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Mandaree High School 2023 Graduates

Photo by Norma Flying Horse



Quotes for The Heart & Mind:

- * "Believe you can and you're halfway there" ~Theodore Roosevelt~
- * "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." ~Jimmy Dean~

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From left to right: Elmer Flying Horse Jr., Tianna Lester, Bailey Chase, Brandee Rae Mays, Skylar Newman, Jewels Lone Fight, RaeJean Young Bear, Aaron Wolf, Alano Antonio. Not pictured: Anthony Starr Jr. Evelyn Marvel.

Proud parents, grandparents, and extended relatives all gathered at the 2023 graduation held at the Mandaree School. Before the graduation commencement began a prayer was offered by one of our prominent elders Lyda Bearstail. The welcome and introductions were given by Skylar Newman, the Class President. The Salutatorian address was given by Elmer Flying Horse Jr., the Class Treasurer. Valedictorian address was given by BrandeeRhae Mays, Student Council. The commencement address was given by Ms. Trena Baker and Jason Cummins, Doctorate of Education. The Presentation of Diplomas were handed out by Carolyn Bluestone, Superintendent/HS Principal and Ms. Kelly Bradfield, School Board President. The Recessional was by the Mandaree Singers.

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Councilwoman Turner-Long Fight Update



Greetings to you all. I want to take a moment and thank each of you for your patience as our Editor of this paper was on leave due to loss of her sister. My sincere condolences to the Connie Fox Twins family and to those who recently lost their beloved ones. May you all find comfort and peace as you continue to move forward in your lives.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate each graduate we had this year. I wish you all the success in your future plans.

We are moving along slowly in our community. I am proud to mention we recently purchased a van for Post 271. In receiving this van Millard Hale Jr., stated; This is so generous of the community. I am very proud to be from Mandaree, even though I stay in New Town, That's my dad that's my country is over there. Thank you so much I have a lump in my throat. Our community thinks a lot about us. I didn't tell the boys yet but I'll have to pick them up and take them for a ride. Again thank you Sherry, when I see you I will give you a big hug. Jimmy Johnson states; for myself and the rest of Post 271 we want to thank you so much.

Pictured below is the Van for Post 271 from West Segment community.



This is the emblem that is placed in the back of the van.

Groundbreaking for our new community center which is named Swift Eagle James G. Johnson Wellness Center will be on Thursday,

July 27th for the ground breaking ceremony. So come and join us to this ground breaking ceremony.

Our Mandaree Celebration is here so with that in mind we would like everyone to know that West Segment will have our Clanships parade again this year as we did last year. The Hidatsa Clanship parade will be on Friday, July 14, 2023 at the 4pm at the Mandaree Celebration grounds. Clan t-shirts and child of Clan bracelets will be distributed behind the flags. 7pm Parade of Clans will follow the Veterans.

Three Clan-Naagiraawi

Low Cap- Apuhkawigaa: Yellow t-shirt

Knife-Mecirooga: dark blue t-shirt

Salted Alkali Lodge- Maxooxadi: blue t-shirt

Four Clan: Naagidooba:

Water Buster- Miribaadi: green t-Shirt

Wide Ridge- Indishuga: red t-shirt

Prairie Chicken- Ciicga: purple t-shirt

Dripping Dirt- Awaxe: lime green t-shirt

This is all I have for now, keep reading our monthly newspaper for what's been happening in our community.

Thanks for being a good reader

GoWids

Inseparable Montana couple battle cancer together

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Billings— Bob and Melva Meiwald have a health story you may not believe until you hear it. They are an inseparable Montana couple from just outside Lodge Grass. They love traveling together, exploring the great outdoors of Montana together and soaking up all that life has to offer together. “We love riding the Indian Motorcycle to go through the mountains. Like last year we were in Glacier, so that was

awesome being there for the summer,” says Melva. “We do everything together,” added Bob. But this March, they began a new adventure they never expected, temporarily moving to Billings to fight cancer together. Both were diagnosed with stage two cancer. Melva is battling colon and rectal cancer, and Bob has larynx cancer. “It’s slowly getting worse and worse and they said I’m going to lose my voice,” says Bob. Bob gets radiation treatments every afternoon. “They put a mesh over my face and they tie me down and they radiate. They shoot me right here and it takes about 10 minutes and I’m done, but I have to do that every day, 35 days,” says Bob. Meanwhile, Melva has chemo every other Tuesday at the St. Vincent Healthcare Cancer Centers of Montana, then the next two days at a Billings West End home. “He takes me to my treatment, sits with me and I go to his,” says Melva. “We’re just going to get it done together.” They say it’s a lot, but something about this particular home is making their lives a lot easier during an almost unthinkable time. “Robert and Melva are staying at our Meadowlark House out on the west end of Billings, and it is four units of housing dedicated to patients who are receiving their care at the Cancer Centers of Montana,” says Tyler Wiltgen, executive director of St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation. “So often times patients are driving from all over the state of Montana, hours, hundreds of miles away, and it is not practical for them to drive home between treatments because they are here for 10 days to two months. We really strive to provide a place where they can relax and refresh themselves between cancer treatments and really have their home away from home.” That’s also one of the missions of **Yellowstone Relay For Life**: making life easier for survivors. “Relay for Life funds a lot of our transportation grants, our lodging grants that we provide for our hospital systems across the state of Montana as well as right here in Billings,” says

Andrea Arredondo, American Cancer Society senior development manager. “We provide the grants to the hospitals and then they can take that and then they can get hotel rooms for people.” That kindness, a home away from home, is one of the reasons for Bob and Melva’s latest adventures: walking a survivor lap together at this year’s relay.

“I’m really excited about Bob and Melva coming. This is their first time, their first experience. They haven’t been to a relay before and really the community and the connection and the people you get to meet and stand side by side, because we are all in the same fight together, is something you really can’t put into words. You kind of just have to experience it.” says Arredondo.

“I don’t really know what to expect yet, but we’re going to get involved and see what we can do to help people after us, to help other people get better too,” says Bob Meiwald. Bob is a Desert Storm veteran originally from Rocky Boy and works as a heavy equipment operator traveling the state. He’s now unable to travel or work due to cancer treatment. Melva is a retired purchasing agent for the Fort Berthold tribe, originally from Mandaree, North Dakota. Bob’s oldest daughter Jessica is currently battling breast cancer. **Yellowstone Relay For Life** was July 14 with the survivor lap kicking off at 6:45 pm at the Billings West High School track. A separate survivor celebration was scheduled for July 13. Anyone can register for relay [via this link](#). Family members and friends have set up a **Go Fund Me Account**.

Melva Driver Meiwald is originally from Mandaree, North Dakota. She graduated from Mandaree High School in 1975 and spent most of her childhood here in our West Segment community. Melva is the daughter of the late Francis Driver and Ina Mae Good Bird Driver. Her mother currently resides in the New Town area. Melva married Robert Meiwald from Lodge Grass, Montana and they both made their home there. On behalf of our West Segment Community we wish Melva and Bob the best in their healing journey as we keep them both close in prayer. Special thanks to Dianne Parker, and KTVO who wrote this unforgettable story on them and for allowing our West Segment News to reprint this story.



Mandarø High School 2023 Graduatø

Photo by Norma Flying Horse



From left bottom on up; Elmer Flying Horse, Bailey Chase, Jewels Lone Fight, Alano Antonia, Top Right: Aaron Wolf, BrandeeRhae Mays, RaeJean Young Bear, Tianna Lester, standing in the middle Skylar Newman.

The Class song was Graduation by Vitamin C.
The class flowers were lily and wild flowers, this years class colors were black and gold.
Their class motto; YOLO (You Only Live Once).

The 2022-2023 School Board Members:

Kelly Bradfield, President

RoseAnn Johnson, Vice President

Delaine Clairmont, Member

Brad Sage, Member

Bernadine Mendez, Member

A Special thank you to the staff and representative of TAT West Segment for all the support.

Refreshments were served after the graduation ceremony.

On behalf of West Segment we would like to wish each and every graduate the best of luck in their future endeavors.

2023 Mandaree School 8th Grade Graduation Class



Many parents, grandparents, extended family and friends all gathered to witness the graduation of the eighth grade class. Next year, all these students will be in high school. On behalf of Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight she would like to congratulate the 8th grade class of Mandaree school on their Junior High promotion.

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Brandella Davis



Korday Johnson



Alexis Blackhawk



Jalyse Baker

2023 Mandarçe School 8th Grade Graduation Class



Sergio Touchine



Brandon Young Bear



Pauline Yellow Wolf



Hayden Sage



Kaleb John



Megan Hunts Along

2023 Mandarçe School 8th Grade Graduation Class



Oray Hall



Keegan Dee



Janet Dawes



Luciano Antonio



Grayson Standish



Beau Robertson Jr.

