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Mandaree School Presents The Senior Class of 2026



Along the shores of Lake Sakakawea is the location for the Mandaree senior class of 2026. (L-R) Natie Mann, Kenyon Grady, Kota Stiffarm, Ryleigh Fox-Deane, Terrell Martinelli, Nico Calicdan. Not pictured; Sophie Yellow Wolf. Their Senior class advisor; Mr. Sanford

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Hello to everyone far and near. Before I begin this update I would like to extend my condolences and prayers to the family and relatives of Abigail Janet Fox Bingen.

This is the month for all our mother's. I would like to wish all our mothers, grandmothers,

aunties, and sisters; a very Happy Mother's Day! May is usually a busy month for everyone, there are those who do their spring cleaning and we have graduations, clean up days for our segment. I would like to congratulate our Mandaree High School Senior Class of 2026. We are all very proud of you and we wish you all the success in your upcoming future.

On another note, I want to clarify more on recent MOU the MHA Tribal Business Council and the Mckenzie County Sheriff's office recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This does not say we are giving up our sovereignty at all. The McKenzie County Sheriff's department can only be on site as long as a Tribal officer is present. This MOU shares commitments in improving public safety which includes; emergency response based on the closest available officer. Aid for criminal activity search and rescue, emergency management and training. Clear procedures for temporary detainment, arrest and cross jurisdictional operations. These are just a few that I have mentioned. This agreement reinforces the dedication of both governments to protect residents, and ensure consistent professional law enforcement services throughout the region. I will give you an example; if you had a warrant for your arrest the Mckenzie County cannot take you in. It is our own tribal cops to do that.

I am looking for two dog catchers in our West Segment community. The office here at West Segment will do the hiring. I will be paying their salary from my West Segment budget. Anyone who is interested must have a drivers license, with no health issues. To attend training to become a dog catcher. More details later when persons are selected.

Interested persons are asked to call Loretta Lone Bear at 759-3377 and give her your name. Loretta will then inform you that you need to come into the Water Chief Hall and fill out an application and with a copy of your drivers license.



West Segment had a nice day for Mother's day. Pictured to your left behind the scenes Jody, Avis and Lindsey made the tasty wonderful sandwiches. There was a large assortment of wonderful gifts. Each mother

chose a number and that was the gift they won.

Councilwoman was on hand to



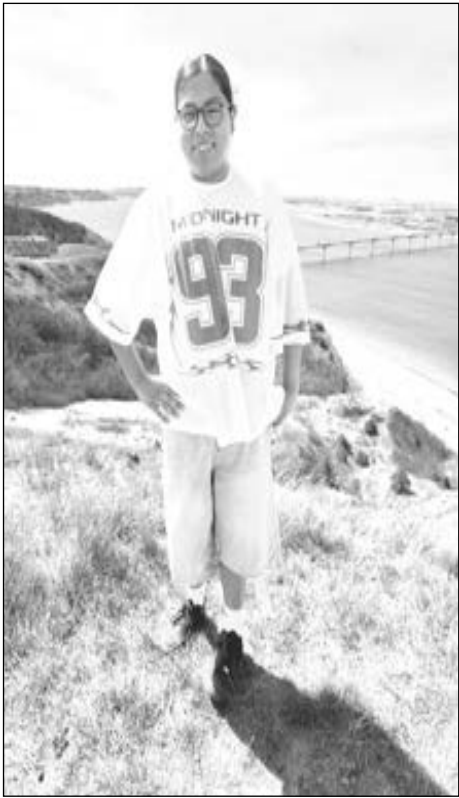
take in mothers day with other mothers and workers as well.



Thank you for being a good reader

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

Congratulations To The 2026 Mandarø High School Graduates!



Kenyon Grady



Kota Stiffarm



Duang Budrøau



Ryleigh Fox-Deang



Nico Caliedan



Natiz Mann



Terrrell Martinelli



Sophie Yellow Wolf

Snag Peak at Our New Clinic for Mandaree



Front entrance to the Mandaree Clinic which is set to open summer of 2026.

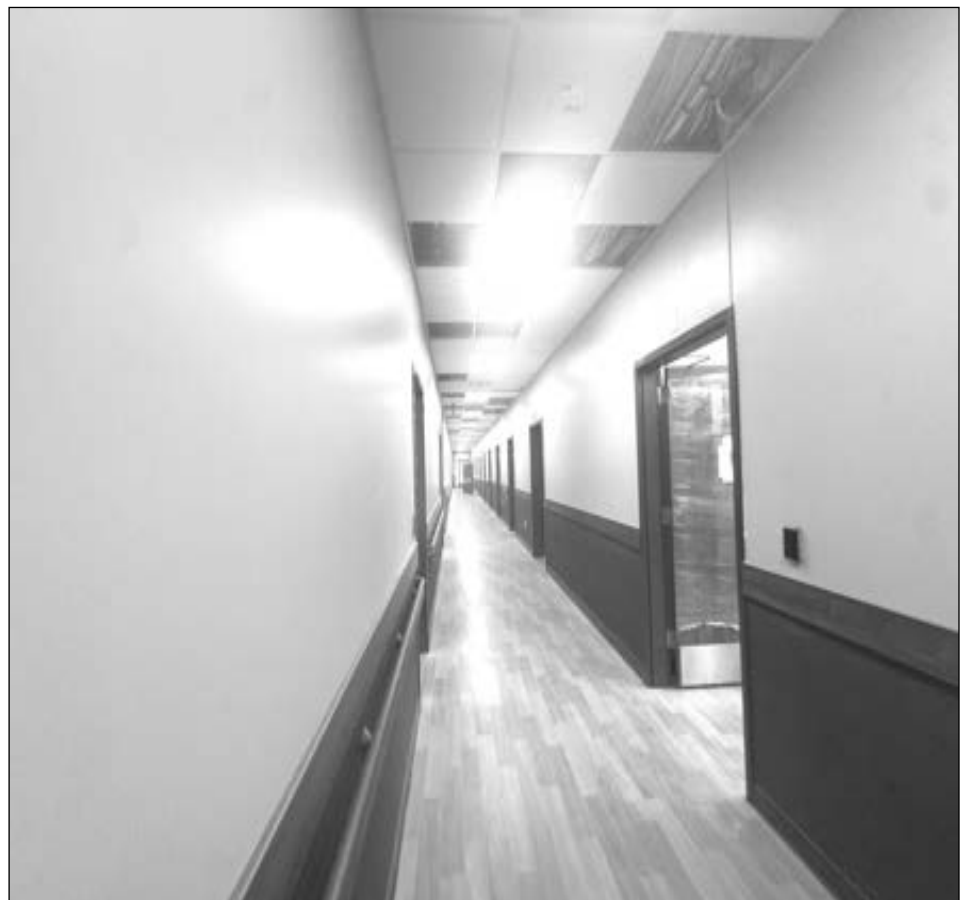


This is where the patients will check in and reception desk.

Opening Soon! Watch on FB West Segment Community Updates & Events for



This is where the waiting area will be for patients after they get checked in for appointments. This lobby area is still undergoing construction.



This is the hallway leading patients to rooms in the clinic. There are sixteen rooms available for patients and uses for other services that will be available to community members.

Sneak Peak at Our New Clinic for Mandarin



This is where the nurses station is inside the new clinic. This is one of two stations located inside the building.



Our new clinic will have the capability to draw and analyze lab results for patients that need testing done.

Grand Opening Soon!!



A vacant room that can be used for a number of services such as; optometry, physical therapy or mental health care.



This is where the new pharmacy will be and will offer drive up services for those picking up their medications.

WELCOME TO THE STORM

Photos courtesy of Mike Red Tomahawk



Natie Mann signing her contract with Storm as others look on. On behalf of West Segment we say congratulations!



Natie proudly holds her jersey up from Storm. Her grandmother Lyda Bearstail by her side and other family members who came to show their support.



Two Mandaree Lady Warriors Alumni both sisters, to your left Aiyona and Cherish Johnson both sign their commitment to play basketball and continue their education at Nueta Hidatsa and Sahnish College in New Town.



