

# West Segment News

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## Abbey Boys Showcase Their Talent During Roar Half Time Entertainment!

Photos by Gary Snow



Pictured above are the MHA Tourism dancers; Nizhoni Yazzie, Brady Wollschlager, Ahsini Abbey, AJ Abbey, Reese Coffey and Brylynn Wollschlager. Not pictured Reese Coffey.

These dancers had the opportunity to showcase their dance style for the half time entertainment for the first pro basketball Four Bears Roar home game, that took place at the Four Bears Casino Event Center. In the photos to your right on the top is grass dancer Ahsini Abbey. The picture at the bottom is traditional dancer Flint Abbey. Their older brother Aron Abbey Jr, a traditional dancer is pictured in the group photo. The Abbey boys are known through out Indian country in the pow wow circuit. Proud parents are Aron and Hailey Abbey from the West Segment Community.



## Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Greetings community members, relatives and friends. Before I start on this update first and foremost, I would like to send my condolences to the family and relatives of Martha Bird Bear and the family and relatives of Emery "Chauncey" Good Bird and Patty Lincoln family and

relatives. Last month we lost Martha, one of our last prominent elders, the newspaper had already gone out. So we have her obituary posted as well. Our sympathies goes out to the other families from other segments as well. We have had a lot of sadness on our reservation. We all need prayers.

At the end of March we had some snow on the ground it was enough for us to see. Now we are in April and I sure hope we can honestly say Spring is here!

As we move onward I would like to congratulate the MHA Lady Warriors who won the All West Native American Classic Championship in the Silver. Games. Gold Crown Foundation that took place in Lakewood, Colorado. So proud of these kids they did their own fundraisers and the tribe and others also helped them with funding.

I am excited for all the elders they haven't been on a trip for the past two years. In those two years we took them to the same place, which was Deadwood, South Dakota. This time we are going to Black Hawk in Colorado. We chartered a bus so most of the elders will be on the chartered bus. We are all looking forward to having a good time in a different place.

On another note members of the TBC took the time to recognize our young tribal members who were very active in cross country. I was very proud and honored to stand with Morgan Fettig, pictured to your



right with Chairman. Morgan is a sophomore at our high school here in Mandaree. He was recognized for his exceptional achievement of making the 2025 NDHS Class B All State Cross Country team by placing amongst the top runners. On behalf of our West Segment community we say congratulations to Morgan on this achievement. Also, congratulations to the Mandaree School senior class, who were awarded financial sponsorship for their upcoming senior trip to Orlando, Florida at the tribal business council meeting held at the MHA headquarters.

We also had our community Easter with loads of activities for the kids and a meal as well. The remodeling of HayDraw is almost complete. We will post that on our facebook page West Segment Community and Events.

Any elders who want their gardens tilled look on page 13 of our newspaper and put our request in. This is all I have for now.

Thank you for being a good reader

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

# Around West Segment

Photo Barlett & West



## Small fire started burning by the new Water Tower



In this photo the smoke is smoldering in the air as fire fighters stand by. According the Mandaree Fire Department they still had open construction on this tank, and they were welding on top.

Barlett & West is the design engineer who does daily construction inspections.

The new Mandaree elevated tank will be an additional 500,000 gallons of capacity that will be available to the community and rural Mandaree,

The completed elevated tank stands 205' tall.



This elevated tank is located right in Mandaree not far from the Rural Water building. There are homes all the way around it.

In this photo you can see the top of the aerial.



You can see the fire truck on the left side of the hill. The fire truck was on stand by because the fire was still burning closely on the ground. You can see how close this fire was to homes in our community.

## Do Drop Inn



A modest grand opening was held for the Do Drop Inn which is located beside the Little Hunny's Daycare center right in the West Segment community. Pictured above is Brenda Hale who will assist elders in crafts and other items that our elders would be interested in doing. Brenda's hours with the elders will be from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Monday through Friday.

Dillion Fox is also one of the employee's at the Do Drop Inn he will be available. Dillion will be on hand for anyone he plans on having drum making classes and he will be offering singing practices classes for those who want to learn how to sing at the drum. These classes are open to all age groups. The time for cultural services will be from 4:00pm to 8:00pm Monday through Friday.

So if you are an elder that has nothing to do during the day and you want to do a craft or to see what services are offered stop by the Do Drop Inn and see Brenda Hale and she will gladly assist you.

Here is the phone number for the Do Drop Inn and if you would like to speak with Dillion Fox, for cultural services you can call either for Brenda or Dillion at 759-3029.



# MHA Lady Warrior All West Native American Classic Champions!

Written by LeeAnna Nation



Congratulations to these MHA Lady Warriors your All West Native American Classic Champions in the Silver!!

Total of thirty-eight girls teams entered and they went all the way to the championship to win it with some exciting and fun games over the four days with a record of 5-2!

Super proud of these girls they worked so hard to come out on top and I couldn't be more proud of them and Coach Tifa!

Thank you to the West Segment families, Baker Energy Services, and MHA Nation TBC who supported these girls as they raised funds to get to this legendary tournament! Also a big shout out to our girls Kaycee Jo Heavy Gun, Charleigh Driver and Cora Mann who were all selected to the All Star Teams! Miss Cora was selected as the Silver Bracket MVP!!

More photos on next page.



Proud parents LeeAnna and Frank stand beside their daughter Cora Mann with her trophies that she won.



# MHA Lady Warrior All West Native American Classic Champions!



Lady Warriors Senior Aireis Draper, daughter of April and Dillon Fox takes a photo with the championship trophy. This was a first time for Aireis experiencing the 41st Annual All West Native American basketball tournament.



The team consisted of four seniors who will graduate this spring. Pictured here us Kota Stiffarm, Aireis Draper Natie Mann and Kacey Jo Heavy Gun from Parshall Lady Braves who took the opportunity to play with the Lady Warriors during this years classic.



Mann sisters Cora and Natie celebrate the win by taking a photo with the championship trophy, jackets and backpacks after winning 46-44 against the Salish Kootenai team.



Pictured here is 2026 the All Star Team centered third from the left is Kacey Jo Heavy Gun and to the right of her is Charleigh Driver.

# Tribal Member Hale Introduces The 2026 Vision Board To West Segment Employees



Tribal member Faith Hale, from Mandaree was on hand today to present Visions to the West Segment employees.

Faith shared a number of topics for us to think about and she did a great job getting us to think. She talked about leading with Vision which consisted of our atmosphere, presence, comfort, kindness and generosity. Also that vision is gratitude which helps build trust, belief and leave us open to receive.



Faith shared a lot of information with the employees. We were given a 2026 Vision Board clip art book that had a lot of amazing things of artwork in representing healing, career growth, dream big and goals.

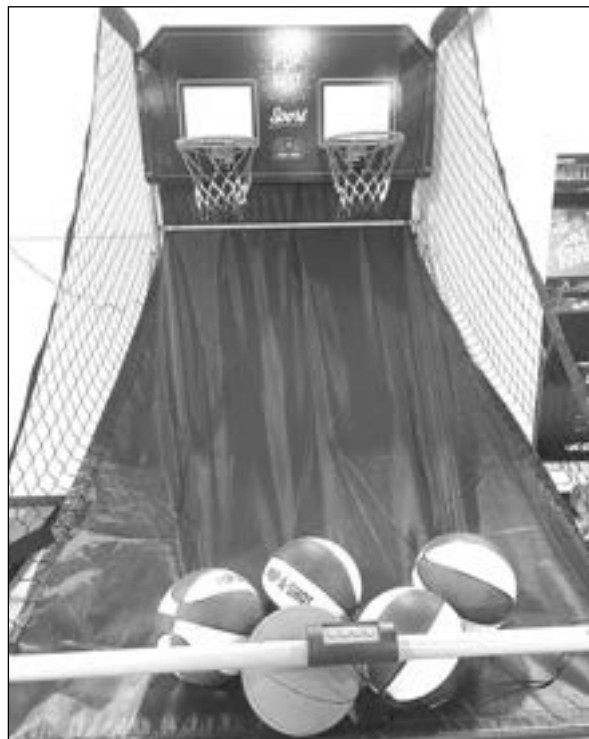


L-R: Rhonda, Dorthy, Darren, Benner, in the back Robin and Anthony Jodi, Lovina, Yvonne, and Missy and sitting on the floor is Rosie.

Everyone completed their own vision boards using the clip art book that was there for us to use. Some shared what they had on their vision boards and we all gathered for this group picture to show our vision boards, along with the employees who participated. Everyone got to take their vision boards home. This vision board event was awesome, I learned a lot, great hands on activity. Faith did an excellent job keeping us all very busy and thinking! We are thankful to Faith for her time and sharing her knowledge!



