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Councilwoman Honors 2026 MHS Seniors & School Board President



West Segment Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight and staff. Honored the 2026 Mandaree High School Seniors with a custom made star quilt for each of them. She also gifted the Mandaree School Board President as well Kelly Bradfield. L-R) Avis Reimer Finley, Natie Mann, Kenyon Grady, Kota Stiffarm, West Segment Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight, Mandaree School Board President Kelly Bradfield, Duane Budreau, Sophie Yellow Wolf, Terrel Martinelli, Nico Calicdan and Renay Brown.

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



Greetings to everyone, I hope our newspaper finds you all well.

Before I begin this month's update, I would like to offer my sincere sympathy to the family and relatives of Vida Lynne Bearstail. Our prayers goes out to her

family and relatives.

Well here we are in the month of June already so our summer begins.

Just a couple of reminders we had our clean up day for Mandaree residents only. Residents were assigned an area to pick up garbage. You must sign up at the Water Chief Hall for clean up day in order to earn tickets to the North Dakota State fair incentives. So be sure and clean your area up in order to get tickets for the fair. Also our West Segment festival will be celebrating fireworks, food provided, along with other activities on July 2nd at the Mandaree Celebration grounds.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 16th at 10:00am The 2026 Mandaree Celebration Committee will have Youth Day. This is a day before our 2026 Mandaree Celebration starts.

Another reminder to our community members remember our celebration is coming up next month and we want our community to look nice and our yards to be cleaned. We will have visitors coming into our West Segment community. So

lets keep our places and yards cleaned.

This month will be over with soon then we will be getting ready for our 2026 Mandaree Celebration.

Here is another important message for those wanting to put a special on or an occasion announced during the **Mandaree Celebration:**

From West Segment: 2026 Mandaree Celebration is July 16-19. If you would like your family special/occasion announced on the committee poster please send your information to Jordi Fox at (701) 421-9214.

The sooner the better. Thank you!

The Pathways to Recovery ride was a success, they rode from Four Bears community to the Mandaree community center. You can see pictures on pages 5 & 6 of the West Segment News.

Pathways to Recovery had speakers and a little give away acknowledging some individuals. This was a positive step in our community to help those who are in recovery.

Summer is here the first celebration of this month is in Twin Buttes on June 19-21 then Santee Lucky Mound Celebration on June 25-28. From there all the celebration all start on Fort Berthold. It will be good to see our relatives and friends.

