strengthen their potential as student athletes that can move them into college and be an example of what discipline and hard work can produce. I firmly believe we have the resources right here in Mandaree to help our students achieve success and maybe someday come home and help our future generations by creating a strong cycle.

Kevin has a strong background in coaching students. Before he coached high school, he coached at the college level. He coached at United Tribes in Bismarck for nine years. With all his experience, he offers great advice and guidance for our students on the high school level in basketball.

Today, when he isn't doing sermons or coaching students. He enjoys his hobbies in working with our youth or raising his horses.

On behalf of the West Segment News we say thank you to Kevin for what he does for our students and our people throughout the segments of Fort Berthold. We thank him for his services to all communities and our students at the Mandaree School.

Looking Back At 2025



For November 2025-New lights displayed on Highway 22.



August 2025-Elders went for a 3 hour cruise on the River Willow boat.



June 2025-Shannoah Danks named our 1st Miss MHA Rodeo



For October 2025-Mandaree High School XC Team Qualified for State.



May 2025-Fire near route 17 and Tunnel Point.



September 2025-Two Wildland Engines were given to the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department.



July 2025- Groundbreaking ceremony for the Bruce Fox Sr., Water Plant in Mandaree, ND



April 2025- Mary Jane Yeahquo a featured elder.

Looking Back At 2025



March 2025– Mandaree Students attend Science & Engineering Fair at Minot State University



December 2025- Here is a landscape photo of the construction here in Mandaree this picture was taken by Jesus Leyva. This is how the construction looked earlier before the snow came.



February 2025-West Segment youth enjoyed a trip to Bottineau Winter Park for sledding, and tubing.

On behalf of the West Segment community, we thank Energy Transfer for the turkeys that were given out to our community members for Thanksgiving.

We are also grateful to our Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight for the ham and fixings that completed our Thanksgiving baskets. To her staff for their hard work, just know that we appreciate all of the West Segment employees for all that they do for us as community members. We are very thankful!



January 2025– Lisa DeVille Re-Elected as District 4A Representative



WISHING YOU A
Happy Fall Season

We're grateful for our continued relationship with the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and are honored to be your neighbors here in North Dakota.

Please accept this turkey as a small token of our appreciation. We hope it helps make your family gatherings even more special—filled with love, laughter, and togetherness.

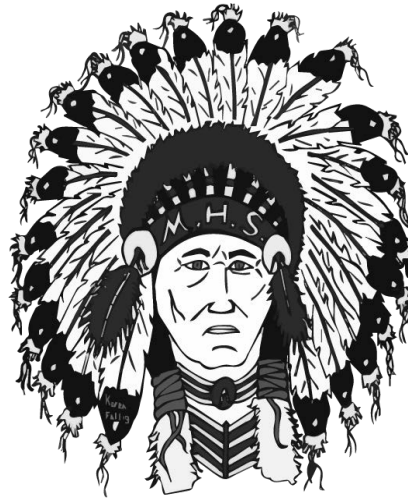
With gratitude,
The Energy Transfer Team

Lady Warriors in Action Against McLean Cougars

Photos and captions by LeeAnna Nation



Warrior drum group singing the Hidatsa flag son for the season opener of Lady Warriors vs Lady Braves.



Passion Lincoln sinks a free throw during varsity game vs Central McLean.



8th grade guard Brighton Johnson cashes in a 3 pointer during the game against Central McLean.



Jacely Martinelli # 30 wins the opening tip off during the Lady Warriors vs Central McLean Cougars.



To your left is: Cora Mann makes a layup with the inbound assist from Kota Stiffarm

To your right: Lady Warriors Senior Captain Natie Mann drives past defenders during the Central McLean matchup



For Your Information Dates of Warbonnet Dances in our Area



For Your Information

Welcome Two New Babies in Our Community!

Permission and submission of photos by parents



Parents are pictured with their newborn; Juniper Kurt Feltes

Born: 11-9-25

Weight: 8lbs 5oz

Length: 22 inches

Paternal Grandparents; Antoinette Frances Kitagawa and Benji Kurt Kitagawa.

Maternal Grandparents; Nicole and Todd Litcher

Jerry Michael Good Bird

Born: November 16, 2025

Weight: 7lbs 3.5 oz

Length: 20 1/2 inches

Named after Grandpa Jerry and Mike Smith.

Parents are Steven Good Bird and Nancy Lincoln.

Paternal Grandparents: Emery Good Bird and Loretta Lone Bear

Maternal Grandparents: Monte and Denise Lincoln.

2025-2026 Mandaree Celebration Committee

Food Pantry Donations/Baby Item Drive

Drop off on Sundays during the 2026 Mandaree Celebration bingo fundraisers and receive \$10.00 off regular bingo packet or \$15.00 off regular bingo 2 packets.

Early Birds start at 4:00pm and the regular session at 4:30pm.

Accepting unopened non-perishable food items, hygiene products, laundry supplies, pet food, baby foot/formula.

All items must be equal to \$10.00 or \$15.00.

All donations will go to the West Segment Emergency Closet Food Pantry.

Any questions contact:

Roberta White Eagle: (701) 421-8899

Lisa DeVille: (701) 421-8020

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EMS Update for Your Information

Hello Friends and Family,
 Happy Holidays from Mandaree EMS.
 We hope everyone is staying warm and to remind you of some winter safety tips. Remember to keep a winter safety kit in all vehicles. This includes but not limited to:
 Water
 snacks
 jackets, gloves and hats
 a warm blanket
 snow shovel and ice scraper
 tow rope
 First aid kit
 hand warmers
 portable jump pack
 phone charger

Congratulations to Abel Feltes on the birth of his son Juniper Kurt Feltes born on Nov.29,2025.

We also want you to know signs and symptoms of STROKE.

Remember every MINUTE that goes by, you or a loved one is losing valuable brain function. The sooner you call 911 or get treated the less deficits you will have.

If you notice any loss of balance, blurry vision, face drooping, arm weakness, or slurred speech call 911 immediately. It is better to have us come check on you for any of these than have you wait and suffer from a stroke. You can have one symptom or multiple. Please call as soon as possible, remember we are 30 to 45 mins from the hospital. do not hesitate to call 911.

Thank you

Josie Bingen RN-EMT

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

EMS if Offering Training



EMS offers CPR and First Aid. You can contact: Katarina @ (701) 426-4732 or Josie @ (701) 421-1732



WHEN IT COMES TO STROKE, BE FAST CALL 911

Any one of these sudden **SIGNS** could mean a **STROKE**

- Balance**
Watch for sudden loss of balance
- Eyes**
Check for vision loss
- Face**
Look for an uneven smile
- Arm**
Check if one arm is weak
- Speech**
Listen for slurred speech
- Time**
Call **911** right away

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



The Endangered Species Act

Recent actions taken by the Trump Administration that weaken the Endangered Species Act should concern every one of us who depends on clean water, healthy land, and the survival of the wildlife we share this planet

with. In the past year, the administration has moved quickly to undo long-standing protections that were put in place to keep species from disappearing and to ensure their habitats remain intact.

They brought back the “God Squad,” a federal committee that can override endangered species protections when industry wants it. They reversed conservation rules that helped restore damaged ecosystems. They proposed weakening habitat protections for species already struggling to survive. And they pushed thousands of oil and gas leases forward on public lands without full environmental review. Each of these decisions shifts the balance even further toward corporations and away from the health of our land, water, and communities.

For those of us living in the heart of the Bakken oil field, where industry is already right at our doorstep, these rollbacks show up in our air quality, in our drinking water, and in the wildlife and plants we’ve relied on for generations to nurture our ecosystems and as traditional foods and medicines. When habitats are destroyed, the species aren’t the only ones harmed. Our families and future generations will feel the impacts too.

The Endangered Species Act has always been a safety net that keeps our natural systems from collapsing. Weakening it puts everything at risk. I believe we have a responsibility to speak up when that safety net is being torn apart. Protecting the species and the lands we depend on is part of protecting ourselves.

We deserve policies rooted in science, respect, and long-term thinking and no shortcuts that benefit a few at the expense of everyone else. Our communities, and the species we share this land with, deserve better than this.

Federal transfer of Office of Indian Education (OIE) functions to the Department of Interior (DOI)

Once again, we are watching federal agencies make decisions for us without consulting us. The downsizing and reshuffling of Native education programs may look like an administrative choice on paper, but on the ground, it impacts real Native students, families, and schools. Tribal nations have treaty rights, legal standing, deserve our input when decisions of this magnitude are going to impact us. No federal agency should move Native education programs without meaningful tribal consultation. Tribal sovereignty isn’t optional, and our students deserve better. Do it right, or don’t do it.