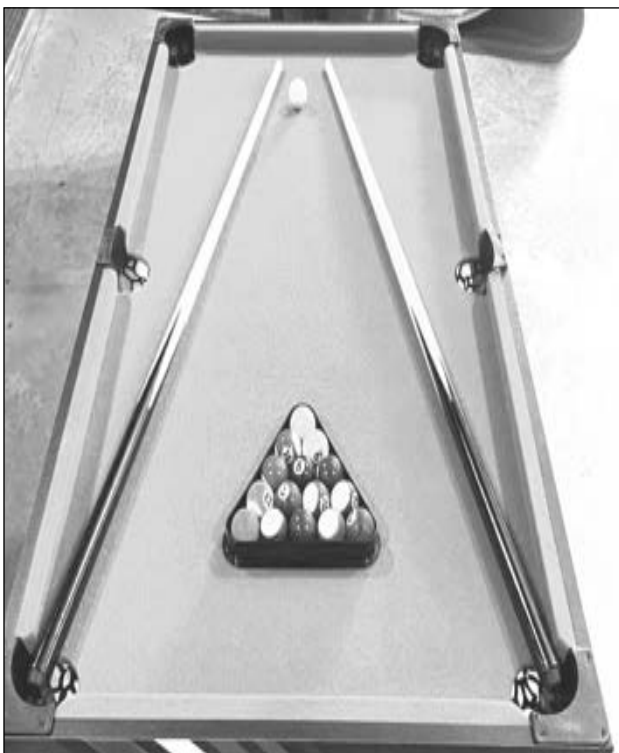
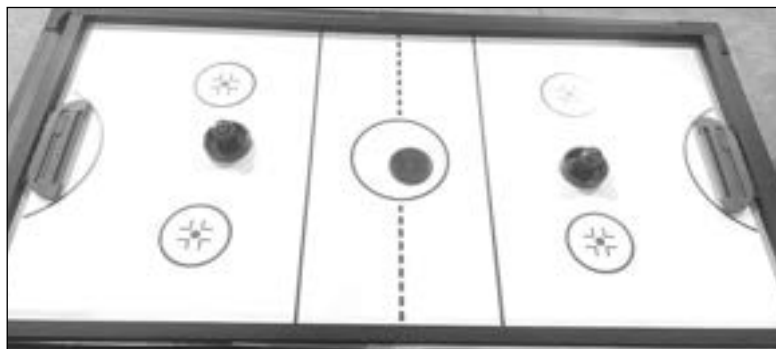
# Lots to do At The Zihx Ahdish Mandaræ Jump House



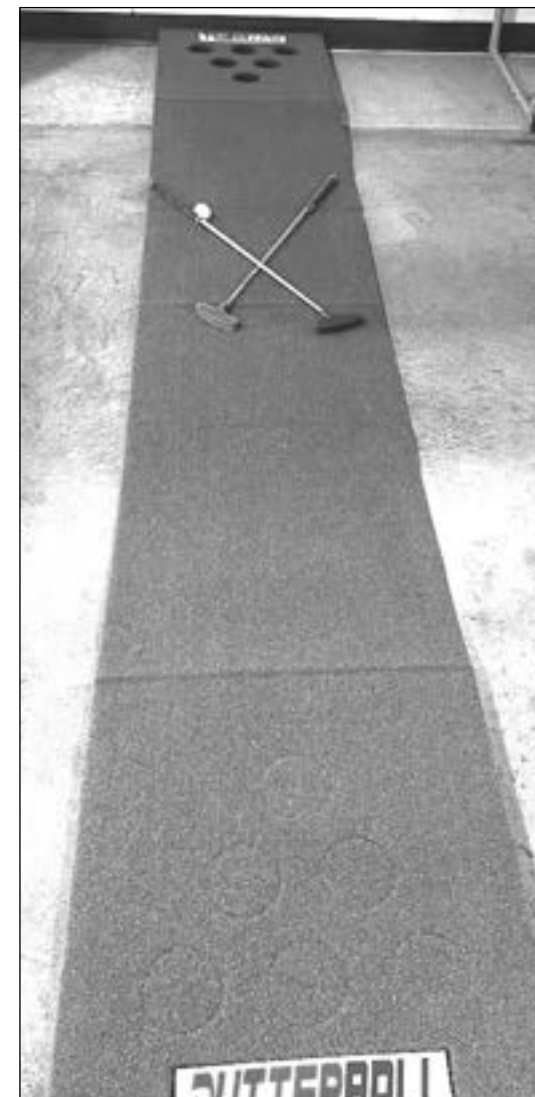
The jump house offers more than just jumping. They now have a number of other games for the kids to enjoy. Basketball shooting, foosh ball, air hocky, pool, ping pong and putter ball as you can see in these pictures.

Basketball shooting is available.

Foosh ball is another game for kids to enjoy.

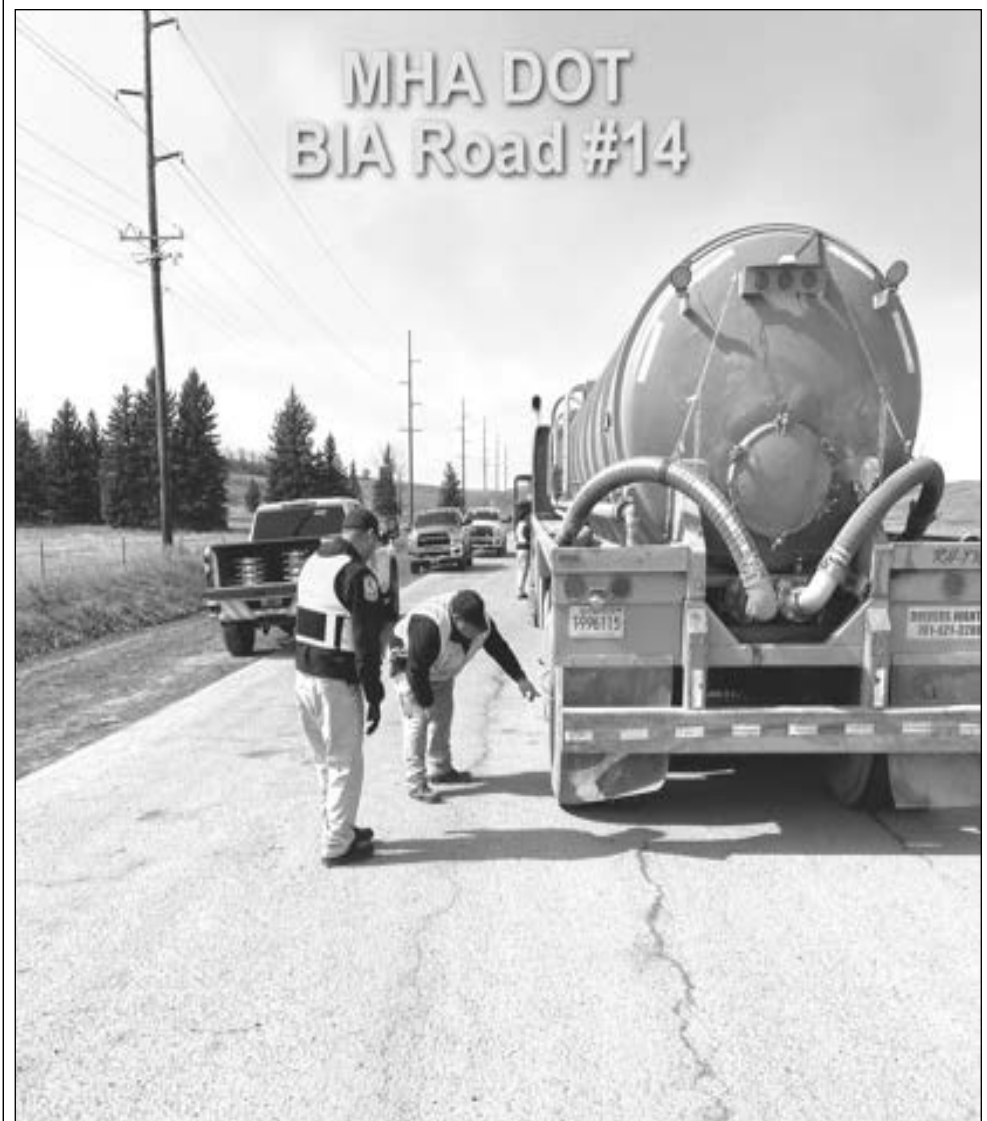
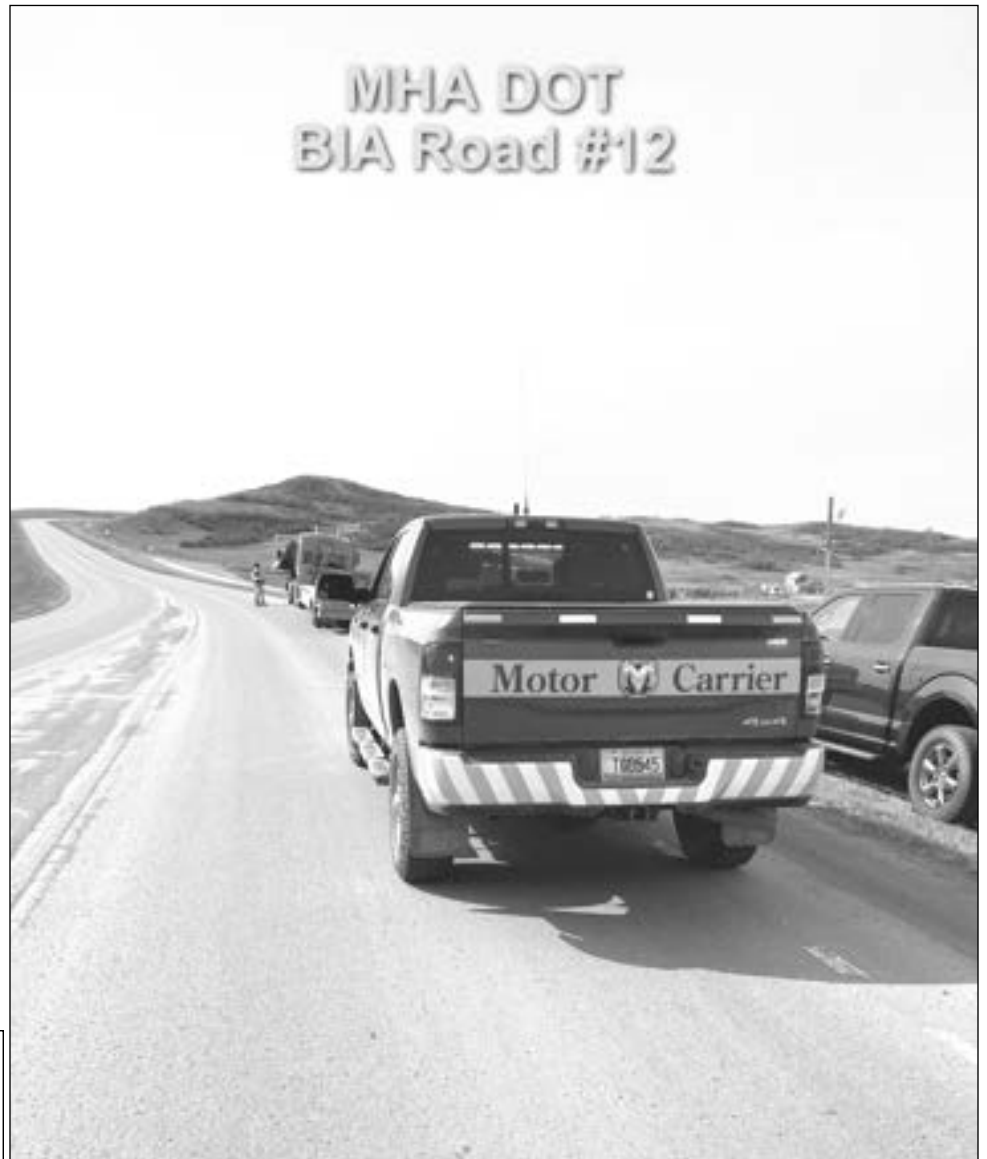