2023 Mandarçe School 8th Gradçe Graduation Class



Gentry Johnson



Ky Grady



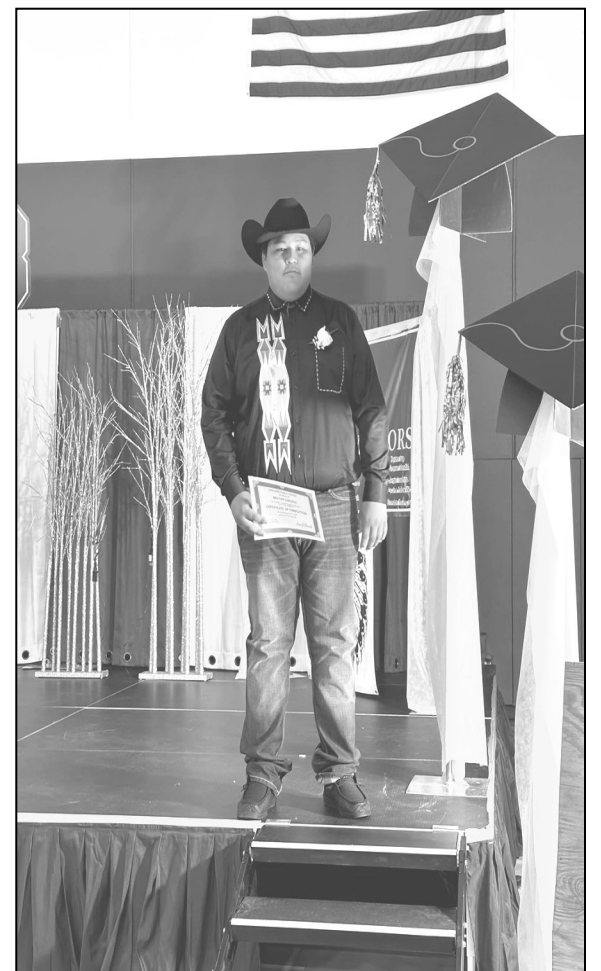
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Anabel Mendez



Emily Mandan



Brayon Lincoln

Not pictured; Wilbur Hunts Along Jr.

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Pictured above is Oscar Knudtson presenting the award to Marle Baker.



Robin Hall proudly stands with his award.

Mandaree Firefighter of the year is Marle Baker. Marle is also the Fire Management Officer for the Three Affiliated Tribes. Award was presented by Mckenzie County's LEPC Chairman Oscar Knudtson. Everyone from our West Segment community are very proud of Marle. Marle is a hard worker and is always on hand to help our community. Congratulations Marle this award well deserved. Marle resides with his wife Mary in our West Segment community.

Robin was recently named Mandaree's Firefighter of the year by the Mckenzie County Emergency Management First Responders at the 2023 Event. Robin is also employed with the West Segment Security. Everyone from our West Segment community are very proud of Robin. He is a hard worker and is always on hand to help our community. Robin resides with his wife and family in our West Segment community.



Mandaree Celebration Hours will be as follows:

**Store Hours : Monday through Sunday
6am to 10pm**



**Café Hours for the
Mandaree Celebration
from Friday to Sunday:
12 Noon to 8 pm**

Thank you

Thank you to the Community for your continued support! I will wholeheartedly do my best to serve our children of the Mandaree School and Community!



Thank you for re-electing me to be your 2023-2026 Representative on the Mandaree School Board.

Rose Ann Johnson

Mandaree One Stop Hours for Mandaree Celebration

One Stop Mandaree Celebration hrs: Saturday: 6am to 8pm

One Stop Mandaree Celebration hrs: Sunday: 6am to 8pm

Mandaree One Stop Normal Hours are Monday-Friday 6am to 8pm and closed on weekends.

West Segment Festival

All Photos by LeeAnna Nation

West Segment recently sponsored the West Segment Festival for everyone to enjoy. There were many events for all ages to participate in. The Festival was set up at the Mandaree Celebration grounds. The West Segment events department were all in charge of getting these events together and making sure everything was taken care of. We would like to acknowledge Renay Brown and all the others who helped her make this festival a success.

Some of the events were as follows;

- * Walk/run t-shirts were given away to the first 75 participates.
- * Rez ball tourney
- * Bounce Houses
- * Face Painting
- * Pamper races
- * Watermelon Eating Contest
- * Tug of War: Must have male and female per team
- * Tire flip (best time)
- * Frying pan toss men and women 18+
- * Cornhole tourney sponsored by the Deville family
- * Dunk tank
- * Water balloon toss
- * Sack races and 9 legged races
- * Mud run Calcutta
- * Women's war whoop contest/Men's tongue rattle contest
- * Fireworks for youth will be handed out at the mud run.
- * Fireworks at dusk.

Registration at 7:30am the West Segment Festival MC is Mr. Charlie Moran.



West Segment Festival had a great crowd of community members coming over to participate in the events that were scheduled. There were many events for all ages and even elders got the opportunity to participate.



Face painting at the West Segment Festival. Pictured above is a cute little boy excited to get his face painted.

West Segment Festival

Photos by LeeAnna Nation



All the events that West Segment Events department sponsors there is always food for everyone to come and enjoy.



We are very grateful to our MC Mr. Charlie Moran who is always so helpful with his great voice in announcing for us at our West Segment events.

West
Segment
Festival

Was a
Success!

Special
thanks to
our
community
for joining
us
& for the
Staff who
all
Worked
Hard!

West Segment Festival

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3v3 Tournament Champions "The Gunners". (L-R) Kingman, Flint, Wyonna and Anthony White Owl.



Adult Tug-O-War Championship Pull between Dylan, Ashlyn, Ashton vs Hazeem, Tiffany and Adrianna. Champions were Team Hazeem.



Summer youth workers David and Ayla ran the Dunk Tank through out the day for the children.



Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight volunteers for the Dunk Tank, her summer youth worker Wesley Smith sent her into the water.



Childrens Corn Hole Championship game.



Elders compete in the water balloon toss contest.

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Children ages 6-12 water balloon toss contestants excited to play.



Teenagers toss their water balloon to their partners.



Cornhole Tourney sponsored by the Late Marcia White Eagle Family for all ages. Pictured above is adult contestants.



Teenage water balloon toss contestants waiting to catch their water balloon.



H.S. girls 3v3 Champions are Nataleah, Natie, Aiyonna, Brandee.



Pamper race featuring West Segment Babies, all were winners getting a prize.

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Cast iron skillet throwing contestant in the woman's adult contest. Throwing is Krystal Taylor.



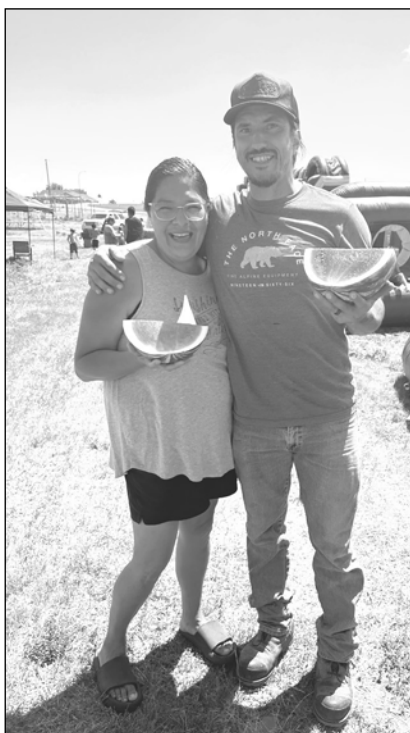
Cast Iron Skillet Throw winner: (L-R) 3rd Place Ashlyn Grady, 2nd Florence McKenzie, 1st Krystal Taylor.



Mens Skillet Throwing winner (L-R) 3rd place Dylan Finley, 2nd Johnny Osborne, 1st Dana Jackson.



Mud run fun footrace for youth ages 7-12. Winner is Billie Kazana.



**Everyone did an Awesome job!!
Congratulations to the winners!**

Adult Watermelon eating contest winner Jade and Denver Spotted Bear took home 1st and 2nd place.



Fastest Watermelon eater for the youth Wynona Spider won herself \$30.

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Youth racers King Jerome and Wyonna fight their way through the mud.



Teenage mud race winners 1st place Teighan Halvorson and 2nd place Wesley Smith.



Woman's Mud run footrace winner Monica McKenzie took the lead and made sure not to slip.



The " Dan Hunts Along 250lb +" mud run winner Dylan Finley. Trey Lachney and Hazeem are the other two contestants.



Keoni Beaks wins a pool for 3rd place finish in the children mud race.



Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight and her assistant Colleen Halvorson hand out fire works to children 18 years and younger.

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Matt Lone Fight wins 2nd place in the mud run for non-modified trucks.



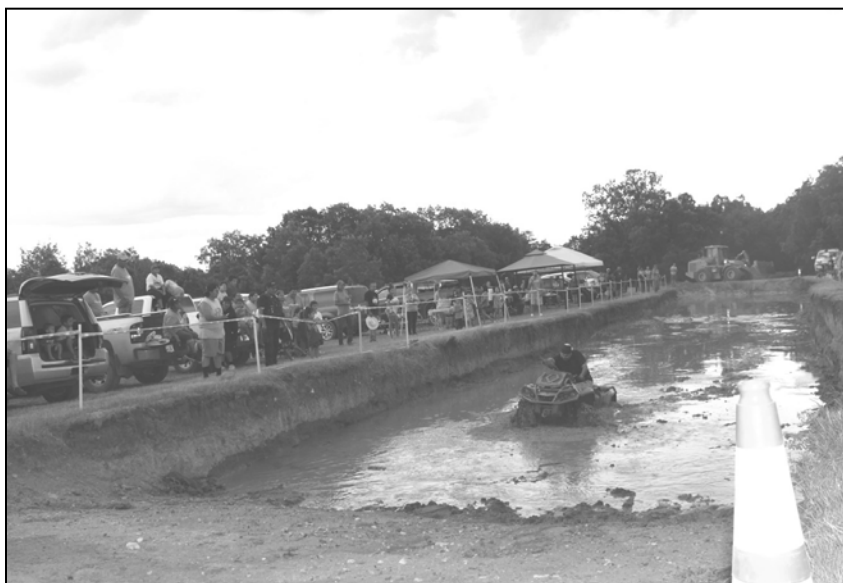
Dylan Finley enters his dads Dodge and wins 1st place in the modified division.