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille

U.S. EPA limiting the scope of the Clean Water Act

The EPA’s decision to narrow the scope of the Clean Water Act is troubling, especially for communities like ours who live with the consequences of weakened water protections from oil and gas development. Wetlands are vital to our survival. They filter pollution before it reaches our rivers, reduce flooding, and sustain entire ecosystems and habitat for thousands of aquatic species and cultural plant life that our people have depended on for generations. Removing federal protections ignores the science and the reality on the ground, where every acre of wetland lost creates real harm.

A lot of this comes down to the long debate over what counts as “waters of the United States,” or WOTUS. Different administrations have shifted the definition back and forth and sometimes protecting small streams and headwaters, sometimes not. After a Supreme Court ruling narrowed it even further; we’re now left with a system that leaves far too many wetlands unprotected and at risk.

For Tribal Nations, decisions like this hit even harder. Many live downstream from major industrial activity, and we’ve seen firsthand what happens when companies are allowed to pollute with minimal oversight. Weakening safeguards means one thing: more contamination in our water and more burden on our communities to monitor, clean up, and live with the consequences. It is unacceptable that the agency tasked with protecting environmental health is instead opening the door to more risk.

Our communities deserve stronger protections, not weaker ones. We have fought for decades to ensure our children and grandchildren have clean water, and this rollback takes us in the opposite direction. We need federal partners who respect our lands, our knowledge, and our sovereignty; not policies that disregard the wellbeing of Native families and rural communities across the country.

Introduction Legislative Summary – North Dakota Tribal Impact

General Overview:

- About 75% of North Dakota bills impact tribal nations.
- Most tribal members in the state live off-reservation.
- We had 1000 bills with 600 bills to be voted on.

We anticipate April 28 to finished with 69th Legislative Assembly Bills I Sponsored (4 Total):

HB 1545: *Rename First Nations Day to Indigenous Peoples Day*

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

Passed in both the House and Senate. Governor Armstrong's signed.

HB 1581: *Tribal Tourism Fund*

Passed but amended to \$100,000 – each ND tribe is eligible for \$20,000 (with a \$20,000 match required) and each ND tribe must apply. Awaiting Senate vote.

Failed Bills:

HB 1611: *Chemical & Oil Spill Study on Ft. Berthold*

Requested \$100,000 for NHSC to study how spills on highways impact public health, road, and environment.

I received support for the bill from Chairman Fox, who submitted a no-objection letter. The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was willing to assist in identifying spill locations, and the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) confirmed there are existing easements on state highways within the Fort Berthold Reservation.

The bill failed in the House committee, which claimed that similar studies already exist in North Dakota. Through my own research, I filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the ND DEQ, who responded that no such studies have been conducted. They clarified that their role is limited to clean-up, not long-term impact studies. DEQ referred me to a researcher at NDSU, Thomas, who also confirmed that there are no completed studies on oil or chemical spills affecting tribal lands — only a single study on a spill in Tioga.

Representative Dobervich also reached out to the FARMS program in relation to this issue.

HB1618: *Four Winds School Parking Lot Funding*

I served on the ND Tribal and state relations committee. We met with all ND tribes. Requested funds for a new parking lot based on Spirt Lake Nation's request. The ND Department of Education offered a loan, but Chairwoman Street said the tribe could not afford it. Alternative funding options are being explored.

Key Bills I Co-Sponsored (17 total):

HB 1603: (Rep. Brown)-*Native American Grave Protection & Repatriation* Appropriates \$100,000, with \$20,000 available per tribe (requires matching funds) and each ND tribe must apply. The state historical society said there is 11 million artifacts to review, most being MHA. Passed both house and Senate. Governor signed.

HB1455: (Rep. Brown) *Tribal Consultation Bill* would have required consultation with tribal leaders on legislation affecting tribes. Passed in the House but was voted down in the Senate.

HB1535: (Rep. Davis) *Feather Alert & Tribal State Relations committee* Amended to include "endangered people's alert" and other amendments passed in both chambers. Governor Armstrong signed.

HB 1536: *Native American Curriculum for ND Public School.* Proposed funding to support ND history in schools since there is a lack of funding for the previously mandated curriculum. The House Education Committee did not pass the bill due to lack of funding.

HB1199: (Rep. Holle) *MMIP Task Force & Funding* Creates a task force to address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. This bill works in tandem with the feather alert and provides appropriation. This will help address jurisdictional issues. MHA ECO received MMIP booklet. Passed both House and Senate. Governor Armstrong signed.

HB1567: (Rep. Schneider) *Oral Health Access for Native Children & Medicaid Recipients.* Aims to improve dental care for underserved groups. Passed both chambers. Governor Armstrong signed.

HB1252: (Rep. Dobervich) *Tribal Health Care Coordination Fund.* Helps close health care gaps in rural and reservation areas through coordinated funding. This bill ensures that resources are directly tied to the needs of each tribal nation. Passed in both chambers. Governor signed.

Education Bill to watch that have not been voted on yet:

HB2400 & HB1540: Support for private education options still awaiting House votes.

HB2241: *Charter Schools Authorization.* Opens the door for charter schools, which may shift funding away from public and tribal school. Passed both chambers. Governor Armstrong signed.

Additional actions: *March 13, 2025 submitted a letter to Governor Armstrong supporting the **Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools**, with the United Tribes of ND resolution attached. I requested Governor Armstrong publicly support this Act and encourage our congressional representatives to do the same. May 6, 2026: Submitted a letter to Doug Burgum with cc to Donald Trump, ND US delegates, and Governor Armstrong expressing opposition to the removal of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations, with the United Tribes of ND resolution attached. This rollback contradicts the federal governments trust responsibility/commitment to meaningful Tribal Consultation. July 14, 2025: submitted a letter to ND US delegates with cc to Governor Armstrong expressing opposition proposed Veterans Affairs Staffing cuts, with the United Tribes of ND resolution attached. Urging their offices to reject any further budget proposals that would weaken VA infrastructure and to work with tribal nations to ensure the continuation and expansion of accessible, trauma-informed services for veteran across the Indian country. Sent three formal letters to Governor Armstrong on key federal issues: **January 30, 2025:** Concerns over Executive Orders, DEI program cuts and potential federal funding freezes. **February 14, 2025:** Concerns on the proposed elimination of the U.S. Dept. of Education and the potential harm to ND rural schools. **March 7, 2025:** Letters to ND Congressional Delegates, Cramer, Hoeven, Fedorchek, (copied to Governor Armstrong) highlighting the need for continued federal funding for 30+ essential programs and the three tribal school affected.

We will continue where we left off in next months issue.

West Segment Recreation Department



WEST SEGMENT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

BOTTINEAU WINTER PARK YOUTH SKI TRIP



- **Bottineau Winter Park Skiing and Tubing Event*
- **Date:** January 2, 2026*
- *West Segment Grades 4th-12th*

We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible, as transportation spots are limited. Students in grades K-3rd are welcome to attend; however, they must accompany a parent/guardian and have adult supervision while tubing.



- *Schedule:*
- *Departure from Water Chief Hall: 8:00 AM*
- *Bottineau Winter Park-12pm-3pm*
- *TBA: lunch will be provided*
- *Return: 7:00 PM*

To register, please call Water Chief Hall at 759-3377 or contact Recreation Department Santos 701-421-0378

**LIABILITY WAIVERS MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN PRIOR TO YOUTH PARTICIPATION.*

For Your Information

Hay Draw Cafe



Hay Draw Café:

Breakfast at 7am-10:30am

Lunch: 11:am-3pm

Daily breakfast & Lunch specials will be different daily.

Customers can call in and place an order and the food will be made for you. You can call 759-3140.

If you have any questions,

you can call the Manager Lindsey Fox at 421-6347

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Hay Draw Café Holiday Hours:

Closed: Monday, December 22, 2025

Closing at 12pm on December 24th

Closed Christmas Day

Closed New Years Day

Café Manager: Lindsey Fox 421-6347



Wolf Chief Store Holiday Hours:

Monday –Friday 7am– 6pm

Saturday & Sunday: from 8am-4pm

Closed: Christmas Day & Dec. 26th

New Years Eve: open 7am to 4pm

Closed: New Years Day

Store Manager: Tiffany Hunts Along at (701) 421-7721



Mandaree Field Clinic

The Mandaree Clinic will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm with a break from noon to 12:30pm.