If you would like to reserve the jump house for your next private party. You can contact Echo Claymore at 701-421-4689. The cost is \$300.00 for your private party and to enjoy all that the jump house has to offer!



# MHA DOT Motor Carriers Conducting Compliance Checks In West Segment

Photos by MHA Dot



**DUE TO NEW SOFTWARE UPDATES, THE MHA NATION PLATE FEES HAVE INCREASED! ENROLLED MEMBERS WHO LIVE OFF THE FBIR WILL HAVE TO CONFIRM A PHYSICAL ADDRESS WITH MHA DOT BEFORE RENEWING LICENSE PLATES!**

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00p to 1:00pm

**NO NEW APPLICANTS ON FRIDAYS:**

Tags can be picked up from the Dropbox in the lobby of the TERO building.

Accepted Payments:

MHA DOT only accepts Visa, American Express or MasterCard. No Cash. Thank you for your cooperation. Company uses Convenient Payments (CP) to process payments. CP charges the following fees:

**VISA/MC/Disc: Under \$60=\$3+\$0.15**

**VISA/MD/DISC Over \$60.01=3%+0.15**

**AMEX=\$1.50 + 3.5%**

Cashiers Checks or Money Orders=No Fee

# West Segment Hosts Elbowoods Health Care & Insurance Fair



Mandaree hosted a Health Care & Insurance Fair at the Water Chief Hall. All tribally enrolled members were encouraged to attend. There were representatives from the MHA Tribal Insurance where individuals could explore available insurance options. Doctor Mortenson, Chiropractor was also available. There were a number of booths for all community members to look into and people were available to answer any questions community members had.

On the top right speaking is David Emmon, FNP (Field Nurse Practitioner) APRN for Mandaree Clinic and looking on is Dr. Anita Martin, MD, FAAP Chief Medical Officer at the Elbowoods Health Center in New Town. Pictured to your right is Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight with Dr. Anita Martin as they enjoy a meal. You can see other community members who came to learn about their health insurance, and share a meal.



# West Segment Hosts Elbowoods Health Care & Insurance Fair



This booth offered free unbiased help with health insurance enrollment.



All booths were available to answer any questions community members had. The booth above was for managed care. All booths had information of what they offered to the community and some gave away some fun health items for community members who came. The booth below offered information about purchased and referral care, in which many community members have questions on. It was your time to come in and gather all this given information. It was a great opportunity for community members to come in and educate themselves on health care and health care insurance. It was for sure a full day for community members who came and learned more about health care & insurance.



These ladies were all smiles this booth offered patient services.



# For Your Information



In the photo to your left is the Mandaree Warriors Team 2 at the All West Native American Basketball Classic.



At the bottom of this page you will see the NHSC Summer Education Courses available starting on May 26-July 1st.



Six-weeks  
Summer  
Education  
Courses  
May 26-July 1

**SUMMER**

- EC 234 Learning & Play  
TWR 9-11:50 AM

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

**FALL**

- EC 210 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education  
TR 6:30-7:50 PM
- EC 220-Early Childhood Development Pre-Birth - Age 8  
TR 1-2:20 PM
- EC 222-Program Administration  
TR 5-6:20 PM
- EC 233-Curriculum, Instruction, & Learning  
MW 1-2:20 PM
- EC 236-Positive Child Guidance  
MW 5-6:20 PM
- EC 290 Pre-Professional Experience  
T 12-12:50 PM

## NHSC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER & FALL COURSES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Please contact Dr. Connie King Gottschall, Education Department Chair, by calling or texting 443-534-5769 or by emailing at [cfrank@nhsc.edu](mailto:cfrank@nhsc.edu). Thank you! 😊

Summer application deadline – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Summer document deadline – May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Fall application deadline – July 17<sup>th</sup>  
Fall application deadline – July 30<sup>th</sup>



Get your 16-credit CDA (Child Development Associate) with ND Growing Futures' requirements built in in one semester! And be eligible to open a licensed childcare center!



**SUMMER**

- EDU 240- Praxis I  
M 9-11:50 AM & 1-3:50 PM
- EDU 324- Creative Arts for Elementary Teachers  
TWR 1-3:50 PM

## ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

**FALL**

- EDU 222-Technology for Teachers  
TR 3-4:20 PM
- EDU 232 - Classroom Management & Learning Environments  
TR 5-6:20 PM
- EDU 250-Introduction to Education  
M 5-7:50 PM
- EDU 298-Pre-Professional Experience  
M 4-4:50 PM
- EDU 305- Diversity & Multicultural Education  
MW 3-4:20 PM

# West Segment Facilities Department



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MANDAREE, ND 58757  
OFFICE: (701) 759-3377  
FAX: (701) 759-3232

## MEMO

DATE: APRIL 2, 2026

Facilities department is available to do garden tilling for Mandaree elders and residents that are planting gardens this spring.....

To put in your request please call the numbers listed below..

Facilities Dept: 701-759- 3766  
or 701- 421- 7907 Curtis Hall



## From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

### Indigenous history is not up for an abstract policy debate:



As an Indigenous woman and a state representative from Mandaree, I was raised to understand that land carries memory. The hills, rivers, and plains of this region hold the stories of our ancestors. That is why I am troubled by the recent secretarial order issued by Doug Burgum, which has led to the removal and alteration of historical interpretation across our national parks. Our national parks are classrooms, cultural sites, and living archives of our country's full history.

Agencies like the National Park Service, operating under the United States Department of the Interior, have spent decades working to tell a more complete story of America, one that includes Indigenous nations, the dispossession of Native lands, and the resilience of our people. This new directive undermines that progress. Reports from parks across the country show that exhibits and educational materials discussing Indigenous history, colonial violence, and the experiences of Native communities are being quietly removed or rewritten. These decisions are being made behind closed doors, without consultation with tribal nations whose histories are directly affected. Indigenous history is not up for an abstract policy debate. Our stories are allowed to exist in public spaces.

Our history is the history of this country. My own community has lived on this land for generations. Our elders fought to ensure that places like Theodore Roosevelt National Park acknowledge that the lands visitors admire today were once home to the first people that dwelled these lands. Those acknowledgments are about accepting truth. And erasing that truth does not unify us. It diminishes us. History is complex. It includes triumph and tragedy, innovation and injustice. Pretending otherwise does not make our country stronger; it makes our public institutions less honest.

