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2025 Mandaree School Homecoming Parade & Events



In the picture above is Mr. Sanford holding the stick and seated are the 2025 Homecoming King; Kenyon Grady and the Queen; is Natie Mann. Home of The Warriors had their 2025 Homecoming events and parade. Students and class advisors were on hand for line up of the parade. The parade began in the morning at 10:30 from the school to the Mandaree celebration grounds. At 11:30am the Mandaree Parent/Teacher Booster club pep rally at the football field. Following the pep rally they had a picnic lunch. The highlight of the day was the 2025 Homecoming Dance that started that evening at 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the Mandaree School for grades (9-12) only. The Homecoming football game was held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 2:00pm

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Greetings to all near and far. Here we are in another season of Fall. All our leaves turned yellow and orange. A reminder to our elders and the one's who occupy trailer homes in White Oak. Now is the time to get ready for our

cold nights. We already had a freezing warning from our local news, and we may have some snow very soon. Some of you may remember we had snow on Halloween a few years ago. So with that in mind, do dress your kids warm while they are going from house to house for their Halloween candy. With the weather being so unpredictable we don't want to have any last minute surprises, so start getting prepared for winter because it's just around the corner. Make sure you apply for LIHEAP FY-2026 you can pick up your application at the office here in Mandaree. Prepare for winter now while the weather is still decent do what you have to do to make sure your family will be warm with no problems. The beautification program is very helpful to the elders within our community.

The Mandaree Celebration committee will be hosting a masquerade dance on Saturday, October 25th at the Water Chief Hall.

We will have our Trail of Treats on Thursday, October 23rd at the hall starting at 4:00pm to 8:00pm. There will be a carnival booth games set up. Elders games and prizes, carved pumpkin contest and a cake walk.

The haunted house will be open after the trail of treats, a ten dollar admission fee for going inside the haunted house.

It will be a fun time for family and friends to enjoy.

Also the jackets will be given away soon we just aren't certain of the date right now. We will keep you informed on our West Segment Community and Events page. Or you can call the Tribal office.

Courtesy of West Segment we will provide a trip for the youth on Wednesday, October 15th for a rollicking adventure to Berry Acres Pumpkin Patch in Minot. They plan to leave Water Chief hall at 10:am and return back to Mandaree by 5:00pm. Lunch will be at the Pizza Ranch.

Once again, please watch for all the little goblins and ghosts, as they walk from house to house scaring people and wanting candy. We need all drivers to be extra careful and watch for these goblins and ghosts.

Thank you for being a good reader.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

What women need to know about Breast Cancer and Heart Disease

By American Heart Association News

Red dresses and pink ribbons have helped millions of Americans become aware of the separate tolls heart disease and breast cancer take on women. But not everyone is aware of how the illnesses can intersect.

Heart disease – the No. 1 killer of women – can sometimes be a complication of breast cancer treatment. Older women who survive breast cancer are more likely to die of heart disease than a cancer recurrence.

Dr. Laxmi Mehta, who led the writing of a [wide-ranging 2018 report](#) on the two diseases, said the overlap exists on a spectrum.

Sometimes, cancer directly causes heart problems, such as when it causes fluid buildup around the heart. Much of the time, though, the problem comes from treatments targeting cancer.

Radiation therapy for breast cancer can lead to blocked heart arteries, heart valve issues and abnormal heart rhythms in some patients, Mehta said. She is professor of cardiovascular medicine and director of preventive cardiology and women's cardiovascular health at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus. Chemotherapy and other cancer treatments can weaken the heart and lead to blood clots, high blood pressure and other issues.

Some issues show up soon after treatment, Mehta said. Others show up years down the line. These heart issues led to an emerging field called cardio-oncology to protect heart health while still providing the best cancer care.

Heart issues also can get in the way of treating breast cancer in some women.

"If they get a weakened heart muscle, in some people that means they have to stop treatment for a while until the heart recovers," Mehta said. "Or, in other people, it might mean you can't have that treatment at all."

That can be emotionally taxing on a patient and her care team. "They're already psychologically under a lot of stress with cancer treatment, and now we're telling you, 'By the way, your heart is a problem.' Many patients will say, 'I don't care about my heart – just fix the cancer now!'" But both problems have to be addressed, she said.

The connection isn't all bad news.

Heart disease and breast cancer share some risk factors, so lifestyle measures can help prevent both, said Dr. Debu Tripathy, professor and chair of the department of breast medical oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

"The data is compelling enough that adopting the heart-healthy

approach in terms of exercise and diet is good for both heart and breast cancer health," whether you're talking about preventing or surviving the conditions.

One way diet affects both diseases has to do with cells' energy needs, Tripathy said.

"We all have pre-malignant cells in our body that are moving toward cancer," he said. The immune system and other protective mechanisms fight a constant battle against these cells, either by tricking them into committing suicide or destroying them. "Every now and then the body gets overwhelmed, and that's when you get cancer."

But a healthy diet may provide backup to the immune system, preventing the pre-malignant cells from getting the extra energy they need to survive as cancer cells, he said. The excess energy also affects other processes such as inflammation and fat metabolism, which play a role in heart disease.

If diet and exercise are important for prevention, they remain important for people who have breast cancer, Mehta said.

Many people with cancer think they need to rest, she said. "And with chemo there are going to be days where it just drags you down and you can't exercise. But the other days that you have some energy, just any little bit of physical activity – it's not, 'Go run a mile' or anything – is so good for you."

So is eating right.

"Many people just feel like, 'I can just eat whatever I want. I'm on chemo,'" she said. "And that sometimes is necessary, because sometimes a lot of things aren't palatable when you're undergoing chemo. But when your appetite is better, you want to make sure you're trying to eat heart-healthy as best as you can."

If you have questions or comments about this story, please email editor@heart.org.