Proud parents Tony and Miranda Johnson pictured with their grandson. (Cherish's son). Aiyona and Cherish Johnson show their paperwork ready signed for the basketball season! On behalf of West Segment we congratulate them both.

Elders On their Trip to Black Hawk Casinos in Colorado



Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight stops for a quick picture with some of the elders already to go on the bus.

Many of our elders were all ready and excited to go on this trip. It was different that's for sure, we traveled to Black Hawk, Colorado.

The Mandaree elders haven't been on a trip for the past two years so this was a treat. Some of the elders drove down. If you rode on the bus, like I did than we had a chance to enjoy the view. Thanks to helpers; Maya and Tifa who were on hand to help some of the elders on and off the bus. They also assisted the elders with water.

Renay was on the bus with us and we got to play bingo on the way down, it was fun and Faith Hale played some oldies for us to listen too. We also had a scavenger hunt on the way down for those who wanted to play.

It was a long 12 hour ride but it was worth it when we got there they had a ready to go meal for us because we arrived after dinner.

On the way back, we watched movies again thanks to Faith Hale, who bought us some good movies to watch on the way home. We also played bingo. Overall, it was a fun trip.



Meals that were offered to us were breakfast and dinner, with lunch on your own. Besides playing bingo the bus driver took some who wanted to go shopping to Colorado Mills mall it was a nice place and a nice ride over there and on the way back it was snowing in the mountains. Those who stayed back at the hotel were worried about us because the snow came down in Black Hawk. Pictured below is the hotel and casino where we stayed.



It was a nice place with a lot of places inside for your gambling

pleasures. They also had an awesome spa inside. Some went made an appointment to go and have a massage. This was on my list of things when we arrived, especially after being on the bus for a long length of time. A massage that did wonders.

Continue on next page.

More photos of our trip to Black Hawk



Faith Hale and Jody Brieck were on hand when we went down to have our meals. They were there to take signatures of people who received their payments. On the last evening at the casino everyone was enjoying a meal together and before we packed up and get ready to leave in the morning. We had some fun, we played bingo and they came up with a new game. They had us all put our name on a piece of paper and they put all our names in a container. Councilwoman Ms. Sherry would read a question or a demonstration and pick a name out and the name of the person had to answer or do a demonstration of whatever was asked. There were laughs from the crowd and that game was fun it had everyone participation. If you answered your question right you were awarded \$100.00 dollars so that was awesome for elders whose names were picked and mostly everyone in the room left with an extra hundred dollars in their pocket.



Photos on the right hand are elders waiting at the table for another game. In the photo to your right is Councilwoman Ms. Sherry who drew Lana's name so she went up to Lana and asked her the question. In the photo to your left is Rosie, Nina, and Connie with Terry. Who all enjoyed a meal together on the last night at the casino and before the games started.



More photos of our trip to Black Hawk



On the last evening of our trip and in the photo to your left is Councilwoman Ms. Sherry who took a few minutes to acknowledge her team. Their hard work that they do for us. Pictured left to right; Renay Brown, Lloyd Vigen, Frankee Hall, and Jody Briec. Councilwoman thanked them for doing a great job in assisting her. Renay, and Mary took a photo with our bus driver Doug. Mary bought the card and everyone on the bus contributed to a monetary gift for him. He was a nice and generous bus driver and very helpful so we showed our appreciation.



As the last evening went on a lot of laughs were shared along with many elders who enjoyed the time together and to visit each other. Bingo was really fun and were fully enjoyed by all the elders. All the elders enjoyed this trip and many were very thankful. On behalf of the elders a gift was presented to Councilwoman, they gifted her a ceramic horse that she is proudly holding in the picture above. Also the elders gifted all the helpers who were on hand to help the elders, those who needed extra help.

This was a long trip but it was an enjoyable one. Very grateful to all the helpers and to all the workers who made this trip awesome and to our councilwoman for the trip.



Doris Johnson and Ted Lone Fight III are waiting for bingo to start.



It was meal time in the photo to your right top is one of the helpers getting the food in order. Followed by Betty Young Bird and her husband who were in line for the buffet.



Pictured to your left is Ms. Sherry handing Terry the microphone so he was put on the spot to answer a question that was asked of him. Of course everyone laughs you just don't know how a person is going to respond to questions.



TAT-Fitness & Recreation West Segment



Submitted by Tia Mandan & TAT-Fitness & Rec West Segment



I honestly don't even know where to start! Just feeling so grateful for how the Mandaree community came together to help host this youth track meet. Just seeing the smiles on all the kids faces and how proud they are makes the hard work that goes into putting on an event like this sooo worth it

The gifted MHA runners did so awesome! We are so proud to have them all be a part of our track teams

Huge thank you to:

Brad Sage for emceeing

Mandaree booster club for providing all hot dogs and hot dog buns!

The food crew: Dayton, Thressa, Cara, Bob, Angie, Lucy, Elena, and Kenny. They all cooked and wrapped 550 hotdogs!

The ribbon crew: Amber, Alicia, Tiffany, Rhonda, Robin, and Heath.

All the Parents for donating the snacks and drinks.

Aging Services

The Mandaree High School track team and coach

Hunts Along for helping out and All the Fit/Rec

coaches. Pictured below are some of the Mandaree

track runners. All buddies supporting each other.



The race is on for the Mandaree Track Team mates get ready to race other local teams.



Other Mandaree track team mates getting support from their family members.

Pictured to your right are; Runners from other local places take their turn on the track field.



Around West Segment

2026 Mandaree High School Track Team



Back row (L-R) Romeo Red Wolf, Stan McCormick, Korday Johnson, Charleigh Driver, Ryleigh Fox-Deane, Jacelyn Martinelli, Natie Mann, Cora Mann, Kyler Robertson, Dezmond Howling Wolf, Coach Tolaska Hunts Along

Front row (L-R) Aaliyah Fox-Deane, Melea Heltera, Kris Oyson, Brighten Johnson, Amiah Deville, Xavier Ginate

Mandaree School District Family Survey: Your Participation Matters!
We invite all parents and guardians to participate in a family survey to help improve our educational environment. Your feedback is crucial to understanding the needs and priorities of our students and families. The survey will provide valuable insights that will guide our decision-making and improve our programs and services. By sharing your thoughts, you help create a more supportive and effective learning environment for your children.

We encourage all parents to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your voice matters, and together we can make a positive impact on our school community. Thank you for being an essential part of our educational journey!

Below is the link to the survey. You may click the link, or you may scan the QR code.

<https://shorturl.at/200eY>



Mandaree Public School

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
PHONE (701) 759-3311 OR 759-3312
MANDAREE, NORTH DAKOTA 58757

HOME OF
THE WARRIORS

April 21, 2026

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and we are still offering credit recovery for students who were/are non-credited in the first semester. We have been offering attendance and credit recovery at the following times:

Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Monday through Thursday from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM, Zero Credit hour with Mrs. Lester

Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM with Mrs. Lone Bear & Ms Nulles

Fridays (unless a regular school day) from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM tutoring and clubs from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Please have your child take advantage of these remaining weeks of attendance/credit recovery.

Mandaree School will NOT be offering attendance/credit recovery during summer school. We will be offering classes for credit. The name of the class will be announced at a later date. Our hope is that high school students will take advantage of this opportunity to get ahead in the fall semester by taking a course this summer.

Please call me or Dr. Slater at 759-3311 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Greg Sherwood
High School Principal



The students who participated in the Spring Concert held at the Mandaree School.

Mandaree Warming Shelter-Life Safety Enhancements Installed

Courtesy of TAT Emergency Operations Center Photos courtesy of D. Chase



Earlier this week, MHA EOC team members Facilities Operations Technician Don Fox and Emergency Logistics Specialist Dallas Chase completed the installation of critical life-saving equipment at the Mandaree Fire & EMS Station, which also serves the community of Mandaree as a designated Warming and Storm Shelter.

The installation includes:

- A wall-mounted cabinet containing a ZOLL AED
- A wall-mounted 8-person Stop the Bleed (STB) Kit

These enhancements are part of the Reservation-Wide Shelter Assessment Project, under the coordination of the EOC Logistics and Planning Sections, in partnership with each Segment's designated shelter point of contacts. The project timeline for completion is end of May for all Segments.