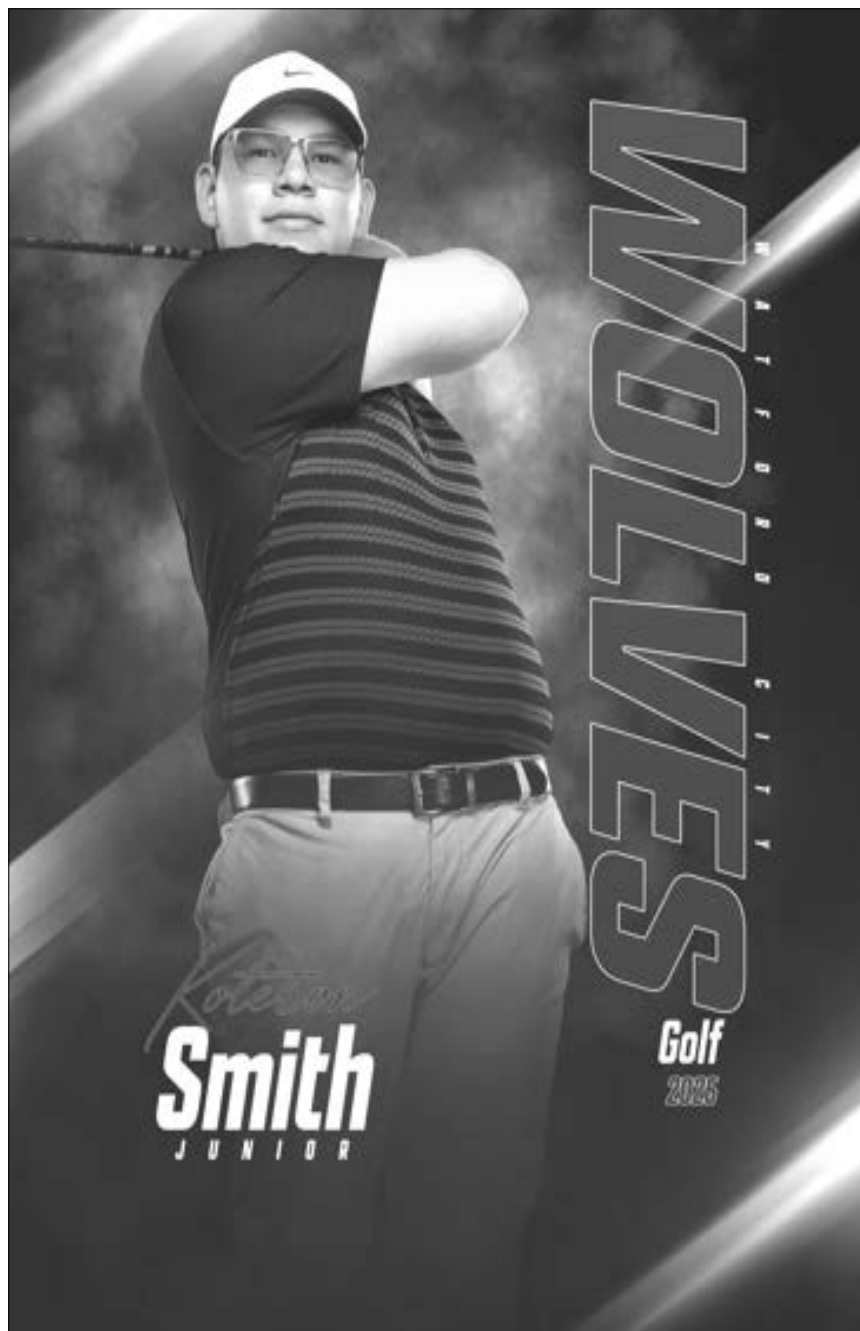
This is all I have for now. Stay safe and if your traveling safe travels.

Thank you for being a good reader

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight

Around West Segment

Fettig is one of the North Dakota State A Golf Qualifier For The Watford City Wolves



Koleton Fettig has been golfing since he was six years old. All the practice and playing golf has paid off for him. He recently qualified for the North Dakota State A Golf meet held in Fargo, North Dakota at the Oxbow Country Club on June 2 & 3rd. Koleton attended Watford City schools since he was in the 6th grade. He started school there at the Watford City Middle School. Today Koleton is a junior at Watford City High School. Koleton resides in Mandaree with his mother and has lived here all his life. Koleton is an enrolled member of the MHA Nation. He is the son of Shantel Fettig and the grandson of Morgan and the late Karen Finley Fettig. On behalf of West Segment we are very proud of Koleton and wish him the best as he excels in golf.

Mandaree School Hires Beall as the Business Office Assistant



She worked at the Mandaree School as a part time pool employee, and when the Business Office Assistant position became available that's when she applied and was selected for this role.

Her name is Dayna Beall, she moved from Chinle, Arizona to Mandaree in January of 2026. She started working at the Mandaree School in March 2026 as a part time pool employee.

According to Beall, she moved here with her three year old son to be closer to family and start a new chapter in her life. Mandaree School gave her an opportunity to become part of the community through employment. That is when Dayna started as a part time pool employee then was later offered the position she has now as a Business office Assistant.

Beall says; " I am grateful for the opportunity to work in a school that serves the community and its students. In my new position as a Business Office Assistant. My main goal is to support the students, staff, and families by helping ensure the school runs smoothly behind the scenes. I want the students to have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed, staff to feel supported in their work, and families feel welcomed and connected to the school. I am excited to be a part of a team that is dedicated to the success of our students and the Mandaree Community.

West Segment Drum Making At The Do Drop In



It was a great turn out for the first time the Do Drop In offered drum making class. Dillion Fox, took the lead on this to offer this craft to those who were willing to learn. As you can see in the picture above there was a crowd ready and excited to learn the art of drum making. In the photo at the bottom is Phil watching as Terry finishes making his drum. Instructors; Dillon Fox, Phil Fox and Terrance Morgan for taking time to teach this class to the youth.