In Honor of Every Child Matters

Photos by Leeann Nation and Marea DeVille. Article by Lisa DeVille



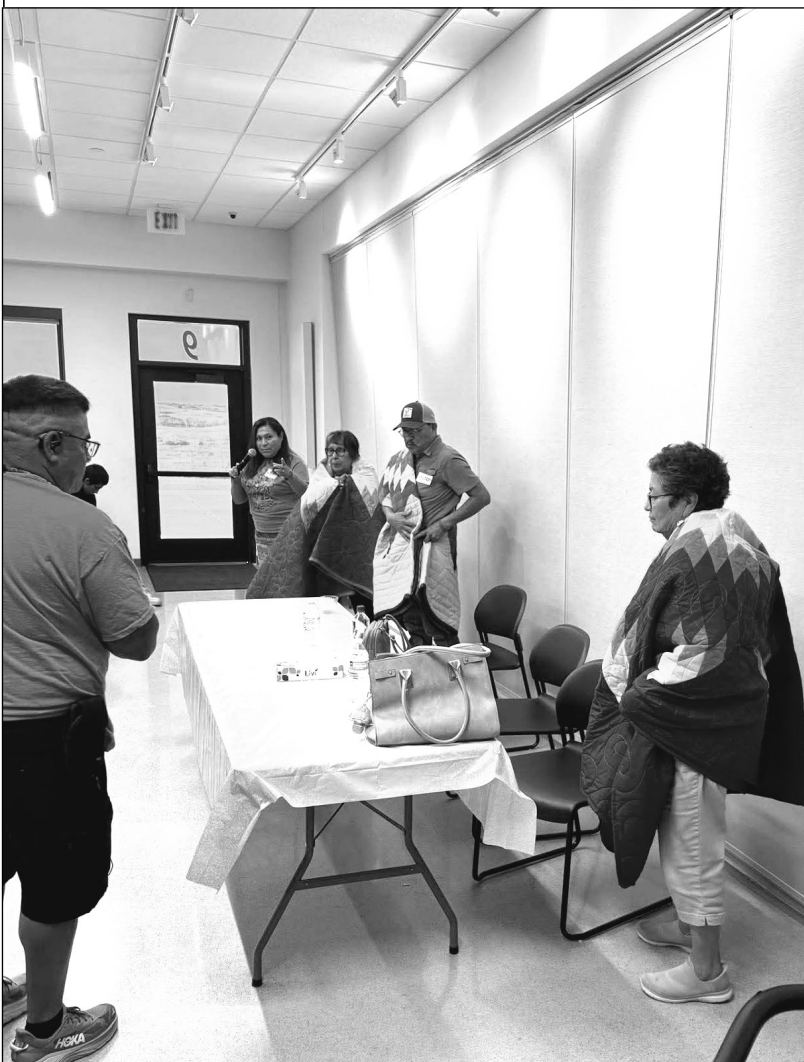
In honor of Every Child Matters, I hosted a panel of speakers today to talk about their experience in the boarding school system as it was not that long ago.

Today, we remember our relatives who were taken from their families and placed in boarding schools. For our people, the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara, as well as Native Nations across this land, those schools were part of a system meant to erase us. Children were taken from their homes, their language and traditions

Before this event took place a prayer was offered by Ms. Poitra. All the young and older men stood in respect of prayer while the women remained seated.

stripped away, and too many never returned. Our ancestors endured this pain and carried that burden, yet they also carried our identity forward so we could still be here today.

Thank you to Millard Hale Jr, Gloria Fast Dog, and Bernadine Young Bird for sharing your experience attending Indian Boarding Schools. Thank you to Eldora Poitra for the prayer to keep us grounded, Walter DeVille Sr for emceeing, Marea DeVille for audio/video, Andrea DeVille time keeper, Leanna Nation from West Segment PR, and Jerry Kram with MHA Times.



The panel spoke to Mandaree School students and staff from 6th to 12th grades. Mandaree School is a tribal school where I and all my children attended K-12.

In the photo to your left; The three guests were honored with star quilts from Lisa and Walter DeVille. This was an awesome event hosted by Lisa and her husband Walter DeVille Sr., with help from their family. On behalf of West Segment we say thank you!



Bernadine Young Bird one of the guest speakers.



Gloria Fast Dog was among the guest speakers at the Mandaree School.



Millard Hale guest speaker, sharing his experience as well.

Around West Segment

Mandaree High school xc team Qualified For State



L-R Head Coach James Moran, Morgan Fettig, Amiah DeVille, Cora Mann, Charleigh Driver, Passion Lincoln and Assistant Coach Josie Baker. All the High School runners qualified they to run the 31 race in 27:00.

All runners have qualified for the ND State HS cross country meet in Jamestown, North Dakota on Friday, October 24th

Mandaree School 2025 Homecoming King & Queen

Photo by Devona Condon



King Kenyon Grady and Queen Natie Mann stand on the side of their grandmother Ms. Eldora Poitra, who teaches at the Mandaree School. Ms. Poitra is very proud of her grandchildren.



Happy Halloween!!
Drivers please watch out for all the goblins ghosts and monsters. They will be out and about in your neighborhood wanting their Halloween candy!

2025 Mandaree Homecoming Parade



Here is the Mandaree School class of 2029



Mandaree Class of 2030 in the photo below are some local horse back riders.



Our ambulance along with our MVFD trucks that are new for the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department.

Around West Segment



Coaches; Bucky Johnson and Terrance Morgan stand with the students in kids football. Both Johnson and Morgan teach the kids football.

T.A.T. FITNESS & REC

5/6 GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON

STARTING OCTOBER 20TH

Coaching staff will be announced soon!



GOOD DAY MANDAREE!

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

Recently we have closed out our Youth Cross Country season for grades Pre-K through 6th, boys and girls. The Mandaree team consisted of about 60 kids. Every week our program held a meet and each segment will host. We held the Mandaree meet on September 23rd, with the help of the Mandaree Community we hosted and fed about 200 kids total. We'd like to thank the West Segment Staff, all the volunteers (cook crew, ribbon crew), Walter and Lisa DeVille as well as the roads department they spent countless hours helping to set up the course. We truly appreciate you all! Sending a huge thank you to the coaches Mike and Amanda DeVille, Marea DeVille, Hunter Gwin and Santos Casarez for your dedication to our youth-our future Champions! The kids all look up to you, and you all are very much appreciated! The season wrapped up with the State meet held in New Town at the Edgewater Golf Course on October 4th with registration starting at 9:30am, the first race began at 11am. We held a memorable send-off for our Warriors the morning of the State Meet.

On September 24th we closed out the grades K-4th Co-ed Flag Football leagues in Parshall. We had 20 kids finish the three-week season. Games were held every Wednesday, thank you Parshall Segment for holding this league the kids had a lot of fun! Thank you coaches Dayton Mandan, Bucky Johnson, and Terrence Morgan for teaching the kiddos football, also Jody and Husband with Native Printing for the awesome shirts. The kids closed out their season with a pizza dinner after their last game, thank you parents for providing the pizzas!

Girls' basketball for grades 5-6th is on the agenda with a tentative start date of October 20th as well as circuit classes for Elders and Adults starting on October 14th the flyers are posted.

For all updates or upcoming activities follow our Facebook pages:

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

Thank you!

Tia Mandan-Three Affiliated Tribes Fitness and Recreation Mandaree Area Rec Specialist

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West Segment Fitness & Recreation

By Tia Mandan, West Segment Fitness & Recreation Director



That's a wrap on the Elementary Cross Country Season. Our Warriors finished strong, a few were state champions. Thank you to the Mandaree Community for all your support for our Little

Warriors and a big heartfelt thank you to our Coaches; Mike and Amanda DeVille, Marea DeVille and Hunter.

Submitted by Lisa DeVille

On Tuesday September 14, 2025, Mandaree, TAT Fitness and Recreation held their Elementary cross-country meet. There were over 100 pre k, K, and elementary runners participating. It was great to see all the families and fans cheer on the runners. After the cross-country meet we held a cookout for all the participating teams and public.

It is my understanding the TAT Fitness and Recreation program was created on Fort Berthold reservation for each segment for all who live on Fort Berthold reservation. Although some of these young athletes attend off Fort Berthold reservation schools, they are still able to attend in their respective segments.