Project Focus and Priorities

The project is being executed in a phased, priority-based approach:

Phase 1 – Immediate Life Safety Needs

- Installation or replacement of:
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- Stop the Bleed (STB) Kits
- Ensuring all designated shelters are equipped with functional, up-to-date emergency medical supplies

Phase 2 – Sustainment & Readiness

• Restocking and staging of:

- Shelter Cot Kits
- Bulk Drinking Water
- Bulk Nonperishable Food Supplies
- Establishing reserve supply capacity of other necessary equipment, supplies, and training volunteer personnel at each site to support community needs during disasters.

This directly strengthens community resilience, survivability, and emergency readiness by ensuring that all designated shelter locations are equipped to address immediate life-threatening emergencies at the shelter and within the community while maintaining the capacity to support displaced individuals during extended incidents.

Thank you to Fire Chief Baker for your continued support and assistance in this project for West Segment!



Photo courtesy of D. Chase. Pictured left to right: Facilities Operations Technician Don Fox and Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department Chief Marle Baker.



Around West Segment

Do Drop In Center weekly event to start May 18th



Monday: Cultural Arts and Crafts: 10 am to 4pm

Tuesday: Chair Exercise 10am-11am starting May 12th Cultural Arts and Crafts 11am-4pm

Wednesday: Elder Casino Day at 4 Bears Casino. Transportation provided by West Segment please call Brenda at 701-759-3028 on Tuesday to sign up for the ride.

Thursday: Chair Exercises 10am-11am Cultural Arts and Crafts

Friday: Cultural Arts and

Pictured is Brenda Hale the Elders Coordinator for Arts and Crafts.

Crafts: 10am-4pm

For any information you can call the Do Drop in at 759-3028.

Mandaree Field Clinic



The Mandaree Field Clinic has served his purpose well in providing accessible health care to people in our Mandaree community. For many of us who have lived here most of our lives remember going to this clinic as a child.

There are some of us who remember our relatives and family members who have worked inside these walls of the Mandaree field clinic. Some workers lived in the New Town area and traveled to work here in Mandaree at the clinic. I remember Vern Sitting Crow a RN from New Town was a Nurse here in Mandaree, I believe Billie Jo Wounded Face as well are just to name a few, I am sure there are many. I remember my aunt Wanda and my mother also worked inside this clinic just to name a few, and I want to say Faye Moberg too forgive me if I'm wrong. This clinic has been here for many countless years. As far as I can remember, this clinic has been operational for more than thirty years.

On pages 4 and 5 in this newspaper you have seen photos of the new clinic that will soon be open and services available for our community members. One of the nice features for our people will be the drive up services for those who pick their medications up.

I know many of our community members are happy that we are finally getting a new facility. A new clinic to service our people here in Mandaree.

New E- Sports Program for Mandaree School

Photo courtesy of Coach Mr. Tye McNair



Pictured from left to right; Xavier Ginete, Kris Oyson, Wyatt Fox, Adrian Meanus, Wiconi Hopkins and Anevai Middleton.

A new E-Sport Program for the Mandaree School. E-Sports is where students can compete with other schools through their on line gaming.

Around West Segment

Sanford Retiring From Mandaree School



It doesn't seem like it but Mr. Sanford has been teaching high school math at the Mandaree School for the past 14 years. He first came to Mandaree in August, 2011. He's been in the educational field his adult life. For the past twenty seven years he been in our around secondary Math education. Before he came to Mandaree, Mr. Sanford was in Prince

George County, Maryland for two years as a math education, consultant/mentor/interventionist. Before that He was a part of a math team of teachers in Dorchester County, Maryland.

Mr. Sanford was born in Chicago in 1957. His family lived in northern Minnesota during his formative years. Then the family moved to Pennsylvania in 1970. He spent the majority of his life (so far) on the east coast.

Sanford is happily married to Natalie, they married on January 1989. They both resided in the Mandaree community. They are the parents of two daughters; Danielle who is 36 years old and Gabriella who is 34 years old. As of today, the Sanford's have no grandchildren.

After retirement Sanford says; I intend to stick around for a couple more years. My wife Natalie is not retiring yet, and I can still be of some assistance here in an assortment of possible roles. When my wife retires then we will move back to northern Minnesota.

While he was here for the past fourteen years we asked him what did he learn most about living here in Mandaree? As he replied; "one can never stop learning, that an open mind and an open heart will open the world around you. That people are the same wherever you go on this planet and that all people are different. A paradox. That one lifetime is not enough to learn and absorb all this is in reach (don't even mention that which is just out of reach). That tradition is sacred. Our youth are sacred. Our elders are sacred. None are forgotten."

I will miss my students, my graduates, my families, my friends. I will miss the grind and rigor of pushing the limits of learners. I will miss each learners unique perspective concerning their own learning. The challenges of expanding each individual perspective with new insight and possibility, thus transcending status quo and the trap of 'same old same old'. I would like to say thank you to the Mandaree School for years of 'continuous improvement' I have learned more here than a 69 (almost) year old deserves. I hope that your trust in me will be evident as this generation gradually takes the reins in the MHA Nation, and leads the community to better prosperity and "continuous improvement" for all who call this place home.

Mandaree School Science Fair Participants and Winners



Our apologies we missed these photos for the Mandaree Science Fair.

In the photo to your right is; Avah Morra from Mandaree School winning third place at the National Science Fair competition in Oklahoma. On behalf of West Segment we would like to say Congratulations!



Around West Segment

Courtesy of Fort Berthold Rural water

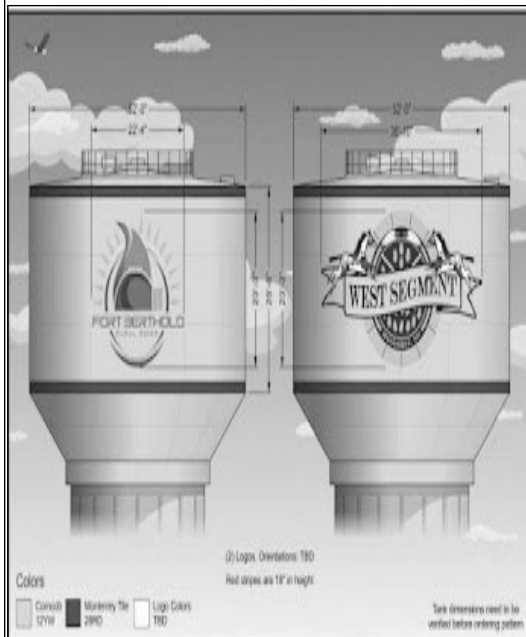


The new Bruce A. Fox water treatment plant in Mandaree is progressing at a tremendous pace. Named after Bruce A. Fox of Mandaree North Dakota who supervised FBRW's Water Treatment facilities and Distribution System for 33 years. This state-of-the-art Treatment Facility will utilize Nanostone ceramic membranes to produce over 1000 gallons a minute for the Community and rural Mandaree.

FBRW applied for federal funds and received over \$33,500,000.00 from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to build this new facility. Fort Berthold Rural places a heavy emphasis on the future growth of the West Segment, we proactively identified the need and worked with our federal partners to ensure we could meet this goal.

The new Mandaree elevated tank is designed to stand over 200 feet tall. This 500,000-gallon composite-style tank is built to support growing community water needs in the West Segment. Interior coatings are currently underway with an anticipated exterior coating in late May.

Fort Berthold Rural Water's 2050 master plan identified growth in the community and rural Mandaree.



We continue to proactively make infrastructure investments to ensure the Segment can continue to grow with an adequate water supply.

Inside Photos of FBRW Plant



Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department MVF along with Mandaree Emergency Services EMS Offer an Afternoon with the Little Plume Head Start for Career Day

Photo submitted by Lisa DeVille



The kids at the Little Plume headstart were treated like royalty. They visited the Mandaree EMS and the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department. The kid to your left sat in the drivers seat of the EMS truck. They also got to try on some of their clothing. The afternoon with EMS and MVF was a day these kids will remember and it was very educational for each of these kids. Thanks to EMS and MVF for their assistance as the kids enjoy career day.