National parks should be places where Americans confront the full scope of our shared past, not places where uncomfortable chapters are quietly edited away. As an elected leader I believe we owe the truth to our future generations. We should be expanding Indigenous voices in the interpretation of our public lands, not erasing them.

Secretary Burgum should reverse this order and engage directly with tribal nations, historians, and park staff. Our national parks belong to all Americans, and their history must reflect the truth of this land and the people who have always called it home. We cannot protect what we refuse to remember. I call on former Governor Burgum to reverse course and preserve history at our National Parks.



Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, center.

A second District Judge has now voided the permits for a major carbon-storage project. That alone should make every North Dakotan stop and pay attention. The judge ruled that parts of the permitting law for

Summit Carbon Solutions, which was approved by the North Dakota Industrial Commission, were unconstitutional. That raises serious questions about how these decisions are being made and whom the Industrial Commission is really serving. The Industrial Commission is made up of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, the Governor, and the Attorney General.

And here's the heart of it:  
 These permits would have forced landowners into a project they never agreed to, storing CO<sub>2</sub> under their land against their will. For those of us raised on rural values, that cuts deep. Private property. Consent. Fairness. Respect. Those aren't political talking points – they're the way we were raised to treat our neighbors. And this isn't an isolated incident. This is the second ruling this winter pushing back on the same approach by Goehring and the Industrial Commission. When the same pattern keeps showing up, folks start to see what's really going on. Look at the AI data centers too. The issue isn't whether these projects are good or bad. It's when the rules get bent to favor the powerful instead of the people who actually live here. That's when trust breaks. That's when communities get hurt. Enough is enough. North Dakotans deserve leaders and decisions that put people first – not the powerful. Rural families, landowners, and working folks should never be treated as an afterthought. It's time to stand up, speak out, and insist on fairness for the people who call this place home. Goehring and the Industrial Commission have a track record of voting for your taxpayer money to go to multi-billion dollar out-of-state corporations. It's time for change. #agriculture #FarmCrisis #CorporateTakeOver #PeopleOverPolitics #pipeline

## From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

### Birth Right Citizenship

History is being dragged back in ways that should concern all of us.

In the 1800's case of Elk v. Wilkins, the Supreme Court denied John Elk citizenship even though he was born on this land. A Native man was told he did not belong in the country that claimed authority over him.

Now, nearly 150 years later, Donald Trump's administration is using that same case to challenge birthright citizenship.

A ruling rooted in the exclusion of Native people to redefine who belongs here today.

102 years ago, the Indian Citizenship Act finally recognized Native people as citizens in our own country. That came long after it should have.

So when this history is brought back into modern arguments, we should be asking what it really represents.

We cannot move forward by relying on the same logic that once denied our people their rights, their place, and their sovereign status.

We have already lived that history. Let's not repeat it.

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille

### Voter's List

North Dakota is the only state in the country without voter registration, which makes Trumps order on creating a national voter list very concerning. States don't keep a list of voters ahead of time. They generally verify eligibility when people show up, and it's worked for a long time without a lot of issues.

That's why Trumps this voter list seems to have ulterior motives. It assumes every state should operate the same way, when in reality election systems are built around local needs and are left for each state to decide the process. In a rural state like ours, simplicity matters. Adding a federal layer risk creating confusion, outdated records, and more

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barriers for people who are already eligible to vote under state law.

The absentee ballot piece is especially troubling. In many parts of the country, including North Dakota, people rely on absentee voting because of distance, work, or weather. If access to that depends on whether your name lines up perfectly in a centralized system, you're going to see eligible voters get caught in the cracks.

States have long held authority over how elections are run, and that includes how voters are verified. A nationwide system pushed through executive action is likely to be challenged as overstepping that authority. As it should be.

A national voter list can be discriminatory in practice, affecting rural residents, Native communities, lower-income voters, and frequent movers due to incomplete or outdated data. Since registration isn't required in North Dakota, relying on a federal list could exclude eligible voters if their information doesn't match or is missing. This system can create equal protection concerns by disproportionately burdening certain groups, potentially treating voters differently based on geography, income, or documentation access.

I also question whether a president can effectively change how states manage voter eligibility without Congress. Courts should be skeptical of that kind of move, especially when it interferes with existing state systems or risks unequal access to voting. This is the kind of idea that's going to spend more time in court than in practice, and there's a strong chance major parts of it don't hold up.

Let's hope the courts see this for what it really is, the latest attempt of disenfranchisement.

Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille

## From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

Public Comment on the Proposed Amended and Restated Election Ordinance Submitted regarding the proposed amendments to the Election Code of the MHA Nation submitted by Lisa DeVille

As an enrolled member, lifelong resident, and elected public servant of the MHA people, these are my recommendations for the proposed election ordinances. The election laws of the Nation must protect the authority of the tribal membership and ensure that the people retain meaningful control over their tribal government. Any changes to the Election Ordinance should strengthen participation, transparency, and accountability and not weaken our ability to self-govern.

Term limits should be established for both the Tribal Chairman and members of the Tribal Business Council. Service should be limited to eight consecutive years for both positions. Term limits encourage leadership development, prevent the concentration of power, and ensure that new voices from the membership have an opportunity to serve the Nation.

There should be consideration for creating one at-large Tribal Business Council seat representing enrolled members who live off the reservation. Many enrolled members live outside the reservation boundaries but remain part of the Nation. An at-large seat would ensure they have representation while maintaining strong local representation for residents of the six segments. There should also be discussion regarding how voting is structured for members who reside off the reservation. Some members who do not live on the reservation still vote on matters that directly impact residents who live with the daily effects of tribal policy. One option to consider is allowing off-reservation members to vote for Tribal Chairman and the off-reservation at-large representative. This issue should be openly discussed with the membership before any changes are made.

Individuals convicted of felony offenses should not be eligible to run for Tribal Chairman or the Tribal Business Council. Leadership positions should reflect the highest standards of integrity and trust.

Before adopting a 53-page election ordinance, the Tribal Business Council should conduct public hearings in each of the six segments of the reservation. These hearings should allow the Council to explain the proposed changes, explain the intent behind the changes, and allow tribal members the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments

directly. This document has major implications for the governance of the Nation, and tribal members deserve the opportunity to understand the changes before further action is taken.

The proposed language draft appears to eliminate mail-in voting for referendum elections and instead requires voting to occur in person. This change would create significant barriers for many tribal members, particularly those who live off the reservation. Mail-in voting for referendum elections should be maintained, as it has historically allowed all members to participate in important decisions affecting the Nation.

Concerns also exist regarding the proposed requirement that 30 percent of eligible voters participate in a referendum to be declared valid. There is no description of what eligible voters constitutes. Is it based on current participation levels in the previous general election or overall membership?

The latter threshold may be extremely difficult to reach and could effectively undermine the referendum process. Many non-resident members must travel long distances and pay significant costs for gas, lodging, food, and time away from work to vote in person. The referendum process is one of the few ways tribal members can directly influence the direction of their government and should remain accessible.

The Election Ordinance should reflect the principle that the government serves the people of the Nation. Any changes should increase transparency, participation, and accountability. I respectfully request that the Tribal Business Council hold public hearings across all six segments and ensure that the voices of the tribal membership guide any final decisions.

## For Your Information

### Mandaree Warriors Participated in the Central North Dakota Conference (CNDC) Track Meet at The Minot Dome.

Submitted by Lisa DeVille



Amiah DeVille going for 2nd place.

On Thursday, April 2nd the high school CNDC early season track meet was held at the Minot Dome.

The Mandaree Warriors High School track team participated.

Although our granddaughter Amiah (7th grader) ran on a soar ankle she took 2nd in the 1 mile run. She did not run her 2nd event the 800 meters.

My nephew Morgan

Fettig took 2nd place in the 1-mile run, 2nd in the 800 meters and 12th in the 400 meters. Congratulations to Amiah and Morgan and the Mandaree Warriors track team for their participation. This past March, the Mandaree Warriors high school boys and girls track team participated in the Williston Indoor tract and field meet. Congratulations to them for showing up and participating in the events. Our granddaughter Amiah ( 7th grader) took 2nd place in the mile and 5th in the 800 meters



Morgan Fettig going for 2nd place.

### Outdoor Grilling Safety



**What You'll Need:** Make sure to have the right items on hand. Tools: Water, metal bucket or container, aluminum foil, and a stirring utensil, such as metal tongs. Use a hot coals container for disposal if available on your public lands. **Cellphone:** Call 911 immediately in case of emergency– if embers

fly out of the charcoal grate and catch surrounding vegetation on fire.

**Know Before You go:** Call or check online for grilling restrictions, Search for outdoor campfire restrictions followed by your location, local parks and recreation organizations, or public lands agency. Don't use charcoal grills if a campground area or event rules prohibit them.

**Check the weather:** Don't use charcoal grills in hazardous, dry, or windy conditions. **Check the grill type:** If available, opt to use a propane or electric grill instead of a charcoal grill. These types of grills are safer, as they don't typically spread embers the way charcoal grills do.