Thank you, Mandaree TAT Fitness and Recreation coaches Michael DeVille, Amanda DeVille, Marea DeVille, and Hunter Gwin. Thank you, Santos C III, West Segment Fitness and Recreation staff, for assisting. Thank you to Danny Hall, Dale Hall, and Walter DeVille Sr for smoothing out the cross-country course for the children to run on. Thank you to Renae B., with the West Segment office for providing chips, hot dog buns, hamburger buns, and drinks. Thank you to Dayton Mandan for grilling. Thank you to Tia and crew for serving the meal. Thank you to West Segment Security. Walter Sr. and Lisa DeVille provided hamburgers and hotdogs. Thank you to all the youth runners who

participated, their coaches and their families who were there to cheer them on, because of you we had a great turnout.

Coaches were busy coaching, and volunteers were busy out in the field directing runners.



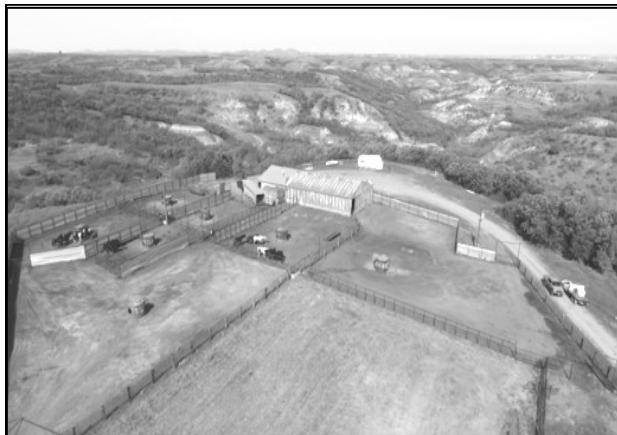
Parents showing their support with a positive send off! Some had signs on their vehicles to show their support. What a great show of support by the parents.



Everyone enjoyed the pasta, parents, guardians and the kids. Support from everyone was great.

Around West Segment

Stock Contractors throughout the United States boarded their bucking horses at The Johnson Ranch in Mandaree



Here is a birds eye view of the corals on the Johnson ranch where the bucking horses will be.



You can see some of strongest and stoutest horses were unloaded from semi trucks and horse trailers.



“Who would ever think that some of the best bucking horses throughout the United States would be right here in our small community of Mandaree.” Were the words of Ranchman, Ivan Johnson. Ivan owns one of the largest ranches here in Mandaree. So he was able to accommodate the stock contractors.

According to Johnson, he was contacted by Brad Gjermundson about boarding horses for the upcoming Brad Gjermundson

Xtreme Bronc Riding Event to be held at the Four Bears casino in New Town, North Dakota. Stock Contractors and locals were coming in from all over the US to Mandaree to have their bucking horses boarded on the Johnson Ranch.

If you went to the Brad Gjermundson Xtreme Bronc Riding Event at the Four Bears Casino then you have seen some of the best bucking horses. This event made history by not only bringing the top cowboys and bucking horses in the industry, but by offering a purse of \$110,000 to kick off the 2024 rodeo season!

In December, these stock contractors will be on the road to the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Las Vegas.

I would like to thank Ivan and Lisa Johnson for their information and Jesus Leyva for his photos.

Fettig family donates Pumpkins to Mandaree School

Photos by Teacher Denise Lincoln & others



Students from the Mandaree School don't need to travel to town or ask their parents for a pumpkin for this year's Halloween. Pictured to your left is a large box of pumpkins that were brought to the Mandaree School by Fritz and Matilda Fettig, who donated them for the kids.

Each student was able to take a pumpkin of their choice home for Halloween.



On behalf of West Segment we would like to thank Fritz and his wife Matilda for their awesome gesture of donating these fine pumpkins to the kids for Halloween.

Pharmacist Returns to Mandaree Field Clinic



On behalf of West Segment we welcome back our Pharmacist Pam Amsden. She left to retire but came back to us. We are all very grateful she returned to our West Segment community. Once again, we say Welcome Back Pam we are so happy to have you back in our Mandaree Field Clinic.

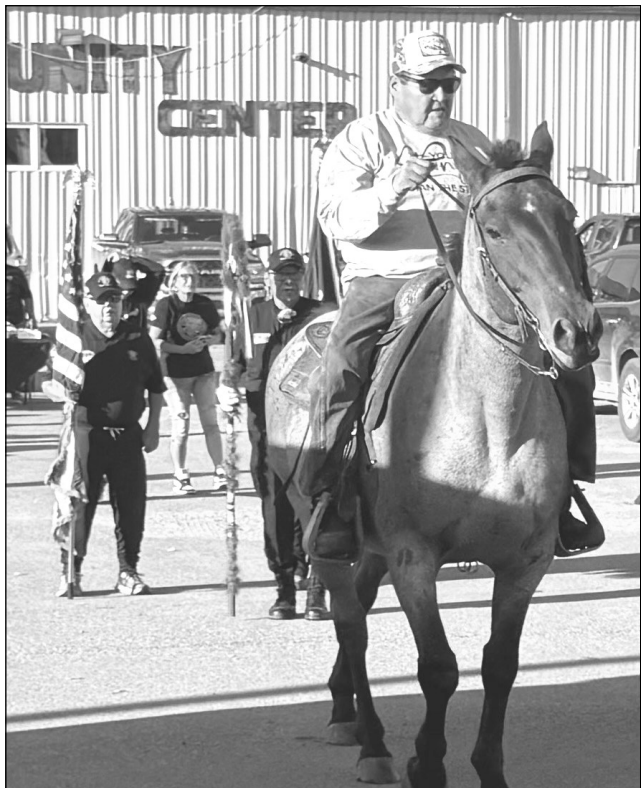
Around West Segment

Photos and captions by LeeAnna Nation

West Segment Suicide Prevention Walk



Holding the Eagle Staff is Don Mckenzie from the West Segment Recovery. Carrying the American Flag is James Johnson and Clayton Young Bear of the Myron Johnson Post.



Leaving the suicide prevention walk is Glen Mckenzie on horseback.

Diabetes Program hosted bingo at Water Chief Hall During the Suicide Prevention Walk



Pictured above are some happy bingo players; Renay Brown and Michaela Bacon are pictured here playing bingo.



Soup and Subway sandwiches were served to all who attended this event. It was sponsored by Native Connections and the Fort Berthold Diabetes Program.

For Your Information



Hello Everyone,
I wanted to reach out with a friendly reminder that the Beautification Program is doing its Biyearly client/application update.

This means that we are open for all service applications in all service areas. If you would like to begin or continue to utilize our seasonable services (lawn, and snow), please complete the application and review/sign the waiver that is attached and submit. All clients both new and old will need to submit a new updated application with the signed waiver, failure to submit a new application will result in removal from routes.

If you have any questions or need assistance with completing an application, please do not hesitate to create a new email directly to me (please do not reply all) and I am happy to assist!

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to continuing to assist within our communities.