Phil and Dillion cutting the hides for the participants so they can teach them how to make a hand drum. In the photo on the bottom the participants show the hand drums they made. All were very proud of their final product. With this much interest from the community you know they may do another one or leave it up to Dillion to come up with more great crafts to do.



Pathways to Health & Wellness with Families Horseback Ride

Photos by Avis Reimer Finley



Pastor Kevin Finley was on hand as he mentions; "it's been a long time since I've seen a ride done from New Town to Mandaree. There's a good spiritual feeling right here".

Todd Mckenzie is also employed with Pathways. He says; "We have resources in Mandaree, you can see all the resources we have to offer to people in our community are all listed on page 29 of the West Segment News.

It was a crisp cool day, the ride began with more pictures.



Webster's meaning of recover; regain position, poise or health. All these words are very powerful when you are in recovery. You need a lot of support especially if you are new to taking care of yourself. You depend on that support and need help every step of the way. West Segment has come a long way in offering support to our community. Pathways to health and wellness recovery with families recently hosted an awareness sobriety horse back ride.

Avis Reimer Finley, Director of the facility in Mandaree was very supportive. Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight was also very supportive of this event. It takes a lot of work Don Mckenzie and Todd Mckenzie, and others were all very instrumental and helpful in organizing the ride and route they were taking. The ride started in New Town riders will leave New Town and ride to Mandaree. When the participants gathered in New Town they were served a hearty breakfast that was provided by Ursela Stiffarn, LeeAnna and her husband Frank Bear Claw. Ursela, LeeAnna and Frank will provide a meal for them when they are done with the ride.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight offered a few words to welcome everyone and encouraged them to come out and show their support. Don Mckenzie who is a minister and is employed with the Pathways to health and wellness recovery program in Mandaree. As Don greeted everyone he shared few words." This ride is a great event, it's positive, it's a community family event. He also encouraged everyone to come and show their support.



Riders still on their way back to Mandaree. I would say they rode 37 miles or so depending on the route they took. That's a long way by horseback. I like this picture silhouette as they ride forward getting closer and closer to Mandaree.

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Around West Segment



Here are the riders just coming into Mandaree by the stop sign. They will meet at the Mandaree Community center and have a great meal and socialize.



Pictured to your left is Director of Pathways, Avis Reimer Finley. The photo that was shared was taken by her late husband. As the Director of Pathways Avis shared a few words; This was a great time with Pathways to Recovery as they all rode from Four


Bears To Mandaree to bring awareness to Ft. Berthold. Thank you to all the riders who rode the whole way. It was a hot one the day but they made it. I'm very proud to be a part of this ride. The event continues with members of the Recovery telling their stories at the Water Chief hall. They had a great meal provided for them and everyone who showed their support.

The photo at the bottom are the riders who rode and ended their ride at the Mandaree Water Chief Hall, where everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal together.



TAT-Fitness & Recreation West Segment

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



GOOD DAY MANDAREE!
 Just sharing a few updates from the TAT-Fitness and Recreation Program in Mandaree. Currently, we have a summer miles challenge going on it started on May 30th and will end on August 1st. There are 25 participants, they will accumulate as many outdoor running/ walking miles as possible during this time frame. This challenge does include bike miles, however bike miles will be counted as half the workout, for example if you rode for 10 miles only 5 will be counted. There are three age categories for this challenge Youth: ages 8-17, Adults: 18-49, and Elders 50+. The top three for each category will be given an incentive at the end of the time frame. Anyone from Mandaree can join at any time! Good luck to all participants and don't give up! Grab a family member and encourage them to join!

Our Honoring our MHA Nation Father's Day walk/run will happen on June 18th starting at 5pm, please meet at the Powwow grounds. Water and soup will be available at the Elder's Meal site to participants. Help us to honor our Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and all Father Figures who continue to make a difference in our everyday lives. We appreciate you all, this day is for you!

We are planning a youth softball/baseball skills and drills possibly starting at the end of June be on the look out for the flyer.

During Mandaree pow-wow, we will have yoga happening each day Friday-Sunday from 10-11am at the Elder's Meal site. all adults and elders are welcome to attend! This class is Free to join! The class offers beginning sessions to help with the body's center and balance. The gentle yoga class is shared with alternative movements to help guide the non-yogi through 60-minute sessions, also if you're a dancer, a good yoga session before afternoon grand entries will having you feeling amazing! So, stop by and meet the instructor Lisa Hill from the Oneida Nation. She is very welcoming, encouraging and is very enthused to offer this class.