**Never use water on a grease fire:** If a grease flare-up occurs, turn off the burners or fuel source if it's safe to do so, then close the grill lid to smother the flames by cutting off oxygen. If using a charcoal grill, close the top and bottom vents once you put the lid on. Use a fire extinguisher rated for grease fires (called a "Class B" fire) or baking soda to fully suppress the flames. For information on how to grill safely, visit the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) grilling and cooking sites and the US FEMA site.

**Extinguish Your Coals: Drown,** pour lots of water on the coals until the hissing sound stops, drowning all the embers. Let coals cool down before handling. **Stir:** Use your utensil to stir the water with the coals and mix well until no embers are exposed or smoldering, not just the red one. **Drown:** Continue adding water until all coals are cool. **Feel:** Hover the back of your hand over the coals to feel the embers are cool don't leave without making sure your fire is entirely out. Properly dispose of coals: **Pack it in. Pack it out.** Wrap coals in foil. When the ash has completely cooled off, wrap coals in aluminum foil. Dispose safely in the correct bins. Once you have made sure coals are completely cooled off and wrapped up, dispose in a non-combustible outdoor trash bin, not on the ground. If using a personal metal container, cover with lid and pack out what you carry in. If using a large public bin, carefully place the wrapped coals into the bin. Always remember outdoor grilling is a great way to bring people together and enjoy delicious foods. But it's your responsibility to follow these tips to ensure outdoor grilling safety. [www.smokeybear.com](http://www.smokeybear.com)

## NHSC College April Happenings



### **Campus Updates:**

April 3rd-April 6th-Campus Closed for Easter Break

### **Campus Events:**

April 1st- Lunch & Learn-Indigenous Health @ Noon in Room 37

April 2nd- Campus Lunch @ Noon in Room 37

April 7th-Soil Blocking Workshop in Twin Buttes Wellness Center @ 5pm

April 9th-Transplanting Workshop in Four Sisters Greenhouse @ 4pm

April 10-Cultural Book kit Session @ 4:30pm in the NHSC cafeteria

April 11th-Early Learning Workshop in the NHSC cafeteria 8:30am-4pm

April 14th-NHSC Career/College Fair at New Town High School 9am-2pm

April 16th-Monthly Job Service Visit 9am-1pm in Room 37

April 17th-Head Start Science Day from 8am-1pm

April 20th-MHA Traditional Corn Workshop in Twin Buttes Wellness Center @ 5pm

April 21st-Storm Family Study Night @ 4:30pm

April 21st MHA Traditional Corn Workshop in Twin Buttes Wellness Center @ 5pm

April 23rd-Soil Blocking Workshop at Mandaree Elders Meal Site @ 4:30pm

April 24th- Cultural Book Kit Session in the Twin Buttes Wellness Center @ 4:30pm

April 27th-MHA Traditional Corn Workshop at Mandaree Elders Meal Site @ 5pm

April 28th-Free Lunch @ Noon in Room 27

April 28th- MHA Traditional Corn Workshop at Mandaree Elders Meal Site @ 5pm

### **Online Events:**

Mondays- Parable Reading & Prayer @ 12 pm (Contact Iman)

Wednesdays-Grief & Loss Talking Circle @ Noon (Contact Iman)

### **Academics:**

April 10th- Last Day to withdraw/Drop with record

April 30th- Last Day to apply for Summer Admissions



## NHSC College April 2026 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Lunch & Learn – Indigenous Health @ Noon in Room 37	<b>2</b> Campus Lunch @ Noon in Room 37	<b>3</b> Campus Closed for Easter	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Campus Closed for Easter	<b>7</b> Red Sand Event @ 1130am in the Cafeteria  Soil Blocking Wkshp in Twin Buttes @ 5pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Transplanting Workshop in Four Sisters Greenhouse @ 4pm	<b>10</b> Cultural Book Kit Session @ 430pm in the NHSC Cafeteria  Last Day to withdraw/Drop with record	<b>11</b> Early Learning Workshop in the NHSC Cafeteria 830am-4pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> NHSC Career/College Fair at New Town HS	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Monthly Job Service Visit – 9am-1pm in Room 37	<b>17</b> Head Start Science Day from 8am-1pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Alumni Bingo Fundraiser on campus @ 6p  Traditional Corn Wkshp in Twin Buttes @ 5pm	<b>21</b> Storm Family Study Night @ 430pm  Traditional Corn Wkshp in Twin Buttes @ 5p	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Soil Blocking Workshop at Mandaree Elders Meal Site @ 5pm	<b>24</b> Cultural Book Kit Session in the Twin Buttes Wellness Center @ 430pm	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> MHA Traditional Corn Wkshp at Mandaree Elders Meal Site @ 5pm	<b>28</b> Free Lunch @ Noon in Room 37  Traditional Corn Wkshp in Mandaree @ 5pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Last day to apply for Summer Admissions		

# Mandaree Meal site Menu For April

APRIL 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 TACO SALAD SPANISH RICE JELLO	2 HAM POTATO/GRAVY CHUCKWAGON CORN TASTY TOSS SALAD FUNFETTI POKE CAKE	3 EGG BAKE HASHBROWNS TOAST ORANGE
6 EASTER MONDAY!! NO MEALS	7 TATOR TOT HOTDISH BISCUIT POKE CAKE	8 WISCONSIN CHEESE SOUP HAM SALAD SANDWICHES RICE KRISPIE	9 SLOPPY JO COLESLAW TATOR TOTS FRUIT COCKTAIL CAKE	10 FRENCH TOAST BOILED EGGS SAUSAGE LINKS FRUIT
13 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU SCALLOPED POTATO CARROTS LEMON BREAD	14 MEATLOAF, ONION ROASTED POTATO GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES	15 CHICKEN DUMPLING SOUP EGG SALAD SANDWICH ICE CREAM CUP	16 GOULASH GREEN BEANS SLICE OF BREAD FRUIT SALAD	17 BREAKFAST BURRITO CORN BEEF HASH KIWI
20 SPAGHETTI CORN GARLIC BREAD JELLO	21 SUB SANDWICH LETTUCE TOMATO MACARONI SALAD APPLE PIE	22 TOMATO SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING	23 NO MEALS STAFF TRAINING IN NEW TOWN	24 SCRAMBLED EGGS HAM HASHBROWNS YOGURT & FRUIT
27 TUNA CASSEROLE PEAS BREAD/BUTTER BANANA WAFER PUDDING	28 BBQ RIBS RICE PILAF CORN ON COB JELLO	29 CHICKEN FAJITAS PEPPERS RED RICE SHERBET	30 HAMBURGER GRAVY OVER POTATOES BREAD, CORN, & CHOC CHIP COOKIE	

Notes

**MANDAREE MEAL SITE**

**4/2/26 EASTER MEAL**

**4/6/26 NO MEALS  
EASTER MONDAY**

**4/23/26 NO MEALS  
STAFF TRAINING IN NEW  
TOWN**

**MENU MAYBE  
SUBJECTED TO CHANGE  
DUE TO AVAILABILITY  
OF FOOD!  
PLEASE CALL US IF YOU  
WILL NOT BE HOME  
759-3092**

## For Your Information

### Mandaree Celebration Bingo!



The 2025-26 Mandaree Celebration Committee will have bingo every Sunday at the Water Chief Hall with the early birds at 4:00pm and the regular session at 4:30pm.

The Mandaree Celebration Committee would like to inform the bingo players; that wakes or any emergency event or bad weather will take precedence over our bingo.

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

### Pathway's To Recovery Schedule

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)502-9158

Verdell Thunderhorse: (715)501-8491

Aris Reimer Finley: (701) 421-0610

Donald McKenzie: (701)690-0308

Ursula Stiffarm: 701-421-9430

Ze human Chazierman: (701)421-5343

**CARE BUILDING**

### Congratulations To Mrs. Polly Chase



On behalf of West Segment we would like to congratulate Mrs. Polly Chase who was recently selected as Remarkable Women a life of service.

She was featured on KX News

### Zihx Ahdish Mandaree Jump House

The Mandaree Jump house will be open for private parties ONLY. You can see what the jump house has to offer on page 8.

The cost is \$300.00

For your reservation you may contact Echo Claymore at 701-421-4689

### 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

## For Your Information



**MHA RODEO**  
2026 MHA Rodeo Dates

Twin Buttes Rodeo: June 20

Parshall Rodeo: June 27-28

New Town: July 2-3

White Shield Rodeo: July 11-12

Mandaree Rodeo: July 25-26

4 Bears Rodeo: July 31-August 1

Finals: August 22-23

### 2026 MHA Nation Celebration Schedule

- Four Bears Celebration: May 21-24, 2026, in New Town at the 4bears Casino
- Twin Buttes Celebration: June 18-21, 2026, in Twin Buttes.
- Parshall Celebration: June 26-28, 2026 south of Parshall.
- White Shield Celebration: July 10-12, 2026, in White Shield.
- Mandaree Celebration: July 17-19, 2026, in Mandaree.
- Little Shell Celebration: August 7-9, 2026, in New Town.

