

West Segment News

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Community Center is slowly getting closer to Completion

Photo by Jesus Leyva



According to Frankee Hall, the West Segment Special Projects, stated they are currently 80 %. There is currently a lot of interior things happening and we have many trades on site finishing everything from drywall to flooring and custom woodwork. The amount of spaces within the community center can host a vast array of events all centered around community and wellness.

For your preview we have some pictures from inside the walls of this community center, taken by West Segment Special Projects Frankee Hall took for us to look at on page 3.

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Greetings community members, relatives and friends. Before I begin with this update. I would like to extend my condolences to the family and relatives of Sheronne Kuriga and to the family and relatives of Candance Standish. We do not have an obituary for Candance her services are in Montana. We have just received word of the passing of an elder in our community. Our sincere sympathy goes to the family and relatives of Martha (Yellow Wolf) Bird Bear. We send prayers of

comfort to her family during their time of sorrow. For your information, due to Martha's recent passing we will have her obituary in our next issue of the West Segment news.

On another note, Here we are in the new month of March with spring within our reach. We are still in the process of making changes at the Water Chief Hall so we do ask for your patience.

I would like to clarify our business we do at the tribe so you are all aware. I would like each of you to know that you are welcome to attend our meetings as well.

Tribal Business Council meetings are open to all tribal members. Until we have to deal with closed personal issues of tribal members. All committee meetings are open to membership. Committee meetings are held usually the last week of the month. Tribal Business Council and Executive meetings are the 2nd week of the month. You're welcome to sit in on them. I see and read on Facebook a lot of assumptions, so come in to our meetings and hear for yourself. If you need more information or have any questions you can call the MHA Nation tribal switchboard at 627-4781.

Thank you.

On another note, the youth at the Mandaree School have been busy fundraising for funds to travel for basketball. So on Wednesday, March 11th at the bingo sponsored by The Rooster at Skunk Bay, I had my staff working hard in getting these checks done early so the West Segment office can help with some of their expenses; for players, coaches and chaperone funds. As Councilwomen, I had the honor of presenting them with their checks as you can see in the next column. It's not easy to put a bingo fundraiser on it takes a lot of planning and organizing, not to mention West Segment put up all the door prizes. It takes a good staff to work with me so we can get events like this done. I would like to thank and acknowledge Renay Brown with her events staff, Michaela Bacon, Ervin Halvorson Jr. Maya White and Tifa (sorry didn't get last name) These are the staff that worked hard and decorated the tables and set

up. Also Jody Brieck worked side by side with me, we both did a lot and put in a lot of time in organizing this. We all had the same goal



in mind and that was to make sure everything went good. When events like this go good with all the hard work put into it then it makes it all worth while.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight who is acknowledging and thanking Ken Danks for sponsoring this bingo and helping West Segment community out.



During the bingo West Segment did a special game for one of our elders; who passed away; for the Martha Bird Bear family the money we

raised went to the family. Then during the bingo Ken Danks announced that half of the proceeds from the bingo would be given to the Bird Bear family to help them out.

A lot of the kids were busy fundraising for their trip So with that in



mind West Segment Councilwoman helped with travel monies for these kids, and they are using the West Segment vans for transportation. West Segment Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight gave each enrolled player \$300.00 for their trip for the boys and girls basketball traveling team for the All West Native American Basketball

Classic in Lakewood, Colorado. As you can see in the pictures above. Good luck to you all and safe travels.

Thank you for being a good reader

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

Here is a Glimpse of what the Community Center will look like when it's done

Photo submitted by Frankee D. Hall West Segment Special Projects



Pictured here is where the bowling alley is.



Pictured here is where the movie theater and the lecture hall will be.



Here is where the pool and water park will be.



This room can be used for bingo or a community room.

2026 Mandarçe Warriors Boy's Basketball Parents Night



Jace, Kyler, Beau Jr., and Nathan with their parents Allison and Beau Robertson Sr.



Cashdyn and Colt with their mother Adele and grandfather Randy Phelan.



Clifton Black Hawk, Jordan and Robin Hall Jr., with their mother Rhonda Hall and siblings.



Aiden Young Bird with his dad JC Young Bird and his aunt Colleen Halvorson.

2026 Mandarçe Warriors Boy's Basketball Parents Night



Duane Beaudreau and Tolaska Hunts Along with sister Tateona and aunt Lucy Hunts Along and uncle Wade Hunts Along.



Stan McCormick with his aunt Jeanine Spotted Horse and uncle Elton Spotted Horse and his grandmother Mrs. Polly Chase.



Ky Grady with his mother Devona Grady and his grandmother Eldora Poitra and uncle Paul White Owl Jr., and siblings.



Romeo with his father Roger Red Wolf and his sister Shylah Red Wolf.

2026 Mandarçe Warriors Boy's Basketball Parents Night



Luciano with his mother Samantha Lucio and his grandmother Rosie White Owl.



Ethan Grey Bear with his brother's wife Marae and his brother Hunter Gwin.



Brayon with his sisters Jerrilane and Nancy Lincoln.



Kenya Grady with his grandmother Eldora Poitra and his mother Devona Grady and his siblings.



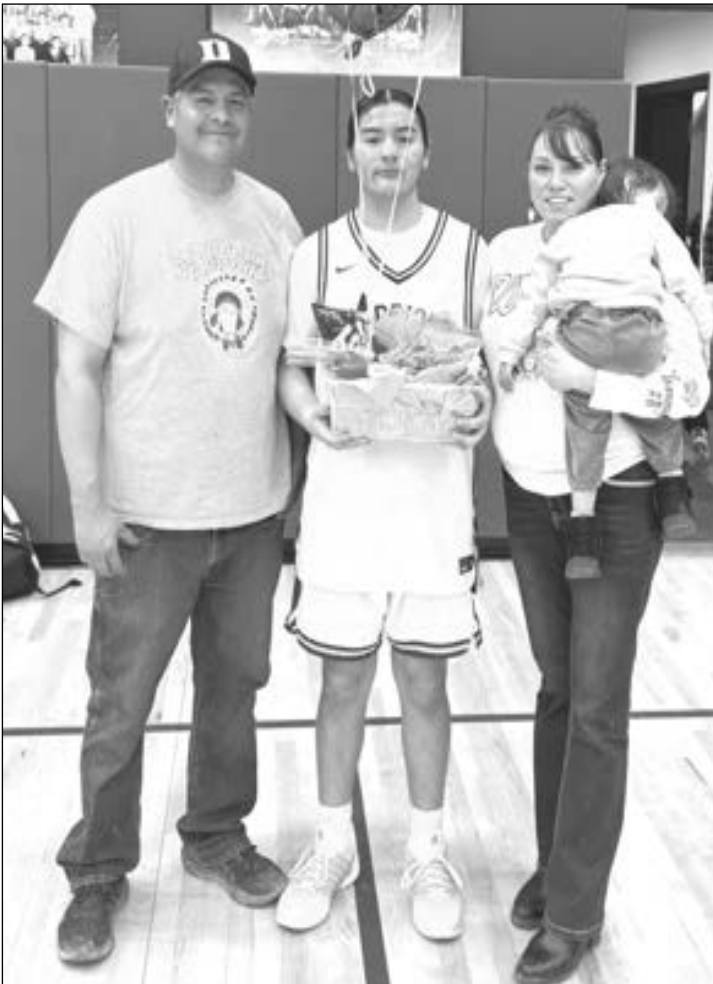
Oray with is mother Stacey Bear and his sister Kambree.

2026 Mandarçe Warriors Boy's Basketball Parents Night



Korday with his parents Tony and Miranda Johnson and his little sister Ryder.

Morgan with his parents Jasmine and Jacob Fettig.



Tommy with his parents Frank and LeeAnna Bear Claw.



Lakur with his dad Laramie Serdahl.

2026 Mandarçe Warriors Boy's Basketball Parents Night



Gentry (statistician) with her parents Benny and Angela (Stiffarm) Johnson.



Cheerleader; Jaylese Baker with parents Josy and Milo Lone Bear.