Around West Segment

Veteran of the Month

Submitted by Aaron Abbey



My name is Patrick DuBois, my Indian name is Eagle Lodge. I belong to the Waterbuster Clan. My parents are the late Katie and Norman Dubois Sr. (Veteran). My maternal grandparents are Frank (Veteran) and Ruth (Standish) Young Bear and my paternal grandparents are William and Clementine (Azure) Dubois.

I am the proud father of five children, one son and four daughters. I have eight grandchildren; six grandsons and two granddaughters. Branch of service; U.S. Army, years of service 1984-1988, Rank was E-4 Specialist. 11B/11M. Which is infantryman/ fighting vehicle infantry.

I took my basic training and AIT training in Fort Benning, Georgia plus three weeks advance training with the Bradley fighting vehicle (which replace APC) we were one of the first group to train and use the Bradley. I was part of cohort group which our company stay together from boot camp to end our four years of service. I was stationed down in Fort Hood, Texas. Company D 3rd Battalion 41st Infantry 2nd Armored Division. They retired the 2nd Armored Division a few years ago.

I did Desert training in Fort Irwin, California and training in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. I'm still in contact with my army buddies and I even went and seen them. It's crazy to be in the service with these guys, when we were 18 to 22 years old. Then I see them forty years later we laugh because we all got out of shape. I come from a family and (relatives) of Veterans. Today. I am an active member of Post 271. I have been a member since I got out of the service.

West Segment Veterans

James Johnson
 Theodore Lone Fight III
 Millard William Hale Jr.
 Willis Sage
 Tracy Wounded Face
 Don Hall
 Nelson Bird Bear
 Duane Young Bird
 Dawn White
 Wendell White
 Jacob Dyer Mills
 Gordon Hale
 Tyson Hale
 Patrick Dubois Sr.
 Leland Dubois
 Dion Standish
 Donald Mckenzie
 Dale Charging Sr.
 William Marvel
 William Reeves Jr.
 Marlon Lone Bear Sr.
 Michaela Howe
 Joshua Bell
 Mathilda Edwards Fettig
 Clancey Lone Fight
 Robin Fox
 Caleb Baker
 Jordan Fox
 Loren (Rusty) Fox
 Clayton Young Bear
 Clinton Young Bear
 Curtis Maynerd Young Bear Sr.
 Aaron Abbey
 Hanks Bolman
 Tom Demeray
 Elton Spotted Horse Sr.
 Fritz Bird Bear
 Ed Danks
 Preston Danks
 Justin Fox
 Demetrius Mandan
 Katherine Young Bear
 Paul White Owl Sr.
 Eric Grinnell
 Ethan Hall
 Matt Lone Bear
 Sierra Young Bird
 Trajen Vigen
 Lewis Vigen

Al Newman Sr.
 Kurtlynn Hall
 Kyle Grady
 Orlando Hale
 Thomas Beaks Sr.
 Henry Young Bird Jr.
 Lujuanna Young Bird
 Glenda Young Bird
 Loren Walking Hawk
 Emery Good Bird Jr.
 Claude O' Berry Jr.
 Jasten Bearstail
 Santos Casarez Jr.
 Merval Hall Sr.

Please excuse us if we missed your Veteran. Let us know so we can recognize them as well. This list was provided by West Segment. Maacagiraac Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Listed on West Segment Events Nov.11, 2020

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



Burgum Testimony:

Yesterday, Doug Burgum testified before the House Appropriations Committee regarding the U.S. Department of the Interior's proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

In his testimony, Secretary Burgum stated that the Department "honors Federal Trust responsibilities with our tribal neighbors." I want to remind former North Dakota Governor that this obligation is not an option. Upholding the Federal

Trust responsibility to all tribes is a binding legal duty rooted in our treaties, federal law, and the longstanding relationship between tribal nations and the United States.

However, the substance of the testimony raises serious concerns about whether that responsibility is being upheld in practice. The Secretary's stated priorities include to "pursue American Energy Dominance," "expand energy development... on Federal lands and waters," working to "generate revenue for American taxpayers," and "reducing regulatory burdens that constrain development." Taken together, these statements reflect a policy direction centered on resource extraction and economic output, while offering little clarity on how the federal government will meet its trust obligations alongside those goals.

Referring to public lands as "national assets... to generate revenue" reflects a framework that prioritizes financial return a belief that conflicts with tribes' traditional ecological knowledge and protection. Federal lands, however, are not economic instruments to be exploited and denuded of our finite resources. The Federal Government carries legal responsibilities particularly where trust and treaty obligations are concerned. Those responsibilities require more than acknowledgment; they demand sustained commitment, capacity, enforcement, and adherence to free, prior, and informed consent across all 575 federally recognized tribes. I would like to emphasize that meaningful consultation has never been clearly defined or quantified by any tribe, yet Secretary Burgum's proposed cuts will further limit the federal government's ability to carry out consultation in a meaningful way.

The push to reduce regulatory "burdens" is equally disheartening. The processes often characterized in this way are the very mechanisms through which consultation occurs, protections are enforced, and trust responsibilities are carried out. Weakening them risks undermining the federal government's ability to meet its obligations in a meaningful way.

There is a clear disconnect between the statement that the Department "honors" its trust responsibilities and the policy direction outlined in this testimony. It also seems that Secretary

Burgum has forgotten his relationships he's built with tribes. A single reference to that duty does not outweigh an overall approach that consistently prioritizes development over obligation. The federal trust responsibility demands more than rhetoric and false promises. Tribes deserve better treatment from Secretary Burgum, especially those whose interest involve land, resources, and funding, are aligned with the legal and moral commitments owed to tribal nations. Currently, that alignment to prioritize our Trust Responsibility is not evident in this budget proposal.

Link to testimony: <http://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP06/20260420/119192/HHRG-119-AP06-Wstate-BurgumD-20260420.pdf>

Happy Earth Day 2026!

For us Native people, the earth is not separate from us. It is part of who we are, tied to our identity, our origin, and our survival. Our connection to the land is not symbolic. It is lived, carried, and understood through generations. Long before environmentalism had a name or policy behind it, our ancestors lived with the knowledge that the earth must be protected, not dominated.

That understanding did not come from theory. It came from relationship. From knowing the land as a provider, a teacher, and a relative. Everything we need to live comes from the earth, and with that comes an obligation to respect it, to care for it, and to give thanks in a real and consistent way. Our creation stories are rooted in the land, reminding us that we are not separate from it, but formed by it.

That responsibility has not changed. If anything, it has become more urgent. Protecting the earth is not only about preservation. It is about our survival, culture, and future generations. It is about recognizing that what we take must be balanced with what we give back.

When the earth is harmed, we are harmed with it. There is no separation. What happens to the land will always come back to the people.

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

Resource Management Plan cancelled

I'm a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, one of the Tribal Nations the Bureau of Land Management consulted while developing the 2025 North Dakota Resource Management Plan. Congress canceled that plan last fall by using the Congressional Review Act.

That was not just another move in Washington. It was a betrayal of Tribal communities, public trust, and years of work by people who actually live with the consequences of these decisions.

Resource Management Plans guide how the BLM manages public lands and minerals. That includes homelands, hunting grounds, burial grounds, and other sacred and cultural places for the MHA Nation and other Tribes. It also affects the quality of water that Fort Berthold and other downstream communities rely on every day.

The plan Congress canceled had been finalized just 10 months earlier after six years of collaboration between Tribes and the federal government. It included real protections for wildlife, culturally important places, and drinking water. Now we are stuck again with a plan from 1988, written long before the Bakken oil boom and before fracking brought new threats to our water, air, and sacred places.

Because of Tribal input, the 2025 plan created a half mile no surface occupancy buffer around the Missouri River, Lake Oahe, and Lake Sakakawea. That protection mattered. It helped safeguard drinking water for thousands of MHA citizens and other North Dakotans. Now that buffer is gone.

North Dakota's congressional delegation claimed the plan hurt coal development, but that leaves out the truth. The plan still allowed coal development. It simply said it should not happen where it could threaten drinking water.

The federal government has a trust responsibility to Tribes. In canceling this plan, North Dakota's delegation betrayed that trust. They chose industry over people and politics over public input.

If they still believe the public should have a say, they should support legislation making clear the Congressional Review Act cannot be used this way again.