### MHA Jobs Available

**Fort Bethold Rural Water:**

WTP Operator-Mandaree: Open date: 4/6/26 Closing: 4/24/26 Level IV

**Utilities:**

Wastewater Technician Reservation wide: Open: 3/30/26 Closing: 4/17/26.

HR: 701-627-4781: Email: recruitment@mhanation.com

### Wolf Chief Store & More

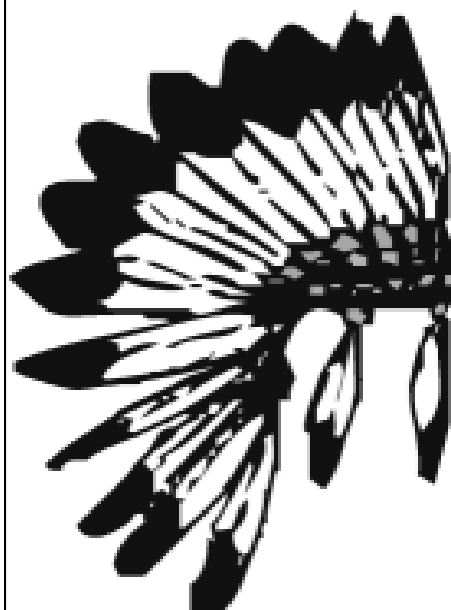
**Wolf Chief Store and More is able to accept electronic payments:**

**Hours:** Monday-Friday-7am-7pm

**Saturday:** 10:00am-6:00pm

**Phone:** 701-759-3609

### War Bonnet Parade Dances Schedule



♦ Four Bears War Bonnet Parade on Saturday, April 18, 2026

♦ Santee Lucky Mound War Bonnet Parade Dance on Sunday, April 26, 2026

♦ Arikara War Bonnet Parade Dance on Saturday, May 2, 2026

# For Your Information



**MHA NATION**  
Department of Transportation  
Safety and Inspection

March 2, 2026

**UPDATED CONTACT LIST FOR MOTOR CARRIER INSPECTORS AND DISPATCH**

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

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

\* Closed during observed Tribal Holidays.



# WE'VE MOVED!

VISIT US AT OUR NEW LOCATION

COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE  
BUILDING  
1293 ELBOWOODS LOOP, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
EFFECTIVE: MARCH 30, 2026

CONTACT INFO : 833-551-0859

**Son of Star**  
**CASINO**  
**JOB FAIR**  
APRIL 23, 2026 | 10 AM-2 PM  
RALPH WELLS COMMUNITY CENTER | WHITE SHIELD, ND

Just to inform you all that Tribal Health insurance has moved from in the business office at Elbowoods to the new Community Health Resource Building.

*Sarah Smith*

Admin Assistant  
MHA Nation Tribal Insurance  
e-mail: s.smith@mhanation.com  
Office: 833-551-0859  
Cell: 701-421-7280

## Mandaree EMS Update for Your Information



Hello Friends and Relatives,

SPRING is here, and with that comes nicer weather and longer days.

Please be mindful of the youth out and about more, walking, playing and 4 wheeling.

Every year we get called for an ATV accident involving both adults and children. Always wear a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, gloves, and over-the-ankle boots when riding an ATV. Helmets are critical, as head injuries are a leading cause of fatalities in ATV accidents.

Protective clothing also helps prevent abrasions and injuries from falls or collisions. Single-rider ATVs should never carry passengers, and two-passenger ATVs should carry only one passenger. Ensure the ATV is sized correctly for the rider to maintain control and stability.

Ride off-highway only, except when crossing roads safely and legally. Avoid riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Maintain a safe speed and ride only on designated trails. Use active riding techniques on sit-astride ATVs to shift body weight for slope stability. Check the vehicle's load and towing capacity, and ensure cargo is balanced and secured.

If you are injured or witness an injury do not move the person as they could have a spine injury. Only move a person if there is imminent danger. Do not let them get up, keep them calm and you may have to hold their head to keep it from moving.

Call 911 ASAP. You can call 911 and put phone on speaker mode so your hands are free to hold the persons head still. If there is any bleeding, always apply pressure and do not let go until help or EMS arrives. If you would like to learn more just contact one of the EMS providers. If you can't contact an EMS provider, just call 911 and let them know you would like a call back. Have fun and be safe.

Josie Bingen, Registered Nurse

# 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:

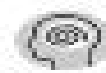
- ✓ Clean driving record
- ✓ Available to work 24hr shifts
- ✓ 18 years of age or older

Contact us at:

[MandareeEMS.6431@outlook.com](mailto:MandareeEMS.6431@outlook.com)

**WHEN IT COMES TO STROKE,  
BE FAST CALL 911**

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



**Balance**

Watch for sudden loss of balance



**Eyes**

Check for vision loss



**Face**

Look for an uneven smile



**Arm**

Check if one arm is weak



**Speech**

Listen for slurred speech



**Time**

Call 911 right away

# For Your Information



### Hay Draw Café:

Daily breakfast & Lunch specials will be different daily.

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

If you have any questions, you can call the Manager Lindsey Fox at 421-6347

### **Native Printing LLC is Open For All Your Printing Needs**

### Native Enrolled Member in the Mandaree Area:

### We offer the following:

Embroidery

Sublimation

Vinyl Heat Press

DTF (Direct to Fill)

Silk Screen Services

Phone: (701) 421-1027

Email: nativeprinting\_nt@yahoo.com

### Hay Draw Café Hours:

Open Monday through Friday

8:00am to 4:00pm

Closed on Weekends

Café Manager: Lindsey Fox 421-6347

### **Mandaree Field Clinic**

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

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

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

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

### Wolf Chief Store

Monday –Friday 7am– 7pm

Saturday: from 10am-6pm

Store Manager: at (701) 759-3609

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

### Mandaree Post Office:

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

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

Main Phone Line: (701) 353-8540



### St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:



Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree

# For Your Information



## 5/6th GRADE VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

### WEEK 1-March 24th in New Town

5:30PM-NEW TOWN 1-VS-MANDAREE

6:00PM-NEW TOWN 2 VS WHITE SHIELD 2

6:30- NEW TOWN 3 VS WHITE SHIELD 1



\*\*NO GAMES MARCH 31ST SPRING

BREAK\*\*

### WEEK 2- APRIL 7TH IN MANDAREE

5:30PM=NEW TOWN 3 VS MANDAREE

6:00PM-WHITE SHIELD 2 VS NEW TOWN 1

6:30PM-NEW TOWN 2 VS WHITE SHIELD 1



### WEEK 3 APRIL 14TH IN WHITE SHIELD

5:30PM- WHITE SHIELD 2 VS MANDAREE

6:00-NEW TOWN 2 VS NEW TOWN 3

6:30-NEW TOWN 1 VS WHITE SHIELD 1

COACH TIA MANDAN

(701) 421-0239



## 5/6th GRADE VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

### WEEK 4-APRIL 21ST in New Town

5:30PM-WHITE SHEILD 1-VS-WHITE SHIELD 2

6:00PM-NEW TOWN 1 VS NEW TOWN 3

6:30PM- MANDAREE 3 VS NEW TOWN 2



### WEEK 5- APRIL 28TH IN MANDAREE

5:30PM=NEW TOWN 2 VS NEW TOWN 1

6:00PM-NEW TOWN 1 2 VS NEW TOWN 3

6:30PM-MANDAREE VS WHITE SHIELD 1



### MAY 1ST SAKAWEA CUP TOURNAMENT

TO BE HELD IN FOUR BEARS

COACH TIA MANDAN

(701) 421-0239

## For Your Information

### Who am I to you??

I may be totally off on this assumption, but I believe one of the most difficult situations that we can experience today is defending our personal religious faith beliefs. Wait, let me rephrase that and say, defending our faith beliefs is not just one of the most difficult situations we face, it is THE most difficult situation we face in our lives. That statement sounds like a play on words, but it isn't. Given the fact that we, as human beings, do experience, in time, quite a few difficult situations in our lives. Ranging from physical to emotional to financial to family to employment to retirement, and many more situations, too numerous to be mentioned now. When questioned, we are quick to come up with an explanation of why these situations are so bothersome, so difficult. To the point where these situations overwhelm our ability to even deal with them. And because of this, the result is that we have very little to offer as a defense. Unfortunately, it happens all too often. Fortunately, it does not have to be so. We can become more proficient at knowing and understanding how to use a specific defense, when the situation presents itself, if we are better prepared to do so. How...?

When it comes to defending our faith beliefs, we have more than adequate support to become proficient at defending what we believe or come to believe to be true; concerning God the Father, Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit the Paraclete. Initially we have the words from bible scripture. The conversations, the teachings of Jesus the Christ. The various situations experienced by the Apostles; the closest followers of Jesus. All recorded for us to read and study. To take in the possibilities of what our faith beliefs can do for us. How the words and teachings of Jesus can bring us to an existence so much more wonderful than what we experience today, in real time. To help guide us to our own opinion that Jesus is who He says He is...and so much more. Not just for the life situations of the bible scripture era people, but for all who have followed Him from that timeline to the present day. That includes all of us. Defending our belief should be more than manageable if we keep our heads on straight and our hearts open wide to His voice.