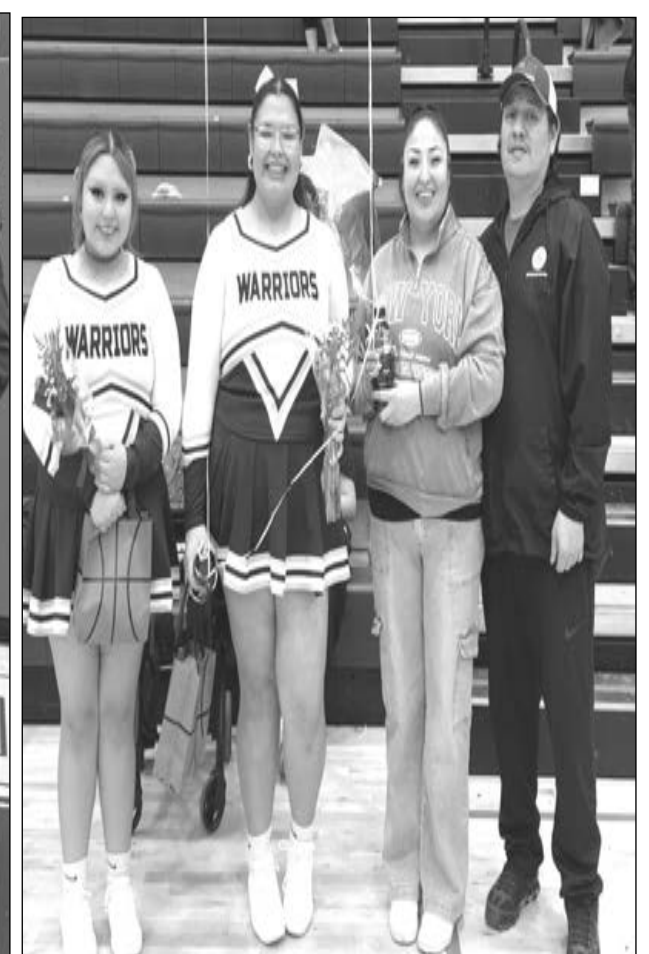
Cheerleaders; Ryleigh and Kyleigh Fox Deane with aunt Kristen Mason.



Cheerleader; Jacelyn Martinelle with her uncle and aunt; Dane and Brandi Fox.



Cheerleader Tayha with her mom Colleen Halvorson and family.



Cheerleaders; Kansaz & Kota with parents Ursula and Kenneth White Lightning.

Acudetox offered at Mandaree Clinic



I went down to the clinic to pick up my refill and I seen this. I didn't know what was going on. I met Rani Hart, she is the daughter of Eunice White Owl. Rani is currently working at the Elbowoods Health Center in New Town. I asked her what Acudetox was so she told me about it. At first I was reluctant because I didn't know what it

was for. Rani stated that some people felt like a warm blanket was over them. Not long after that, I was one of her patients, all I knew that it had to do with needles, then I thought about acupuncture, and that is what this reminded me of. This is how it works; Acudetox involves the insertion of small needles into the five main sites of the outer ear. She places the needles in certain areas of our ear in each ear. She had me wash my inner ear with rubbing alcohol when I was done than she inserted these needles into my ear of course in certain areas. Here is what the names are of where she inserts the needles; **Shen Men** (Spirit Gate) is for calming, reduces cravings, anxiety and insomnia. **Sympathetic Nervous System**; Releases muscles and the "fight or flight" mechanism. **Kidney**; Clears blood, reduces fear, provides access to emotional reserves. **Liver**; Helps detoxify the entire body, reduces anger and depression. **Lung**; Helps detoxify, restores joy.

When she was done inserting the needles in each of my ears then she took me to a room where I laid down for twenty minutes. As I laid there it took a few minutes than I began to really relax and to be honest I almost went to sleep. She will be at the clinic again next Wednesday, March 18th at the Mandaree Field Clinic from 1:00pm to 3:00pm give it a try and you will feel better once you are done.

Mandaree Field Clinic

Mandaree Field Clinic will be closed in the morning on Thursday, March 19th for their staff meeting to be held at the Elbowoods Clinic in New Town.

So if you call the Mandaree Clinic on Thursday, March 19th there will be no one there.

The Mandaree Clinic Staff will be in Mandaree From 1:00pm to 4:30pm on Thursday, March 19th after their staff meeting. Then the Mandaree Clinic will be open. Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions you can call 627-4750.



Mandaree Students Shine at the 2026 ND Native American State Science Fair

All photos by Ireland Rae and Helan Bojo write up submitted by Helan Bojo



Group picture of students who qualified for the ND Native American State Science Fair.



3rd place: Brighten Johnson

The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation proudly recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of the Mandaree School students at the North Dakota Native American State Science and Engineering Fair. This annual event brought together numerous Native American schools from across North Dakota, creating a powerful gathering of young indigenous scientists, innovators, and future leaders. This year marked a special milestone for Mandaree School, as 2026 represents the third consecutive year the school has participated in the state fair-demonstrating a growing tradition of excellence, commitment, and pride in STEM education. Students from grades 3-12 demonstrated exceptional dedication, creativity, and a strong commitment to learning as they presented their scientific investigations at Minot State University in February 2026. School wide competition builds strong foundations. The path to the state fair began on January 28, 2026, when Mandaree school held its annual Science Investigatory Project day. Students showcased weeks of research, experimentation and problem solving, reflecting the growing strength of STEM education within our tribal schools. Grades: 3-5: First place winners from each grade advanced to the State Fair. High School: First place winners in each scientific category earned the right to compete at the state level.

This process highlighted the enthusiasm and determination of Mandaree's young scientists. Mandaree students excelled at the fair, earning multiple 2nd and 3rd place awards, along with several Highest in category distinctions-recognizing students who ranked at the top of their field when no first place award was given.



State Fair Recipients from Elementary, Middle School & High School level

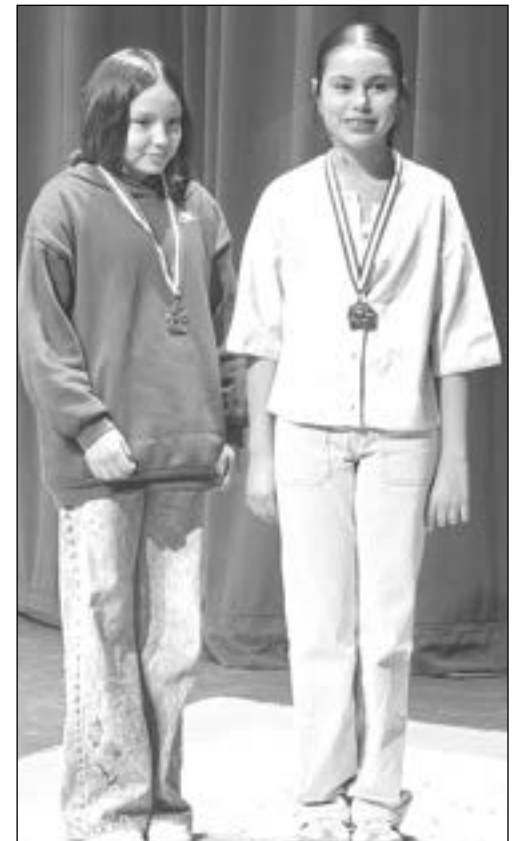
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2nd place: Jaylee Irwin and Demaryiuz Lone Bear.



Kiah DeVille and Autumn Young Bird
2nd place.



3rd place: Jewel Driver and
Kandence Ranger

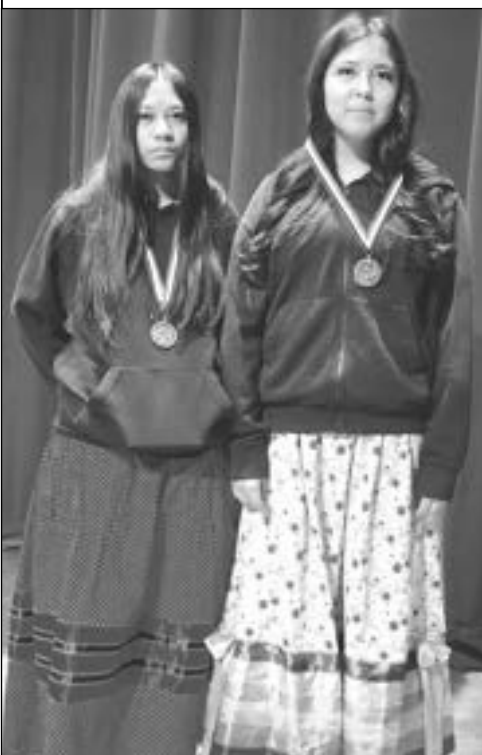
Demaryiuz Lone Bear and Jaylee Irwin earned 2nd place in the 4th grade level, and the Kiah DeVille and Autumn Young Bird, who together secured a 2nd place finish in the 5th grade level. In the middle school categories, Jewel Driver and Kandence Ranger captured 3rd place for the 6th grade, followed by Brighton Johnson, who earned 3rd place at the 8th grade level.