Follow our Program's Facebook pages for updates: TAT-Fitness and Rec West Segment and Three Affiliated Tribes Fitness and Recreation

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




MANDAREE SUMMER MILES CHALLENGE
 OUTDOOR MILES ONLY!
 WALK, RUN, HIKE, BIKE - BIKE MILES WILL COUNT AS HALF!

May 30th-August 1st DOWNLOAD MAP MY RUN
 TOP 3 FOR KIDS AGES 8-17
 TOP 3 FOR ADULTS 18-49
 TOP 3 FOR ELDERS 50+ ADD

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YOGA CLASSES WITH MOCCASIN

FLOW

HELD DURING MANDAREE CELEBRATION AT THE ELDERS MEAL SITE LOCATED BY THE CELEBRATION GROUNDS!

FRIDAY: JULY 17TH 10-11AM

SATURDAY: JULY 18TH 10-11AM

SUNDAY: JULY 19TH 10-11AM

FREE CLASSES ADULTS AND ELDERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND INCLUDING DANCERS!

OFFERING BEGINNER SESSIONS TO HELP WITH CENTER AND BALANCE. 60 MINUTE SESSIO WITH LISA HILL, FROM THE ONIEDA NATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TIA MANDAN (701)

421*0239

Around West Segment

Mandaree Mealsite Worker goes beyond her duties



There are many workers we have in our community. There are those who take pride in their work and those who don't. Don't get me wrong we have hard workers here in Mandaree. Such as the directors, maintenance, and custodians, events, and those who make sure our bills are paid.

Many of these workers go un noticed they aren't recognized enough for what they do. Especially those who serve our elders.

As an elder myself, I just wanted to take a moment of your time to recognize this young lady. Her name is Angie Stiffarm who resides here in our community. She works for the Mandaree Meal site by delivering meals to the elders. So many of the elders see her on a daily basis.

She is the daughter of Ron Stiffarm and Mavis Young Bear Stiffarm. I know for a fact, she is very helpful to our elders. She takes the time to ask them if they need help with anything. If she can help she does it. Its hard to find good workers in our community and those who are kind at that. For sure everyday Angie greets me all the time with her beautiful smile.

Sometimes I ask her for her help and just like that she's always willing to help wherever she can. Sometimes I need help with my trash, Angie doesn't hesitate at all she right there when you need her.

I just wanted to take this time to say thank you, Angie you are very much appreciated. With that big smile and your kindness that you show each elder believe me they will always remember that.

New Paramedic Hired at Mandaree EMS



On behalf of West Segment we would like to introduce you to a Paramedic who was recently hired at the Mandaree EMS.

I am known to everyone as Taaz.

I'm excited to be joining Mandaree EMS as a paramedic. I've lived in many different places throughout my life and have been fortunate to meet people from all kinds of backgrounds along the way.

Those experiences have taught me a lot and helped shape who I am today. I've worked in EMS for about 10 years, and one of the things I enjoy most about the job is being able to help people during some of their most difficult moments. Family is very important to me, and many of the values I try to live by, such as kindness, responsibility, and helping others, come from the people who have supported me throughout my life.

When I'm not working, I enjoy camping, fishing, traveling, and spending time outdoors. I also enjoy learning new things and I am currently working on my Master's degree in Social Work. I believe there's always something new to learn and ways we can continue growing both personally and professionally.

I decided to join Mandaree EMS because I enjoy serving communities and being part of a team that makes a difference. Rural EMS can be challenging, but it's also incredibly rewarding. I look forward to meeting people, getting to know the community, and doing my best to provide quality care whenever it's needed. While I don't plan on living in the area permanently, I'm grateful for the opportunity to be here and excited to be part of Mandaree EMS.

Around West Segment

Danks Rodeo Team

By Paula Danks



Daylon is a four time CNFR Qualifier. You are CNFR (College National Finals Rodeo) bound. You worked hard for this.

Enjoy the fruits of your hard work. Remember there are thousands of other

teams throughout the country who would love to trade places with you.