Family Nurse Practitioner, David Emmons, will be the Primary Provider and he will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please Note: The Family Nurse Practitioner-David Emmons will not be at the clinic on Wednesdays.

The clinic will remain open on Wednesday for appointment set up.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree

Mandaree Post Office:



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

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

Main Phone Line: (701) 353-8540

For Your Information

WEST SEGMENT LIST OF DECEMBER EVENTS

MON DEC 08 11 A.M.

ELDERS CHRISTMAS BINGO
ELDERS BUILDING
MANDAREE, N.D.

WED DEC 10 TBH

MANDAREE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
MANDAREE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
MANDAREE, N.D.

THURS DEC 11 8PM

WEST SEGMENT PARADE OF LIGHTS
MANDAREE, N.D.

WED DEC 17 11AM

MHA NATION ELDER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
4-BEARS CASINO EVENT CENTER, NEW TOWN, N.D.

FRIDAY DEC 19 TBH

MHA NATION TRIBAL EMPLOYEES/SEGMENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY
4-BEARS CASINO
NEW TOWN, N.D.

TUES DEC 23 5 PM

WEST SEGMENT COMMUNITY DINNER/GIFT GIVING/TALENT SHOW
WATER CHIEF HALL
MANDAREE, N.D.

WED DEC 24
CHRISTMAS EVE

THURS. DEC. 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE OFFICE OF
COUNCILWOMAN G. SHERRY TURNER-LONE FIGHT AND
THE WEST SEGMENT EMPLOYEES**

**Times and events are subject to change. Please follow West Segment Community Updates And Events Facebook Page for current information.



Wednesday, December 31st at 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 1st doors open at 8:00 AM

Grand entry at 6:00 pm

Northern Lights Wellness Center

Golden Age 55+

Dec. 31

Registration 4:30 Stays Open
Dancers & Singing Groups

New Town, ND

Mens: Traditional, Fancy/Grass
Womens: Traditional, Fancy/Jingle

Mens 19-54:

Traditional, Fancy, Grass

Mens Chicken 18 and up

Womens 19-54:

Traditional, Fancy, Jingle

1. \$600, 2. \$400, 3. \$300, 4. \$200, \$100

Teens 12-18:

Boys: Traditional, Fancy, Grass

Girls: Traditional, Fancy, Jingle

Teen/Junior combine Chicken Dance

1. \$300, 2. \$200, 3. \$100

Juniors 6-11:

Boys: Traditional, Fancy, Grass

Girls: Traditional, Fancy, Jingle

1. \$150, 2. \$125, 3. \$100

GRAND ENTRY 6:00

Introductions: Military & Royalty

Intertribals

Committee Introduction

Contests: Jr's, Teens, Ladies Golden Age,

Ladies Trad., Jingle, Fancy

Antelope Society's New Years Dance 11:55

Men's Golden Age, Mens Fancy,

Trad, Chicken, Grass

Jan. 01

8:00 AM Doors Open

9:00ish Ceremony Start

Ceremony & Member Giveaways

4:00 Antelope Society Feast

GRAND ENTRY 6:00

Introductions: Military & Royalty

Intertribals

Contests - Finals

Singing Contest

In Memory of Art Smith, Sons & Grandsons of the Oakdale Singers

Sponsored by Barb Smith and Family

1. \$2500, 2. \$2000, 3. \$1500, 4. \$1000

Drum Day Pay: \$3000

Khomeini Dance Contest: 1. \$300 2. \$200 3. \$100

vendors contact: Dennis R Fox Jr, 701 421 0032

For Your Information

Professional Development Day

January 19, 2026

8:10 am-4:10 pm

New Town High School

300 Eagle Drive, New Town

8:10 am-4:10 pm

8:10-8:25 am Flag Song, Posting of Colors (Myron B. Johnson/Nathan J. Goodiron American Legion Post #271)
Introductions & Overview of the Day @ NTHS Auditorium

8:25-9 Faith Hale, Keynote @ NTHS Auditorium:
"Building us back better."

9-9:30 Bernadine Young Bird @ NTHS Auditorium
Earth Lodge Educational Model: "We are who we are first."

9:35-10:05 Who Am I? Activity @ NTMS Gym

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:30 Concurrent Presentations (Round 1)

11:40-12:25 Concurrent Presentations (Round 2)

NTHS Auditorium – Bernadine Young Bird & Faith Hale:

"What came out of the flood?"

NTMS Gym- Dr. Angelita Felix & Llore Two Crow:

"Sustainability – language, culture, food sovereignty, economic development"

Book, *The Purple Cow in Moccasins*

NTHS/NTMS Music Room - Lovina Fox & Joelle Bearstail

"Parents, families, and educators' perspectives on teaching and learning The MHA Way and feeding our children's spirits/souls" Book - *Bear's Braid and ImagiNative youth magazine and website*

12:30-1 pm Lunch (provided) @ NTMS/NTHS Cafeteria

1:05-1:45 Concurrent Presentations (Round 3)

1:50-3:30 Alternate Activities' Options:

Quilt Patch

Hand Games

Movie 1 - Sacred Buffalo People

Movie 2 - The Garrison Dam & its impact on MHA Nation

Cultural Toolkits to support MHA authors' books:

Bear's Braid, The Purple Cow in Moccasins, I am Not a Costume

3:35-4:05 Closing Conference Speaker – TBD NTHS Auditorium

4:05 Door Prize Drawings @ NTHS Auditorium

Please email NSHC's Educational Department Chair, Dr. Connie King Gottschall, at cfrank@nhsc.edu to register by 1/9/26.

Employees of New Town Schools do not need to register. There is no charge for this professional development day.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

MHA COMMUNITY ELDER'S & PARTNER PRESENTATIONS

EARTH LODGE TEACHINGS

TRADITIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS

LUNCH & PRIZES

SAVE THE DATE

It Takes an Earth Lodge Village -

Professional Development Day

January 19, 2025

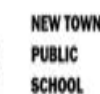
8:10 am-4:10 pm

New Town High School

300 Eagle Drive, New Town, ND, United States, North Dakota

NHSC
301 COLLEGE DRIVE
PO BOX 490
NEW TOWN, ND

www.nhsc.edu



For Your Information

Submitted by Fort Berthold Rural Water



Fort Berthold Rural Waters new Bruce Fox Sr Water Treatment Plant is moving ahead of schedule. This facility will utilize cutting edge Ceramic Membrane Filtration technology, one of the first of its kind in the State of North Dakota.

Named after Bruce Fox Sr for his 33 years of dedicated service to the Fort Berthold Rural Water Program this treatment plant will be able to produce up to 1.5 MGD to meet the current and anticipated future needs of the West Segment.

From The West Segment Roads Department

Submitted by Curtis Hall West Segment Roads Supervisor

On behalf of the West Segment Roads Department. I am aware that our community members have no problem getting ahold of our department. I have listed below emergency contact numbers for your information.

Here is a list of Emergency Contact Numbers:

Ricky Anderson: Operator snow removal. (701) 781- 9090
 Kota Silk: Operator snow removal.(701) 312 - 0117.

And office Facilities department number is 759- 3766

Supervisor Curtis Hall
 # 701-421-7907
 Happy Holidays!

Have a Safe & Happy New Year!



Winter Driving In North Dakota

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) works tirelessly to maintain nearly 7,500 miles of roadway, ensuring safer travel during the state's harsh winter months. Snowplows and other equipment are essential for clearing snow and ice. While these vehicles help keep roads safe, their operation can create hazards for both snowplow drivers and other motorists.

- **Give them space:** Double your normal following distance and wait for them to pull over to let motorist's pass. Before passing a snowplow stopped on the shoulder of a multi-lane road, follow the "Move Over Law" by changing lanes when it's safe.
- **Pass only when necessary:** Passing a snowplow is legal, but highly discouraged. Wing blades can extend up to 10 feet and may not be visible due to blowing snow. If you absolutely must pass, remember the road ahead may not have been plowed yet making it less safe for travel.
- **Slow down:** Reduce your speed and avoid driving through whiteouts or snow fog caused by crosswinds or plowing of snow

Winter driving safety tips

- Carry a cell phone.
- Let someone know when you depart, your route, and expected arrival time.
- Dress according to weather conditions. Keep dry and dress in layers. Do not leave without a full fuel tank.