Voting Rights Act

What we're seeing right now out of the Supreme Court has real consequences for tribal communities.

Recent decisions have weakened key protections in the Voting Rights Act, making it significantly harder to challenge maps that dilute the political power of Native, Black, and other communities of interest. It shifts the burden so high that proving discrimination becomes nearly

impossible, even when the outcome is obvious.

I've worked on redistricting here in North Dakota with North Dakota Native Vote. I know what fair maps can do and what happens when they're manipulated, we lose power and representation. My own district exists because of successful redistricting efforts. That happened because we fought to make sure Native voices were not erased.

And even then, dilution still happens. Not just to Native communities, but to rural communities and others whose interests don't align with those in power.

This is a critical moment in time because the legal tools that once helped correct the imbalance in power structures are being stripped back. When these protections are weakened, it adds to that imbalance and creates space for inequity to go unchallenged.

Good representation shapes whether our communities are heard, resourced, or ignored. When we have a seat at the table, we have more oversight of our resources, our issues, and our community voice is included.

We already know what dilution looks like. My concern now is how much harder it just became to stop it.

Your voice matters, get out and vote!

For Women's Month (March), I was asked to speak on a podcast with all women. The host shared those previous guests, all men, had said women should not be in politics. That resonated with me. So, even though it's no longer March, I want to honor Women's Month by sharing my journey and the women who came before me.

I was born and raised on Fort Berthold. I was educated here, and so were my children, who are now raising their own families here. I've lived the struggles alongside my people, and despite what some say, you can make a good life on the reservation.

My grandmother Julia, my mother, my Charging side grandmas, aunts, grandpas, uncles and my Finley side my aunts and uncles encouraged us to pursue education while teaching us our traditional ways. Those teachings shaped who I am. As I look at my children and grandchildren, I think about the legacy I will leave and that's what drives me to keep going. My mother didn't raise us, but I came to understand her struggles. She showed strength by overcoming addiction and leaving an abusive marriage.

She was very helpful to those who needed help. Through programs like Alateen, I learned that her struggles were not my fault. At 18, I received my Native name, "Accomplishes Everything," and was told that if I do the Creator's work, a path will always be made for me.

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For Your Information

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

I worked for the Fort Berthold Housing Authority for 13 years, helping create opportunities for homeownership and developing tools still used today. But my advocacy didn't come from a title. I didn't rely on a position or ask permission. I created my own path without utilizing my tribe for my advocacy work. I just knew I had to speak up and could foresee the impacts to future generations. I faced many challenges and struggles and lots of push back. I started by educating myself and my community about the impacts of oil and gas, writing letters, and speaking wherever I could. In 2014, we helped create Fort Berthold POWER, and the work grew from there.

There were times I wanted to give up. But my son reminded me this work is like the beat of a drum, a heartbeat, it's my calling. And recently, I was reminded by an elder that when you do the Lord's work, He will always find a way for you. I don't claim to know everything. I just know I want to protect what we have left and fight for future generations. This work isn't easy, it's necessary, and we need everyone to do their part. There were awards but I was excited when the Bidens EPA administration acknowledged me for my environmental advocacy work. It has been quite a journey but nothing I would change. This road has been challenging but I never gave up. I found ways to work around the system with the women and partnerships I made.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the women put in my path who helped me succeed. Thank you for always encouraging me, teaching me the facts of life, and words of advice.

Who would have thought I would be your North Dakota State representative that we pushed for to be at this table from Ft. Berthold Reservation.

From The 2026 Mandaree Celebration Committee

Dear Mandaree Resident,

The 2026 Mandaree Celebration Committee invites you to support our Annual Mandaree Celebration, a three day gathering held every third weekend in July, this year July 17-19 in Mandaree, North Dakota. Each summer, thousands of families and visitors from across the United States and Canada come together to take part in our local celebration. Through our traditional songs and dance, name-giving ceremonies, honoring our clans, clan adoptions, children's first dance, remembering those who have passed on, honoring and welcoming home our veterans, and sharing of food and hospitality. The Mandaree Celebration remains a living expression of the Mandan-Hidatsa ancient culture and community.

Mandaree is home to the Hidatsa people, who have lived on this land since time immemorial, long before North Dakota became a state.

From The 2026 Mandaree Celebration Committee

The Mandan people joined the Hidatsa in this region thousands of years ago, forming a shared cultural and ceremonial life that continues today. This enduring presence predates the migration of other tribes into what is now North Dakota.

The Mandaree Celebration is how this history continues but not in museums or books, but through active participation, language, and ceremony passed from elders to youth. The Celebration I made possible entirely through volunteer efforts and year round fundraising.

Committee members donate their time and resources to ensure the event remains welcoming, inclusive and rooted in tradition. As costs continue to rise, partnerships with corporate sponsors have become increasingly important to sustain this work.

For energy companies operating in or near our homelands, supporting the Mandaree Celebration is an opportunity to demonstrate respect for the people and communities connected to this land and to build relationships grounded in mutual understanding and long term presence.

All sponsors are recognized on official celebration materials and signage. Your support directly contributes to the continuation of a cultural gathering that has endured for thousands of years and continues to bring people together today.

We Appreciate your consideration and hope you will join us in supporting the 2026 Mandaree Celebration.

Sincerely,


ROBERTA WHITE EAGLE, PRESIDENT


COLTYN HALL, VICE-PRESIDENT


LISA DEVILLE, TREASURER


HALEY BEARSTAIL, SECRETARY

For Your Information

Recovery Warriors First Annual Roundup

Submitted by Avis Reimer Finley, Director of CARE



The first Annual Roundup for Recovery Warriors was held in Fort Totten, North Dakota. For their first roundup for recovery warriors they had one hundred and sixty-eight people in attendance.

They started in the afternoon with people still arriving. An opening prayer was offered by Josie Lawrence and introductions of speakers were made.

They had a full agenda of ten speakers throughout the afternoon with breaks in



between. There were two speakers from the West Segment Support Groups in Mandaree. Pathways to health and wellness recovery with families. The first speaker to your left is Todd McKenzie who currently works with the Pathways to Health and Wellness Recovery with families.



Pictured at the bottom is Monica McKenzie, who is the daughter of Todd. She is also involved with the Pathways to health and wellness recovery with families. On behalf of West Segment we thank those involved who represented our West Segment Recovery Groups.

Fort Berthold Reservation Fire Weather Information

No burning is allowed due to dangerous fire conditions across the reservation.

Extreme Fire Danger means fires can start very easily, spread rapidly, and become difficult to control. Any spark from equipment, vehicles, chains, cigarettes, or open flames could quickly turn into a fast moving wild fire.

Very High Fire Danger means fires can still start easily and spread quickly, especially in dry grass and brush. Outdoor burning is not allowed, and extra caution should be used with anything that can create a spark.

TAT Fire Management asks the public to avoid all outdoor burning and use extreme caution with any activities involving heat, sparks, or open flames.

Please report any smoke or wildfire activity to 911 immediately.

Fire Behavior Concerns:

Dry fuels, low humidity, and gusty northwest winds will allow fires to start easily and spread quickly. Any fire that starts can grow rapidly and become difficult to control.

Safety Reminders:

- ◆ Avoid outdoor burning
- ◆ Secure trailer chains
- ◆ Properly dispose of cigarettes
- ◆ Use caution with equipment that may cause sparks
- ◆ Follow local county burn restrictions
- ◆ Report any signs of wildfire immediately

For more information, follow ND Response

<https://nndresponse.gov/burn-restrictions-fire-danger-maps>



Cornell Spotted Horse is another NHSC success story. He obtained his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) through NHS College.

On behalf of West Segment we say Congratulations on obtaining your CDL!