Respectfully,

Lauren Gwin

Beautification Program Office Manager

Cell: 701-421-4103

(Applications will be delivered to your home by Beautification workers)

WE'RE HIRING



Join Our Team

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

Opportunities include:

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

Requirements for position:

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

Contact us at:

MandareeEMS.6431@outlook.com

EMS if Offering Training



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



Mandaree Community Flu Clinic Elbowoods Memorial Health Center



Fight the Flu Now!

Available in Mandaree on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at the Mandaree School District. At 11:00am to

2:00pm

For more information, please call:

(701) 627-7977 or (701) 627-7942.

Mandaree School News

Mandaree Public School #36 SY 25-26

Academic Calendar

Oct.10: Professional Development Day (8am-12pm, 12:30pm-4:30pm)

Oct.13-17: Fall Break, No Teacher/Students

Nov.11: Veterans Day, No Teacher/Students

Dec.4: Professional Development Day (8am-12:pm,12:30pm-4:30pm)

Dec.22: PTC Comp Day, No Teachers/Students

Dec. 22-Jan. 2nd 2026: Winter Break, No Teachers/Students

Jan.19: MLK Day, No Staff/Students

Jan.30: Professional Development Day (8am-12pm, 12:30pm-4:30pm)

Feb.12: Parents Teacher Conferences (4:30pm-8:30pm)

Feb.16: All Chief's Day, No Teachers/Students

Mar.30-April 2: Spring Break No Teachers/Students

Apr.3: Good Friday, No Staff/Students

Apr.6: PTC Comp Day, No Teachers/Students

Apr.16: Parent Teacher Conferences (4:30pm-8:30pm)

May 21: Last Day of School

May 23: Graduation Day

May 26: Teacher Prep Day, No School 9am-3pm

Snow Make up days are 10/31, 12/12, 3/6, 5/15



**Fall Break for the Mandaree Students is:
October 13-17th 2025.**

Mandaree Warriors Football

Saturday, October 18 in New Town: JH at 12:00pm

Saturday, October 18 in New Town Varsity at 2:00pm

Mandaree Elementary Cross Country

Elementary Cross Country meet in Mandaree and surrounding schools. Kindergarten-6th grade races boys and girls divisions.

Something For Students To Remember

If you see any of the following:

- Another students struggling to make friends
 - Another student being picked on.
- A student who is new, shy, or not with the "in crowd"
 - A student who is eating lunch alone

Be a leader! Be A Warrior! Say hi. Smile at them. Ask if you can sit with them. Include them. You never know what that person is facing inside or outside of school

**YOUR KINDNESS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
SOMEONE'S LIFE**

Mandaree School Calendar

Mandaree Public School #36 SY 25-26 Academic Calendar*

School Board Approved: March 26, 2025

*Subject to change

OFFICIAL CALENDAR

August 2025

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	First/Last of School
	Professional Development Day (8AM-12PM, 1230PM-430PM)
	Teacher Prep Day, No Students (9AM-3PM)
	No Teachers/Students Day
	Graduation Day, Time TBD
	Parent-Teacher Conferences (430-830PM)
	No School Day, Student Enrichment (9AM-12PM)
	PTC Comp Day, No Teachers/Students
	Make Up Snow Days

157	Total Teacher Contract Days
149	Total Student Contract Days
32	1st Quarter Days (08/18/2025-10/9/2025)
37	2nd Quarter Days (10/20/2025-12/19/2025)
42	3rd Quarter Days (1/5/2026-3/13/2026)
38	4th Quarter Days (3/16/2026-5/21/2026)

Dates	Important Calendar of Events
11-Aug	Teacher Prep Day, No Students 9AM-3PM
8/12-14	Professional Development Day (8AM-12PM, 1230PM-430PM)
18-Aug	First Day of School
1-Sep	Labor Day, No Staff/Students
18-Sep	Parent-Teacher Conferences (430-830PM)
19-Sep	Professional Development Day (8AM-12PM, 1230PM-430PM)
10-Oct	Professional Development Day (8AM-12PM, 1230PM-430PM)
10/13-17	Fall Break, No Teacher/Students
11-Nov	Veteran's Day, No Teachers/Students Day
4-Dec	Professional Development Day (8AM-12PM, 1230PM-430PM)
22-Dec	PTC Comp Day, No Teachers/Students
12/22-1/2	Winter Break, No Teachers/Students
19-Jan	MLK Day, No Staff/Students Day
30-Jan	Professional Development Day (8AM-12PM, 1230PM-430PM)
12-Feb	Parent-Teacher Conferences (430-830PM)
16-Feb	All-Chief's Day, No Teachers/Students Day
3/30 - 4/2	Spring Break, No Teachers/Students Day
4/3	Good Friday, No Staff/Students Day
4/6	PTC Comp Day, No Teachers/Students
4/16	Parent-Teacher Conferences (430-830PM)
5/21	Last Day of School
5/23	Graduation Day
5/26	Teacher Prep Day, No Students 9AM-3PM

Snow Make Up Days are 10/31, 12/12, 3/6, 5/15

OPTIONAL Teacher Prep-Day is 1/2 9AM-12PM

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From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



Every Child Matters Month – October

Good afternoon Mandaree School students and staff. My name is Lisa DeVille for those of you who do not know me. October is Every Child Matters Month, a time to remember our relatives who were taken from their families and placed in boarding schools. For our people, the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara, as well as Native Nations across this

land, those schools were part of a system meant to erase us. Children were taken from their homes, their language and traditions stripped away, and too many never returned. Our ancestors endured this pain and carried that burden, yet they also carried our identity forward so we could still be here today.

The epidemic of Missing Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) is not a thing of the past. Native children still go missing today at higher rates than general population too often without answers, and the risk of family separation continues to threaten our Nations. That is why laws like the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and policies that protect our children and families, are so critical. Every Native child is a future knowledge keeper, language carrier, and culture bearer. Protecting them means protecting our survival as tribal Nations.

October is a time to remember that we must protect our history, our children, and our future. If we forget what our ancestors went through, we risk losing the lessons, the strength, and the truth of who we are as Native people. This month, we remember and honor the children who never came home, the survivors who carried our songs and languages against all odds, and the responsibility we have now to make sure every child grows up safe, loved, and connected to their people.

Introduction Panel, today we have 3 tribal elders who will share their experience attending Indian boarding school. Each will introduce themselves and share their story.

Closing Remarks, I would like to thank our guest speakers on this tough subject and thank you for taking the time to listen to their stories that are so important to the history of our native people. It starts with education because we walk two lives our native and non-native lives. Education and knowledge helps you to understand the outside world and to make life's decisions. Again, Maacagiraac!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 2025

Statement from Representative Lisa Finley-Deville on the Importance of Protecting All Voting Methods

As a representative of the people that elected me, it's a serious concern when I hear talk about taking away options for people to vote. This national conversation around eliminating mail-in ballots and voting machines is a direct challenge to the fundamental principle of democracy.

For many communities, including those I represent in tribal nations, diverse voting options are not a luxury, they are a necessity. Mail-in voting is essential for citizens who live in rural areas with limited transportation, for our elders and those with disabilities, and for our service members stationed far from home. Removing this option would disenfranchise thousands of Americans.