Snow and Ice Control FAQs

How to find out about Road Conditions:

Road conditions and travel information are available by calling 511 or checking the North Dakota Travel Information Map. The information provided to both of these services is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. CT, including holidays. Road condition information is based on input from NDDOT snowplow crews who are out on the road and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported because the conditions are not updated 24 hours a day.

Grateful for West Segment Roads and Tribal Roads

On behalf of the West Segment community, we are very grateful for the West Segment Roads Department for keeping our roads open and cleaned for travel. Also thank you to the Tribal Roads department too for opening up roads for those who live out in the country. We appreciate your long hours on cold freezing days. Just know we all appreciate all your hard work that you do for us here in our community.

NHSC College December Happenings



NHSC Campus Updates:

Campus Closed/Administrative Leave - December 22nd - January 2nd

Campus Events

December 2nd - All Staff & Students Winter Wonderland Meal @ 11:30am in the Cafeteria

December 3rd - Storm Family Study Night @ 430pm in the Cafeteria

December 4th - Lunch & Learn with Connie @ Noon in room 37

December 5th - Buffalo Butchering @ New Town High School

December 17th - President's Treat Exchange @ 1pm in the Conference Room

December 18th - All Staff Tropical Holiday Party in the Cafeteria

Athletics

All NHSC Home Games are all played @ Johnny Bird

December 3rd - UTTC @ NHSC 530pm & 730pm (Men & Women)

December 5th & 6th - RMC (JV) @ NHSC @ 7pm & 1pm (Men)

December 7th - NHSC @ Little Big Horn @ 1pm & 245pm (Men & Women)

Academics

December 5th - Document Deadline for Spring Semester

December 8th - 11th - Final Exams

December 12th - Graduation Ceremony @ Northern Lights at 10am

New Employee

Erik Cutler - Business Faculty



NHSC College December 2025 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 All Staff & Students Winter Wonderland Meal @ 11:30am in the Cafeteria	3 Storm Family Study Night @ 430pm in the Cafeteria UTTC @ NHSC 530pm & 730pm (Men & Women)	4 Lunch & Learn with Connie @ Noon in room 37	5 Buffalo Butchering @ New Town High School RMC (JV) @ NHSC @ 7pm & 1pm (Men) Document Deadline for Spring Semester	6 RMC (JV) @ NHSC @ 7pm & 1pm (Men)
7 NHSC @ Little Big Horn @ 1pm & 245pm (Men & Women)	8 Final Exams	9 Final Exams	10 Final Exams	11 Final Exams	12 Graduation Ceremony @ Northern Lights at 10am	13
14	15	16	17 President's Treat Exchange @ 1pm in the Conference Room	18 All Staff Tropical Holiday Party in the Cafeteria	19	20
21	22 Campus Closed Administrative Leave	23 Campus Closed Administrative Leave	24 Campus Closed Administrative Leave	25 Campus Closed Administrative Leave	26 Campus Closed Administrative Leave	27
28	29 Campus Closed Administrative Leave	30 Campus Closed Administrative Leave	31 Campus Closed Administrative Leave			

For Your Information

A Christmas Heart



Advent season is here once more with all its hustle and bustle. Some people are passionately celebrating Christmas, and some people are thoughtfully preparing to celebrate Christmas. Whether we are celebrating or preparing, we need to check what is going on in our heart?

Which kingdom prevails the strongest in our heart, the kingdom of the world or God's kingdom? Here are some "heart" things related to CHRISTMAS!

Christ is the reason for the season!

Happiness, true happiness comes from God alone.

Remember, ponder, meditate on what Jesus has done for you.

Instill in your heart a reverence and awe for God.

Slow down. Look around.

Trust the words of Scripture. Apply them to your life.

Make Jesus the center of everything you do.

A.C.T.S. Pray! Adoration, Contrition Thanksgiving Supplication

Sing the praises of God. Give God all the glory.

May you find the season of God's kingdom in your heart full of Advent pondering and Christmas peace.

May God Bless you
Always & Have a safe
and

Love & Prayers

Father Roger A.
Synek



Booster Club PSA: Livestream

The school administration and athletic director would like to inform our community about an issue with the HUDI livestream for our home basketball games.

The automated camera system used for streaming cannot read the scoreboard because the gym's jumbotron is mounted high in the center of the ceiling at an angle the camera cannot capture. (In many other gyms, wall-mounted scoreboards can be detected, which is why those streams display the score on-screen.)

At this time, there's no quick fix. To help keep viewers updated, our announcer will call out the score at the end of each quarter- and more often during tight games.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our athletes!

Care Center Weekly Support Meetings:

Wednesdays: Women's Meeting 6:00pm at Care Center

Fridays: AA Meetings 7:00pm at Care Center

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

Contact Information:

Todd McKenzie: (701)421-9158

Verdell Thunderhorse: (715)501-8491

Aris Reimer Finley: (701) 421-0610

Donald McKenzie: (701)690-0308

Ze human Chazierman: (701)421-5343

CARE BUILDING

For Your Information

Zihx Ahdish Mandaree Jump House

The Mandaree Jump house will be open for private parties ONLY.

The cost is \$300.00

For your reservation you may contact Renay Brown at 701-421-4641.

Water Chief Hall Has These Applications For Your Convenience

- Employment
- LIEAP
- Chairman's Financial Assistance
- Small Loans
- Hidatsa Housing
- West Segment Grants and Donations
- Solid Waste
- Beautification
- People's Fund direct deposit

If you need any other application that's not listed, please let Loretta Lone Bear know and she will do her best to help get one. You can call the Water Chief Hall at 759-3377 and ask for Loretta.

Bingo time changed!



The 2025-26 Mandaree Celebration Committee will have bingo every Sunday at the Water Chief Hall with the early

birds at 4:00pm and the regular session at 4:30pm. The Mandaree Celebration Committee would like to inform the bingo players; that wakes or any emergency event or bad weather will take precedence over our bingo.

Come support your local celebration committee! Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

Mandaree Elders Program: 759-3092

Mandaree Emergency Services: 759-3492 & Fax: 759-3497

Mandaree Transfer Station: 759-3641

LIHEAP Fuel Assistance: 627-2364 & Fax: 627-2664

Tribal Police: 627-3617

MHA Drug Enforcement: (701) 862-4280

2025-26 Mandaree Warriors Girls Basketball Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thursday	Dec 4	Parshall	Mandaree ND	JV	5:30 PM
Thursday	Dec 4	Parshall	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	7:00 PM
Friday	Dec 5	Central McLean	Mandaree, ND	JV	5:00PM
Friday	Dec 5	Central McLean	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	6:30PM
Monday	Dec 8	North Shore/Plaza	North Shore/Plaza	JV	5:30pm
Monday	Dec 8	North Shore/Plaza	North Shore/PLaza	Varsity	7:00pm
Friday	Dec 12	WTCS	Williston, ND	Varsity	5:00pm
Saturday	Dec 13	Washburn (DH)	Mandaree, ND	JV	5:30 PM
Saturday	Dec 13	Washburn (DH)	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Dec 16	Killdeer	Mandaree,ND	JV	3:00 PM
Tuesday	Dec 16	Killdeer	Mandaree,ND	Varsity	6:00 PM
Friday	Dec 19	Trenton (DH)	Trenton, ND	JV	3:00pm
Friday	Dec 19	Trenton (DH)	Trenton, ND	Varsity	6:00pm
Saturday	Dec 27	Capitol City Classic (Standing Rock JV)United Tribes		Varsity	1:00PM
Tuesday	Dec 30	Capital City Classic (Dayton Valley-EdinBurg) United Tribes		Varsity	1:30 PM
Friday	Jan 9	Flasher (DH)	Flasher, ND	JV	3:00 PM
Friday	Jan 9	Flasher (DH)	Flasher, ND	Varsity	6:00 PM
Saturday	Jan 10	New Salem (DH)	New Salem, ND	JV	1:00 PM
Saturday	Jan 10	New Salem (DH)	New Salem, ND	Varsity	4:00PM
Tuesday	Jan 13	New England	New England	JV	4:30 PM
Tuesday	Jan 13	New England	New England, ND	Varsity	6:00 PM
Saturday	Jan 17	Powers Lake (DH)	Powers Lake, ND	JV	4:30 PM
Saturday	Jan 17	Powers lake (DH)	Powers Lake, ND	Varsity	7:30 PM
Friday	Jan 23	Garrison (DH)	Garrison, ND	JV	3:00PM
Friday	Jan 23	Garrison (DH)	Garrison, ND	Varsity	6:00PM
Saturday	Jan 24	Wilton (DH)	Wilton, ND	JV	2:30 PM
Saturday	Jan 24	Wilton (DH)	Wilton, ND	Varsity	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Jan 27	Center- Stanton(DH)	Center, ND	JV	3:00 PM
Tuesday	Jan 27	Center- Stanton (DH)	Center, ND	Varsity	6:00 PM
Saturday	Jan 31	Berthold Bomber shootout	Berthold, ND	JV	TBD
Saturday	Jan 31	Berthold Bomber Shootout	Berthold, ND	Varsity	TBD
Monday	Feb 2	White Shield (DH)	Mandaree, ND	JV	3:00PM
Monday	Feb 2	White Shield (DH)	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	5:30PM
Thursday	Feb 5	Belfield	Belfield, ND	JV	6:00PM
Thursday	Feb 5	Belfield	Belfield, ND	Varsity	7:30PM
Saturday	Feb 7	Warwick (DH)	Warwick, ND	JV	12:00 PM
Saturday	Feb 7	Warwick (DH)	Warwick, ND	Varsity	3:00 PM