In bible scripture, Jesus is quoted as asking a specific question of His Apostles. His question to them was..." who do you say that I am?" No doubt a test of their true faith belief in Him. Their initial silence was interrupted by Simon Peter's answer to Jesus' question. "We know and have come to believe that you are the holy one...the Son of God." That was the correct answer then, is now, and will be forever. Were you to be asked today, "who is Jesus to YOU?" How do you think you would answer? Would you be able to defend your answer? A point to ponder.

Deacon Dan Barone

May God Bless you Always

St. Anthony Catholic Church

### Indian Health Service



Human metapneumovirus (HMPV) is a respiratory virus that can affect people of all ages, especially young children, older adults, and those with weakened immune systems. Cases have recently increased in parts of the United States.

You can help prevent the spread by washing your hands often, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, and staying home when you're sick. Learn more: <https://www.cdc.gov/human-metapneumovirus>

IHS
HEALTH NOTICE

**HMPV**  
 Human Metapneumovirus

HMPV is a common virus that causes respiratory illness.

SYMPTOMS	PREVENTION
Coughing Stuffy Nose Fever	Wash Your Hands Cover Coughs and Sneezes Avoid Close Contact

For more information, scan the QR code.

### New Town VIP Special Event

## She Rises:

The Courage to Choose Yourself

Friday - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 5:30 - 9:00PM

4 Bears Casino & Lodge 202 Frontage Rd  
New Town ND 58763 Sanish Room

Souls of Spirit Expos, LLC

Souls of Spirit Expos.com

**Cost \$125**

Lori Lashman   Dani Jo Butler   Melanie Minafore   Vivian Hall

Join us for a special evening with the powerful motivational coach for women and speaker;  
Tara Wiskow and a Q&A Panel of Holistic Entrepreneurs

## For Your Information

### How Hay Draw Got It's Name



I'd like to thank all who were involved to make this restaurant and grill possible. I feel it is a need for our community members and non-members to enjoy this new facility on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. As a young man I was told by the old cowboys that this area was called Hay Draw.

Back then, there were only three pastures, they were called North Pasture, Middle Pasture & South Pastures. Also, then there were three fence lines that separated these three pastures. The middle pasture fence line ran from the reservation line west of Mandaree and ran east towards Independence. From the river by lost bridge to the middle fence line is the south pasture. The north pasture started by Bear Den and ran north towards Clarks creek. With respect to all cowboys and ranchers from two generations ago to the present.

The last two cowboys that were working at Smith camp were feeding cows by a team of horses, a sleigh and pitchforks around the early 70's. Smith camp was a well known camp with a barn, corrals and water in West Segment.

I'm glad to see the younger generation take interest in the sport of rodeo and ranching on Fort Berthold. All members have a rich story from two generations ago. Everyone back then helped everyone out just for a meal and helped with their livestock.

I'm glad to see the changes from the early days to the present and see all the changes throughout all of these years. I'd also like to see this new facility grow and succeed for the West Segment community on the Fort Berthold Indian reservation.

Written by: Bruce A. Fox Sr.

West Segment Resident Elder

### Beautification Program Services



Beautification program offers services to all enrolled members.

Here is a list of Services they offer:

- Trash hauls/large items (no household trash)
- Home weatherization (plastic on windows)
- Smoke Alarm installation
- Gutter cleaning
- Raking and bagging leaves
- Move/Haul jobs
- Garden tilling/tree planting (trees on supplied)
- Elder welfare checks
- Services offered to elders/handicapped/single parent families with children under 14 only with accepted application:
- Snow removal/lawn care services for duration of season.
- Other services offered to all members with accepted application.
- Building demolitions

Applications can be requested via my email here or I can be contacted on the Beautification line at 701-897-1569.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Hope Baker

Beautification Program Office Administrator

Office: 701-897-1569

Cell: 701-421-5474

# For Your Information



*-SAVE THE DATE-*  
**FOUR BEARS POWWOW**  
**MAY 21-24, 2026**

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

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

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



WE ARE NOW  
 ACCEPTING

**Summer**  
 2026

**COLLEGE AND BEYOND**  
 APPLICATIONS

Submit a complete  
 application prior to our  
**June 15, 2026 deadline!**

College & Beyond funding supports MHA Nation  
 (Three Affiliated Tribes) enrolled members who are  
 pursuing higher education.

[www.mhanation.com/egp](http://www.mhanation.com/egp)

## Obituary

Martha Bird Bear (Owl Woman) "Idaakube-wia", 77, Mandaree and Bismarck, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, surrounded by her loving family in her home in Bismarck.

Martha Yellow Wolf (Owl Woman) "Idaakube-wia" was born July 8, 1948, to John Yellow Wolf and Thelma Yellow Wolf (Young Bear) in Elbowoods, ND. She was a member of the Knife Clan.

Martha was raised in Elbowoods with her siblings until 1954, when the family relocated to Mandaree. There, she attended Mandaree Public School, where she graduated. Martha went on to San Pueblo College, completing half of her degree before transferring to the University of North Dakota, where she graduated and obtained her Master of Education.

On November 26, 1968, Martha married Fritz Bird Bear in Watford City. They made their home in Mandaree where she began her 30-year Hidatsa Language and Culture teaching career at Mandaree Public Schools. Together they raised their family, teaching them of their traditions and culture.

Martha was an advisor for the West Segment on Hidatsa culture and tradition, as well as serving on multiple boards and committees for the Hidatsa Language. More recently, in 2018, Martha taught the Hidatsa Language at the Maagarishda Hidatsa Language School.

Martha loved to travel. Throughout her life, she traveled the country with her family from the East and West Coasts, visiting places such as New York City, Florida, and Hawaii. She also traveled to Rome, Italy, and Okinawa, Japan, taking in all the sights and trying different foods. She loved teaching and was very passionate about her culture.

She was a dedicated mother and grandmother, often attending sporting events and powwows to support her family. She was an excellent cook and was known by her family for making delicious Fry Bread. Martha loved to quilt and bead. She was a devout Catholic and rarely missed Mass at St. Anthony Church in Mandaree.

To know her was to love her – and she was so very loved. Martha Bird Bear began her eternal life on March 11, 2026, surrounded by her family in her home in Bismarck. She was preceded in death by her parents; baby daughter, Cora Lee; sons, Calvin Bird Bear and Fritz Damon Bird Bear Jr.; grand-daughter, Cedar Rose Jarski; brothers, Bert, Tony, and Raymond Yellow Wolf; Sisters, Victoria Tarrant, Kathleen Charles, Katherine Romero, Delphine Yellow Wolf, Veronica Good Iron, and Frances Wolf; and many aunts, uncles, and extended family.

Martha's Cherished family; survived by her husband, Fritz Bird Bear; daughter, Anna Bird Bear; Grandchildren, Gerard Jarski Jr., Samuel Lincoln, John Hawkins, Delphine Bird Bear, and Prim Berly Bird Bear; Great-grandchildren, Opal Martha Shay Jarski, Kayloni Rose McCarty, and Joshua Damon Ramos; Sister, Mary Gachupin; Half-Siblings, Les Yellow Wolf and Joan Church; Special Daughter, Nora Packineau; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

# Obituary

Celebrating Our Beloved

Martha Bird Bear

“Idaakubeg-wia” Owl Woman

July 8, 1948 ~ March 11, 2026



Wake:

Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 5:00pm  
St. Anthony Catholic Church Mission  
Mandaree, North Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial:

Monday, March 15, 2026 at 10:00am  
St. Anthony Catholic Church Mission  
Mandaree, North Dakota

Celebrant:

Father Roger A. Synek

Senior Pallbearer:

Gloria Fast Dog

Active Pallbearers:

Will Reeves      Dillion Fox      Shiloh Baker  
Sam Lincoln      Gavin Poitra      John Hawkins  
Rylan Baker

Honorary Pallbearers:

All of Martha's many friends and coworkers

Interment:

Yellow Wolf Family Cemetery  
Mandaree, North Dakota

## Obituary

Emery Chauncey Good Bird Jr., 69, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2026, in Mandaree, North Dakota.

Emery Chauncey Good Bird Jr. was born on September 6, 1956, in Stanley, ND, to Charlotte Young and Emery Good Bird Sr. He was a member of the Prairie Chicken Clan and a child of the Knife Clan.

Emery or "Chauncey," as many knew him by was an Army brat and resided in numerous places in his younger years, but later relocated to Mandaree, ND, which he made his forever home. Chauncey attended and graduated from Mandaree Public School in 1974.

Chauncey proudly served in the United States Army, dedicating 3 years of his life to the service of this country. During his time in the Army, he excelled at basketball and had the opportunity to play overseas. He'd often receive a phone call from his favorite uncle Arnie telling him that the "Purple People Eaters" had a basketball tournament, and without hesitation, he'd jump on a plane and fly out, then later return back to base. On September 15, 1981, he was honorably discharged.

Chauncey returned home and later attended college at Chief Dull Knife Community College in Lame Deer, MT. He got his coaching certificate out of Williston, ND, and put it to great use for many years. Chauncey loved supporting the Mandaree Warriors and especially his children in whatever sport they played.