Monica McKenzie in her Chevy made it half way through the mud pit to get 3rd place on the non modified category.



EMT and MVFD on hand to support our Community event.



ATV Mud run contestant Cornell Poitra Jr. wins 1st place for yardage. No ATV's made it all the way through.



Elijah Beaks entered his ATV in the Mud run and finished with 3rd place.

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ATV Contestant Kasen Johnson stands on his ATV to get some traction.



Tony Johnson rocks his ATV to get through the mud to finish with 2nd place.



ATV contestant Kathy Mann entered her 4 wheeler to challenge the mud pit.



One granddaughter cheering on her grandma in the mud run race. She pauses to look at the camera for her picture.

Summer time fun!

West Segment Veterans Dept. Features Veteran of the Month

Submitted by Dawn White & Aaron Abbey



I always knew I would go into the Military. I remember being in the mall with my mom. I took her to the recruiter's office in early May 1994 .. I was 17 years old; I was going to turn 18 in June, but I wanted her to know and sign the paperwork. She just looked at me and I saw her eyes well up with tears. I told her this was for me; she reluctantly signed the papers. Later in life my mom told me she wanted to go into the service too, but Grandpa didn't want her to go and she didn't want to make me feel bad. After that family and friends found out I signed up to go into the service. It was mixed emotions, some told me I was making the worst mistake of my life. Others said I was too pretty and smart for the Army. The only people I sought their approval was my grandparents; I think I shocked my grandma but she knew and prayed for me. My grandpa he accepted my decision and talked to me and prepared me. I remember he said I got three things to tell when you get to boot camp, "DO WHAT YOUR TOLD, DO WHAT YOUR TOLD, DO WHAT YOUR TOLD!"

I will always remember the day I left to the Army, in January 1995 and it was my mom's birthday. She cried at the airport and said nice birthday gift. For me, yes it was sad to leave my family but I felt ok to leave and go off on my own. I was 18 years old and fresh off the Rez, flew to Fargo than to Fort Jackson, SC.

Well, I was in basic training, there was this one Drill Sergeant he was just relentless and was trying to make it a point to "break me". I was always one to say a smart remark back when provoked and I just told him

"Your people been trying to break my people for over 500 years still haven't broke us" or I would be smiling and tell him the Creator blessed him with another day with me. Some of the Drill Sergeants didn't like for the soldiers to be smiling. The stress of it all did get to me one day I questioned myself, what the hell am I doing here, I can just quit, and go home I don't need this stress or put up with all this. It was in this moment, I looked up, I saw an eagle above me, it circled once and left. I remember I was just staring at the sky and the Drill Sergeant whacked my helmet, we were at the rifle range. I felt better in my heart and spirit. I got to make a phone call that night and told my mom.

After basic and advanced training, I came home, my mom organized a welcome home dance for me. I looked at my mother and she was crying but this time they were tears of pride and joy. Before I left back to the service my family got me my Arikara name. My Grandma Cecilia Brown gave me the name Seeing Eagle Woman. Another memory is when I came home after my tour in Bosnia the last day of White Shield powwow in 1996. My aunt Yvonne picked me up from the airport in Minot. I got into my class A uniform in the car, she was driving fast back to White Shield. What I remember the most of that day is when I stepped out of the car my grandmas saw me & rattled their tongues. I cried that was one the best moments in my life. They hugged me and it was the greatest feeling to be home amongst my family & friends. As I walked to the arbor for Grand Entry, I saw Madonna and Roy Azure, I just hugged them and we all just cried, they lost their son, who was my classmate he also entered the Army.

We sometimes forget the ones back home. I am so thankful today my grandmas, my mothers, my aunties & all my sisters they prayed for my safe return and I came home. I thank my grandpas, uncles, & brothers for showing how and what is expected of me as a woman warrior and their prayers they gave for my safe return home.

With the experience I have gained and the teachings of being a soldier, I would like to share my advice to those thinking of going to the service. "My advice to you is to; GO and carry on the traditions of our people when you think you can't do it look inside yourself & remember what type of people you come from & the blood that runs in your veins... Our People survived everything the world threw at them & we are still here... Protect the last of what the Arikara, Mandan, & Hidatsa people have left...& our greatest resource THE PEOPLE..

I left the service in 2003, and after college and a few jobs in between I made a decision. On July 17, 2008 was the day my career in Law Enforcement chose me. One day in the Ree store, Buzzy Malnourie greeted me, "hello kaáka'(crow) girl!" (It was a joke between him and I). He asked what I was doing with my life, I said going to school. He told me, "You know what kaáka' girl you should be a cop. You would be good at it." He said see you later and left, making think about his words. A few days later, I was visiting with my Grandpa Gene, he asked me the same question that Buzzy asked. My grandpa Gene asked me; what was I going to do with my life? you can't go to school forever". Then he says it to me, "You should be cop, they need cops around here." I never told my grandpa what Buzzy Malnourie said, so now it's been weeks since these two conversations. I think about it and think about it, so one day I go into the tribal office and fill out my application. Next thing I know I am being escorted to the tribal chambers and told to raise my right hand to sworn in as a law enforcement officer. My Auntie Danile is sitting in the chambers and she really ask, "What's going on Dawny?" My sister Vonnie Jo is getting ready to take my picture. I tell my Auntie I'm taking my oath to be a Cop. She was shocked as with the rest of my family. No one believed me. Next night I was on the road in uniform as a trainee. This job choose me, after many trials and tribulations I became a Law Enforcement Officer for Fort Berthold and been one ever since, over 14 years now. This career is sometimes unforgiving, unfair, and thankless but there are moments in this career that make it worth it.

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West Segment Veterans Dept. Features Veteran of the Month



There were times when I wanted to walk away but, on those moments, Creator said no the people need you and sent angels to cross my path. There was a day when I almost handed in my badge. It was on a day, when I was feeling angry and sad, I just wanted to hand in my gun and badge. It was when I was patrolling New Town. This lady just stopped in the middle of the road and ran up to my door and put her hand on mine and said; "I prayed for you today, I just came from church!" Talk about a humbling experience. Yes I cried cause I felt her prayer. I told Creator I am listening and what was bothering me was lifted from me and I continued on with my career..

The most bittersweet moment was in June 2014, I and my sister in blue Angela Tenbears-Cummings were awarded 2014 Champions of Public Safety in Indian Country. As I looked in the crowd that day, it was so hard, because the two people whom I loved dearly were missing from those seats in the front. I dedicated this award to my Grandparents Eugene and Marcella White Jr. They were the ones who believed in me and made me who I am today.

At the present time. I have been busy working with the MHA Drug Enforcement, since June of 2015. I have worked with many other great agents and officers of various agencies. They all have one goal in common, which is making a

difference with safer communities. I appreciate everyone I have ever served with in this job and thank them all for their service in law enforcement past and present.

Serving and protecting our reservation all these years, has been challenging but I would never do anything different it was all for a reason. I have great memories with all I have served with. There are many "Dawn White" stories out there.

Thank you, Fort Berthold, for allowing me to serve and protect our Great MHA Nations as I continue to offer my service.

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MHA-DDE Special Agent/ US Army Sergeant
Dawn M. White

SteétAhkas Tireewátl

Seeing Eagle Woman



In this photo, is when I and Angela Cummings received the 2014 Champions of Public Safety in Indian Country.

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



North Dakota Education Bills

After my first session as State House Representative for District 4A, I am writing to express my concern about the recent wave of anti-education bills that have been introduced in our state legislature. These bills threaten the quality of education in our state and could have long-lasting negative consequences for our children.

One concerning bill is Senate Bill 2260, related to

fundamental parental rights and parental involvement in education. This bill proposes to eliminate certain courses and topics from the curriculum, including history, social studies, and critical race theory. This kind of censorship is not only antithetical to the values of free speech and academic freedom, but it also deprives students of a well-rounded education that prepares them for the complex and diverse world we live in.

I support our public-school teachers and our public education system. It is no doubt that our teachers are overworked and underpaid yet spend countless hours going above and beyond their duties to educate our children. I've received multiple messages from educators that know that SB 2260 would have added more requirements that schools and teachers do not need added to their already complex list of requirements. This bill would have placed an undue extreme burden on teachers and hamper school districts in their number one responsibility, which is to keep our learners safe during the school day.

As our Nation is already facing teacher shortages, our rural North Dakota communities are already having trouble attracting teachers to their districts. SB 2260 would have caused more undesired consequences and forced teachers to go into new fields or take jobs in other fields because of the lack of support for hardworking schools and teachers. It would have caused the decline of our already frail education system and jeopardized our children's future due to the lack of support. It is unreasonable and unjust to require instructional materials be made available to parents seven days prior to implementation, when our educators are already operating beyond capacity to meet state standards. Thankfully, Senate Bill 2260 failed to pass both houses.