Election security is a critical step that we must maintain, and I believe our North Dakota Secretary of State does a good job in preventing bad situations from happening. But when we have a national discussion of eliminating proven methods of voting we are potentially taking steps to continue disenfranchising our people. Our focus should be on strengthening our election infrastructure, not dismantling it. We can't let fearmongering about election security be an excuse to strip away people's rights. We must trust in the integrity of our systems and the dedication of the election workers who ensure every vote is counted accurately.

We have a collective responsibility to protect and expand voting rights for all. We must reject rhetoric that seeks to divide us and instead work together to build a just democracy where every citizen has the chance to make their voice heard. All votes, cast in all ways, must be honored.

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

Earlier this week Ft. Berthold POWER, NDNV, DRC, and WORC met with Cramer office by zoom. We discussed the Congressional Review Act (CRA) threat to North Dakota Tribes. Here is some background. The Congressional Review Act (CRA) was created in 1996 to allow Congress to reverse new federal regulations with a simple majority vote. If a rule is overturned by the CRA, the federal agency is then permanently blocked from issuing the same or a "substantially similar" rule in the future.

When an agency like the BLM issues a new rule, Congress has a limited time (generally 60 legislative days) to introduce a resolution of disapproval. The CRA allows this resolution to pass with a simple majority, bypassing the typical filibuster in the Senate. If the resolution is successful, the rule is nullified, and the agency is permanently barred from creating a similar rule again in the future without a new act of Congress. It's a powerful tool that essentially erases regulation and prevents it from being re-enacted.

Lay of the land: A CRA 'joint resolution of disapproval' introduced by North Dakota's congressional delegation threatens to overturn the newly finalized North Dakota Resource Management Plan (RMP). This action would eliminate critical water and land protections that were created through tribal consultation with many tribes including the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation. This process began in 2019, and it took years of input and government-to-government consultation.

My comment to Cramer office.

Water is Sacred and Essential

The Missouri River and Lake Sakakawea are the primary sources of drinking water for thousands of MHA Nation citizens and communities downstream.

The RMP's half-mile buffer zone is a direct result of the Tribe's advocacy to protect this vital resource from the risks of oil and gas spills and contamination.

Overturning this protection would put the health and safety of the community at risk.

The CRA Threatens Long-Term Security

The Congressional Review Act is a blunt instrument. It doesn't just tweak the RMP; it completely erases it and prohibits the creation of a similar rule.

If the CRA passes, Fort Berthold would lose these critical safeguards not just for today, but for future generations.

This action would open up areas near the Reservation to increased oil, gas, and coal development, escalating the risk to the environment and public health.

I ended with this "I wanted to mention that our people hunt and fish. This will impact all who depend on Missouri River for drinking water. I am not against oil and gas, this is what our constituents have been asking for since the Bakken oil and gas

extraction took off in 2008, the protection of our drinking water and land. I thanked Cramer's office for his time."

With these efforts to education our people on this CRA matter I wrote a letter to editor. You can view below.

September 14, 2025

My name is Lisa DeVille, and I am a citizen of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation. I am deeply concerned about the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution seeking to overturn the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) North Dakota Resource Management Plan (RMP). The 2025 RMP, developed over years of consultation, replaces the outdated 1988 plan was created before the Bakken oil boom and fracking changed our landscape.

The updated RMP brings necessary protections for our lands and waters. It establishes a half-mile "no surface occupancy" buffer around the Missouri River, Lake Oahe, and Lake Sakakawea, ensuring safe drinking water for thousands of MHA citizens and downstream communities. Importantly, the new plan formally incorporates Tribal concerns and government-to-government consultation, something the 1988 plan lacked.

If the CRA resolution passes, these hard-won protections would vanish, and the BLM would be prevented from enacting similar safeguards in the future. Our lands and waters would once again be exposed to risks from oil and gas development, leaving future generations vulnerable.

The federal government has a trust responsibility to Tribes by respecting sovereignty, honoring treaties, and protecting our resources. Rejecting the 2025 RMP would betray that trust and the years of work invested by our Nation.

We must look forward, not backward. The 2025 RMP is a critical step to address today's challenges. I urge our leaders to uphold the new plan and protect what is sacred: our water, our land, and our future.

Sincerely,

Lisa DeVille

Citizen of the MHA Nation

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

Today, October 10, 2025, Governor Armstrong issued a proclamation recognizing Native American Heritage Month and highlighting North Dakota’s commitment to honoring Indigenous communities.

I was honored to carry legislation to change the name of First Nations Day to Indigenous People’s Day in the 2025 legislative session, which is a more accurate and inclusive term that celebrates the diversity of Indigenous cultures across North Dakota and the US.

Though Governor Armstrong’s proclamation continues to use the term First Nations Day, this is an opportunity for education and dialogue. The term Indigenous People better reflects all Native communities, including those who are not of First Nations descent, and aligns with a movement across the country to recognize our shared histories and present-day contributions.

I thank Governor Armstrong for recognizing Native American Heritage Month, and I look forward to continued conversations about how we as a state can evolve in the way we honor Indigenous people, not just in words, but in policy and practice.

Representative Lisa Finley DeVille

Mandaree, North Dakota

October 10, 2025

The Honorable Governor Armstrong

Office of the Governor

State of North Dakota

600 E Boulevard Ave

Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Governor Armstrong,

Today, October 10, 2025, I was happy to see your proclamation recognizing Native

American Heritage Month and highlighting North Dakota’s commitment to honoring

Indigenous communities. Thank you for using your office to uplift and acknowledge the

cultural and historical contributions of Native people in our state.

I was honored to carry legislation during the 2025 legislative session to change the

name of First Nations Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day. This more accurate term

celebrates the diversity of Indigenous cultures across North Dakota and the United

States. It’s a step toward ensuring our language reflects the full spectrum of Native

identities and not only those of First Nations descent, but all Indigenous communities.

I am thankful for your recognition of Native American Heritage Month, and I look forward

to continued conversations about how we, as a state, can move forward together, and

honoring Indigenous people for their contributions to our great state.

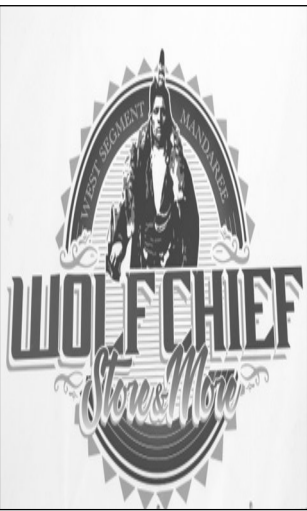
With appreciation,

Representative Lisa Finley DeVille

North Dakota House of Representatives

For Your Information

Wolf Chief Store & Café Regular Hours



Wolf Chief Store

The Wolf Chief Store Café and Jump House will be closing for renovations on the heating, ventilation and air condition (HVAC)



We ask for your patience during this time. No information was given for the time frame of closures.

Mandaree One Stop



Store be closed due to (HVAC). Gas will be open (Cards Only) at the time of closing. Again we ask for your patience. No information was given for the time frame of closures.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree

Mandaree Post Office:



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

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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.