Together these outstanding students showcased their hard work and talent, bringing home top honors across both the elementary and middle school level and representing the Mandaree School with pride.

The high school level.

Melea Helter and Lianna Twin are both in the 9th grade, earning 2nd place and were also recognized as the Highest in Material Science.

Following them are Kaleb John and Luciano Antonio, both in the 11grade, who also achieved 2nd place and received the distinction of Highest in Plant Science.



2nd Place: Melea Helter and
Lianna Twin



2nd place: Kaleb John and Luciano Antonio

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State Fair Recipients From the High School level

All photos by Helan Bojo & Ireland Rae



2nd place: Morgan Fettig.

Morgan Fettig who is in the 10th grade, earned 2nd place and was honored as Highest in Microbiology. Avah Mora, (pictured at the bottom of this page is a 9th grade student, secured 2nd place and the title of Highest in Biochemistry. Danica Roco photo to your right. Is in the 11th grade, earned 2nd place in Engineering. Pauline Yellow Wolf (pictured to your left bottom of this page). A tenth grade student and she earned 2nd place in Chemistry. In the picture below is Sergio Touchine and Beau Robertson who are both 11 grade students. They achieved 3rd place in Environmental Science.

All these students demonstrated strong academic performance and proudly represented Mandaree School across multiple high school categories. These achievements reflect the strength, resilience and academic excellence of Mandaree's youth-qualities deeply valued within the MHA Nation.

A special honor this year was the selection of two Mandaree high school students; Malea Heltera and Lianna Twin; to serve as youth judges for younger participants. Their leadership, professionalism, and willingness to guide younger students embody the values of mentorship and community responsibility.

A proud Moment for the MHA Nation; Mandaree School brought great pride to the MHA Nation at this year's North Dakota Native American State Science and Engineering Fair, joining Native American schools from across the state in celebration of student excellence. Winning multiple awards and having students selected as judges made the experience especially meaningful. These accomplishments highlight not only individual talent but the shared strength of their families, their school, and the MHA Nation. Our young people continue to demonstrate that they are emerging leaders, carrying our culture, knowledge and future forward with pride.



2nd place: Danica Roco



2nd place: Pauline Yellow Wolf



3rd place: Ava Mora



3rd place: Sergio Touchine and Beau Robertson Jr.



“It Takes an Earth Lodge Village” A Cultural Book-Kit Make it & Take it

Photos and article by PHD. Connie King Gottschall



Such creativity and so many awesome moments at our Cultural Book-kit that took place in Mandaree.

Pictured to your left is guest speaker; Lovina Fox shared her wisdom from her life and excerpts from the book of Elder interviews she has written.



Pictured to your left are Early Childhood student interns, from left to right; Esther Hall and Lizbeth Guzman and Lovina Fox. These women all presented during this gathering.

Both Lizbeth and Esther Hall shared their academic and early learning experiences.



Pictured to your right; from the college is Candace Weyrauch and Lizbeth Guzman both helping getting their items ready for their culture book-kit.

We all shared a wonderful meal together before we all got started.



Parents and grandparents read many of the six MHA authored books featured to their children and grandchildren. Parents and grandparents helped them create their pizza box book kits. There was a number of book kits for them to choose from. The participants were able to create and help retell the stories in their own way.



Pictured to your left is LeeAnna Nation with her children as they display their box kits with their drawings. The box kits themselves also contained items that the kids made by themselves.

This was a very resourceful evening as each of the kids were very busy and excited to complete their cultural book kits.

When they finished with their kits each of the participants got to take their

work home with them.



“It Takes an Earth Lodge Village”

Wolf Chief Store & More



Shelves in the Wolf Chief Store are stocked with a variety of grocery items.



Your favorite snacks are also available at Wolf Chief Store & More.



Freezer is full of meats of your liking. Also in the picture below they have some other frozen items chicken, fries, and crispy crowns.



Wolf Chief Store and More now has pizza available to their customers. So you can call in and order a pizza or go inside and sit down and enjoy a pizza. So if you want to call in an order just call 759-3609. Keep in mind now the hours for Hot Stuff are 7:00 am to 2:00pm. For your convenience we have a picture of the menu for the pizza of your choice.



| PIZZA | | |
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| Personal Size Pan Pizza | | |
| ONE TOPPING | \$5.99 | 580-700 CAL |
| PEPPERONI | \$5.99 | 640 CAL |
| ITALIAN SAUSAGE | \$5.99 | 700 CAL |
| CANADIAN BACON | \$5.99 | 600 CAL |
| BEEF | \$5.99 | 650 CAL |
| PORK SAUSAGE | \$5.99 | 670 CAL |
| SPECIALTY | \$5.99 | 590-700 CAL |
| MASTERPIECE SUPREME® | \$5.99 | 670 CAL |
| ALL MEAT | \$5.99 | 660 CAL |
| HAWAIIAN | \$5.99 | 620 CAL |
| FIESTA | \$5.99 | 700 CAL |
| Large Handcrafted Pizza | | |
| ONE TOPPING | \$14.00 | 270-320 CAL/SLICE, 8 SLICES |
| SPECIALTY | \$16.00 | 290-350 CAL/SLICE, 8 SLICES |
| Large Thin Pizza | | |
| ONE TOPPING | \$14.00 | 210-270 CAL/SLICE, 8 SLICES |
| SPECIALTY | \$16.00 | 230-290 CAL/SLICE, 8 SLICES |

Mandaree TAT- Fitness & Recreation Program Update

Article and photos submitted by Tia Mandan

GOOD DAY MANDAREE!



Just sharing a few updates from the TAT-Fitness and Recreation Program in Mandaree.

For the month of February, we had 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball going, with Devin Bear Claw and Andrea Meanus coaching. Their practices were held Monday-Thursdays at the old gym of the old school in Mandaree. The boys had a good season and improved a lot throughout the season! On February 19th the boys played in the end of season tournament held in Parshall. They played very well! Their first game against Twin Buttes was very close, and a nail biter for sure! The boys finished the season in third place. I'd like to thank the coaches for providing the boys with a memorable season!

Also in February, the TAT-Fitness and Recreation Program along with the Mandaree school held the very first Elementary cheer competition. This idea was sparked by the Mandaree Cheer Coaches some time ago, this year we were able to bring the competition to light, and it turned out exactly how we wanted it to. There were three teams that participated in the competition, and it was a lot of fun organizing this event. Thank you to our judges: Lexi Barrett, Singrid Perez and Janie Herman they had a tough job choosing the winners. A big thank you to Mandaree school for allowing us to host this event, thank you to the Deville family for providing each team with a meal. Thank you to the parents for providing the cheer squads with their hometown crowds! Also, A huge thank you to all coaches without you, events like would not be possible. We appreciate you all!

We hope this competition continues to grow and gets even louder for years to come!

Here are the competition winners:

1st Place- White Shield Lady Warriors

2nd place- New Town Lady Eagles

3rd place- Mandaree Lady Warriors

White Shield will host next year's competition.



1st Place: White Shield Lady Warriors!



2nd Place: New Town Lady Eagles!



3rd Place: Mandaree Lady Warriors!

For our upcoming sports and events, we have 5th and 6th graded girls volleyball starting up on March 9th. Practices will be held at the old school gym from 4:15-5:30pm, Tia Mandan is the coach. Let's have a fun season!

Please come prepared and ready to work!

We also have a step class along with a step challenge held at the Elder's Meal Site on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6pm for the first week in March and starting the second week and thereafter in March the class will start at 6:15pm on the same days.

The class is fun and easy to follow for any fitness level. All you have to do is walk/jog to beats of music to gain steps while competing within your age categories.

Here are the categories: Elders 50+, Adults 18-49 both men and women will be split. The top three for each age category will receive incentives.

Spring Elementary Track information will be out soon!