Senate Bill 2254 requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to intervene in a school or school district that is chronically low-performing. The bill defines chronically low performing districts as one that shows a "consistent mishandling of processes, reporting, or funds, resulting in inadequate educational services for the district's students." A chronically low performing school is defined as a "school identified by the state for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act for one or more cycles." Inadequate education services is defined as a "lack of annual progress in academic achievement, student engagement, resource allocation, teacher effectiveness, chronic absenteeism, and persistent subgroup opportunity

gaps." The intervention by the superintendent of public instruction includes withholding of funds, annexation, consolidation, or closure, changes to curriculum, instruction, assessment, or school calendar, and/or reassignment or hiring of school or school district staff. The ambiguity of this bill implies that school districts that fall within the bill's purview take their responsibilities lightly and are refusing to take action or accountability for the wellbeing of their student's success. Many educators work beyond the 40-hour work week and found the attempt to pigeon hold all school districts to standards offensive. It is ridiculous to consider holding all schools to the same cookie cutter standard when every demographic learns differently. This bill passed and has been filed with the Secretary of State.

House Bill 1531 was introduced to prohibit institutions of ND higher education from waiving application fees based on certain group characteristics of the applicant. House Bill 1531 have impacted Native American Students in North Dakota who, as we know, are underrepresented and underserved in institutions of higher learning. Tuition waivers and scholarships aimed towards Native American students create opportunities to pursue higher education in colleges and universities throughout North Dakota. Without these waivers and scholarships, students that come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds would have lost the opportunity to attend a college that they might not otherwise be able to attend due to the extravagant costs to apply in some cases, and institutions will lose the opportunity to create cultural diversity that enriches the college experience.

The intent of House Bill 1531 would have drastically limited the opportunities for everyday citizens to attend universities such as the University of North Dakota. The estimated cost of tuition and fees for attending, for example, UND costs approximately \$456.31 per credit and \$10,951 per academic year. For many North Dakotans, colleges have been the only available step up to greater stability for themselves and their communities. Unfortunately, that step is getting steeper, passage of HB 1531 it would have made it much more difficult for students to pay for and adequately resource the cost of attending college. Thankfully, this bill has also failed to pass. I urged fellow legislators to reject these anti-education bills and instead invest in our public schools, support our teachers, and promote a well-rounded curriculum that prepares our children for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. The attack on our school systems should not go unnoticed. When we have the Superintendent of Public Instruction advocating to pass legislation that would hurt communities like ours, we need to consider how disconnected this person is from our communities. I have been fortunate to receive my entire education on Fort Berthold Reservation. Our school systems implement core standards but also add an element of cultural education that is important for our youth to receive. My biggest fear is that certain curriculum will be challenged and will be a direct threat to our cultural education. Unless you come from a reservation, or spend time in a tribal school, you could never understand how important it is for tribal

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From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

schools to teach about our people's heritage, culture, and languages. These bills are not only short-sighted but also dangerous. Education is a cornerstone of a healthy and thriving society, and any attempt to undermine it is a threat to our future. We must prioritize education funding and ensure that all students have access to a quality education that prepares them for success in life. Our school boards are elected to represent local values, maintain educational standards, and effectively manage school operations. These bills attempt to usurp the role of those already-elected, already serving individuals by appearing to seek to address parental concern and response to the lurid headlines we have seen in recent times.

Public school teachers are the backbone of our education system, and we must support them in any way possible. We should recognize their hard work and dedication, provide them with the resources they need to do their jobs effectively, and compensate them fairly for their efforts, not take away what little power they have. If our law makers continue with the dangerous trend of attacking our education system, we will see teachers will leave in droves.

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille



Photo courtesy of Michael Anthony KFYZ.

Article submitted by Representative Lisa Finley-Deville

I am so proud of my relatives at Dakota Resource Council and **Fort Berthold Protectors of Water & Earth & Earth Rights POWER** for bringing this project to life. I staffed POWER since its inception in 2015 and have seen what field organizing and collective power can create.

This air monitoring project idea came from my friend, the late Thomas Abe, who was a brilliant science instructor at the tribal college. He taught me a lot about particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, and the value of getting data that would qualify the perceived effects of oil and gas development exposure.

Thank you for bringing his dream to life and for carrying on this important work for our relatives on Fort Berthold. The most transformative work happens unnoticed and you all are rock stars for your dedication.

Representative, Lisa Finley-Deville



Strengthening Government to Government Partnership and Relationships Conference was held on June 21 and June 22 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Jayme Davis spoke about ICWA.

The picture is some of the people who helped get ICWA passed in North Dakota during the Legislative Session. Burgum signed ICWA.

This article was submitted by Representative Lisa Finley-Deville.

For Your Information

The Fire



The Gospel of Luke 12:49-51 reflection, Jesus said to his disciples. I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing. Have you ever met someone who has had a personal encounter with Jesus. When they speak of their encounter it's like they are on fire. Their eyes light up and their heart beats a little faster.

I love to hear people's personal stories of how they have experienced Christ. I'm pretty sure this is the kind of fire that Jesus is talking about here to his disciples. The fire of faith and belief can cause when you have had an experience like this, you do have a warm interior feeling. Like the warmth of a fire, we experience the encounter that comes in the form of an epiphany. A realization of what happens through the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

I want to believe that this fire on earth is the fire of belief in Jesus and is alive in all his followers today. This flame is lit at our Baptism, remember at Baptism the God Parent is asked to light the child's candle from the Easter Candle. Then the priest or deacon says these words. Receive the light of Christ, parents and God parents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ, may he or she keep the flame of faith alive in their heart.

When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the Saints in the heavenly Kingdom. The Division that Jesus is talking about is between the believer and non-believers. This division we all have experienced and yes, it is in our families. It's not fun or a warm feeling when you experience this type of division or opposition to your faith. But let me remind you that is how the enemy works. By trying to make you feel ashamed of your beliefs in Christ. He tries to make you feel alone or even to the point of feeling hopeless.

We must remember our Baptism and encourage each other to keep this flame alive. Do we encourage that flame in others?

May God Bless you always

Have a great day with Jesus Christ

By: Deacon James Baker

St. Anthony's Catholic Church/New Town and Mandaree

Fort Berthold Diabetes Program

2023 Pow Wow Blood Sugar Screenings

FRI **FOUR BEARS** **MAY 26**
Blood Sugar Screening 3-6pm

FRI **PARSHALL** **JUNE 23**
Blood Sugar Screening 3-6pm

FRI **WHITE SHIELD** **JULY 7**
Blood Sugar Screening 3-6pm

SAT **MANDAREE** **JULY 15**
Blood Sugar Screening 9:30a-12:30p

FRI **TWIN BUTTES** **AUG 4**
Blood Sugar Screening 3-6pm

SAT **LITTLE SHELL** **AUG 12**
Blood Sugar Screening & Walk 10a-2pm

SAT **UNITED TRIBES** **SEPT 9**
Blood Sugar Screening 12-8pm



West Segment Culture Camp

Photos by LeeAnna Nation



Dora and Lila Gwin who are presently the Hidatsa educators and historians for our culture were on hand to let our people know our Hidatsa ways of life and our clanships.

This cultural camp had a full agenda of items to cover and teach to those who attended. They had a tipi demonstration which was done by Adele Fredericks Ruff. They also did dry meat cutting by Dora Gwin. During the evening they had a social gathering with round dancing, and doorway songs. Hand games and children's games. The next day they offered breakfast and had their clean up. After that they went turnip picking. Then they renewed kinships, clans, and senior pallbearer duties. Cornball making and sharing the rules for telling stories. Story telling by Carol Newman, Martha Bird Bear and Mary Gachupin. They had a demonstration on how to make pemmican and shared what they were taught on our values. Each participant received certificates and a tee-shirt. This cultural camp took place at the Mandaree Celebration grounds and inside the Water Chief Hall. Many thanks to all those who participated and to those who help sponsor this very need camp about our culture.



The Culture camp had a great turn out. There were a lot of younger ones which was good so they are willing to learn about our Hidatsa ways.

Group Picture of the Cultural Camp In West Segment



Group picture of all those who participated in the Mandaree 2023 Cultural Camp.

The West Segment Cultural Camp had a full agenda for their participants. The camp was held at the Mandaree Celebration grounds. It took place June 19-22, 2023. They started the days of the camp with a prayer each day, and ended each day with supper and a clean up. All participants helped with cleaning up the grounds, lunch was provided each day with activities scheduled daily.

Tony Lone Fight from the Culture and Language Department was on hand to offer any information they needed and offered activities and loaned them a tipi. Carol Newman, Martha Bird Bear and Mary Gachupin were there to tell Maashiis/storytelling, every evening their activities included; social gathering round dance, gahomini and door way songs and hand games.

They reviewed kinship, clans, and senior pallbearer duties. Readers Theater, children's games, then shared the rules for telling Maashiis story. They did pemmican making which Dora Gwin was there to teach them making pemmican.

Special thanks to all who participated everything was good and they hope to have another camp next year.