Those who knew him best understood that teasing was his way of acknowledging you. He had a one of a kind laugh known as the "Good Bird" laugh.

Chauncey loved and cherished each and every one of his grandbabies, whom they all called "Papa." He shared a special bond with his namesake, Little Emree, who was his world.

Chauncey will be greatly missed and forever loved by all who knew him.

Emery is survived by his children, Emery III, Christopher, CJ, Derris, Steven, Chance, Emelee, Austin, Rachelle, Zane, Marla, and Donovan; siblings; aunties, Ina Mae Driver, Dorris Spotted Bird; Uncle, Leonard Good Bird; and his lifelong companion, Loretta Lone Bear. Emery is also survived by his devoted canine companion, "You", who remained by his side, providing him with loyalty, comfort and unconditional love.

Emery is reunited with his grandma, Lena Elk; parents; children; sister, Ruby; brothers, Darryl Red Eagle and Eddie; uncles, Arnie and Herman; aunties, Betty Ann and Darlene.

# Obituary

In Loving Memory

Emery "Chaunezy" Good Bird  
"Big Bad Spirit" Iraaxihdia Ishiash  
September 6, 1956~March 20, 2026



Wak:

Friday, March 27, 2026 at 5:00pm  
Water Chief Hall in Mandaree, ND

Officiating:

Pastor Damon Sturm

Funeral Services:

Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 11:00am  
Water Chief Hall in Mandaree, ND

Senior Pallbearers:

Karen Walks & Shylo Baker

Active Pallbearers:

Donovan	Baby Dennis
Big Mike	John HA
Rick Jr.	Ronnie Jr.
Kaycen John	Ryland

Honorary Pallbearers:

Greg Wilkinson	Dan Porter Crew	Kenny Ayers
Bruce Young Bird	Neal Hale	Bruce Fox

Daryl Finley and All Those That He Teased.

Grave Site Services Interment:

Emery Good Bird Family Cemetery  
Mandaree, North Dakota

## Obituary

Patricia Pauleen Christine Lincoln, 33, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota.

Patricia Pauleen Christine Lincoln was born on November 6, 1992 to Monte Lincoln and Nina Denise White Owl at McKenzie County Hospital in Watford City. She was an enrolled member of Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, and a member of the Dripping Dirt Clan. Patricia liked to be called Patty and had many other nicknames.

Patty's education journey began at the Little Plume Headstart in Mandaree. Her teachers during that time were Jeanine Spotted Horse and Andrietta Touchine. Patty attended school in Mandaree Public school and this is where her warrior pride began and also where she would meet her bestest friends that would remain her best friends into her adult life who would later become her sisters and share many memories and adventures and become her partners in crime.

She was such a Mandaree Warrior and Duke fan through and through. She became one of the biggest supporters of the Mandaree School and you could find a lot of Blue Devils attire in her closet.

Patty loved attending and being generous to the powwows... especially Mandaree Celebration and even served as Jr. Princess in 2001. Patty, with her loving and generous heart, was always so understanding and never refused anyone asking her for help. Patty contributed to the Mandaree Celebration whenever she was called on.

Patty loved her horses and spent a lot of time with them. She named her precious horses George Strait, Sweetie, Champion, and her favorite horse of all time was Hunk.

And this one time...Patty hung out with her sister Jazz one night where they called her friend Kenny Little Dog. Jazz got scared and threw the phone at Patty and then Kenny threw the phone at Jacob, and this is where their love story began. Within this union they welcomed their two beautiful children, Princess and Linda.

Later...Patty met Cory Johnson Sr. and during their union they welcomed their two beautiful children Cory JR and Nancy. Then after they remained friends and enjoyed co-parenting.

Patty loved all her children and God children very much. She loved to spoil them any chance she could get they meant the world to her.

These last few years of her life she fell in love with, and whom she spent the rest of her days with, Ethan "Grandpa" Fritsch. They created a life and home in Bismarck, ND. They enjoyed traveling, attending concerts, and endless casino trips with their fur baby Gypsy.

Patty was the oldest of her siblings and was the best big sister. She always tried her best to be there for them when any life event or milestones would take place. Patty always supported with lots and lots of love.

She had a special place in her heart for some of her close relatives, such as her "sister" Nolan, who would call her "Brother" as an inside joke, Patricia's special uncle Keith White Owl Sr. who stayed by her side from the beginning to the end, and also her "bestest sissy" & childhood friend Peanut, who she's been inseparable from since kindergarten.

Patty held a special place in her heart with God and was always praying for everyone she held so dear to her heart. You could always find her with her personal bible that she would turn to daily.

Patricia is survived by Parents, Monte & Denise Lincoln; Aunts, Jolene Swift Eagle, Amanda McKenzie, Terry Logg, Mayda Logg, OnaLee (Benner) Johnson and Eldora Poitra; Sisters, Jerrilane Lincoln (Dakota), Nancy Lincoln (Jethro GB), Frannina Lincoln (Kolby), Amber Black Hawk, Passion Lincoln, Hailey Morgan (Terrence), Delaine Clairmont, Twins Lorrae & Raeann, Ashly Hall, Desiraey Bolman (Potato), Peanut Huntsalong (Tifa); Brothers, Brayon Lincoln, Moon Hunter McKenzie; Children, Princess, Linda, Cory Jr and Baby Nancy.

Patricia is preceded in death by Paternal Grandparents, Michael and Victoria Lincoln; Maternal Grandparents, Gerald and Frances Smith; Grandparents, Connie White Body and Wayne White Body Jr.; Brothers, Steven Swift Eagle, Raven Hale, Charles Hale II, Matthew Yellow Wolf Jr, Robert White Owl; Sisters, Audrey Irwin, Rachel Hale, and Jasmine White Owl.

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In Loving Memory Of

Patricia Lincoln "Yellow Hair" (ara ciirish)

Novembzr 6, 1992~March 29, 2026



Wake Services:

Thursday, April 2, 2026 ~5:00pm  
Water Chief Hall ~ Mandaree, ND

Funeral Services:

Friday, April 3, 2026~10:00am  
Water Chief Hall~Mandaree, ND

Officiating:

Pastor Beau Medicine Crow

Senior Pallbearer:

Megan Danks

Active Pallbearers:

Van Troy Hale, Raymond Yellow Wolf III., John Bird  
Bear, Jayden White Owl, Moon McKenzie,  
Garrette Vigen, Paul Jones White Owl,  
James White Owl, Damon Hopkins, Alliaz White Owl,  
Eaglescout Irwin

Riders:

Johnson, Vigen & Chase Family

Eulogist:

Marcus Levings

Honorary Pallbearers:

Jordan Baker, Shaylyn Deane-Gant, Delaine Clairmont, Amber Howe, John Smith, Nolan Davis,  
Ethan Fritsch, Tifaimoana Puletasi, Keith White Owl Jr., Hailey Morgan, Lorrae Yellow Wolf, Raeann  
Yellow Wolf, Sierra Flying Horse, Tony IU, Paul Rosario Sr., Tanner Lone Bear Smith, Miles C,  
Coach Chuck Wells, Charles Moran Sr., Willis Sage, Ivan Johnson "Husband" TaTeona Hunts Along,  
Desiraey Bolman, Aaron Morningstar, Richard Hosie, Devin Yellow Wolf, Ashly Hall, Dylan Costello,  
Patty Jo Thomas, Verna Lone Bear, Patsy Levang, Morgan Fettig, Jason DeVille, Michael DeVille,  
Joseph Fragoza, Aaron Howe,  
Marie Spotted Horse, Buzz Phelps, Lisa Young Bear, Jessee Vigen, Stacey & Delberta, Hailey Vigen,  
Arline Dale Baker, Jamie Good Bird, Dana Lone Bear

Final Resting Place:

White Owl Family Cemetery  
Mandaree, North Dakota

*With Heartfelt  
Sympathy*




On behalf of West Segment it with great sorrow that we extend our sincere Sympathy to the families and relatives of Martha Bird Bear, to Emery "Chauncy " Good Bird and Patty Lincoln family and relatives. May our Creator comfort all of you during this sorrowful time.

Sincerely

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner  
-Lone Fight and Personnel

SAVE THE DATE  
HONORING HER MEMORY  
BRENDA K. SMITH  
"MIDAHUDZI"  
MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
NORTHERN LIGHTS WELLNESS CENTER  
NEW TOWN, ND  
FULL POSTER TO FOLLOW

**\$50,000**  
**CASH BINGO**

**APRIL 22**  
**4 BEARS CASINO**  
EARLY BIRD 5:30 PM  
REGULAR SESSION 6 PM

**\$150 FOR ONE PACKET OR \$250 FOR TWO PACKETS**

TEN \$2000 GAMES  
\$5000 TEXAS BLACKOUT  
\$5000 BONANZA  
\$20,000 BLACKOUT

**BASKET AUCTIONS**

MONEY RAISED FOR  
OUR 2026 RODEOS  
TATGC-11-2025-17



Happy Birthday Wishes To Our Elders!!



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

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