NHSC College May Happenings



NHSC May

Campus Updates

May 25th - Campus Closed for Memorial Day

Campus Events

May 1st – Cultural Book Kits in White Shield @ 430pm

May 1st - Alumni Bingo Fundraiser @ Johnny Bird @ 6pm

May 5th – Free Student Lunch @ Noon in Room 37

May 7th – Lunch & Learn – Acudetox w/Native Connections @ Noon in Room 37

May 8th – Mother’s Day Container Planting Workshop 430pm @ 4 Sister’s Garden

May 12th – Free Student Lunch @ Noon in Room 37

May 12th – Herb Containers Workshop 430pm @ 4 Sister’s Garden

May 12th – NHSC Awards Banquet @ 5pm in the Cafeteria

May 14th – Annual 4 Sister’s Greenhouse Plant Sale @ 9am-6pm

May 15th – Spring Graduation Ceremony 10am @ Northern Lights

Online Events

Mondays – Parable Reading & Prayer @ 12:30pm (Contact Iman)

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

Academics

May 4th – 7th – Finals Week

May 11th & 12th – Onsite Registration for Summer Classes (New Students)

May 26th – First Day of Summer Classes



NHSC College May 2026 Calendar

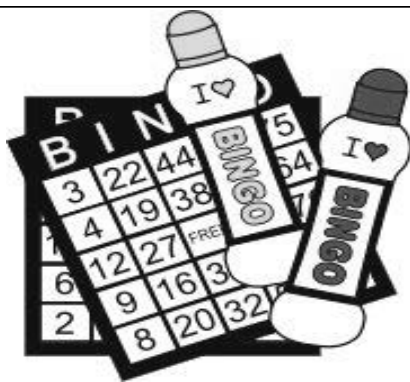
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cultural Book Kits in White Shield @ 430pm Alumni Bingo Fundraiser @ Johnny Bird @ 6pm	2
3	4 Finals Week	5 Finals Week Free Student Lunch @ Noon in Room 37	6 Finals Week	7 Finals Week Lunch & Learn w/Native Connections @ Noon in Room 37	8 Mother's Day Container Planting Workshop 430pm @ 4 Sister's Garden	9
10	11 Onsite Registration for Summer Classes (New Students)	12 Herb Containers Workshop 430pm @ 4 Sister's Garden NHSC Awards Banquet @ 5pm in the Cafeteria	13	14 Annual 4 Sister's Greenhouse Plant Sale @ 9am-6pm	15 Spring Graduation Ceremony 10am @ Northern Lights	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Campus Closed for Memorial Day	26 First Day of Summer Classes	27	28	29	30
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Mandaree Meal site Menu For May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mandaree Mealsite	MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO AVAILABILITY OF PRODUCTS	IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THRESSA	HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!!	1 SAUSAGE LINKS BOILED EGGS HASHBROWN YOGURT
4 CHICKEN GRAVY OVER RICE, PEAS, PEARS	5 NO MEALS TRAINING AT TERO	6 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP BLT, MAYO PACKET BANANA BARS	7 NO MEALS ELDER HEALTH FAIR AT JOHNNY BIRD GYM	8 FRIED CABBAGE WITH BACON & ONION, BUN & BUTTER, PINEAPPLES
11 CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH, SUN CHIPS, WATERMELON FRUIT SALAD	12 POLISH SAUSAGE, SAUERKRAUT, MASHED POTATOES, BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING	13 PORK CHOP MUSHROOM GRAVY OVER RICE, PEAS, SLICE OF BREAD, JELLO	14 VEGETABLE SOUP ROAST BEEF SANDWICH FRUIT CUP	15 EGG BAKE SALSA TOAST YOGURT PARFAIT
18 CHICKEN POT PIE BREADSTICKS PUMPKIN SNICKERDOODLE	19 NO MEALS STAFF TRAINING AT FOUR BEARS CASINO	20 BEEF STEW FRY BREAD WOJAPI	21 MEATLOAF MASHED POTATO GREEN BEANS JELLO	22 CROISSANT EGG AND BACON SANDWICH, HASHBROWN, FRUIT MEDLEY
25 NO MEALS MEMORIAL DAY	26 HAM & BEAN SOUP BANNOCK SLICED APPLES	27 HONEY GARLIC SHRIMP RICE BROCCOLI PEACHES	28 HAMBURGER GRAVY OVER POTATOES GREEN BEANS SNICKER SALAD	29 OATMEAL BOILED EGGS SAUSAGE PATTIES CLEMENTINES

For Your Information

Mandaree Bingo Changed to Every Monday!



The 2025-26 Mandaree Celebration Committee will have bingo every MONDAY at the Water Chief Hall with the early birds at 6:00pm and the regular session at

6:30pm.

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!

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

Zihx Ahdish Mandaree Jump House

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

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

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

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



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.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes is **HIRING**

for the following; Full & Part-Time positions. Please see our updated open positions below:

- Mandaree Unit Branch Manager (full-time)
- Mandaree Unit Activity Coordinator (part-time)

For more information, or to request an application, please call Kirsten Morsette

@ 701-421-9239 or 701-627-4415.

Mandaree Post Office Job Opening:



The Mandaree Post Office is currently looking for someone who interested in a job opportunity with the postal service.

Presently, the Mandaree Post Office needs help in serving the people in our local community. (closure days were due to being short handed and busy in New Town).

If you are interested you may call the Mandaree Post Master Angela Begano at

701-836-1950

Serious Inquirers only.

For Your Information

The West Segment Hidatsa Tenants

Submitted by Shanna Fox, Director



Spring is here, and with warmer weather comes the perfect time to refresh your home and prepare for the season ahead. To help you keep your unit clean, safe, and in good condition, here are some key reminders and tips.

Indoors – Fresh & Clean

Airing out your space: Open windows and doors to remove dampness and improve air quality.

Deep clean high-traffic areas: Focus on kitchens, bathrooms, and entryways to remove dust and grime. Clean furnace area from dust and dirt, this will help your furnace to continue to work properly.

HVAC filter check: Replace or clean filters to maintain indoor air quality and system efficiency. Please call the office for availability. Report early any damages seen

Outdoors – Yards and Porches

Keep yards clean and maintain and care for lawns and shrubbery and trees. Pick up any trash in your yard.

Store trash containers securely to avoid overfilling. If you have large items and need assistance in removing call the office and we will help.

Outdoor shared space

Pets should be on a lease when outdoors.

Do not park on the lawn to prevent damage to landscape, pipes and electrical. Park vehicles in the driveway space or in the area directly adjacent to your home.

Be mindful of noise levels, especially during evening hours, to respect your neighbors.

Let's take some pride in our homes and in our community.

Mandaree Water Plant Station:

Mandaree Water Plant Station phone number: (701)759-3160

Employee's are Clayton Danks and Skylar DeVoe.

For after hours or weekends please call (701) 627-8185 and leave a message and the on-call worker will be dispatched out.



MHA NATION
Department of Transportation
Safety and Inspection

March 2, 2026

UPDATED CONTACT LIST FOR MOTOR CARRIER INSPECTORS AND DISPATCH

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

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

* Closed during observed Tribal Holidays.

Mandaree Field Clinic Hours & Direct Phone Line

Mandaree Field Clinic Direct Line is (701) 759-3422. Clinic Hours are Monday -Friday

8:00am to 4:30pm. Keep in mind there is No Provider and no Nurse on Wednesdays.

For Your Information



Hello from EMS,
Our first announcement is to congratulate our coworker and friend Josie Bingen! She will be graduating this month and receiving her Bachelors of Science in

Nursing with honors. We are so proud of her hard wok and dedication!

Josie had not had an easy time in this accomplishment and has faced adversity, most recently with the loss of her dearly departed mother Abigail Bingen.

We want to acknowledge her commitment and perseverance not only in completing her degree but showing up for her community and answering the call to help. We are so grateful to have Josie on our crew, and we are excited to see the positive impact she will continue to make. Our EMS Team wishes you continued success in your nursing career Josie!

As for events this month, we will be hosting or annual free CPR/First-aid/AED training for the Mandaree High School senior class on May 14th at 4:00pm. We do this in hopes to bolster them in future employment and education opportunities. Congratulations to the Mandaree High School Class of 2026!

Lastly, while the weather is getting warmer it is important to remember safety with outdoor activities. May is motorcycle and ATV awareness month. Helmets, protective gear, and seatbelts save lives! Remember to look twice at intersections and check blind spots.

Thank you!