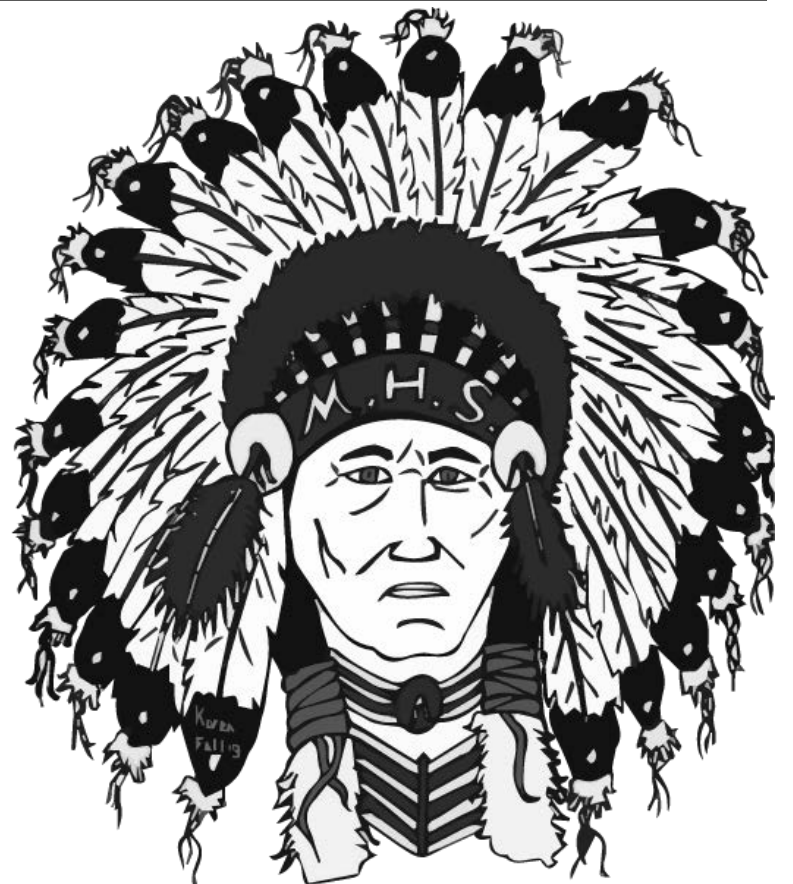
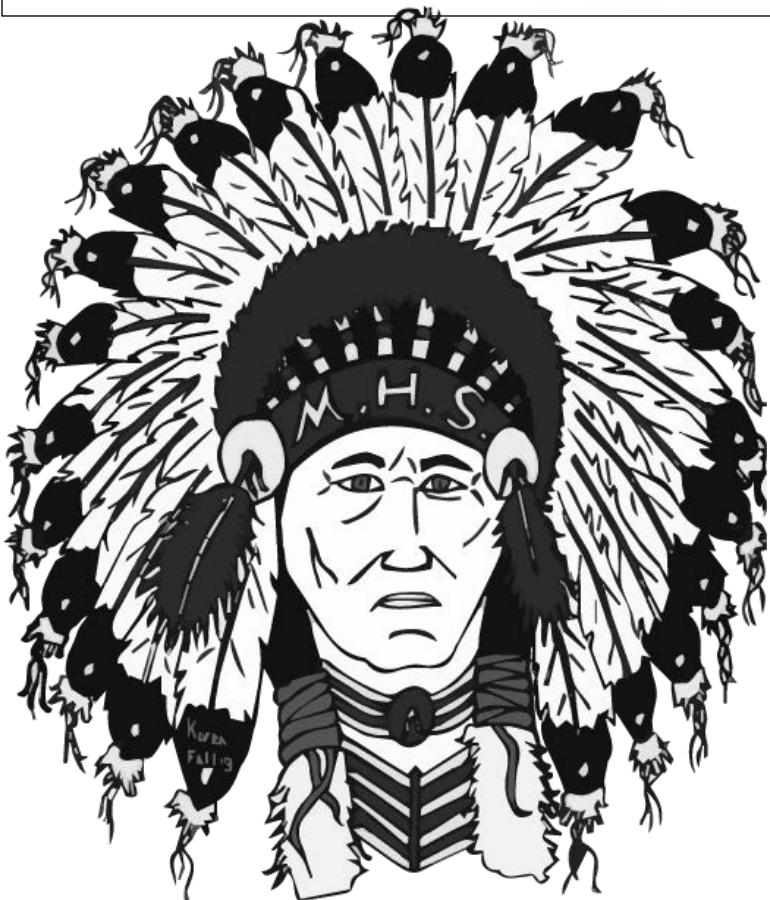
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2025-26 Mandaree Warriors Boys Basketball Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Friday	Dec 12	WTCS (DH)	Williston, ND	JV	4:30 PM
Friday	Dec 12	WTCS (DH)	Williston, ND	Varsity	7:30 PM
Saturday	Dec 13	Washburn (DH)	Mandaree, ND	JV	4:30 PM
Saturday	Dec 13	Washburn (DH)	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	7:30 PM
Thursday	Dec 18	Killdeer	Mandaree, ND	JV	5:30 PM
Thursday	Dec 18	Killdeer	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	7:00 PM
Friday	Dec 19	Trenton (DH)	Trenton, ND	JV	4:30PM
Friday	Dec 19	Trenton (DH)	Trenton, ND	Varsity	7:30 PM
Saturday	Dec 27	Capital City Shootout (Standing Rock JV) Bismarck UTTC		Varsity	1:00 PM
Tuesday	Dec 30	Capital City Shootout (Dayton Valley Edinberg) Bismarck (UTTC)		Varsity	1:30 PM
Monday	Jan 5	New Town	Mandaree, ND	JV	4:30 PM
Monday	Jan 5	New Town	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	6:00 PM
Friday	Jan 9	Flasher (DH)	Flasher, ND	JV	4:30 PM
Friday	Jan 9	Flasher (DH)	Flasher, ND	Varsity	7:30 PM
Saturday	Jan 10	New Salem (DH)	New Salem, ND	JV	2:30 PM
Saturday	Jan 10	New Salem (DH)	New Salem, ND	Varsity	5:30 PM
Saturday	Jan 17	Powers Lake (DH)	Powers Lake, ND	JV	2:30 PM
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Thursday	Jan 22	Central Mclean	Mandaree, ND	JV	4:30 PM
Thursday	Jan 22	Central Mclean	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	6:00 PM
Friday	Jan 23	Garrison (DH)	Garrison, ND	JV	4:30PM
Friday	Jan 23	Garrison (DH)	Garrison, ND	Varsity	7:30PM
Saturday	Jan 24	Wilton-Wing (DH)	Wilton, ND	JV	2:30 PM
Saturday	Jan 24	Wilton-Wing (DH)	Wilton, ND	Varsity	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Jan 27	Center-Stanton (DH)	Center, ND	JV	3:00 PM
Tuesday	Jan 27	Center-Stanton (DH)	Center, ND	Varsity	6:00 PM
Saturday	Jan 31	Berthold Bomber Shootout	Berthold, ND	JV	TBD
Saturday	Jan 31	Berthold Bomber Shootout	Berthold, ND	Varsity	TBD
Monday	Feb 2	White Shield (DH)	White Shield, ND	JV	4:30 PM
Monday	Feb 2	White Shield (DH)	White Shield, ND	Varsity	7:30 PM
Saturday	Feb 7	Warwick (DH)	Warwick, ND	JV	1:30 PM
Saturday	Feb 7	Warwick (DH)	Warwick, ND	Varsity	4:30 PM
Monday	Feb 9	Alexander	Mandaree, ND	JV	5:00 PM
Monday	Feb 9	Alexander	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	6:30 PM