Mandaree Foot Clinic Care

Foot Clinic:

Foot Care in the Mandaree Clinic will be on Wednesday, you are asked to please call 759-3422 or Sharlene at 627-7977 to schedule your appointment.

NHS College October Happenings



Campus Updates:

October 13th – Campus Closed for First Nations Day

Campus Events

October 5th Storm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser 10am-2pm in the Cafeteria

October 6th – October 9th – Media Maker Labs @ 4pm in the Cafeteria

October 8th – Storm Family Study Night @ 430pm in the Cafeteria

October 9th – Lunch & Learn @ Noon in room 37 (Research is your Friend)

October 16th – Monthly Job Service in Room 37 @ 9am-1pm

October 19th Storm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser 10am-2pm in the Cafeteria

October 19th – Sunday Academy – Bees Hot & Cold @ 1030am-3pm

October 21st – Lunch & Learn @ Noon in Room 37 (Guest Speaker-Levi Chapin)

October 21st – Elderberry Elixir Workshop @ 5pm in the NHSC Cultural Center

October 22nd – AIHEC Student Conference Meeting @ Noon in the Cafeteria

October 31st – All Staff Meeting

Off Campus Events

October 3rd “Visioning with Abundance” Education Gathering 830am-4pm @ Earth Lodges

October 4th – Harvest Fest @ Northern Lights

Academics

October 13th – 17th – Midterm Exams

October 20th – Online Registration for Spring Starts (2025/2026 Current Students)

New Employee

Christian Eoff – Maintenance Department



NHS College October 2025 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Visioning with Abundance” Education Gathering 830am-4pm @ Earth Lodges	4 HarvestFest @ Northern Lights
5 Storm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser 10am-2pm	6 Media Maker Labs @ 4pm in the Cafeteria	7 Media Maker Labs @ 4pm in the Cafeteria	8 Media Maker Labs @ 4pm in the Cafeteria Storm Family Study Night @ 430pm	9 Media Maker Labs @ 4pm in the Cafeteria Lunch & Learn @ Noon in room 37	10	11
12	13 Campus Closed for First Nations Day	14 Midterms	15 Midterms	16 Midterms Monthly Job Service in Room 37	17	18
19 Storm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser 10am-2pm Sunday Academy – Bees Hot & Cold @ 1030am	20 Online Registration for Spring Starts	21 Lunch & Learn @ Noon in room 37 Elderberry Elixir Workshop @ 5pm	22 AIHEC Student Conference Meeting @ Noon in the Cafeteria	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 All Staff Meeting	

For Your Information

I Grew Up...



Many years ago, as a young boy, I was tasked with helping my dad with various projects in and around the house. No matter what I was doing, when I heard dad call my name, I knew I had better come running. I didn't mind helping but honestly, I would rather have done something I wanted to do. Anyway, a good share of the projects I helped dad

with involved holding a flashlight or a trouble light so he could see what he was doing. Needless to say, my skills at holding and directing the light weren't very good. Most of the time I had the light shining directly in dad's eyes or drifted off somewhere away from the work he was doing. I learned as I grew older how to better hold the light so as not to blind dad and to keep the focus of the light beam on the work. Dad's patience with me finally paid off...for both of us.

All those many years ago also found me helping another "father figure" with various projects. Father Anderson was a Catholic priest who was assigned to the parish that me and my family attended. Through training and a lot of patience (on my teachers' part), I became an altar server for Father Anderson. Serving at the liturgies and other functions left a solid and deep impression on me. I was intrigued by the story of Jesus the Christ and how He came to be. The bible scripture stories that I read and had explained, intrigued me even more. So much so, that I wanted to know and find out as much as I could about the "how's and why's" of the God that became man; being born of a woman; coming to save us all from the death of sin.

Now, today I have grown up. I still get called to help with tasks from yet another "father figure". God the Father calls me, and I come running even though there are things I would rather be doing. There is an ongoing prompt from the Father to keep learning; keep searching for answers to the questions that always come up about Him, about Jesus the Christ and about the Holy Spirit the Paraclete. Answers to the why's and the how's are there if I keep my head on straight and my heart open wide. Maintaining an open dialog with the Father is a must have. That conversation time with Him is the basis to the foundation of the love He has for all of us willing to seek and find.

Does this sound like a situation that interests you? Not the part about holding a flashlight... continue on next column

the part about getting answers to the why's and how's about God the Father and Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Have you tried to get answers before but found nothing? Don't give up... come back to Him. God is "THE" most patient Father. You will get answers...stay consistent in your efforts.

God Bless

Deacon Dan Barone

St. Anthony Catholic Church in New Town and Mandaree

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

Zehuman Chazierman: (701)421-5343

CARE BUILDING

For Your Information

Water Chief Hall Upcoming Events:

- October 22, 2025: Landowners Meeting @ 5:00pm
- October 23th,2025: West Segment Halloween event.
- October 25, 2025:Mandaree Celebration Committee will host a Masquerade

Water Chief Hall Has These Applications For Your Convenience

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

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

Calling All Bingo Players!



The 2025-26 Mandaree Celebration Committee will have bingo every Sunday at the Water Chief Hall with the early birds at 3:00pm and the regular session at 3:30pm. 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!

2025-26 Mandaree Celebration Committee Members

- President: Roberta White Eagle
- Vice-President: Coltyn Hall
- Secretary: Kalsey Johnson
- Treasurer: Lisa DeVille
- Arena Director: Oray Hall
- Drum Keeper: Dillon Fox
- Announcer: Macyn Smith
- Flag Bearer: Michaela Howe
- Princess: Passion Lincoln
- Junior Princess: Jurnee Robertson
- Head Woman Dancer: Valeria Bull Head
- Head Man Dancer: Theo Claymore

October Mandaree Elders Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
		Meatloaf Mashed Potato/Gravy Green beans & Applesauce	Cooks Choice!!!	Biscuits & Gravy Boiled eggs, Sausage links, Banana
	6	7	8	9
Chili with Cornbread Cottage Cheese and Peaches	Chicken Alfredo with Penne Broccoli Normandy Garlic toast & Pistachio salad	Roast Beef Dinner Potato/Gravy Corn Slice of bread & Jello	Goulash Corn, Bread & Butter Tropical Fruit	Staff will be in Mandaree for Suicide Prevention Training
	13	14	15	16
No work First Nations Day	Tator Tot Hotdish Cottage Cheese Bread/Butter, Tropical Fruit	Baked chicken Stuffing/Gravy, Corn, Banana Pudding with Wafer	Subs, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Mayo, Pasta Salad, Sun chips, Pears	Cooks Choice!!!
	20	21	22	23
Beef stew Biscuits with butter and honey Fruit salad	Chicken Cordon Bleu Potatoes, Broccoli Normandy Brownie	Pork Chops Rice/Mushroom Gravy Peas and Applesauce	Cheeseburger Deluxe (lettuce tomato onion mayo) Waffle Fries Coleslaw Jello cup	Oatmeal & Toast Boiled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Orange
	27	28	29	30
Split Pea Soup/Crackers Ham Sandwich (lettuce tomato mayo) Jello cup	Spoooogetti Corn, Parm cheese, Bread stick, & Peaches	BBQ Ribs Rice, Corn on the cob, Pudding cups	Staff will be at Elder/caregiver social & Health Fair meal will be served in Twin Buttes	Pancakes, Butter, Syrup Sausage links Mixed berries



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NO MEALS ON

***OCTOBER 10TH STAFF TRAINING**

***OCTOBER 13TH FIRST NATIONS DAY**

***OCTOBER 30TH HEALTHFAIR IN TWIN BUTTES FOR ELDERS/CAREGIVERS**

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF ITEMS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE STAFF IN NEW TOWN 627-4913 OR THE MEAL SITES

FOUR BEARS-627-8100

MANDAREE-759-3092

TWIN BUTTES-938-3620

WHITESHIELD-743-4121

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WHY ATTEND?