Kat Luger (701) 426-4732

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. For More Information feel free to contact: Katarina @ (701) 426-4732 or Josie @ (701) 421-1732



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

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We offer the following:

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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:

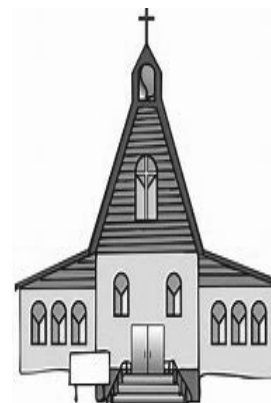
Post Office is Open Monday-Friday:
12pm to 4:00pm

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

**Pathways to Health
and Wellness
Recovery with
Families.**



Presents:

**Healing Hearts &
Mind Mental Health
awareness Sobriety
Horseback Ride!**

June (9-10) 2026

**Healing through
horsemanship...**

**We plan to ride as a group of
Equestrians to raise awareness
of the Drug and Alcohol abuse.**

**4 Bears community ride along
to Mandaree West Segment
Community.**

Please Contact: Pastor Donald McKenzie
1(701) 421-3461

For Your Information

The Summary!



To summarize my life, let me break it down into three parts. The first third of my life, that is from birth through the age of twenty-two was like most people, forming my character. I learned early that God exists by testing Him three times like Gedion did with the fleece of a sheep. I developed a strong sense of helping others and became empathetic with the downtrodden when I was bullied in the second grade by my classmates and my teacher. Years on the farm and living with an alcoholic father helped me become independent and responsible. After my

family drifted away from church, my decision to go back to church helped me own my faith. The divorce of my parents in my senior year of high school launched me into college, however the death of my father at the age of twenty-two halted my pursuit to become a veterinarian.

The second third of my life, from the age of twenty-two to forty-four could be described as discerning what I was going to do with my life. At a retreat near the end of my five years of farming/ranching, I encountered unconditional love from others for the first time (conditional love dominates in families with an active alcoholic). This encounter lit a deep desire to want more. Drought and mental depression ended my life as a farmer/rancher but my life in pursuit of Jesus just began. I finished my Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science and actively asked Jesus if He wanted me to be a priest. I was ordained May 28, 1998 and for the first five years as a priest, I was assigned as an associate at St. Ann Church in Bismarck and then as a pastor at St. Martin in Center and St. Edwin in Washburn.

This brings me to the last third of my life, from the age of forty-four to today. These years have all been here on the Fort Berthold Reservation – eleven years in Parshall and twelve years in New Town.

During these twenty-three years, I have gone through a lot with you. I have been with you through Covid and all its changes, both good and bad. I have seen a new bridge built to cross the Missouri River. I have seen the Reservation change as the oil industry invaded its residents with its evils, of course, but also with all those wonderful opportunities – better safer roads; buildings in each segment that have improved your quality of life; projects that have helped you become more self-sufficient like the greenhouse; a state-of-the-arts Interpretive Center to preserve your culture and educate the wider community. Be proud of these improvements. The Creator blesses you!

As a priest sent here by Bishop, my most important roll has been to bring Jesus to you so you can experience His mercy, His love, His forgiveness, His healing, His hope; so you can know that Jesus is always here with you, walking with you. This I have tried to do, despite my own weaknesses and character flaws.

When Covid, or alcohol, drugs, disease, suicide or old age, has taken the life of one of your family members, I have tried at each funeral to stir up hope and remind each family just how much Jesus loves them as

they bury their loved one. In baptizing some of you or your children or grandchildren, I have called upon the Holy Spirit to instill the Life of Jesus into your soul. In offering daily and weekend Masses, I have given Jesus to you as food. In spiritual conversations with you, I have tried to give you more ways to find and receive Jesus. In blessing your homes or other objects, I have asked Jesus to protect you. I have also stood out in the middle of the Reservation during Covid and consecrated the Fort Berthold Reservation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus asking for their protection over you.

In light of the scab being removed with the painful boarding school tragedies, I have tried to rekindle healing services that used to happen on the Reservation in the past. I have also introduced an inner healing program called Unbound Ministry and have passed this on to Deacon Jim and Delphine. These spiritual tools will help heal this historical generational wound or any wound caused by any tragedy. Please use these tools so you can experience inner freedom, the freedom Jesus wants you to experience.

But this is not all that has been passed on. You have passed on and taught me a lot. You have taught me how to love others better, to be more patient, to be more relaxed, how important family is, how important it is to honor others, to always go clockwise (smiley face).

One of the more memorable gifts you have given me was the year I celebrated my twenty-fifth Anniversary as a priest. I received from Arvella White my Indian Name: Ma ish' u Hku-bah' (Sacred Eagle). I will be forever grateful for all you have given me and taught me over these twenty-three years. Maacagiraac!

I like it here. I had planned to stay here till I retired. However, I believe Jesus speaks through my Bishop and I always want to do what Jesus wants me to do. He has now asked me to move on to Crosby to minister to the people there, as well as to the people of Noonan, Portal and Grenora. A new chapter begins in my life and yours. As of June 1st, Fr. Dustin Johns will bring Jesus to you. I know you will welcome him as you welcomed me.

As I always do when moving from one assignment to the next, I never stop praying daily for the people God has asked me to serve.

I will carry you all with me in my prayers to Crosby and eventually into heaven, God willing.

May God Bless you always

Father Roger A. Synek



For Your Information

2026 Mandaree Celebration Flag Bearer

Michaela Meredith Howe

THURSDAY JULY 16

Myron B Johnson – US ARMY	Nathan Good Iron – US ARMY
CPL Alejandro J Moreno Jr – US MARINES	
Rita Hawk – US ARMY	Ted Haven – US ARMY

FRIDAY JULY 17

Myron B Johnson – US ARMY	Nathan Good Iron – US ARMY
Frank White Owl Sr – US ARMY	
Ed Hale – US ARMY	Johnny Hale – US ARMY

SATURDAY JULY 18

Myron B Johnson – US ARMY	Nathan Good Iron – US ARMY
Afton Young Bird – US ARMY	
Leroy Crow Flies High – US ARMY	Howard Crow Flies High – US ARMY

SUNDAY JULY 19

Myron B Johnson – US ARMY	Nathan Good Iron – US ARMY
Leland DuBois – US ARMY	
Tracy Wounded Face – US ARMY	Joe Wounded Face Jr – US ARMY

REMEMBERING OUR BROTHERS IN ARMS



DO DROP IN COMMUNITY HOUSE OF EVENTS

ELDERS EVENTS

55 YEARS AND OLDER

BEGINNING MAY 18

MONDAY	ARTS AND CRAFTS 10 A.M.- 4 P.M.
TUESDAY	CHAIR EXERCISE 10 A.M. - 11 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	4BEARS CASINO DAY 11 A.M.- 4 P.M.
THURSDAY	CHAIR EXERCISE 10 A.M. - 11 A.M.
FRIDAY	ARTS AND CRAFTS 10 A.M.- 4 P.M.

PLEASE CALL BRENDA 701-759-3028 ON TUESDAY
FOR SIGN UP SHEET FOR 4BEARS CASINO DAY

For Your Information

West Segment Support Groups Schedule

Monday: Drop in and visit we are open all day.

Tuesday: Resilience Videos with Verdell Thunderhorse. Men's support Zoom meetings on Sunday at 2:00pm.

Wednesday: Women's Talking Circle group with Ursula Stiffarm.

Thursday: Narcotics Anonymous meeting at 7:00pm Todd McKenzie.

Friday: Alcoholic Anonymous meeting at 7:00pm Todd McKenzie.

Saturdays: at 7:00pm Bible study with Pastor Don McKenzie.

Sundays: Men's Support Zoom meetings at 2:00pm with Verdell Thunderhorse.

Pathways to Health and Wellness Recovery with families point of contacts:

Todd McKenzie: (701)502-9158

Don McKenzie: (701)690-0308

Avis Finley: (701)759-3089

Zehuman Chazierman: (701)421-5343

Ursula Stiffarm: (701)421-9430

Verdell Thunderhorse: (715)501-8491



You are responsible for cleaning your assigned area from
May 5, 2026 Through July 2026

Participation will qualify your family State Fair Tickets.

Please contact Renay Brown, Events Coordinator, to receive the sign-up sheet for the area you are responsible for.

Renay will also ensure we have the correct names of families and children for ticket distribution.