2025-26 Mandaree Warriors Boys Basketball Schedule

Thursday	Feb 12	Center-Stanton	Mandaree, ND	JV	4:30 PM
Thursday	Feb 12	Center-Stanton	Mandaree, ND	Varsity	6:00 PM
District Tournament					
Saturday	Feb 28	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
Monday	Mar 2	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
Tuesday	Mar 3	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
Regional Tournament					
Monday	Mar 9	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
Tuesday	Mar 10	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
Thursday	Mar 12	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
State Qualifier game					
Saturday	Mar 14	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
State Tournament					
Thursday	Mar 19	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
Friday	Mar 20	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
Saturday	Mar 21	TBD	TBD	Varsity	
Tuesday, Feb 11. C squad. New Town. Mandaree, ND 4:30pm					
Dates and Times are subject to change					



For Your Information

Article by Aron Abbey, West Segment Veterans Advocate



My name is Britney Larvie, and I carry the Lakota name Wanbli Ohánk Wiŋ, which translates to “Swift Eagle Woman.” I am a proud Lakota woman from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, rooted in the traditions, strength, and resilience of my people. I was born to Joe Larvie, Jr. and Eleanor Larvie – Kills In Sight, whose teachings and guidance shaped the foundation of who I

am today.

In 2009, I made one of the most defining decisions of my life: I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Leaving home at a young age pushed me far outside my comfort zone, but it was a challenge I embraced with determination and pride. During my time in the Corps, I was stationed in Twentynine Palms, California, where I served as a Warehouse Clerk—my primary MOS—and later earned a secondary MOS as a Marksmanship Coach. Teaching other Marines how to shoot accurately and confidently became one of the most rewarding roles I held.

While serving, I also earned my Black Belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP). This program is a weapons-based system that trains Marines in armed and unarmed combat while emphasizing not just physical skills, but also mental toughness and strong character. Achieving this level required discipline, focus, and perseverance, and it remains one of my greatest accomplishments.

I received an honorable discharge in 2012, at the rank of Corporal, closing a chapter that will forever hold deep meaning in my heart. My years in the Marine Corps were some of the best years of my life. The Corps taught me responsibility, confidence, and independence at an age when many are still figuring out who they are. It pushed me to grow up quickly and helped me become mentally stronger, resilient, and prepared to take on the challenges of the world.

The lessons I learned—from the discipline of training to the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood—continue to guide me. My Lakota heritage and my experiences as a Marine together form the foundation of the woman I am today: strong, independent, and committed to carrying forward the values of honor, courage, and respect.

The 2025 Deer Gun Season is Now Closed:

The 2025 Deer Gun dates were November 7–30, 2025:

This is a reminder to all individuals who received a tag this year:

Your 2025 Deer Gun / Designated Shooter Questionnaire is due within 30 days of the end of the season.

Questionnaires must be submitted by December 30, 2025, even if you did *not* hunt.

Any questionnaires not submitted by the deadline will be marked as incomplete.

We strongly encourage hunters to submit questionnaires online using our new electronic form here: **2025 Deer Gun Questionnaire**

-or- through your NAGFA online profile at tat.nagfa.net/online. (See attached graphic for instructions on how to submit through your NAGFA profile.)

You may also submit paper forms by **dropping them off, faxing, or emailing** a scanned copy.

Email completed forms ONLY to: Kristen Mason (kmason@mhanation.com) or Mary Beth Jarski (mbjarski@mhanation.com)

Please do not email questionnaires to Game Wardens or the Director.

Reminder for Elder Tags:

Elder tags with a *designated shooter* have a separate questionnaire.

This form is the responsibility of the designated shooter and will need to fill out the "2025 Deer Gun Designated Shooter Questionnaire" and will also appear in their NAGFA profile Harvest Report tab under “Deer Gun Designated Shooter.”

Thank you to all our hunters for a safe and successful season!

Kristen Mason

Bio Tech

Three Affiliated Tribes

Fish & Wildlife Division

325 Main St, New Town, ND 58763

(O) 701-627-4760

(C) 701-421-5209

kmason@mhanation.com



Mandaree Elder's Menu

December 2025



WINTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Tuna Salad Sandwich, Mac Salad, Chips, Cookie	2 Goulash, Corn, Slice of bread, Vanilla Pudding	3 Beef Stew, Biscuits, Cup of Fruit	4 Fish n Chips Coleslaw Fruit Salad	5 Corn Beef Hash Bake, Hashbrowns, Toast Fresh Fruit	6
7	8 Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chips, Pickle spear Cookie	9 Pork Chops w/onion gravy, Mashed Potatoes Broccoli fruit	10 Chicken n Wild Rice soup Biscuit Butterscotch nda	 11 Christmas Meal Roast Beef Dinner Strawberry Cake	12 Oatmeal w/blueberries toast, bacon vour	13
14	15 Polish Sausage Bakes beans Potato Salad Fruit Salad	16 Cheeseburger Soup, Corn bread biscuit, Mandarin O range cup	17 Corn Soup Frybread Wojapi	18 Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Green beans Jello	19 Sausage Links Hashbrown Scrambled eggs Banana	20
21	22 Pork Roast Carrots Boiled Potatos Chocolate nda	23 Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Patty Boiled Egg Tropical Fruit	24 Christmas Eve No Meals	25 Merry Christmas No Meals 	26 Christmas Break No Meals	27
28	29 Cheeseburger Deluxe French Fries Banana Pudding	30 Beef Stroganoff W/bowtie pasta Broccoli Pineapple cups	31 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green bean w/cheese cake			2 3

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ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY.

Mandaree:701-759-3092,

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Obituary

Anna C. Rubia



Anna Rubia, 75, of Bismarck, passed away November 24, 2025, at Miller Pointe, Mandan, ND.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, November 28, 2025 at Pro Cathedra of St. Mary, Bismarck, ND. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck, ND.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service with the Rosary beginning at 1:30pm.

Anna Carole Rubia Miri wita (Morning Dew) was promoted to Glory in the early morning of Monday, November 24, 2025 at the age of 75.

Anna was born on December 13, 1949 to Antonio and Agnes (LoneFight) Rubia. She was a member of the Low Cap Clan through her mother's Mandan, Hidatsa side. She was raised the majority of her life with her mother's maternal family; but equally proud of her father's filipino/spanish heritage. She was given the name Miri Wita (Morning Dew) by Arthur Mandan and Maa'cu DaBaa (Juneberries) from Cora Baker.

Anna received her education in Bismarck, ND., attending the Catholic schools of St. Mary Elementary, St. Mary's High School and graduated from the University of Mary. She went on to further her education at Penn State attaining her M.Ed in Educational Administration.

Her work experience centered in teaching at the elementary level in ND and Umatilla WA; School Administration as Principal and Superintendent on reservation schools in N.D. and Montana., and upon retirement, teacher education at the Fort Berthold Community College in New Town, ND. She always felt the responsibility of providing a strong, rich and positive experience for the native youth, "her children" who were all those who came under her care.

In her earlier years she enjoyed creating art and appreciating visual beauty photography, writing, sewing and singing. She loved traveling and seeing as much of the world as he could. Friendship was a value that sustained her throughout her life, from childhood friends to new-found friendships. She was a member of the Enemy Women Society, the Ladies Auxiliary; Little Shell/300 and the Eagle Sundance. She was a loving sister, aunt, relative and good friend to many.

She held a strong belief in the spiritual life embracing both native teachings and practices as well as her ties to the Catholic church. She especially loved the rosary as was handed down by her aunts and grandmother practice daily, particularly her grandmother Mary Young Bird/Lone Fight, Grandmother Cora Baker. She would use the Rosary throughout the day for many family and friends.

Our beloved sister, niece, auntie, and grandmother loved planning little get-togethers for friends and family and took great joy in bringing people together.

Many cherished memories were made through the gatherings and celebrations she lovingly organized.

She is survived by her brother Fred "Brownie"Rubia, Darcy Medicine Stone (Clarice) Michael "Mikey" Barthelemy, Ted Lonefight III.