You're living your dream and you've reached the goal you set for yourself last fall, to be a 4 time qualifier. You do everything in your power to be the best version of yourself. Be prepared and check your equipment. Remember Gold Buckles are won in the practice pen at home, you only pick them up the rodeo. You are in control of your emotions how you react to a run good or bad says a lot about your character.

Remember smooth is fast and fast is smooth. We love you young man.

Make good choice. You make us so proud. Travel safely and we'll see you in Casper. GO ROPE!!!



Storm Cross Country

Courtesy of NHS College



Storm family has another sign on. Welcome new Storm cross country signee; Ryleigh Jade Fox-Deane.

Ryleigh is a fierce runner and will look to bring Storm Cross Country to higher levels! We are so excited to get the opportunity to help Ryleigh develop and we cannot wait to see her out there running for the Storm Cross Country Team this fall!!! Go Storm!!!



Fettig Competes at State Track & Field Meet

Morgan Fettig a sophomore at Mandaree High school qualified for the state meet. The 1600 meter run on the 3200 meter run. Fettig finished 11th place with a time of 10:09. 27. He returned to compete in the 1600 meter run and finished 19th with a time of 4:45.30. On behalf of West Segment we say; Congratulation Morgan you did great!

For Your Information



Grandparents RAISING Grandchildren

JUNE 29TH Aging Services will be having a **SUPPORT MEETING** for Grandparents raising Grandchildren!

Refreshments & Lunch will be served @ Noon

MANDAREE ELDERS MEAL SITE

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact New Town Aging Service Office at **627-4913**

GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE RAISING GRANDCHILDREN ARE INVITED to Attend!!

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Autism
- Support Systems
- Mental Health
- And any other topics as requested!

Come with any concerns, ideas, or just need support!!!



Mandaree
Youth
Softball/
Baseball

Skills & Drills

Mondays & Tuesdays

10am-1pm

Starting June 29th

Meet at the new softball field by the track!

Bringing your equipment such as gloves & bats will be greatly appreciated!



Contact info: Andrea Meanus
(701) 260-8565

For Your Information



5th Annual-Honoring our Fathers of the MHA Nation WALK/RUN



THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH

TIMES AND LOCATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE TAT FITNESS AND REC FACEBOOK PAGE

FIRST 50 FATHERS WILL RECEIVE A GIFT

SEGMENT REC SPECIALIST INFO:

NEW TOWN/FOUR BEARS: CHRISTINE DROSDAL (701) 421-3874

MANDAREE: TIA MANDAN (701) 421-0239

PARSHALL: CHEY HART (701) 898-8888

TWIN BUTTES: ALYSSA STARR (701) 421-4346

WHITE SHIELD: MAURISSA WELLS (701) 425-5265

BISMARCK: KRISTEN BEARSTAIL-ALLERY (701) 421-1386



YOGA CLASSES WITH MOCCASIN FLOW

HELD DURING MANDAREE POWWOW AT THE ELDER'S MEAL SITE-LOCATED BY THE POWWOW GROUNDS!

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH 10-11AM
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FREE CLASSES! ADULTS AND ELDERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND INCLUDING DANCERS!

OFFERING BEGINNER SESSIONS TO HELP WITH CENTER AND BALANCE. THIS GENTLE YOGA IS SHARED WITH ALTERNATIVE MOVEMENTS TO HELP GUIDE THE NON-YOGI THROUGH A 60-MINUTE SESSION!

GET AN AWESOME YOGA SESSION IN BEFORE GRAND ENTRIES!

CONTACT INFO:

TIA MANDAN (701) 421-0239

BY LISA HILL;
FROM THE ONEIDA NATION



For Your Information

Water Chief Hall Schedule

June 18th: Father's Day from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Water Chief Hall. Gifts and feed.

June 19-21st: Cultural Camp at the Water Chief Hall with Lila Gwin.

July 2nd: West Segment will celebrate with fireworks, a meal will be provided along with other activities.

*A reminder to those who are participating in our clean up areas. Please keep your areas cleaned we are watching. In order to receive tickets to the State Fair in Minot.



Greetings from the Solid Waste Program

Mandaree, Twin Buttes and White Shield Transfer Stations will now begin their Summer hours April

27 through October 10, 2026.