Thank you for helping keep our community clean and beautiful.

Obituary

Abigail L. Bingen, Xubaari Shibishash (Black Medicine), was born August 13, 1952, in Garrison ND to Clarke Fox and Marlene Beston Fox. She was a proud member of the Flint Knife Clan and a child of Dripping Dirt.

She spent the first couple of years of her life in old Shell Creek with her parents and grandparents, George Fox and Mary Birdsbill-Fox. After the flooding of the Garrison Dam, her family moved to rural Mandaree, where many of her family still reside. She spent the next few years at the old log house until the age of six. From the age of six to seventeen, she attended various boarding schools, such as St. Josephs in Chamberland, Flandreau Indian School and Marty Misson school in SD. She would return home only in the summers to spend time with her family and extended families.

She married Levi Country and moved to Macy, Nebraska after school and from this union she had her first daughter, Michelle Country. When Michelle was a baby, they moved back home to Fort Berthold. Abigail worked various jobs. She worked for family planning in what is now the Three Tribes Museum. She was a jailor in Parshall, and a bartender at the infamous SNL. In the rough and rowdy days, she met Randall Bingen. Abigail and Randy spent 47 years together and from this union she had her second daughter Josie Bingen.

Abigail attended college at Minot State University and graduated in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in social work. She worked for the MHA Nation under the Theodore Lone Fight III Administration and Ivan Johnson Administrations. Afterwards she was employed at the MHA Nation Daycare. Abigail loved children and spent several years as the daycare administrator. She was then employed for the MHA Nation Infant and Child program as administrator and Lutheran Family Social Services, where she retired several years later.

Abigail raised her granddaughter, Flaming Eagle (Flame Fox Hall-Lavina) since birth and loved her dearly. There is nothing she wouldn't do for Flaming Eagle or any of her grandchildren. She made sure they were all taken care of and loved each one immensely.

Abigail loved gambling and you would often spot her at the casino until the early morning hours. She also enjoyed shopping and going out to eat. She loved going for pick-up rides with dad and she was the best bread maker. In her younger years she enjoyed horseback riding with her siblings and extended family in rural Mandaree.

She is survived by her husband Randall Bingen; her daughters, Michelle Country and Josie Bingen; her mother, Marlene Fox; siblings, Bruce Fox Sr., Beatrice Fox, and Ida Desjarlais; her grandsons, Kyle Miller, Jeffery Miller, and Jaston Howling Wolf; her granddaughters, Lavina Flame Fox Hall-Lavina and Nataya Young Wolf; and her many nieces, nephews, godchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death and rejoined with her father, Clarke Fox; grandparents, George Fox and Mary Birdsbill Fox, and Ida Bullsnake-Beston and Alex Beston; and her extended family and friends, and favorite dog Jake.

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In Loving Memory of
Abigail Bingen Xubaari Shibishash (Black Medicine)

August 13, 1952~ April 28, 2026



Wake:

Friday, May 1, 2026~5:00pm
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Officiating:

Father Roger Synek

Funeral Services:

Saturday, May 2, 2026~10:00am
Water Chief Hall, Mandaree, ND

Senior Pallbearer:

Preston Danks

Active Pallbearers:

Kyle Miller	Jeffery Miller
Travis Kraft	Bruce Fox Jr.
Travis Fox	Alex Kraft
Jaston Howling Wolf	Terry Desjarlais

Honorary Pallbearers:

The Ivan, James and Dianne Johnson Families, Austin Gillette,
Kermit Heart, Core Hopkins, Forest & Melissa Mandan, Bessie Monogram,
Marilyn Jacobs, Whitney Bell, Nina Crows Breast,
Theodore & Gladys Lone Fight, Mckenzie County Hospital Staff & Infusion
Center, Grants & Donations Department, Bismarck Cancer Center.



Our sincere condolences to the family and relatives of Abilgail Bingen. Our prayers go out to each and every one of her family and relatives.

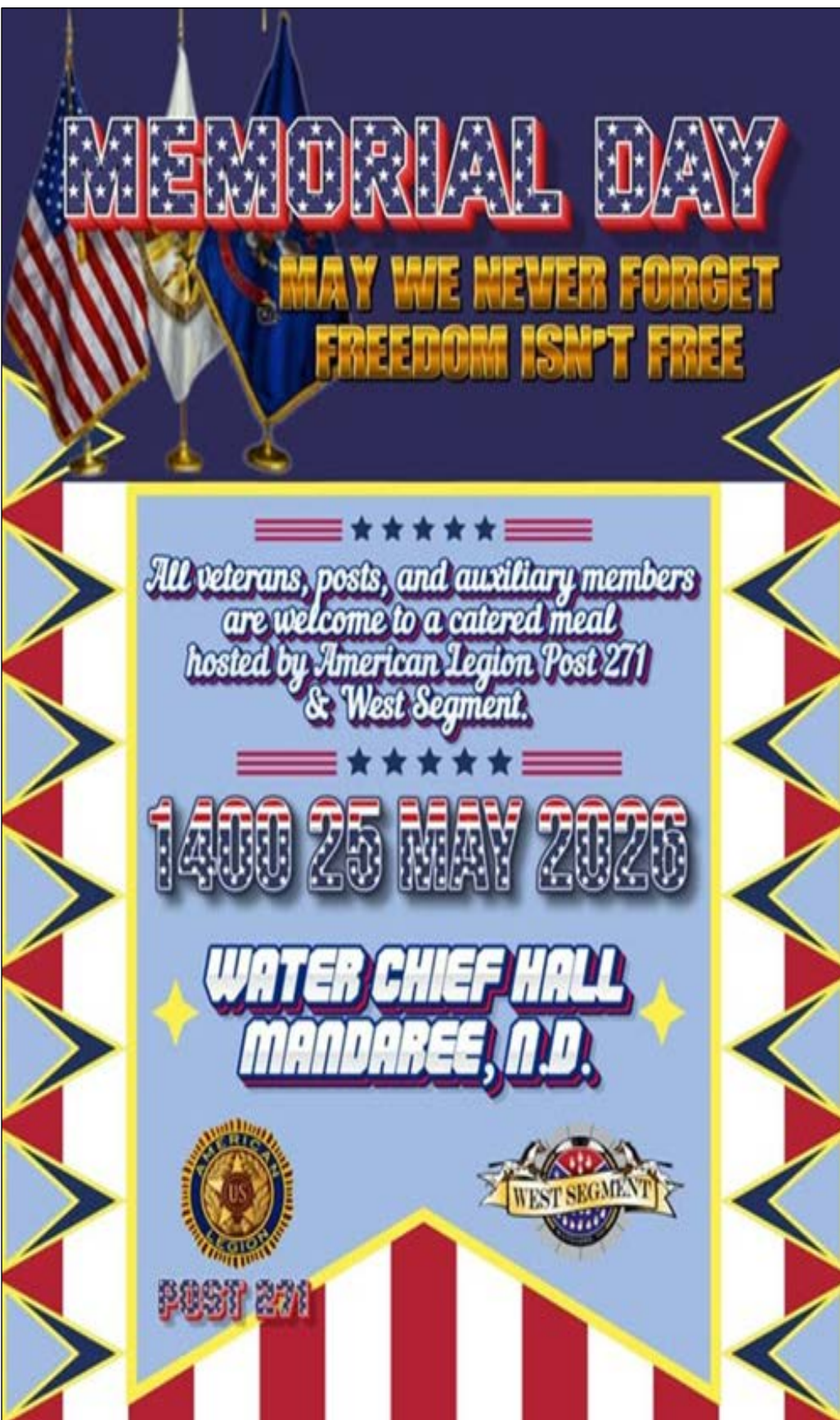
Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight & Personal



On behalf of West Segment we would like to wish all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and sisters; Happy Mother's Day!

Enjoy Your day with your family.

From the West Segment Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight & Personal.



Happy Birthday Wishes To Our Elders!!



happy, happy birthday to you!

- Corrine Brugh Sage
- Mary Gachupin
- Mavis Young Bear
- Katherine Mongram
- Elton Spotted Horse
- Sharon Fimbres
- Donita Hale
- Fern Bull Head
- Joleen Fox

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