Follow our Program's Facebook pages for updates:

TAT-Fitness and Rec West Segment and Three Affiliated Tribes Fitness and Recreation.

Tia Mandan-Three Affiliated Tribes
Fitness and Recreation
Mandaree Area Rec Specialist
(701) 421-0239



Announcements For Your Information

- * **Elbowoods Memorial Health Center** has general staff meetings with varied hours on **Thursday, March 19, 2026**. Mandaree Clinic will be **open from 1:00pm to 4:30pm**. For questions or concerns please call 627-4750.
- * **Lisa Flies Away** will be leading a class on sounds and writing at the Mandaree Elders Center on **Saturday, March 21st starting at 10:30am**. If you are interested, I hope you are able to make it.
- * **Great Plains Food Bank** will be at the Water Chief Hall on **Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 12:00p.m.**
- * **Mandaree School Prom date is March 28,2026.**
- * **The Mandaree High School students** participating in high school rodeo; the membership deadline for the North Dakota High School Rodeo is on **Friday, April 17, 2026**. The deadline for North Dakota Junior High School Rodeo is on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**.
- * **Attention all Elders** we have scheduled a tentative trip to Black Hawk in Denver the **tentative dates** are April 13, 14, and travel home on April 15th. Keep in mind the dates may change.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

For more information contact info@greatplainsfoodbank.org or call 701.232.6219. For SNAP assistance call 855.405.0000

Tuesday, March 24

| | |
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| Mandaree | 12:30pm - 1:30pm Water Chief Hall 105 4th Ave. SW, Mandaree |
| New Town | 3:30pm - 5:00pm Northern Lights Community Center 710 East Ave, New Town |

Scan the QR Code to find the full Mobile Food Pantry calendar or to volunteer

MHA INTERPRETIVE CENTER PRESENTS

XOSHGA DAY

AN EVENT RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE XOSHGA DAY PROCLAMATION

MHA INTERPRETIVE CENTER **MARCH 17, 2026**
STARTING AT 10AM

MORE INFORMATION: DELPHINE BAKER 701-421-1077 ZEB DEMARAY 701-421-1217

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TIME OUT WACIPI POWWOW

ALERUS CENTER

FRIDAY **APRIL 17** 2026 AND SATURDAY **APRIL 18** 2026

ALERUS UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA INDIGENOUS STUDENT CENTER

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



On October 2025 the Mandaree Public School received notice from North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) that the Mandaree High School has been identified as a Comprehensive Support Improvement (CSI) school. All CSI schools receive guidance and support, in partnership with the North Dakota Regional Education Association (NDREAs), to address requirements, which include coaching, professional development, evidence based instructional strategies, and data driven decision making. These supports are designed to help schools achieve their improvement goals using the school renewal guide. In January 2026 and February 2026, the NDDPI consultants met with Tribal leaders, tribal education program, parents and guardians, and community members. I visited with NDDPI consultants both times. Here is the letter I distributed to NDDPI consultants both times.

February 26, 2026

RE: ND First School

To Whom it May Concern,

Mandaree Elementary School is facing challenges that extend far beyond accountability labels or improvement frameworks. These issues are rooted in long-standing structural and cultural gaps that directly impact our students and our community.

North Dakota does not fund Native American curriculum, and surrounding off-reservation schools will not teach it. Tribal government education is also not taught, despite our students having to navigate four separate governments throughout their lives, tribal, local, state, and federal. This leaves our children disconnected from their identity, history, and civic understanding. The Hidatsa and Mandan people are ancient, and our knowledge systems must be treated as living, legitimate education, not supplemental content.

Surrounding schools are not an option for many of our students, as they are already at capacity and unable to accept additional children. When educational choices are limited, we must strengthen the school within our own community rather than displacing students elsewhere. Without culturally grounded education, we risk recreating a modern version of

boarding –school era assimilation, where Native children are separated from language, elders, and identity. Sports and extracurricular opportunities are also limited, reducing access to teamwork, discipline, and pathways that many Native students rely on for engagement and growth. Elders remain our most valuable teachers, yet the current system does not formally recognize or support their role in education.

At the same time, our school requires stable, full-time leadership to move forward successfully under ND FIRST. We need a full-time superintendent, a full-time principal, and a full-time counselor to meet both academic and social-emotional needs.

Kelly Bradfield has expressed her willingness to serve as a full-time superintendent. She has dedicated over 15 years to MHA Head Start, demonstrating consistent leadership and service to our children and families. While the state does not currently recognize this experience as three years of administration, the reality is that her work reflects deep operational, educational, and community-based leadership.

Dawn Stroh has served Mandaree School for over 22 years and has the experience, trust, and institutional knowledge necessary to serve as a full-time principal. Continuity and stability matter, especially in a CSI environment.

Additionally, a full-time counselor is critical to address student wellness, trauma, attendance, and engagement; areas that directly affect academic outcomes under ESSA accountability measures.

Participation in ND FIRST should be an opportunity for meaningful improvement, not just compliance. For Mandaree Elementary to exit CSI status, solutions must reflect the lived realities of our students and respect the sovereignty, culture, and strengths of the MHA Nation. Our children deserve an education that prepares them academically without asking them to leave who they are behind.

Sincerely,

Lisa Finley-DeVille
ND Representative District 4A (Ft. Berthold Reservation)

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From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



Good afternoon. My name is Lisa Finley-DeVillie, I'm joining you today from North Dakota. I am a Representative for District 4A, which is the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation. I stand in full solidarity with all of you gathered at the Minnesota State Capitol.

I want to acknowledge the Minnesota legislators, community leaders and my five North Dakota colleagues who are present in person today, as well as the state lawmakers across the country who are joining remotely. The fact that more than two dozen states are represented here sends a powerful message: this moment matters far beyond Minnesota.

We are here today because state legislators are standing together to reject lawless federal tactics and to demand accountability. We are united by a shared belief that government power must never come at the expense of human dignity, community safety, or the rule of law.

What is happening in Minnesota matters to all of us. Minnesota has become a testing ground for broader federal actions, and how we respond here will shape what communities across the country may face next. That is why we say today: we are all Minnesota.

I want to speak about what is happening to Native American people in Minneapolis. These are Dakota homelands, and the city is home to Native people from many tribal nations. Our tribes have declared that we are not immigrants. We are the first people of these lands. Borders were imposed on us, not the other way around.

We can see that is not about immigration as much as it is about targeting people of color. Including Native people who are simply living in their communities. A Native woman was violently thrown to the ground by ICE agents, suffering a fractured eye and possible permanent vision loss. That is not enforcement. That is violence.

People, including tribal citizens and United States citizens, have been detained at Fort Snelling, a place where Dakota people were once imprisoned and held under military guard. That history is real, and it is

still being felt today. I am standing with Minnesota because my state has seen how quickly federal overreach can erode trust, escalate harm, and leave families and communities grieving without answers. The killings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti are not abstract policy failures they are human tragedies that demand transparency, accountability, and change.

Today, we commit ourselves to protecting our communities, confronting the rise of federal authoritarian tactics, and standing firm against the escalation of force against civilians.

Solidarity is not symbolic. It is a promise that no one stands alone, and no community is disposable.

Thank you for allowing me to stand with you today.

PRESS RELEASE: State Futures and State Lawmakers from 27 States Unite to Confront Federal Overreach and ICE Escalation

Day of Solidarity mobilizes lawmakers, highlights expanding a legislative coalition and coordinated state action

SAINT PAUL, MN – January 30, 2026 – State lawmakers from across the country gathered yesterday at the Minnesota State Capitol for a Stand with Minnesota Day of Solidarity, convened by state legislators in partnership with **State Futures**.

More than **110 state lawmakers from 27 states** participated in the Day of Solidarity, including **42 lawmakers from 13 states** who gathered in person to confront escalating federal tactics and use of force by federal agents in Minnesota following the killings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti.

“This Day of Solidarity reflects an extraordinary and historic level of coordination among state legislators nationwide,” said **Gaby Goldstein, President at State Futures**. “What is happening today is not symbolic-it is **coordinated, collective action**. State legislators are standing together to say these actions demand scrutiny, that states have a critical role to play, **and we will not look away.**”

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

The Stand with Minnesota Day of Solidarity included:

- Minnesota Senate Select Subcommittee on Federal Impacts Hearing on ICE activity in Minnesota;
 - In-person press conference at the Minnesota Capitol;
- A national virtual press call bringing together **more than 110** state lawmakers from **27** states across the country;

Throughout the day, participating lawmakers emphasized solidarity with Minnesota communities, rejected federal enforcement tactics, demanded accountability, and highlighted the importance of coordinated state legislative action in response to unchecked federal enforcement.