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JOIN THE CLASS!



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Meeting ID: 279 033 643 356
passcode: B7pH2FF6



For questions, contact instructor: Jayli Fimbres 701-421-5148



For Your Information



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: OCTOBER 6, 2025 THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES AMONG ONLY TWO TRIBES NATIONWIDE AWARDED 2025 USDA COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT

New Town, ND-The MHA Nation/Three Affiliated Tribes has been selected as one of only two Tribal Nations nationwide to receive a Community Wildfire Defense Grant from the USDA Forest Service.

The grant, totaling \$249,262, will support the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to enhance wildfire preparedness and long-term resilience across the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, benefitting all residents.

This award is part of a national investment of over \$200 million in 58 projects across 22 states and two Tribal Nations, aimed at helping communities most at risk from wildfires build capacity and strengthen local fire management efforts.

Developed under the leadership of the MHA Emergency Operations Center (EOC), this effort will include collaboration among all necessary stakeholders on the Fort Berthold Reservation, including state and federal partners.

A full-time Project Coordinator and an experienced wildfire planning contractor will support the plan's implementation, ensuring successful completion within the five-year grant period.

The MHA Emergency Operations Center with invaluable input from Three Affiliated Tribes Fire Management Officer-Marle Baker (retired) developed the grant proposal after the October 2024 Bear Den Fire, which destroyed 13,000 acres, threatened the Community of Mandaree, ND, destroyed one home, and affected dozens of landowners.

The Bear Den Fire was one of the several fires in northwestern North Dakota last October, sparked by then ongoing severe drought conditions and extreme fire weather. Two fires to the north in Williams /County resulted in more than 90,000 acres being burned and two deaths.

"Protecting our people and land is one of our highest priorities," said TAT Chairman Mark Fox. "This investment from the USDA Forest Service allows us to take proactive steps in protecting our homes, natural resources, and cultural sites from the threat of wildfires."

About the Project:

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan will assess wildfire risks across the reservation, identify mitigation priorities, and propose strategies for sustainable land and community management.

Once completed, the CWPP will serve as a critical guide for Tribal Local and Federal agencies to coordinate resources, improve emergency response, and reduce overall vulnerability to wildfires in the years ahead. The plan will align with the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, focusing on three core goals:

- Restoring and maintaining resilient landscapes through targeted fuel management.
- Creating fire-adapted communities by increasing local preparedness and awareness.
- Improving wildfire response coordination by strengthening interagency partnerships.

In the third year of this funding opportunity, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service received 573 applications requesting more than \$1.6 billion. Applications came from 40 states, three U.S. territories and 48 Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. Review panels made up of representatives from Tribes and state forestry agencies selected 58 proposals totaling \$200 million.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58) established applicant eligibility priorities for Community Wildfire Defense Grants.

Grant Awardees needed to 100% meet all three priorities of eligibility:

- High/very High wildfire hazard
- Low-income communities affected and
- Impacted by a severe disaster.

MHA Emergency Operations Center (MHA EOC)

The mission of the MHA Emergency Operations Center is to create and maintain the comprehensive framework that will reduce the overall vulnerability of communities and government infrastructure on the Fort Berthold Reservation by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.

Media Inquires Contact: MHA EOC Grants and Public Affairs Specialist, Nyamka Reese

Phone: (701) 421-4459

Email: PIO@mhaeoc.com

HEAD START TRUCK OR TREAT



**NORTHERN LIGHTS PARKING LOT
FRIDAY, 11:00 AM**



**Halloween costumes are welcome!
Please make sure your little ones are
dressed for the weather.**

All trunks/booths participating should plan to be set up by 10:30 AM. Please prepare for 250 children.

**RSVP at your own risk: jbear@mhanation.com
or call 701-627-4820**

For Your Information News From The Tribe

MHA EOC SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT FOR PROJECT LIFESAVER MEMBERSHIP

Good afternoon, MHA Nation,
On behalf of MHA Nation, the Fort Berthold Reservation, and Western ND, and with full approval from the Tribal Business Council the MHA Emergency Operations Center has signed a Letter of Intent and Operational Agreement to become a agency member with Project Lifesaver!

What is Project Lifesaver?

Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, and is strategically designed for "at risk" individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. Learn more at www.projectlifesaver.org

How Does Project Lifesaver Work?

Persons enrolled in the program wear a small transmitter, about the size of a wristwatch on their wrist or ankle, which emits a unique tracking signal. If a person goes missing, trained search teams use their signal receiving equipment to track and locate the missing person.

When the equipment is obtained and training is completed, another release will go out and we would appreciate everyone's support in getting the word out to those families who have loved ones with at-risk conditions such as Autism, Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down syndrome, etc. so they can get enrolled in the program.

As the EOC continues to build up our tribes SAR Division with added resources and capabilities, this is a new milestone again among all tribes in our region in response to MMIP. I am looking forward to seeing all tribes in the future add this to their emergency response toolkit for their communities.

In Service,

Emily Sitting Bear, Director/K-9 Handler
Emergency Operations Center
Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation

Physical: 8880 Hwy 23B New Town, ND 58763

Mailing: 307 5th Ave. New Town, ND 58763

Office: (701) 627-7300 Ext. 7308 **Fax:** (701)627-4733

Cell: (701) 421-2954

Email: esittingbear@mhanation.com
eocdirector@mhaeoc.com

Fax: 701-627-4733

Dates Tribal Enrollment is closed



Three Affiliated Tribes

Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation

Office of Tribal Enrollment

P.O. Box 100

Phone: (701) 627-4238

New Town, ND 58763

Fax: (701) 627-4252

Date: September 23, 2025

Re: Temporary Office Closure Dates

To whom it may concern,


Please be advised that the Office of Tribal Enrollment will be closed the following dates:

- ❖ Wednesday, September 24
- ❖ Wednesday, October 1
- ❖ Wednesday, October 8
- ❖ Wednesday, October 15
- ❖ Wednesday, October 22
- ❖ Wednesday, October 29

These closures are scheduled for our office staff to assist the Probate Strike Team and to also try to keep our own internal requests current.

If you should have any questions please email us at: enrollment@mhanation.com.