For Your Information



Wolf Chief Store hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday: 6am to 10pm

On Saturday and Sundays the Wolf Chief Store will open at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m. 759-

3140

If you have any questions, or need some assistance concerning the Wolf Chief Store, you may call the Wolf Chief Store at 759-3104

*** The Emergency Closet is open Monday thru Friday 6:00am to 2:00pm . Lindsey Fox Sepeta will be there if you have any questions you can call her 421-6347.**



Breakfast daily: Monday thru Friday from: 8:00am -10:30

Lunch daily: Monday thru Friday: from: 11:00am-3:00pm.

Times and dates may change:

Café Manager: Lindsey Fox-Sepeta at 759-3140 or cell 421-6347

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree

Mandaree Post Office Hours:

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

Saturday: 11:00am- 1:00pm



West Segment Covid-19 Testing

When: Monday-Friday 10am to 3pm daily

Where: East Entrance of Water Chief Hall in Mandaree, North Dakota

Everyone is welcome to come in and get tested! Open to Everyone! For any questions, please call Shelby at

701.421.3461 Or Valerie 701.421.3462

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Mandaree Field Clinic Hours

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

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

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

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

Twice As Nice Store Awards Employees



The Twice as Nice Store employee's were recently recognized for their outstanding work. The employee's there consists of a good team with outstanding team work.

Twice as Nice store opened it doors on November 2, 2022. Dusty Jackson is currently the Director.

Their hours are from 8am to 5pm (Monday-Friday) and on Saturday 10am to 5pm.

If you would like more information you can call the Twice as Nice Store at (701) 839-3945.

Donations are accepted Monday through Friday all donations can be dropped off in the back of the store with a staff worker on hand.

Please keep in mind, we accept everything but mattresses, bedding and underwear.

We here at Twice as Nice Thrift Store are here to help all tribal members. If you have any questions, please call Dusty or Tina at (701) 839-36545.

Thank you,

Tina Cimino, Secretary to the West Segment Director

Community Outreach Office- Minot & Notary Public

Office: (701) 839-3645

Fax: (701) 839-0835

Here is our address:

1933 S. Broadway Suite 3

Minot, North Dakota 58701

WEST SEGMENT

Employee of the Quarter

Is presented to

Dusty Jackson

In recognition of your management skills, team building skills, organizational skills, customer service skills, your dedication and going above and beyond the scope of your job.

Twice as Nice

WEST SEGMENT

Hardest Working Employee

Is presented to

Tina Cimino

In recognition of your hard work, maintaining the office, scheduling employees, ordering supplies, excellent phone etiquette, preparing the store for opening and closing, commitment to learning the Hidatsa Language, and going above and beyond the scope of your job.

Twice as Nice

Coupon

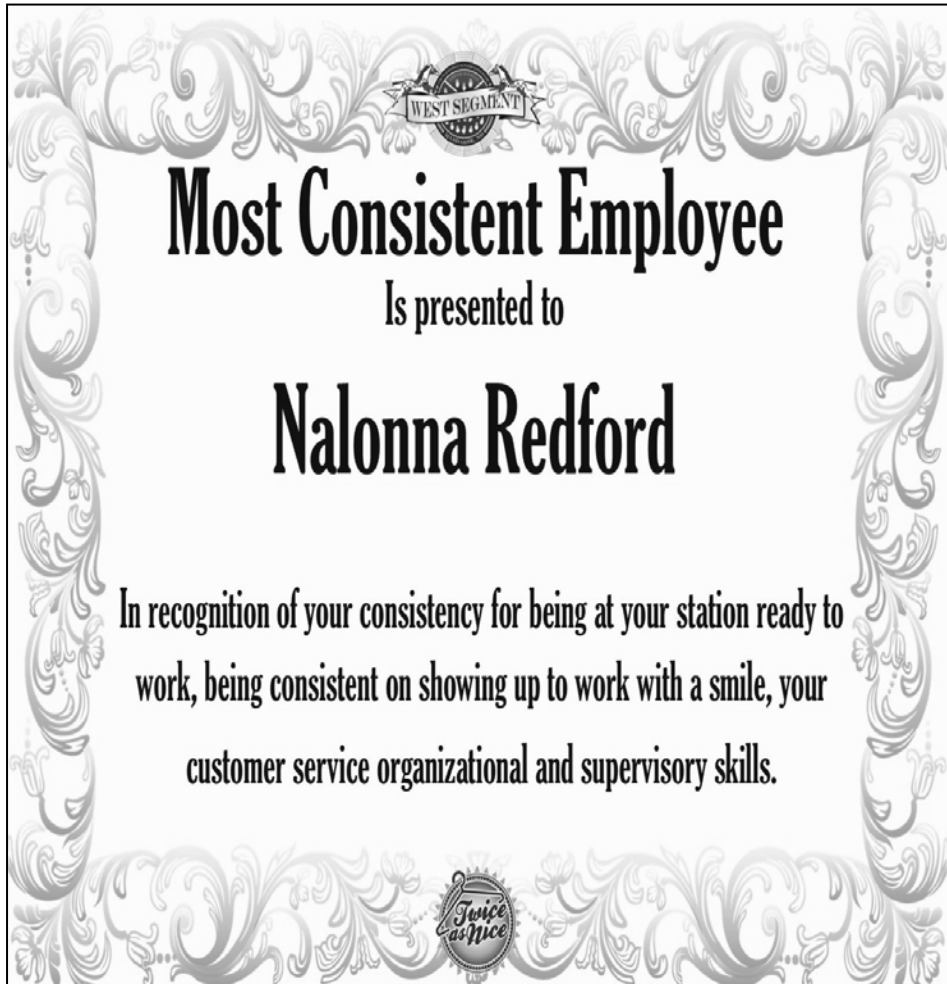
\$10 Off

your purchase

For Your Information

Twice As Nice Employees Receive Awards of Recognition

Open AA Meetings For Anyone Interested



WEST SEGMENT

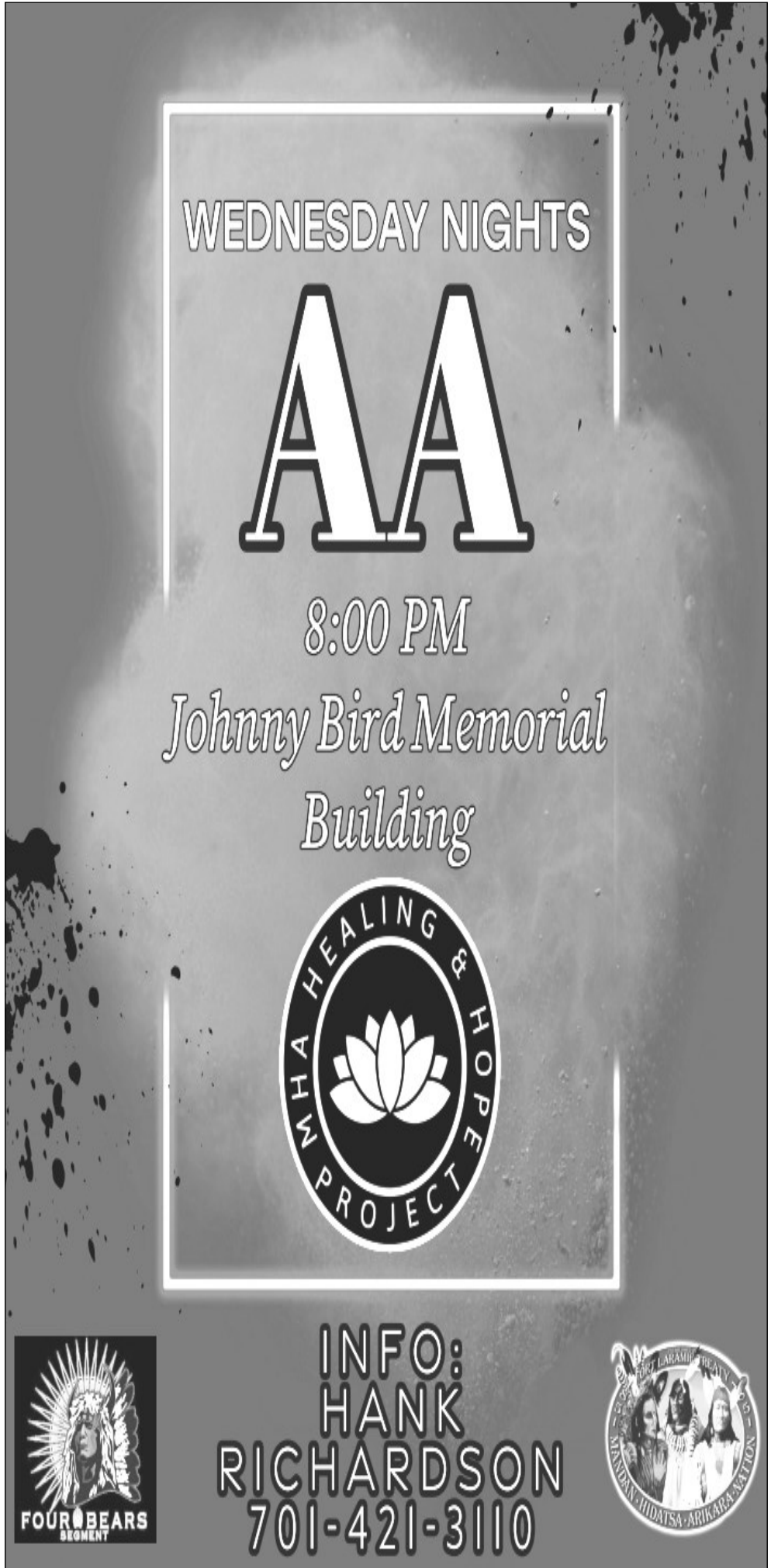
Most Consistent Employee

Is presented to

Nalonna Redford

In recognition of your consistency for being at your station ready to work, being consistent on showing up to work with a smile, your customer service organizational and supervisory skills.