Sisters AnnaRose Barthelemy, Auntie (Mama): Mary Barthelemy (Michael Sr.) Nieces: Vivian Hurkes, Mary Ellen Sun (Clarence)

Nephews: Dennis Howling Wolf (Jessica). Dahu (Thunderbird) Naawi. Grandkids; Dallas, Reynolds (Mei) Breyana Brave Bull,

Terran Medicine Stone, Roderick Grant, Sierra Rain Sun, Persephone Eastman, Ernest, Jerrod Jr., Donny, Cedar, Frederick

Grant, Justice, Benny Eugene, Ophelia, Omeara,, Olivia Howling Wolf, Azden Crows Breast, Deltin Arrow and Adien Hurkes.

Great grandkids; Dennyboy Benson, Leo Grant, Sebastian "SIR" and Dian Reynolds, Calvin Sun.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Agnes and Antonio Rubia.

Obituary

Lorenzo Kelly Spotted Bear, Old Bear Looking Back (Matóxihe [karáptah] was a member of the Flint Knife Clan, born to Lorenzo "Larry" Spotted Bear and Olive "Ollie" Sholaas on August 3, 1953 in Richardton, ND. Kelly, as most people knew him by, attended elementary school in both Stephan, SD and New Town, ND. He went to Middle School in Twin Buttes, ND and High School in Halliday, ND where he graduated in 1971. During high school, he worked in Twin Buttes and Halliday area as a ranch hand working with horses, fixing fence, cutting hay, and running heavy equipment. After high school Kelly started working for the oil field and joined the rodeo circuit bulldogging and bull riding where he made lifelong friend ships. A lot of wonderful stories came from these endeavors. In 1976 there was a devastating earthquake in Guatemala, and a few months later Kelly, Bruce Gillette, and Jim Mossett went as missionaries with the United Methodist Church out of Canada as they worked with all Canadians and with the Canadian embassy to help reconstruct the villages by building small, prefabricated houses and restoring buildings. Their trip was cut short when Bruce unfortunately hurt his leg, and instead of sending him back on his own, Kelly and Jim came home with him. In the late 80's Kelly moved to Mandaree with his lifelong companion DeeDee, and for a short time he worked at Limited Corporation Manufacturing (LCM) doing carpentry and construction alongside Kenny Stevenson and the late Jerry Stevenson. In the early 90's he started working with the Mandaree Roads Department alongside Art Smith, Bill Hale, Virgil Eagle, Rudy Sanderson, and Fred Smith. He was active as a Heavy Equipment Operator for many years. Whether it was the weekday or a weekend, regardless if it was blizzarding or if his car was under 5 feet of snow, Kelly Spot would make the trek on foot to the roads department, and take out the blade to clear roads and driveways for the elders in the winter time or fix potholes and make sure the roads were safe and well-kept for vehicles. He always made big snow piles around town for the kids to play on making sure the biggest pile was right by his house for his kids. He would go as far east as McKenzie Bay, far north past Carlin Rave's down in Bear Den, and far south past Manuel Chases making sure our community had access to anything and everything. He had a big heart and cared deeply about his community. Kelly and DeeDee had the opportunity to travel with their daughter Wind Spirit to Hawaii when she was in high school, as she was set to take part in the Tourney Sport USA Hawaiian Classic basketball tournament. This was one trip they loved to share and reminisce about. They immediately made friends with locals who showed them around the island of Oahu, giving Kelly and DeeDee the most amazing experience from a local's perspective. They would wake up early and walk along the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Kelly would fill his bag with seashells he'd collect along the way, enjoying the ocean air, and occasionally coming across marine life. Kelly loved everything about his journey to Hawaii with his daughter and wife. Kelly and DeeDee worked with Dennis Hurkes' contracting business for a short time building houses around the MHA nation and then Kelly and his son Hjalmer worked alongside Shannon Hale for the tribe when going around to all the MHA segments installing doors and windows in homes as part of a renovation project. He loved doing this type of work. Later Kelly was hired on with the Mandaree Bison Project alongside his

great friend Rocky Avery, his son Hjalmer, and his little buddy Kalolo IU under the direction of his other great friend Ted Lonefight III. He loved working and caring for the bison and elk. They took great pride in this work and took immeasurable care of the bison and their environment. Kelly had a great respect for these animals and always made it known to any visitors who would stay on the property that they too needed to respect these majestic beings. Some of the best stories came from this time in his life. Kelly retired shortly after this and spent his remaining days at his home in Mandaree doing projects, working on vehicles, going to the lake, visiting relatives, enjoying the local celebrations, playing his guitar, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved his babies deeply and was beyond proud every one of them. Kelly's greatest joy was his grandchildren. He loved when they'd come to visit. He'd turn into a big loving teddy bear and his voice would go up 8 octaves when he teased with the babies.

In his younger years, Kelly was an avid Hunter, Fisherman, and an exceptional athlete. Much of these traits passed on to his children and grandchildren. He loved reading books and retained so much knowledge that made for a great conversation. He enjoyed solving strategic puzzles like the Rubik's Cube and he and DeeDee enjoyed playing board games with their kids and taught them a lot of card games. You could find him sitting at the table playing solitaire and drinking his coffee in the mornings. Kelly loved watching movies with his family and playing hide and seek. He even went as far as dressing up as the easter bunny for the kids one year. He truly was the best dad and grandpa. In everything he did, Kelly did it with a big heart. Many would refer to him as "the legend" or "a mountain of a man." His friends would say, "Kelly Spot is a good man who loved his family. He had old style values, and respect for our elders." He would visit quite often with his elders to hear old stories about his dad and his hometown of Twin Buttes. He loved taking his children to the lake to camp and always made sure to visit his homelands of Twin Buttes where much of his family stems from. He was the type of guy that would shake your hand and greet you with big hello, a teaching he passed on to his children. Of all the things he was known for, Kelly's love for music and sharing it with his family and friends was his greatest attribute. He loved playing guitar and singing with his buddies and his sons. Many of his buddies would say, "the party didn't start until Kelly Spot started playing his guitar." He was known to change the words to popular songs and add his own words to make the songs more personal and heartfelt. He was a self-taught guitar player who learned to play by ear. He didn't read music, but he knew every chord and passed these teachings down to his children and his buddies and nephews who contribute much of their success as musicians to him. Kelly's children would tell you that some of their favorite memories of their dad was how he would sing for them and have his own little concert in their home. To his last days, you would hear him humming a tune, or singing to his grand babies, putting them to sleep with his deep, calming voice. To them, he was one of the greatest musicians to walk the earth. He was always there for his children. Always teaching. Always sacrificing. Always protecting. Lorenzo Kelly Spotted Bear of Mandaree-Twin Buttes, ND, passed away at 72 on Nov.29,2025 at his residence. Kelly will always be remembered for cont * next page.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Of The Man, The Myth, The Legend
Lorenzo "Kelly" Spotted Bear Old Bear Looking Back (Matoxihē Ikaraptah)

August 3, 1953 ~ November 29, 2025



Wake Services:

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 5:00pm
Twin Buttes Wellness Center in Twin Buttes, ND

Officiating:

Kevin Finley

Active Pallbearers:

Hunter Spotted Bear, Arrow Spotted Bear, Jay Stevenson,
Caleb Safe, Brittann Schettler, Bronson Benson, Chad Dahlen,
Whitney Bell, Cliff Mossett III, Jess Hall, Marty Young Bear,
Lyon Wolding

Honorary Pallbearers:

Virgil Eagle, Bill Jacobs, Clayton Young Bear, Wendell & Arvella White, Pete Young Bird, Emanuel Chase family, Ted & Sherry Lone Fight, Ivan Johnson family, Jim & Wanda Mossett, Cliff Mossett Jr., Clinton Young Bear, Sherry Gillette, Rosie Johnson, Bill Wells, Leone White, Bruce Gillette, Maynard Demaray, Josh Sage, Jeb Fredericks, Delmar Wilson, Pete Lone Fight, Dave Williams, Kyle Mandan, Paul Fredericks, Tony Johnson, Cameron Smith, Todd McKenzie, Kipp Cartier, Veronica Serdahl, Lyda Bearstail, Arby Little Soldier, Donald McKenzie, Roni Brugh, Aaron Vee, Merrill Mann, Tootsie Jacobs, Monte Billadeau, Ziggy Jackson, Svea Lazor, Ronald D. Young Bear, Anita Geglemen, Valerie Demaray, Mike Mossett, Elaine Wilson, Lonnie Burr, Kenny Fredericks Jr., Sharon Jacobs, Jim Cardinal, Kenny Stevenson, Todd Price, Bill Cardinal, Mark Fox, Dianne Primeaux, Pete Coffey II, Mike Goetz, Danny Peltier, Lisa Redford, Robbie Iron-Boulder, Bernie Fox, Richard Gillette, Neal Hale, Herman Mongram, Esley Thorton, Cor Hopkins, Spencer Wilkenson Sr., Spencer Wilkinson Jr., Laddie Avery, Daryl Finley, Clancie Bearghost, Susie Paulson, and all his many wonderful friends and relatives. Kelly had so many dear friends and was born into a very large family so we ask that you forgive us if we have forgotten anyone. It was not our intention as we go through this difficult time.