“Operation Metro Surge has devastated Minnesota. But the world has seen this authoritarian playbook numerous times throughout history. By learning the lessons of history we can push back, and that's what today's effort was about,” said **Minnesota State Representative Kelly Moller**. “This is not American politics as usual — this is democracy vs. autocracy. **Every leader of good conscience in every state must take action to push back against this extreme federal overreach and tyranny.**”

“What is happening in Minnesota is not an isolated incident, it is a warning. When federal agents can kill American citizens, block investigations, and claim ‘absolute immunity,’ we are in dangerous territory as a nation,” said **Montana State Senator Cora Neumann, who organized the event with State Futures**. “Montana helped bring states together because we refuse to accept a country where federal power operates without limits. **This is a test case for every state in America, and today we are answering it together.**”

WHO

State Futures is a national nonprofit supporting more than 650 state policymakers from 48 states, advancing coordinated state leadership through policy development, research, and cross-state collaboration.

Participants *in-person* included 40+ state lawmakers from 13 states:

- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Montana
- Colorado

- Illinois
- Rhode Island
- Oregon
- Michigan
- Georgia
- Missouri
- North Dakota
- North Carolina
- Tennessee

Participants in the *national press call* included 120 state lawmakers from 27 states:

- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Montana
- Utah
- Colorado
- Illinois
- Rhode Island
- Oregon
- Michigan
- Georgia
- Missouri
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- North Carolina
- Tennessee
- New Mexico
- Pennsylvania
- New York
- New Hampshire
- Hawaii
- New Jersey
- Kansas
- Ohio
- Maine
- Washington
- Vermont
- Texas

The Day of Action sent a clear national message: when federal enforcement escalates violence and undermines constitutional protections, states are stepping up—together—to protect their communities and defend democratic principles.

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Mandaree Meal Site Menu

March 2026

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| 2 Spaghetti, garlic bread, Green Beans Fruit cup | 3 Pork Chops Stuffing, Corn, Chocolate Pudding | 4 Beef and Broccoli over Rice, Cottage Cheese Cookie | 5 Chicken & Shrimp Jambalaya, Cucumber Salad Tropical Fruit Cup | 6 Oatmeal w raisins Boiled Eggs Bacon Strips Toast, Banana |
| 9 Chicken Salad sandwich, Broccoli/grape Salad Butterscotch Pudding with topping | 10 Chicken Nuggets Tator Tots, Mac and Cheese, Peas Strawberry Cake | 11 Corn Soup Fry Bread Blueberry Pudding | 12 Baked Chicken Corn on the cob Macaroni Salad Oranges | 13 Ham Egg Cheese Scramble, Toast Salsa, Yogurt |
| 16 Meatloaf, Rice Pilaf Green Beans Apple Sauce | 17 Happy St Patrick's Day Polish Sausage, Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Strawberry/spinach salad and Jello | 18 Cabbage Soup Roast Beef Sandwich Mixed Fruit Cup | 19 Elk Burger Deluxe Pickles, lettuce, tomato, Lettuce Steak Fries, Snicker Salad | 20 Biscuits and Gravy Sausage links Boiled Eggs Mandarin Oranges |
| 23 Hot Hamburger Mashed potatoes Carrots and Peas Dessert | 24 Tuna Salad Sandwich Baked Lays Cooks Choice Soup Fruit Cup | 25 Elk Stew Homemade Buns Apple Crisp | 26 Chicken Chef Salad With all fixings Bread Sticks Grapes | 27 Corn Beef Hash Bake Toast Pineapple Bits |
| 30 Chicken Alfredo Garlic Toast Steamed Broccoli Sherbert | 31 Chili and Cornbread Honey and Butter Cottage Cheese Cantaloupe w/ mint | | | |

Mandaree EMS Update for Your Information



Hello from Mandaree EMS!

A few updates to be aware of, there is still an influx of influenza and COVID going around.

Please take necessary precautions such as staying home if symptomatic, and washing hands frequently.

There's more reported cases of measles now in Williams County and Pembina County. We have COVID tests, so if you are concerned and needing one please feel free to reach out.

With Spring approaching, seasonal allergies will follow. If you are asthmatic or have any respiratory condition ensure that you have medications like albuterol inhalers and nebulizer treatments. Please do not hesitate to call 911 if you are feeling short of breath or having difficulty breathing.

Early intervention leads to more positive results calling 911 sooner rather than later leads to better outcomes. Even if you do not wish to be transported by ambulance, you can still call 911 to seek emergency medical attention.

Lastly, thank you to MHA Nation and West Segment Community for supporting us and allowing us to be of service for our community.



Shantell Fettig
AEMT Mandaree EMS

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

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

For Your Information



United States Department of the Interior
 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
 Fort Totten Agency
 Post Office Box 270
 Fort Totten, North Dakota 58335

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Superintendent

February 26, 2026


Public Notice

This notice is to inform the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Fort Berthold Agency is upgrading the telephone system; the new phone number is **701-773-8170** in effect now. Therefore, the previous Bureau of Indian Affairs – Fort Berthold Agency number 701-627-4707 will be Discontinued.

Respectfully,



Acting Superintendent




United States Department of the Interior
 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
 Fort Berthold Agency
 Post Office Box 370
 Fort Berthold, North Dakota 58763

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Superintendent

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL PROBATE TEAM
 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FORT BERTHOLD
 AGENCY FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT
 DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR
 NEW PROBATES AND PROBATES CURRENTLY IN
 TAAMS

MARCH 16 - 27, 2026



MHA NATION
 Department of Transportation
 Safety and Inspection

March 2, 2026


UPDATED CONTACT LIST FOR MOTOR CARRIER INSPECTORS AND DISPATCH

| INSPECTOR | CONTACT # |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Matthew Yellow Wolf | 701-421-8676 |
| Michael Blacksmith | 701-421-5651 |
| Ricardo Villagrana | 701-421-9121 |
| Didrick Wise Spirit | 701-421-7396 |
| Jocko Frank | 701-421-9225 |
| Rylan Howling Wolf | 701-595-2038 |
| DISPATCH | 701-627-4513 |

Dispatch: Sunday to Saturday,
 HOURS: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

* Closed during observed Tribal Holidays.

2026 NoDak Defrost HOT Conference



More Training Opportunities-We're bringing even more opportunity to sharpen your skill at Defrost 2026.

Want to build your wildland credentials, join us in Dickinson:

Red Card Refresher
 May 2, 2026
 0800-1200

Keep your qualifications current and stay deployable. Clean, simple, and done before lunch.

S-131: Firefighter Type 1
 May 2, 2026| 1200-1700
 May 3, 2026| 0800-1700

This is the next step. Leadership on the line. Tactical decision making. Operating with intent when things get hot and fast. Solid training that makes you better for your crew and your community. Wildfires in North Dakota are not slowing down. Neither are we.

Registration is OPEN NOW. Hurry before these classes fill.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/cadf569aecf14ec99643d625d62e6311>

For Your Information

Hay Draw Cafe



Hay Draw Café:

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

Native Printing LLC is Open For All Your Printing Needs

Native Enrolled Member in the Mandaree Area:

We offer the following:

Embroidery

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Vinyl Heat Press

DTF (Direct to Fill)

Silk Screen Services

Phone: (701) 421-1027

Email: nativeprinting_nt@yahoo.com

Hay Draw Café Hours:

Open Monday through Friday

8:00am to 4:00pm

Closed on Weekends

Café Manager: Lindsey Fox 421-6347

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.

Wolf Chief Store

Monday –Friday 7am– 7pm

Saturday & Sunday: from 8am-4pm

Store Manager: Tiffany Hunts Along at (701) 759-3609

For Hot Stuff & pizza orders call the store and they will prepare you pizza.