Twice as Nice




WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



AA

8:00 PM

Johnny Bird Memorial Building



**INFO:
HANK
RICHARDSON
701-421-3110**


WEST SEGMENT

Most Improved Employee

Is presented to

Tyrone Young Bird

For your commitment to embracing change, volunteering to go above and beyond the scope of your job duties and learning the skills to run the Twice as Nice Thrift Store.

Twice as Nice

Ms. Poitra's 7th Grade Summer Class takes Field Trip to Knife River Villages

Photos & Article submitted by Jeannine Spotted Horse



From left to right: Mr. Vendor, Jeannine Spotted Horse, Tour Guide, Alexis Black Hawk, Clifton Black Hawk, Eli Wagon, Robin Hall, Passion Lincoln and Ms. Poitra.

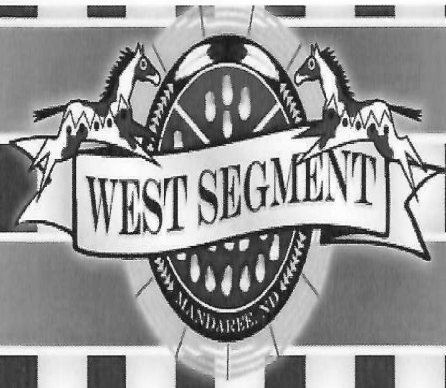
During the summer school session at the Mandaree School Ms. Poitra's had her students reading stories on the Hidatsa people and on our culture. As part of that teaching, Ms. Poitra took her students to the Knife River Villages, where the students toured the villages with the expertise of a tour guide. This was an excellent idea and way for the students to remember their teachings of the Knife River Village in visiting the sites of their ancestors. This field trip definitely captured the interests of the students as they were able to see and focus on how their ancestors tanned hides a long time ago. The students were able to see the tools used to tanned buffalo hides and how they hung hides up. The villages are an important part of our culture. The people of the earth lodge villages are not gone. Their descendants, members of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, are forever connected to this land, to this sacred place where our people originated. It is home too our traditions, stories and songs which were passed from generation to generation. This experience for these students will definitely be a unforgettable one.



The tour guide built a fire in the earth lodge and explained how they tanned buffalo hide using the brains and then hanging it over a wooden rack and used the fire to smoke it. As you can see the hides hanging over wooden racks. Below the students toured the inside of the earth lodge and seen the tools they used long ago.



For Your Information



HIDATSA CLANSHIP PARADE

MANDAREE CELEBRATION GROUNDS
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023 AT 4PM.

CLAN T-SHIRTS AND CHILD OF CLAN BRACELETS
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BEHIND THE FLAGS.

7PM PARADE OF CLANS FOLLOWING THE VETERANS

-THREE CLAN- NAAGIRAAWI-

LOW CAP -APUHKAWIGAA

KNIFE -MECIROOGA

SALTED ALKALI LODGE-MAXOOXADI

-FOUR CLAN-NAAGIDOODA-

WATERBUSTER -MIRIBAADI

WIDE RIDGE -INDISHUGA

PRAIRIE CHICKEN -CHICGA

DRIPPING DIRT-AWAXE'

2023 Mandaree Celebration Committee

Flagbearer: Jimmy Johnson

President: Roseanne Johnson

Vice President: Walter DeVille Sr.

Secretary: Lara Jackson (Daughter of Echo Claymore)

Treasurer: Frannina Lincoln

Head Man Dancer: Corey Goodiron

Princess: Karson Dawes (daughter of DeAnn Johnson)

Drum Keeper: Terrance Morgan

Arena Director: Ethan Three Stars

Announcer: James Moran

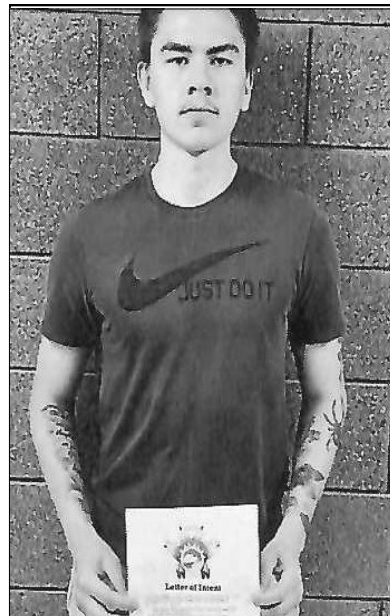


Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College Athletics



Kenedee Goodbird has decided to ink her name into the NHSC Athletics realm. Kenedee will take the court for the Lady Storm this fall. Good Bird has taken time off

due to the pandemic but is ready to work towards her degree.



After a season hiatus, Kane Rabbithead will take the court for his second season with the Storm. Kane comes in averaging 17.5 ppg 9.5 rpg. 3 ast, 3 stis. The

last season he was on the court. Kane has been working hard during his break and looks to make an immediate impact for the Storm.

Jersey Shore!!!

Our new basketball team uniforms from Rezbball Affiliates have arrived and are on campus. Our beautiful old Jumpman Jordan jerseys that we have been using for the past 4 season were in dire need of replacement. After extensive searching, I feel we found the right distributor and design.

Below is our current list of job opportunities in the athletic department. Please reach out to Athletics or NHSC HR for further inquiries.

- * **Head Men's Basketball Coach**
- * **Head Women's Basketball Coach**
- * **Head Golf Coach**

It's a Date!!!

* 2nd Annual NHSC Golf Fundraiser date is set for August 6th. This years even will be at the Dr. Blatherwick golf course in Parshall ND. More details pertaining to entry fee and contact information for registration will be coming soon, so please stay tuned. If anyone would like to donate items for pin prizes, please reach out to our Athletic personal here at the college.

Third Year Magic!

Fahtima Finley-Hood will be heading our Cross Country Team for it's third year. Fahtima has also started a new job at the Johnny Bird Building which will allow her to help our athletes train during the summer months. We will have a trainer there doing core training all summer long Monday-Friday 10am-2pm. This is free to all athletes, students and faculty. Schedule of events for cross country will not be finalized until later this month, but rest assured that dates will be posted as soon as possible. For more information contact the Athletic department.



Fall Application Deadline Updated!

**ALL APPLICATIONS & DOCUMENTS
MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
JULY 31, 2023**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT:**

**LACEY GLADUE
LGLADUE@NHSC.EDU
701.867.8049**



Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College News

Submitted by Frances (Buffy) White. NHSC Mandaree Liaison

NUETA HIDATSA SAHNISH COLLEGE

WHAT'S GOING ON FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK



WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND CAMPUS?

- June 10th - New Town Car Show - NHSC 50th Anniversary event
- June 13th - 15th - AICF Summer Conference at NHSC and hybrid/online
- June 19th - Campus closed in honor of Juneteenth
- July 4th - Campus closed in honor of Independence Day
- July 6th - Last day of summer classes
- July 14th-15th - Storm High School Shootout
- July 17th-21st - NHSC STEM Culture Camp - MHA Earthlodges
- July 21st - July 29th - ND State Fair
- July 31st - Fall 2023 Application and Document deadlines
- August 6th - Storm Golf Tournament
- August 7th-9th - Fall 2023 on-site registration

*****July 17th-21st - NHSC STEM Culture Camp - annual event at Earth Lodges for students in grades 8-12.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 2023 Pow Wow Schedule
 - Parshall/Luckymound- June 22-25
 - White Shield - Arikara Celebration - July 7-9
 - Mandaree - July 13-16
 - Twin Buttes - August 4-6
 - Little Shell - August 11-13
- Storm HS Shootout - NHSC 50th Anniversary event - July 14th and 15th
- MHA Horse Relays - ND State Fair - July 25th
- Storm Golf Tourney - NHSC 50th Anniversary event - August 6th