* his love of music and for the kind, caring, respectful human he was. His memory will live on through the stories and memoirs shared by his family, friends, his children, grandchildren, siblings, and most of all his best friend and love of his life for 43 years DeeDee.

He is survived by his siblings; Sisters-Marian Spotted Bear-Cook, Ivetta (David) Holding Eagle, Helyn (Mark Erickson) Zarfos, Roberta (Dennis) Dahlen; Brothers-Lonnie (Diana) Spotted Bear, Barry Benson, Sal Beston, Jimmy "Chicken" Morsette; Children: Sons; Cory (Sierra) Spotted Bear, Delmer Sheppard, Denver (Jade) Spotted Bear, Justin Spotted Bear, Hjalmer Spotted Bear; Daughters-Wind Spirit (Jess Hall) Spotted Bear, Olivia (Ollie) Spotted Bear, His 24 Grandchildren-Morning Grace, Shahkohe, Niibwin, Selena, Delmari, Daemar, Amaya, Aurora, Maddy, Arrow, Numakshi, Kaydence, Erza, Kalee, Elyza, Jaden, Hunter, Hailey, Thaddeus, Brooky, Journey, Feather, Naske, and Jaydon; Great Grandson Dameric.

He was preceded in death by his Paternal Grandparents; Justin Spotted Bear Sr., and Stella Tail, and his Maternal Grandparents; Ingwald and Mary Sholaas; Parents- Lorenzo "Larry" Spotted Bear and Olive "Ollie" Sholaas; Sisters-Janet "Gertsy" Gunderson, Sandy "Spook" Spotted Bear, Alyce Spotted Bear, Karen Lynch; Brother-Marty Benson; Daughter Boe Wolf; Son-Clay Spotted Bear; Grandson-Michael Grieves.

Final Resting Place:

Spotted Bear Family Cemetery, Twin Buttes, ND

Funeral Services:

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 10:00am
Twin Buttes Wellness Center in Twin Buttes, ND

Senior Pallbearer:

Hank Starr

Obituary

Michelle Lee Mitchell (Singing Bird Woman) was born on August 19, 1977, in Poplar, MT, to Robert Mitchell Sr. and Terrie (Claymore) Blake. She was raised in both Mandaree, North Dakota, and Poplar, Montana. She was an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Michelle earned her GED. She was known by several nicknames, including “Chelle” and “Chell-girl”.

Michelle moved to Texas to be closer to her sister, Julie. While in Texas, she received training as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Chell returned to North Dakota a few years later and worked for nursing homes and adult special needs homes in Parshall, Stanley, and Williston, ND. She had a gift for working with the elderly and those in need. She also worked in maintenance for the MHA Nation and Parshall school.

She moved to Billings in 2015 to be closer to her mom. She continued her CNA work with adult special needs group homes. She was helpful and respectful to her elders, often volunteering at events that support them. She enjoyed helping her younger brother, River, whether at school functions or just hanging out.

Chelle was close to her family, and she loved spending time with them. She was always willing to help her mom with whatever she needed, from climbing ladders and planting flowers to decorating for holidays and cooking for events.

She wasn't one to be in large crowds, but she found comfort in reading her Bible and in quiet family activities. She liked nature, enjoyed being outdoors, and loved the color purple. She enjoyed watching movies, both at home and in the theater. Michelle was also a crafter and quilter. She gave many blankets to friends and family.

On Monday, November 23, 2025, Michelle Mitchell passed away at her home in Billings. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Mitchell Sr.; sister, Dan'elle Mitchell; grandparents, Lillie Mae Smith and Terrence Claymore Sr., Theodore R. Mitchell and Rose Moran Mitchell; great-grandparents, John “Sarge” Smith and Nellie White Hawk Smith; brother/cousin, McKenzie Wounded Face; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Michelle's Treasured Family; Her mother; Terrie Mae Blake (Gordon); brothers, Bobby Mitchell and River Mitchell; sister, Julia Mitchell-Ricker; special nephew, Jett Mitchell; special niece, Kodi Mitchell; and special aunts, Joleen Fox, Wanda Smith, and Gwen Claymore; and many other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Obituary

Forever Loved

Michelle Mitchell (Singing Bird Woman)

August 19, 1977~November 23, 2025



Funeral Mass:

Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 10:00am
St. Anthony Catholic Church in Mandaree, ND

Celebrant:

Father Roger A. Synek


Active Pallbearers:

Michael DeVille Forrester Middleton Roger Standish
Cordell Mann Justin Linder Richard Fox
Don Fox Jeremy Wounded Face
Jett Mitchell

Final Resting Place:

St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery
Mandaree, North Dakota

The family would like to sincerely thank you for your acts of kindness
and thoughtfulness. Following the graveside service,
Please join us in the church fellowship hall for a traditional meal,



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

On behalf of West Segment we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of Michelle Michell, Anna Rubia and Kelly Spotted Bear. Our prayers go out to your families and relatives during this hard time.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Long Fight & Personal

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over



Three Affiliated Tribes Law Enforcement Services will be conducting traffic and DUI enforcement through saturations and a checkpoint between December 16th, 2025 to January 1st, 2026.

The holidays are full of surprises, but getting a DUI shouldn't be one of them. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.




A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

Mandaree Winter Celebration

DECEMBER 20-21, 2025

MANDAREE NEW HIGH SCHOOL GYM

HEAD STAFF

MC: LAWRENCE BAKER & CHARLIE MORAN
AD: CHASKE LEBLANC
HEAD DRUM JUDGE: RUSSEL YOUNGBIRD
HEADMAN: AARON ABBEY
HEAD WOMAN: HAILEY MORGAN
HEAD YOUNGMAN: TANNER ABBEY
HEAD YOUNG GIRL: BRIGHTON JOHNSON
HEAD JR BOY: TERRENCE MORGAN JR
HEAD JR GIRL: LAURA GOODBIRD
HOST DRUM: YOUNGBEAR
YOUTH HOST DRUM: THE WARRIORS

CONTEST CATEGORIES

SINGING CONTEST

ADULT 4,000 - 3,000 - 2,000 - 1,000
YOUTH 2,000 - 1,500 - 1,000 - 500
YOUTH CONTEST DRUM FILES 3 SONGS MINIMUM ALLOWED ONE B+ HELPER

ADULTS

WOMAN'S FANCY - JINGLE - TRADITIONAL
MEN'S FANCY - GRASS - TRADITIONAL
400 - 300 - 200 - 100

TEENS

TEEN GIRLS FANCY - JINGLE - TRADITIONAL
TEEN BOYS FANCY - GRASS - TRADITIONAL
200 - 150 - 100 - 50

JR'S

JR GIRLS FANCY - JINGLE - TRADITIONAL
JR BOYS FANCY - GRASS - TRADITIONAL
100 - 75 - 50 - 25

TINY TOTS - GOLDEN AGE PAID DAILY

SPECIAL'S

HAT AND BOOT SPECIAL MEN'S & WOMENS
LUCK OF THE SPECIALS
ALL ARE BRACKETS ADULTS/TEENS/JRS
MIDNIGHT CHICKEN SPEAL
SWEET HEART SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS GIFT GAME

GRAND ENTRIES

SKURDAY - VETERANS DIGNITARIES 8PM
DANCER GRAND ENTRY - 2PM
SUNDAY - 12PM VETERANS - GRAND ENTRY - 1PM DANCERS

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Happy Birthday Wishes To Our Elders!!

happy birthday to you!
merry christmas!

- James Johnson
- Ronald Brugh
- Rosie Johnson
- Bruce Fox Sr.
- Katerine Young Bear
- Lana Turner
- Florene Halvorson
- Frank White Owl



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