Hot Stuff hours are from 7am to 2pm

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:



Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree

Mandaree Post Office:

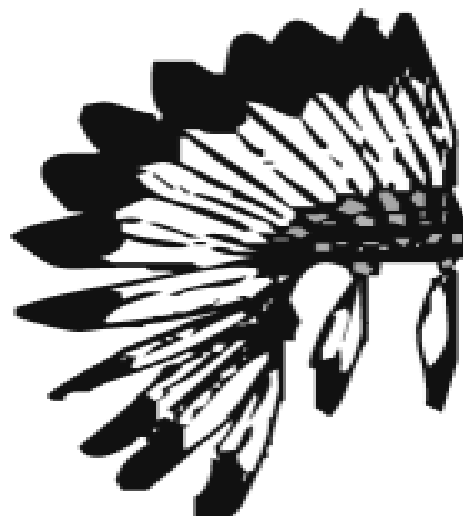
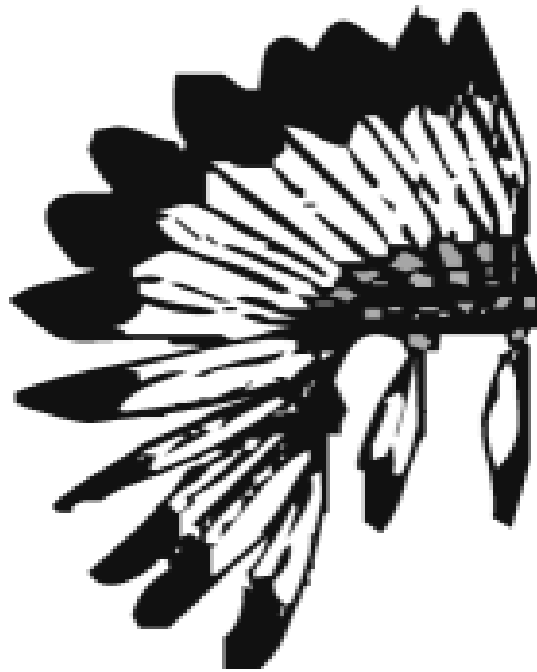


Post Office Hours Monday-Friday: 12:00-4:00pm

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

Main Phone Line: (701) 353-8540

For Your Information Dates of Warbonnet Dances in our Area



Hiraaca Relations Clans

By Arvella White & Carol Newman

Hiraaca has seven clans they are called the 4 Clan and the 3 Clan.

4 Clan:

1. Water Buster Clan: Miri-Baadi
2. Prairie Chicken Clan: Ciiga
3. Dripping Dirt Clan: Awa-xee
4. Wide Ride Clan-Idii-shuhga

Minot Grady from New Town was the last member of the Wide Ridge Clan. He died in the 70's. He adopted a non-Indian vista worker from New York her name is Vivian Kalauber, since then other tribal members have been adopted in this Clan. In the 90's Vivian Kalauber, came back to Mandaree where she adopted members into the Wide Ridge Clan (idii-shuhga).

Water Buster Clan is a holy clan, only a water buster clan member can talk about the clan.

3 Clan:

1. Low Cap Clan: Apuhga-Migaa
2. Salted Lodge Clan:Maxoxadi
3. Flint Knife Clan: Mee-cii-Rooga

Both the Hiraaca and Mandan tribes are "Matrilineal" which means a system in which decent is traced through the mother and maternal ancestor. If you mother is a member of the Hiraaca and Mandan tribe; then you are a member of your mother's clan. Always remember, you are what your mother is. Here is an example; if your father is a Prairie Chicken Clan than you are a Prairie Chicken child or nagaa (meaning baby), you don't belong to your father's clan, again you are what your mother is. This is only on your father's side; his clan brothers and sisters are your clan aunt (ishaawi) and clan father (aadu).

This is on your mother's side, when you select a clan child for the war bonnet dance you choose a child o your clan brother or clan sister. For example; (when selecting someone; if you are a flint knife clan member than you will select one of your brother's children, you look for a baby knife clan (nagaa). Same way with your clan sister, you select s baby knife (nagaa). The clan aunt (Ishaawi) and clan father (aadu) will ask their clan children for help, they will call on their clan children to be on a war bonnet dance. Also they will call on their clan children to be on the pow wow committee. This is how its supposed to be done, but now a days people just pick their own families.

You always use your father's side, when you have a giveaway ceremony, you give to your clan father and clan aunt the best of what you have in honor and respect for them. Again, you go through your father's clan when you select a senior pallbearer, you choose you clan father or clan sister on your father's side. Your father (aadu) and (ishaawi) are the ones who send the deceased person on their journey to the spirit world. For example; (if a senior pallbearer from the chicken clan is called upon than it is his clan that helps him throughout the

entire time. If he/she needs a break only a member of the chicken clan (his clan) should be the one to relieve him/her so the senior pallbearer can take a break.

Your father (aadu) and (ishaawi) are the ones who send the deceased person on their journey to the spirit world. The gifts hung on the line behind the casket are put up by the family and these gifs are what the deceased takes spiritually to the spirit world to share with their family and relatives on the other side.

If your parents are from the same clan, for example; say your father is flint knife and your mother is flint knife, than you are considered a genuine flint knife clan member. So when you donate or have a giveaway or have to select a senior pallbearer than you still go through your father's clan, which in this example is flint knife clan.

Our people were taught to respect and love your clan father and clan aunt, because these clan relatives are responsible for your guidance, discipline and wellbeing, most of all they will be the one to take care of you when you make your journey to the spirit world. You only give or (donate) to your father's clan brother, clan father (aadu) and clan aunt (ishaawi). You do not donate or giveaway to your mother's clan.

If you wife or husband is not from our Mandan/Hiraaca tribe, your children will not belong to a clan or be a child of a clan, only if you have your wife or husband adopted into the Three Clan or Four Clan.

For a woman; if she marries a non-tribal member and she has sisters who are married into our tribe than her children can go through her sister's husband's clan. For example; (if a mother belongs to the flint knife clan her children are flint knife, but her husband is from another tribe. Than her children can go through her sister's husband, say for example he belongs to the Water Buster clan, than her children can use his clan.

Another way is; (as a child or nagaa baby) if you don't have any sisters or any other family then you can go through your grandfather or your mother's husband clan, (if they have a clan). This is all done on your mother's side. For example; (if your grandfather on your mother's side belongs to the Water Buster clan then you can go through his clan). Or if you have a grandfather who was adopted in a clan, then you go through the clan he was adopted in. For example; (if your mother's husband belongs to the chicken clan then you go through the chicken clan). Or if your mother's husband was adopted than you can go through the clan that he was adopted in. If you don't have any sisters or any other family, then you can go through your grandfather on your mother's side; or your mother's husband clan.

This is what we were told by the old ones.

NHSC College March Happenings



Campus Updates

March 9th -13th - Campus Closed for Spring Break

Campus Events

- March 3rd – Lunch & Learn – Booking It @ Noon in Room 37
- March 3rd, 17th, 31st - Free Lunch Tuesday @ Noon in Room 37
- March 6th – Cultural Book Kit Session @ 430pm in Mandaree – Water Chief Hall
- March 18th – Garden Planning Workshop @ 5pm in Room 10
- March 19th – Plant Starting Workshop @ 5pm in Room 10
- March 19th – Monthly Job Service Visit – 9am-1pm in Room 37
- March 30th – Spring Book Club Discussion @ 4:15pm in Room 37

American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC)

- March 15th – 18th AIHEC Student Conference in Bismarck
- March 26th – 29th AIHEC Basketball Tournament
(Parshall Community Center, Johnny Bird, and Four Bears)

Academics

- March 2nd – 5th – Midterm Week
- March 6th – Midterm Grades Due by Noon
- March 18th – Summer & Fall Online registration opens

New Employee

Evelyn (Faye) Foote – Retention Disability Counselor



NHSC College March 2026 Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | 2 Midterm Week | 3 Midterm Week Lunch & Learn – Booking It @ Noon in Room 37 | 4 Midterm Week | 5 Midterm Week | 6 Cultural Book Kit Session @ 430pm in Mandaree – Water Chief Hall | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Campus Closed for Spring Break | 10 Campus Closed for Spring Break | 11 Campus Closed for Spring Break | 12 Campus Closed for Spring Break | 13 Campus Closed for Spring Break | 14 |
| 15 AIHEC Student Conference in Bismarck | 16 AIHEC Student Conference in Bismarck | 17 AIHEC Student Conference in Bismarck Free Lunch @ Noon in Room 37 | 18 AIHEC Student Conference in Bismarck <i>Garden Planning Workshop @ 5pm in Room 10</i> Summer & Fall Online Registration opens | 19 Monthly Job Service Visit 9am-1pm in Room 37 Garden Planning Workshop @ 5pm in Room 10 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 AIHEC Basketball Tournament | 27 AIHEC Basketball Tournament | 28 AIHEC Basketball Tournament |
| 29 AIHEC Basketball Tournament | 30 Spring Book Club Discussion @ 4:15pm in Room 37 | 31 Free Lunch @ Noon in Room 37 | | | | |

For Your Information

Clarity after 70 Years



I have arrived at a point in my life where the “whys” and the “how comes” accumulated over the past 70+ years are much clearer now. Unfortunately, it has taken this long for that clarity to manifest itself. Fortunately, separating the wheat from the chaff has finally shown some dividends. What was confusing in the past now has begun to make some sense. How does that saying go...hindsight is 20/20? Anyway, moving forward from now is really the only option. The constant never-ending challenge of learning how to be human will always be a requirement of us, regardless of our age.