- Fort Berthold Recovery Support Groups
 - Sunday
 - AA Meeting @ 6pm - Mandaree CARE Program
 - Big Book @ 7pm - White Shield Ralph Wells Memorial Complex
 - NA Meeting @ 8pm - White Shield Ralph Wells Memorial Complex
 - Monday
 - AA @ Noon - The Door in New Town ZOOM ID - 5426378537
 - AA Big Book Study - @ Noon - Parshall Resource Center - ZOOM ID - 331523606
 - AA/NA @ 8pm - New Town Healthy Skins
 - Tuesday
 - NA @ Noon - The Door in New Town ZOOM ID - 5426378537
 - NA @ 6pm - Mandaree CARE Program
 - Big Book @ 7pm - White Shield Ralph Wells Memorial Complex
 - AA @ 8pm - White Shield Ralph Wells Memorial Complex
 - AA @ 8pm - New Town Lutheran Church
 - Wednesday
 - Wellbriety Talking Circle @ Noon - The Door in New Town ZOOM ID - 5426378537
 - AA Big Book Study - @ Noon - Parshall Resource Center - ZOOM ID - 331523606
 - Men's Talking Circle @ Noon - Mandaree, CARE Program
 - Crystal Meth Anon @ 8pm - Parshall Resource Center
 - AA @ 8pm - Four Bears, Johnny Bird Memorial Hall
 - Thursday
 - NA @ Noon - The Door in New Town ZOOM ID - 5426378537
 - Big Book @ 8pm - White Shield Ralph Wells Memorial Complex
 - AA @ 8pm - New Town Lutheran Church
 - Friday
 - AA @ Noon - The Door in New Town ZOOM ID - 5426378537
 - AA/NA @ 8pm - Healthy Skins
 - Saturday
 - AA Meeting @ Noon - The Door in New Town ZOOM ID - 5426378537
 - Women's Meeting @ 6pm - Mandaree CARE Program
 - AA/NA @ 8pm - Parshall Resource Center - ZOOM ID - 331523606



NHSC NUETA HIDATSA SAHNISH COLLEGE

For Your Information

For More Info Contact:
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MHA Nation ELDER'S SUMMER Outreach EVENT

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HEAD START ROUND-UPS 2023

Wednesday, July 19
is **CANCELLED**

Round-ups listed to the right will be held at the Northern Lights building in New Town.

Wednesday June 28	10-2
Friday July 28	10-2
Tuesday August 15	10-2
Thursday August 24	10-2

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- 2023-2024 Application
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of income Documents
- Copy of Medical Insurance cards
- Copy of special services (IEP, IFSP, Referrals, OT,ST)
- Copy of Tribal ID (Extra Points)

Ages 3-5

**CALL FOR ANY QUESTIONS
(701)627-4820**

If you need to set up a physical in your segment please call your segment's clinic.

2023 Hunter Safety Summer Class Schedule

JUNE	12-16 MON-FRI	NEW TOWN Location: TAT Fish & Wildlife Office Time: MON-FRI -- 1:00PM to 4:00PM
JUNE	23-25 FRI-SUN	NEW TOWN Location: TAT Fish & Wildlife Office Time: FRI - 5PM to 9PM, SAT & SUN - 9AM to 3PM
JUNE	30-JUL 2 FRI-SUN	MANDAREE Location: Emergency Response Center; Fire Meeting Room Time: FRI - 5PM to 9PM, SAT & SUN - 9AM to 3PM
JULY	31-AUG 3 MON-THU	WHITE SHIELD Location: Ralph Wells Community Center Time: MON-THUR - 5:00PM to 9:00PM
AUG	7-10 MON-THU	NEW TOWN Location: TAT Fish & Wildlife Office Time: MON-THUR - 5:00PM to 9:00PM
AUG	18-20 FRI-SAT	TWIN BUTTES Location: Twin Buttes Memorial Hall Time: FRI - 5PM to 9PM, SAT & SUN - 9AM to 3PM



Attendance is required for all days within each course. Minimum age requirement: must turn 11 within the current calendar year. MUST REGISTER at: gf.nd.gov/education/hunter

If you have any questions please contact the TAT Fish & Wildlife at 627-4760.

For Your Information

JULY 11TH

-10:00AM-12:00PM-
3RD-8TH GRADES

-1:00PM-3:00PM-
9TH-12TH GRADES



JULY 12TH

-10:00AM-12:00PM-
3RD-8TH GRADES

-1:00PM-3:00PM-
9TH-12TH GRADES

7TH AND 8TH GRADES ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND BOTH MORNING AND
AFTERNOON SESSIONS ON BOTH
DAYS!

PERMISSION SLIPS WILL
BE AVAILABLE ON BOTH DAYS
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Obituary

Remembering Connie's Life... Yvonne "Connie" Fox-Twins AKA (Oragabagi Hish) Red Blossom was born to Germaine Dragswolf and Thomas Fox on January 2, 1952. Her grandparents on her mother's side were Louie Dragswolf and Alice Bad Gun of Shell Creek and on her father's side George Fox and Mary Birdsbill Fox of Mandaree. Connie was kind, generous, and loving woman who touched many hearts of all the people who knew her. Connie was raised by her grandparents. Louie and Alice Bad Gun Dragswolf with her second momma, Allison Hall. Connie was taught by her grandma Alice the teachings of our culture and her medicine ways. One of the teachings was to always know your relatives, to acknowledge them as what they are to you in kinship, (grandma, grandpa, brother, sister or aunt). Another teaching was to help each other when we can and take time to visit relatives and know your relatives on both your dad and mother's side and respect them. Grandpa Louie always said; "Don't forget who you are and where you come from, a lineage of Chiefs, so be respectful of others." Connie loved her native ways of life, and the Catholic ways, she respected both ways. As a Hidatsa woman she attended many ceremonies since she was little with our grandpa Louie. She loved to go to sweats, the hotter it was the better; you could hear her say ah ha hey when it was a good hot sweat. She loved going to pow wows, she met a lot of dancers and pow wow people who later became relatives to her. Connie enjoyed dancing when she was a little girl, dancing in her ribbon dress and later dancing traditional. Connie made her regalia, which included making moccasins and shawls. She also sewed many sweat dresses. In recent years, she made and gave away many shawls and ribbon skirts. Her beautiful voice was heard singing at many ceremonies, sweats and pow wows. Connie participated in ceremonies across the plains, including cooking over a firepit for a ceremony. She was one of the first women dancers at the contemporary Assiniboine Medicine Lodge and her sisters Georgia and Nina also danced with her there. After completing her first four years, she then helped many women praying, fasting and dancing on this spiritual path. Her spirit was warm, outgoing and positive and her face was usually lit up with a smile or laugh. If she ever gave you one of her tight bear hugs you wouldn't forget it. Many times, she would unintentionally say or do something crazy, so there are many "Connie stories" that bring laughter and good memories of her. On August 17, 2012 Connie resigned from her job to move to Oklahoma with the Love of her life. She married at Cheyenne Tribal court in Concho, Oklahoma, on September 26, 2012 to Wesley Robert Twins-Southern Cheyenne. They later had a private traditional ceremony at her Mandaree home. Her family and relatives meant the world to her. She helped raise her nephew, several grandchildren and was raising her beloved great-grandson Kamden, whom she loved dearly. She was very close to her sister Nina, they both enjoyed their sister time. Her sister Nina was with her to the very end of her life journey. When Connie was at the Integris Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, her sister and her husband made sure they took good care of her. Connie wanted to come home to North Dakota to make her final journey, so her sister

and her husband granted her wishes. Before we brought her home to North Dakota her niece/daughter Tanya and her sister Sandy, Robert Fimbres and Sonny Flynn, all flew down to Oklahoma to help us make the trip home. Connie was happy to be home in Mandaree. Connie's education was extensive and began at Joseph Indian boarding school in Chamberlin, South Dakota. She then attended Edwin Lowe Elementary school in New Town 3rd to 8th grade, freshman year at Watford City High School and graduated in 1971 at Bear Lake High School in Montpelier, Idaho. She attended BYU in Provo, Utah in 1971-73 and transferred to UND Grand Forks Teacher Program in 1974 and completed her student teaching of 3rd-4th grade in Devils Lake. She continue her education at California State University in Long Beach in 1978, she was a member of the Indian Club and Head woman dancer at the college pow wow and was voted the Outstanding student award. She later attended University of Mary in Bismarck, ND and received two degrees 2002 Bachelors of Science in Business Management Minor in Finance and 2004 a Masters of Science in Business Management Minor in Human Resources. Throughout her life she enjoyed many social activities and received many awards. In 1978, her position was Woman singer for the Antelope Society, in 1984 she was selected by the Mandaree singers to be the Mandaree Princess, 1984 she ran for tribal council, 1986 she married Llewellyn Tote Grey Hawk later divorced in 1987, 1987-1999 she was a member of the Assiniboine Medicine Lodge-Oswego, Mt. Lodge Leaders; Otto Cantrell/ Kenny Ryan/Larry Wetsit. 2002 she traveled to Stuttgart, Germany to represent the Mandan/Hidatsa tribe and the family of Mandan Chief Four Bears lineage. 2004 she was a candidate for the Indian Health Service Leadership Internship in Arlington, Maryland. Connie was a dedicated and trusted employee. 1976-1977 Administrative Secretary Los Angeles Indian Center. 1982-1984- Director of Indian Center in Bismarck, ND with sub agencies in Minot, Grand Forks and Fargo. Served on Indian Affairs Commission with Governor Link and Governor Olson. She held a number of positions. 1988-99 Medical clerk Indian Health in Poplar, Mt. 1999-2012 worked for the tribe she held various positions. Yvonne "Connie" Fox-Twins, (Oragabagi Hish) Red Blossom, made her last grand entry to the spirit world on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at the Watford City comfort care unit. Connie will be greatly missed she was deeply loved by many of our relatives and her friends on the pow wow trail. She is survived by her husband-Wesley Twins, her sister Lovina "Nina" Fox, Special aunt- M. Elaine Badgun Rasmuson, sisters; Zandra Fox, Carmen Fox, Ardella Fox, Jolene Burr, Marmie (Charles) Dragswolf-Hamamoto. Brothers; Steve (Carol) Hall, Kenny (Cara) Hall, Jeff (Jean) Fox, Orville (Vickie) Fox. Special nieces; Skye Hall, Kensey Hall Tiger, Winona (George) Good Left, Tanya (Robert) Fimbres, Loni Babes (Justin) Thilmony, Genny Renzie Smith, Candace (Jared) Eagle, Katie (Kenny) Beese, Nephews; Thomas J Fox, Wylie, Whitney, Wesley and Jarvis Bearstail. Grandchildren; Talayna, Teegan, Takoja, Tyrajo, Teela Germaine, Anani, Lucayan and Siani. Her loving great grandson Kamden. Adopted sisters; Orianna Baker, Deb Wallwork, Eldora Poitra and Jeannine Spotted Horse, all adopted into the Knife Clan. Other adopted sisters; Bonnie Yellow Eyes, Adopted loway sisters in Oklahoma; Joyce Miller, Linda Big Soldier, Joan Miller and Bernadine Huber. Adopted brother; Terry (Connie) Gottschall. Adopted nephew- William Broncheau. Special friend-Renetta Smith Mandan. Other adopted brothers; Mark Wandering Medicine and Vernon "Tuffy" First.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Of Yvonne Connie
Fox-Twins Oragabgi Hish-Red Blossom