New hours will be Monday through Friday: 7:00am to 6:00pm and 8:00am to 4:30pm

Kanzas Johnson

Solid Waste Director

Cell: 421-7674

Office: 627-2034

Fax: 627-2035

West Segment Maintenance Department



The West Segment Maintenance Department is done with garden tilling for the season. We started back in May.

We will be cutting grass in public areas such as the frisbee golf course and throughout the community.

Water hauling is still a year round service offered for the elders. If needed we can haul water for gardens but you must call in advance to get on the water delivery route.

Any questions or for requests of services please call (701) 421-7907

Thanks

Curtis Hall

MHA Offices Moved here are the new Locations

The Grants and Donations office will be moving to the Community Health Resource Center next to the Elbowoods Clinic. New location 1293 Elbowoods Loop, Third Floor. Felicia Lone Bear Jimenez Grants and Donations Director. Office number 701-627-4963 Fax: 701-627-4868.

The LIHEAP Office had relocated from the old tribal building to the Community Health Resource Center next to the Elbowoods Clinic. They are on the 3rd floor sharing the office suite with the Tribal Health Insurance.

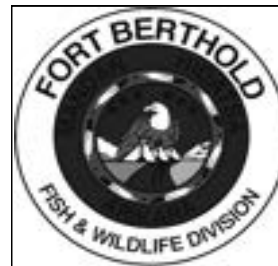
Rose Crows Flies High Director: rcrowlieshigh@mhanation.com

Farhen Fox: Intake Worker: farhenfox@mhanation.com

Or myself at aj.redfox@mhanation.com Work Cell #(701) 421-7741.

Office: (701)627-2364 ext. 6497

Fax: (701) 627-2664



Hunter Education 2026 Summer Course

July 31, 2026 to August 2, 2026

Location: Emergency Response Center; Fire Meeting Room: 61st Ave. NE, Mandaree, ND

Time: 5:00pm to 9pm. Sat & Sun: 9am to 3pm.

Attendance is required for all days within each course. Minimum age requirement: must turn 11 within the calendar year. MUST REGISTER AT: gf.nd.gov/education/hunter. Registration for each course opens 4 weeks before starting day.

If you have any questions feel free to contact TAT Fish & Wildlife at 627-4760. More information on page 31.

For Your Information

License Plates Department Moved



Please be advised that the License Plates Department, currently located at 335 Main Street, will be operating on limited services and

may be temporarily unavailable due to the department's relocation to the TERO Energy Building, 3rd Floor.

During this transition, there may be delays in processing services and responding to requests. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete the move and work to resume normal operations as quickly as possible

Additional updates regarding services available and reopening will be provided as they become available.

Thank you

Violet Jones Office Manager

MHA Department of Transportation



MANDAREE SCHOOL
"HOME OF THE WARRIORS"

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

JUNE 2-JUNE 30, 2026

AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN GRADES T/K TO GRADE 11

GRADES T/K - GRADES 8

- English (Reading and Writing) - 9:00-12:00
- Math (Fact Fluency, Algebraic Reasoning, and Computation Skills) - 9:00-12:00
- Lunch - 12:00 - 12:30
- Afternoon Math Camp (June 2-5, 2026, 12:30-2:30)
- Afternoon STEAM and STEM Camp (June 8-12, 2026, 12:30-2:30)
- Afternoon Science Camp (June 15-19, 2026, 12:30-2:30)
- Afternoon Reading and Writing Camp (June 22-26, 2026, 12:30-2:30)

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES (CHOOSE ONE ONLY)

- Archaeology - Dr. David Lukaszek
- Botany - Mrs. Helen Bojos
- Music - Mrs. Christine Roco
- Physical Education - Mrs. Carol Ybarle
- General Math - Mr. Joselito Bojos

High School Classes offered ½ Credit (Elective). Students must attend every day June 2 to June 30 to earn the credit. Students will take the same class the entire session.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Dawn Stroh (Title I Director)

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MANDAREE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

MANDAREE SCHOOL



BREAKFAST
WILL BE SERVED

8:30 AM TO 9:30 AM



LUNCH
WILL BE SERVED

11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

STARTING FROM JUNE 1 - JUNE 30, 2026

Healthy Meals. Bright Futures.