This learning how to be human not only pertains to our physical and emotional selves but more importantly to our spiritual selves. Learning about the ways we can become a true and sincere follower of the father God who created us; the son Jesus the Christ who died for us; and the Holy Spirit Paraclete who guides and reminds us; should be the priority for our lives. Why? Because without the effort to learn or to understand the spiritual aspects of our humanness, we risk the chance of not developing that intimate spiritual relationship with Father-Son-Spirit. A relationship we cannot afford to ignore if our intentions include existence in the eternal life hereafter.

So often we hear words that should inspire us to want to dig deeper into the meaning of those words. And just as often, those same words tend to confuse and confound us to the point that we don't even try to seek their meaning. Too difficult to understand... they make no sense...these words don't pertain to me. Well... bible scripture gives us the situations and events of the Jewish people learning how to be human; learning how to understand and cope with the word of the law that will determine their spiritual identities. The religious leaders of the time would not teach or instruct the people in the proper ways to deal with their misunderstandings of the words given to them by Father-Son-Spirit (GOD). Because of this failure in leadership, GOD put into action a plan to revive the teachings and requirements for the peoples to learn and understand the proper meaning of the words of the law. The prime mover of this plan is Jesus the Son.

Finally, some clarification in the words of the law given to the peoples by GOD. Well... maybe not so much clarity at first; but

gradually the intended message was accepted by the people. Not so much by the religious leaders. Their mindset was to oppress the people to the point that they could not freely worship on their own. There were too many rules and misinterpretations of the words that were put into place by the leaders. Rules and misinterpretations that did not help the people but instead were a hindrance to them. Resulting in the worship of GOD being a burden instead of the freely given worship and praise that it was intended to be. Jesus' message to the religious leaders and their implied rules on the people was... “enough of this”. Jesus showed them the intended meaning of the original laws without changing one letter of the law. “I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfill it” Jesus said. And He has done just that. His purpose was to teach and explain the foundation of the original laws given by GOD to the people. The foundation of the original laws being two-fold; that they/we only worship THE one true GOD and that they/we love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the foundation that the laws, (aka) the Ten Commandments, were written on. These original ten laws given to the people then, and to us today, by the one true GOD to teach us how to love Him and how to love our neighbor. To bring awareness to them, and us, that these ten laws are not suggestions but explanations on how to be human. Human, yet containing a spiritual essence that needs to learn that the relationship we need to have with GOD, begins with loving each other. Difficult? Sure, it is! That's where the teachings and examples that Jesus the Son has given us in bible scripture come into play. Read the words, listen to the words, feel the words; pick the words apart if you need to. Come to understand that an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is not the answer to any situation; nor is it the way to a relationship with GOD-SON-SPIRIT. The love that GOD-SON-SPIRIT has for us is the key that opens the door that blocks our way to a relationship. Turn the key. Don't hesitate. The gifts and graces that are available cannot be described by human description. All given out of love! Amen.

May God Bless you Always

Have a great day with Jesus Christ

Deacon Dan Barone

St. Anthony Catholic Church



For Your Information

MHA Nation Job Opening In West Segment

MANDAN, HIDATSA, ARIKARA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Three Affiliated Tribes - Fort Berthold Reservation 404 Frontage Road
New Town, ND 58763 Phone: 701-627-4781 Email:
Recruitment@mhanation.com

Mandaree Job Openings:

Fort Berthold Rural Water:

Water Treatment Plant Operator in Mandaree Level IV

Infant & Toddler Program:

Early Intervention Specialist in Mandaree Level II

TO APPLY, EMAIL THE FOLLOWING TO 3/2/26 – 3/20/26
RECRUITMENT@MHANATION.COM BEFORE 4:30 PM OF
DEADLINE DATE.

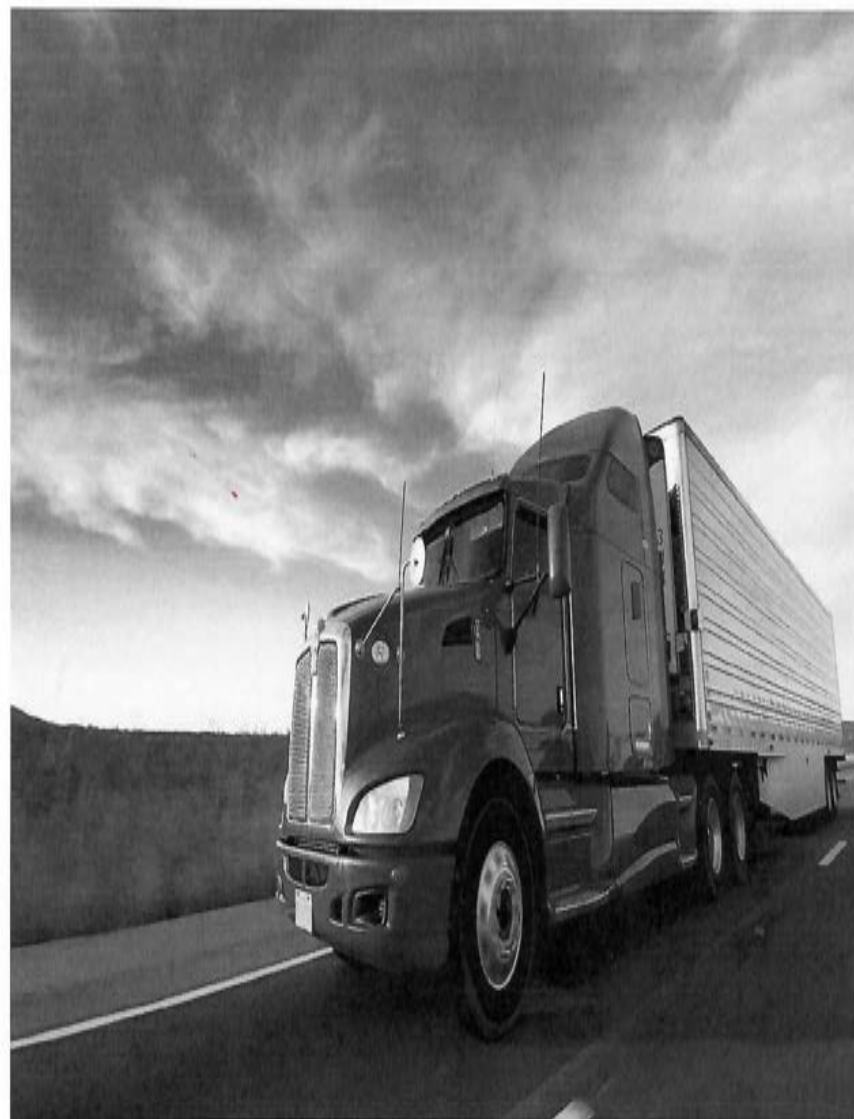
TAT-MHA NATION – EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION LEVEL IV TWO
FORMS OF ID – VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE OR STATE ISSUED ID,
SS CARD, PASSPORT, BIRTH CERT. MAKE SURE ID COPIES ARE
FRONT AND BACK (IN COLOR) PROOF OF HIGHEST EDUCATION:
HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE DEGREES/TRANSCRIPTS/
CERTIFICATES INDIAN PREFERENCE (IF APPLICABLE):
CERTIFICATE OF DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD (CDIB) OR TRIBAL
ID VETERANS PREFERENCE (IF APPLICABLE): CERTIFICATE OF
RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (DD-214)
SELECTIVE SERVICE (IF APPLICABLE): OFFICIAL

REGISTRATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTER COMPLETE
APPLICATIONS ARE VALID FOR SIX (6) MONTHS. USE APP. ON
FILE FORM TO APPLY FOR MORE POSITIONS. INCOMPLETE
APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. APPLICATIONS ARE
AVAILABLE AT WWW.MHANATION.COM/

MHANATIONEMPLOYMENT. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE
APPLICATION PROCESS, CALL THE RECRUITMENT TEAM AT 701-
627-4781 BACKGROUND CRITERIA LEVEL I – BASIC LEVEL IV –
PUBLIC TRUST LEVEL II – VULNERABLE ADULT/CHILD CA LEVEL
V – LIVED EXPERIENCE LEVEL III – CHILD CARE PUBLIC TRUST
ENFORCEMENT LEVEL VI – LAW– TO APPLY, EMAIL THE
FOLLOWING TO RECRUITMENT@MHANATION.COM BEFORE 4:30
PM OF DEADLINE DATE.