Sincerely,


Sevan S. Taft, TAT Enrollment Director

For Your Information News From The Tribe



Elbowoods Memorial Health Center
 1251 Elbowoods Loop, New Town, ND
 58763
 Phone: 701-627-4750 Website: <https://www.elbowoodshealth.com>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Beware of Catching Chagas Disease from the Kissing Bug

The triatomine bug, also known as the kissing bug, is given that name because of its propensity to bite its host in the face. However, their bite isn't what spreads Chagas disease.

Chagas disease is caused by a parasite called *Trypanosoma cruzi*, or *T. cruzi*, which is found in about 55 percent of kissing bug. The parasite is present in the bug's feces and urine. When the bug feeds on a person near their mouth, eye or nose. It sometimes defecates. Transmission can also occur if an infected kissing bug defecates on a person, who then scratches the area, allowing the parasite to enter. Other ways *T. cruzi* spreads are through pregnancy, organ transplants, blood transfusions, and contaminated food and drink, which is rare. When the infection is in its acute phase, it can last a couple of months. Its symptoms include fever, tiredness, body aches, headaches, rash, diarrhea, loss of appetite, or vomiting. In some cases, no symptoms show.

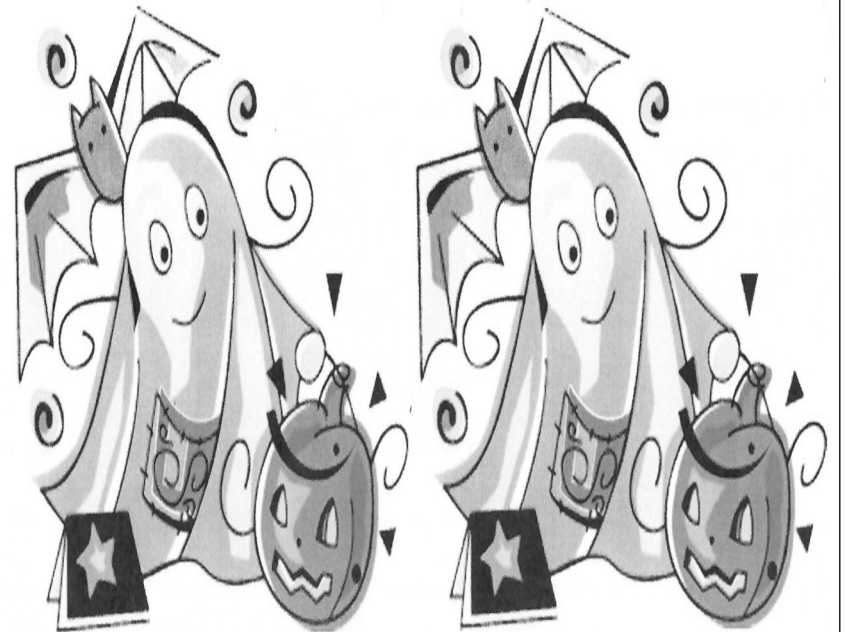
The good news is that Chagas disease is treatable and curable. However, if the infection is left untreated during the acute phase, treatment becomes less effective. The kissing bug is found worldwide, but Chagas disease is unique to the Americans. There are at least 10 different kinds of kissing bugs in the U.S., and they're more common in the southern part of the country. They thrive in again and poorly constructed housing, as well as environments with poor sanitation. If your home has a kissing bug infestation, you may need an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system or call a licensed pest control professional. Check with a healthcare provider if you've been around kissing bugs or a relative has tested positive for *T.cruzi*

Communications Director

Cystal Kwaw

Cell: (701) 897-0482

Email: crystal.kwawessien@ihs.gov



HALLOWEEN SOCIAL AND ELDER/CAREGIVER FAIR

OCTOBER 29TH AT THE TWIN BUTTES ELDER CENTER STARTING AT 10AM!! ALL ELDERS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!!

HALLOWEEN MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED!!!

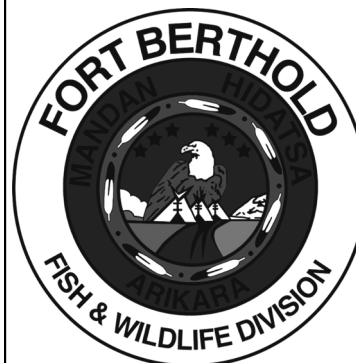
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION WILL BE ONSITE WITH A PRESENTATION AND PRIVATE CONSULTS!

FORT BERTHOLD DIABETES! CHR! DIABETES PROGRAM! MHA-NATIVE CONNECTIONS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT

AGING SERVICES 627-4913

Deer Gun Sales



2025 Deer Gun tags will be on sale to the TAT Enrolled Members and Spouses of Enrolled Members the week of September 15-19, 2025. Deer Gun Sales will close on November 6, 2025, at 4:30 pm. Non-Member Resident Deer Gun tags will be issued via online raffle.

A finalized poster with more information and the dates, times, locations and the Non Member Resident raffle entry window will be sent out at a later date.

2025 Deer Gun Season: November 7, 2025 – November 30, 2025.

Non-Members married to a TAT enrolled member still looking to change their status to Spouse of Enrolled Members before the Deer Gun season will have a deadline of September 5th, 2025. If you do not meet the deadline, you will have to apply with your current hunting status. If you have already applied and had your status changed, you do not have to submit another application



Any Mandaree person, elder or younger. If you call a contractor of your choice. You are responsible for your bill. Everyone knows my number, text me or call the Mandaree Office to get assistance message to the Admin. Team. This is the second time for this information.

Fall is Here!

It's hard to believe our season of Fall is here. The time of season for everyone to put their summer items away. Coats and sweater season is upon us so parents make sure you send your children to school with a jacket or sweater so they don't get cold when they go outdoors for recess. Also a season to check on our elders and lend them a helping hand if you can. Watch our for our goblins and ghosts that will knocking on your door for candy! Please slow down for the kids on Halloween.

WEST SEGMENT

The Strange and Spooky TRAIL OF TREATS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025
WATER CHIEF HALL, MANDAREE, N.D.
4PM-8PM.

HAUNTED HOUSE WILL OPEN IT'S DOORS FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF TREATS. \$10 ADMISSION

ELDERS GAMES & PRIZES
 55+ Golden Elder Toss Champion- Runner Up- 3rd pt.

Carnival Booth Games
 Groups Community-Emergency Services-W. S. employees

CAKE WALK!

TRIAL OF THE JACK-O-LANTERNS
 *Carved pumpkin only Champion-Runner Up-3rd pt. -4th pt.

All ages Group Skits
 *Two or more per group judging on costumes and performances

CUPCAKE/COOKIE MONSTER SHOWDOWN!
 *no cake Champion-Runner Up-3rd pt. -4th pt.

CONCESSIONS BY THE MHS JR. CLASS OF 2026



Happy Birthday Wishes To Our Elders!!



- Carol Newman
- Nelson Bird Bear
- Tana Marvel
- Maxine Buffalo
- Dan Hall Sr.
- Kathy Mann
- Paul Rosario Sr.
- Cheryl Emily Fox



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