January 2, 1952-June 11, 2023



Wake Service:

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 5pm
Water Chief Hall Mandaree, ND

Funeral Services:

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 10am
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree ND

Celebrant:

Father Roger A. Synek

Senior Pallbearers:

Rosie White Owl & Martha Hunter

Active Pallbearers:

Tavaras Fimbrs	David Dobbs
Wylie Bearstail	Hunter Strzet
Rylan Baker	Kenny Dragswolf III
Teggan Fox	Tommyjo Fox
Calzy Fox	Jesse Cuny

Honorary Pallbearers:

Susan Paulson, Renetta Smith Mandan, Kukie Gayton, TJ Plenty Chief, Albert Footz, Tuffy First, Fannie Plenty Hoops, Sonny Gullickson, Yvonne Chasz, Anna Eder, Delberta Eagleman, Alaina Buffalo Spirit, Charlene Gambler, Eve High Bull, Sharon Yellow Owl, Karen Dubois, Susan Sitting Crow Hall, Roberta Crowsbreast, Rhonda Jefferson, Joyce Miller, Linda Big Soldier, Bernadette Huber, Pauline Roam Nose, Larry Roam Nose

Final Resting Place:

Fox Family Cemetery, Mandaree, ND

The family would like to sincerely thank you for your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness. Your expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated. Connie will be greatly missed by her family and to those who loved her dearly.

*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

On behalf of West Segment we extend our prayers of comfort to the family and relatives of Connie Fox-Twins and the recent loss of Robert Al Newman family and relatives on the loss of your beloved ones. Our prayers of comfort are with you all during this difficult time. We extend our condolences to other segments as well who have loss loved ones.

From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Long Fight & Personnel

On behalf of West Segment I would like to welcome all our visitors to the 2023 Mandaree Celebration! We hope your stay here at our Celebration will be a memorable one!

We look forward to seeing you back next year for 2024 Mandaree Celebration!

From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Long Fight



GRAND ENTRIES
Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 1pm & 7pm
Sunday: 1pm

ANNOUNCERS:
Charlie Moran
Lawrence Baker

HOST DRUMS:
Oakdale
Mandaree
Young Bear

FLAGS
THURSDAY
Myron B Johnson
Nathan J Goodiron
Valarian Finley

FRIDAY
Bernard Mandan
Victor Mandan
Adam Mandan
Rose Mandan

SATURDAY
Emery Good Bird
Herman Good Bird
Donald Good Bird

SUNDAY
Henry Young Bird
Matthew Young Bird
Robert Young Bird
Herman Young Bird

2023 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
FLAGBEARER: Jimmy Johnson
PRESIDENT: Rose Ann Johnson
VICE PRESIDENT: Walter Deville, Sr.
SECRETARY: Lara Jackson
TREASURER: Frannina Lincoln
DRUMKEEPER: Terrence Morgan, Sr.
ARENA DIRECTOR: Ethan Three Stars
HEAD MAN DANCER: Corey Goodiron
HEAD LADY DANCER: Hailey Morgan
ANNOUNCER: James Moran
PRINCESS: Karson Dawes

**SINGING CONTEST: 1st: \$30,000 • 2nd: \$25,000
3rd: \$20,000 • 4th: \$15,000 • 5th: \$10,000**
\$13,000 drum split for all non-contest drums.
Non-contest drums must have 5 singers & NO drum hopping.
All drums must register with the Drum Keeper.

SPECIAL ORIGINAL STYLE 5-MAN BASS DRUM CONTEST
Sponsored by Terrence Morgan, Sr. - 2023 Drum Keeper
1st \$5,000, Jacket, Bass Drum & Sticks
2nd \$4,000 • 3rd \$3,000 • 4th \$2,000 • 5th \$1,000

MEN'S GOLDEN AGE (65+) Fancy, Grass/Chicken, Trad.
WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE (65+) Fancy, Jingle, Trad.
1st \$1,000 • 2nd \$1,000 • 3rd \$1,000 • 4th \$1,000

JUNIOR ADULTS (20-39) • SENIOR ADULTS (40-64)
Fancy, Grass, Trad., Chicken | Fancy, Jingle, Trad.
1st \$1,000 • 2nd \$1,000 • 3rd \$1,000 • 4th \$1,000

TEEN'S (13-19) Fancy, Grass, Trad. | Fancy, Jingle, Trad.
1st \$400 • 2nd \$400 • 3rd \$400 • 4th \$400

JR CATEGORIES (6-12) Fancy, Grass, Trad. | Fancy, Jingle, Trad.
1st \$200 • 2nd \$200 • 3rd \$200 • 4th \$200
TINY TOTS Paid Daily by Lara Jackson (Bears Tail) Family

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND SPECIALS MAY BE ADDED
Committee not responsible for accidents, theft, divorces or lack of travel funds.

VENDORS \$1,000/weekend for all vendors (No Toy Stands)
Contact Frannina (701) 421-4204 or Echo Claymore (701) 421-4689
NO VENDING INSIDE THE POWWOW ARBOR

HOST LEGION POSTS
MYRON B JOHNSON/NATHAN J GOODIRON POST 271 - Mandaree, ND
VFW 9061 - Mandaree, ND
YOUNG HAWK/BEAR POST 253 - White Shield, ND

THURSDAY:
ALL COMMITTEE GIVEAWAYS (Thursday only)
COMMITTEE DANCE SPECIALS

FRIDAY
MEN'S GRASS DANCE SPECIAL - In memory of Vivian Gillette.
Sponsored by Grandson, JT Largo & Family.
1st \$3,000 • 2nd \$2,500 • 3rd \$2,000 • 4th \$1,500 • 5th \$1,000 + Cons.
MEN'S FANCY "GIVING BACK" SPECIAL - Sponsored by Jared Ivins-Massey.
COWGIRL SPECIAL - In honor of Head Lady Dancer, Hailey Morgan.
Sponsored by Hailey Morgan & Family.
MEN'S CHICKEN SPECIAL - In memory of Wanda-Fox Sheppard, "Plenty Sage."
1st \$2,000 • 2nd \$1,500 • 3rd \$1,000 • 4th \$500

SATURDAY
TINY TOT SPECIAL - In honor of Secretary, Lara Jackson & Xavier O'Berry.
Sponsored by the Bears Tail & O'Berry Families.
TEEN GIRL'S TRAD. SPECIAL - Sponsored by Princess, Karson Dawes & Family.
OLD STYLE FANCY SHAWL SPECIAL - In memory of DeRae Dawn Mann.
Sponsored by her Grandma, Mommas, Babies & Siblings.
MEN'S GRASS DANCE SPECIAL - In honor of Kolby Lone Bear-Smith.
Sponsored by Treasurer, Frannina Lincoln & Family.
MEN'S TRAD. SPECIAL - In honor of Arena Director, Ethan Three Stars
1st \$3,000 • 2nd \$2,000 • 3rd \$1,000

SUNDAY
CHICKEN DANCE SPECIAL - In loving memory of Cornell Poitra, Sr.
VETERAN'S SPECIAL - In honor of Flagbearer, Jimmy Johnson.
Sponsored by President, Rose Ann Johnson & Children.
WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE 65+ Honoring "Grandma" (Lyda Bears Tail).
Sponsored by Head Man Dancer, Corey Goodiron & Family.
WOMEN'S JINGLE DRESS SPECIAL In honor of Melva Driver.
Sponsored by President, Rose Ann Johnson.

May & June Birthday Wishes for our Elders!

May Birthdays:

Corrine Brugh Sage

Mary Gachupin

Mavis Young Bear

Elton Spotted Horse

Sharon Fimbres

Donita Hale

Fern Bull Head

June Birthdays:

Ethel Reeves

Theodora Bird Bear

Ivan Johnson

Jolitta Bird Bear

Curtis Young Bear Jr.

James Hale Sr.

Peter Long Fight



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