Nueta Hidatsa Sanish College

NOW ACCEPTING Applications for the April 6th Class



For more information please contact

Susan McNeil-Conley at 701-240-8170

For Your Information

Bingo time!



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!

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.



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

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

**"It Takes an Earth Lodge Village"
Cultural Book-Kit
Make It & Take It Session**

Come create a Cultural Book-Kit to take home that helps tell a story written by an MHA Author!


**When: Friday, April 10
4:30-6:30 PM**

where: NHS College Cafeteria

Meal provided.

Featuring our Early Childhood Education Students and MHA-Authored Books!

Please R.S.V.P. to let us know if you, your child/grandchild, and family are planning to attend the session by calling or texting Dr. Connie King Gottschall at 443-534-5769 or by emailing at cfrank@nhsc.edu. Thank you! 😊



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**"It Takes an Earth Lodge Village"
Cultural Book-Kit
Make It & Take It Session**

Come create a Cultural Book-Kit to take home that helps tell a story written by an MHA Author!


**When: Friday, April 24
4:30-6:30 PM**

where: Twin Buttes Wellness Center

Meal provided.

Featuring our Early Childhood Education Students and MHA-Authored Books!

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4-H INDIAN COUNTRY

NHS COLLEGE NUETA HIDATSA SAHNISH

THE 4-H HORSE RANCH FEDERAL LUCKY HORSE

OPEN 4-H HORSE SHOW

Date: Saturday 4/25/26
Time: Open arena 7:30 - 8:30
Registration: 8:30am
Opening ceremony: 10:00 AM
Location: Healing Horse Ranch
7380 39th St. NW
Parshall, ND 58770

All events follow NDSU 4-H Horse Show Rules and Judging Guide (GBH092). Helmets are required for all mounted events. 4-H Dress required (refer to NDSU 4-H Rules).

Pre-registration available or register day of onsite.

CONTACT: Rebecca Hager at rebecca.hager@ndsu.edu or 806.236.5021
Katie Oakland at koakland@nhsc.edu or 701.367.6136

AGE GROUPS:
Based on age as of Sept 1, 2024
Cloverbud: 5-7 years
Junior: 8-11 years
Intermediate: 12-14 years
Senior: 15-18
Open: 18+

GAME AFTER CLASSES COME COMPLETE

REGISTRATION: \$3 PER CALL EARLY REGISTRATION \$5/CLASS DAY OF

CLASSES: Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Equitation Over Fences, Showmanship at Halter, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship Trail, Ranch Riding, Reining, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Keyhole Race, Goat Tying

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**ALL-WEST TOURNAMENT
FUNDRAISER BINGO**

MARCH 20TH, 2026 AT 6PM
AT WATERCHIEF HALL
COACH & PLAYERS FUNDRAISER
\$20 EARLY BIRDS OR \$30 FOR 2
\$40 PER PACKET OR \$60 FOR 2

\$100 GAMES
\$500 BONANZA & \$1000 BLACKOUT!!

GIRLS BASKETBALL CONCESSIONS
INDIAN TACOS OR WALKING TACOS
\$12 WITH A DRINK

DESSERTS:
DIRT CUPS, PUMPKIN BARS,
SCOTCHEROOS & MORE

COME SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!!

For Your Information



-SAVE THE DATE-

FOUR BEARS POWWOW
MAY 21-24, 2026

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 - YOUTH NIGHT GRAND ENTRY 7:00PM (NO POINTS)
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026 - GRAND ENTRY 7:00PM (POINTS BEGIN)
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026 - GRAND ENTRIES 1:00PM & 7:00PM
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 - GRAND ENTRY 1:00PM

CRAFT/FOOD VENDORS MAY SET UP ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 AT 3:00PM.

4 BEARS CASINO & LODGE EVENT CENTER
202 FRONTAGE ROAD, NEW TOWN, ND

AIHEC Basketball Tournament

44th ANNUAL NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT GET READY FOR ACTION!!



Join us for an electrifying basketball tournament showcasing top teams from across the country. Don't miss the thrills, skills, and slam dunks!

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Obituary

Funeral Services for Sheronne Kuriga, 48, of Rapid City, South Dakota, formerly of Mandaree, ND will be 10:00am CT, Monday, March 9, 2026 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Mandaree. Burial will follow at the Wicker Family Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5pm-7pm, Sunday, March 8, 2026 with Rosary at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's Church.

Sheronne passed away Thursday, March 5, 2026 at her home in Rapid City, South Dakota surrounded by family.

Sheronne White, whose Native name was Lays with Her Mother, was born on December 9, 1977, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

She grew up in North Dakota and attended Edwin Loe Elementary School in New Town. Sheronne later attended Mandaree High School and continued her education at Ogalala Lakota College in Rapid City and Kyle South Dakota.

On June 29, 2013, Sheronne was united in marriage to Daisuke Kuriga in Rapid City, South Dakota. Together they shared a life filled with love, adventure, and dedication to family.

Sheronne enjoyed spending time outdoors and making memories with those she loved. In her free time, she enjoyed traveling, hiking, biking, and cruising to her favorite songs. Her greatest joy in life was being a mother to her two children, Anna and Angel.

Sheronne will be remembered for her love of family, her adventurous spirit, and the joy she brought to those who knew her.

Sheronne is survived by her husband, Daisuke Kuriga; her children, Anna Dae White and Angel Waylon White; her mother, Nora Mae White Eagle; and her siblings, Donessa Wicker, Donnilee (Robert) Bird Bear, Tatum White, and Jory (Jessica) Killspotted.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roger White; her stepfather, Daron White Eagle; and her grandparents, Anna and Allen Wicker.

Obituary

In Loving Memory of
Sharon Kuriga

December 9, 1977~March 4, 2026



Rosary:

Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 7:00pm
St. Anthony Catholic Church
Mandaree, North Dakota

Officiating:

Father Roger Synek

Funeral Mass:

Monday, March 9, 2026 at 10:00am
St. Anthony Catholic Church
Mandaree, North Dakota

Senior Pallbearer:

Karen Walks

Active Pallbearers:

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| Chester Mandan | Billy Stevens |
| Victor Stevens | Elliot Stevens |
| Duke Driver | Thomas McCarty |
| Peyton Black Hawk | |

Interment:

Wicker Family Cemetery
Mandaree, North Dakota



On behalf of West Segment we extend our sincere Sympathy to the families and relatives of Sheronne Kuriga, Candance Standish, and Martha Bird Bear. Your family and relatives are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this sorrowful time. May our Creator comfort all of you at this time.

Sincerely

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight and Personnel

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March 11th & 18th

@ Mandaree Field Clinic

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Acudetox involves the insertion of small needles into five main sites of the outer ear

Shen Men (Spirit Gate)

Calming, reduces cravings, anxiety and insomnia

Sympathetic Nervous System

Releases muscles and the "fight or flight" mechanism

Kidney

Clears blood, reduces fear, provides access to emotional reserves

Liver

Helps detoxify the entire body, reduces anger and depression

Lung

Helps detoxify, restores joy



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Happy Birthday Wishes To Our Elders!!



- Wendell White
- Don Hall
- Harriet Goodiron
- Doris Mossett
- Eric Grinnell
- Michaela Bacon
- Corrine Lincoln
- Faith Hale

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