ENERGY DRINKS

MIRI SHIBISHA

ESTABLISHED 2018



HAY DRAW CAFE

OPEN: MONDAY-FRIDAY
8 A.M. - 3 P.M.

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille



2026 ND Legislative Special Session

During the January 21–23, 2026 Special Session, the Legislature convened to authorize the spending of federal funds from the Rural Health Transformation Program, a multi-year initiative designed to address critical healthcare shortages in rural North Dakota. The program focuses on improving the rural health workforce, expanding telehealth services, and

improving access to care in approximately 75 percent of rural counties experiencing primary care shortages. We considered legislation to allocate nearly \$200 million in federal funding for the first year, with the program expected to reach \$500 million or more over five years, depending on future awards and implementation phases. Governor Armstrong opened the session with a State of the State address, outlining the urgency of stabilizing and modernizing rural healthcare systems.

As part of this process, we passed Senate Bill 2403, which authorizes the Bank of North Dakota to issue up to \$5 million in low-interest loans to distressed not for profit community hospitals. This bill is intended to provide short-term financial relief to rural hospitals facing closure or severe operational strain, helping preserve access to essential healthcare services in rural communities.

In addition to healthcare funding, we considered other policy proposals during the session. One of the most debated was a bill to provide approximately \$65 million for free school meals. While the proposal aligned with broader conversations around child well-being, food security, and public health, the bill failed in the Senate and did not pass. Despite its defeat, supporters have indicated that free school meals are expected to be brought forward as a ballot measure in the next election, allowing voters to decide the issue directly.

Overall, the 2026 Special Session remained tightly focused on authorizing federal investments in rural healthcare infrastructure and workforce capacity, while also highlighting unresolved policy debates, such as school nutrition, that are likely to re-emerge in future legislative sessions or decided at the ballot box.

Update to MHA Elders – Representative Lisa Finley-DeVil

I want to share with you all an update on issues that directly affect our Tribal Nations, our sovereignty, and the future of our people. In recent months, I have submitted formal comments, testimony, and public statements on a range of federal actions affecting Tribal Nations. While these issues vary in scope, from education to environmental protection to civil rights they reflect a consistent and troubling pattern: federal decisions moving forward without meaningful Tribal consultation.

One of the most significant recent national developments is the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*, which has dramatically weakened long-standing protections under the Voting Rights Act. The ruling restricts how race can be considered in redistricting and raises the burden of proof for challenging discriminatory maps, making it much harder to address vote dilution. Recent decisions and emergency orders following the ruling have already triggered rapid redistricting efforts in several states, with direct consequences for Native, Black, and other marginalized communities whose political representation is at risk.

In my role as Representative for District 4A, I have continued to submit formal comments, testimony, and public statements on federal policies that directly impact Tribal Nations. These issues span education, environmental protection, natural resources, governance, and civil rights. While distinct in subject matter, they reflect a consistent concern: federal decisions are being made without meaningful Tribal consultation and without adequate regard for treaty obligations and Tribal sovereignty.

Native Education and OIE Restructuring

I recently raised concerns regarding the proposed downsizing and restructuring of the Office of Indian Education (OIE). While framed as administrative reform, these changes have direct consequences for Native students, families, and schools. Tribal Nations hold treaty rights and legal standing that require consultation before decisions of this magnitude are implemented. Native education programs cannot be altered without Tribal input, and consultation is not optional.

Clean Water Act and Environmental Protections

I also submitted comments opposing the U.S. EPA's decision to narrow the scope of the Clean Water Act. This action raises serious concerns for Tribal communities already impacted by industrial development and weakened environmental protections. Wetlands play a critical role in filtering pollution, reducing flooding

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

and sustaining ecosystems that support both wildlife and culturally significant plant life.

Ongoing uncertainty in the definition of “waters of the United States” combined with recent court decisions has left many waterways and wetlands unprotected. For Tribal Nations, this is not an abstract regulatory issue. Many of our communities live downstream from industrial activity and bear the direct consequences of contamination and insufficient oversight. Weakening federal safeguards increases environmental risk and shifts long-term burdens onto Tribal governments and rural communities.

Clean water is not negotiable. It is a fundamental right tied to health, cultural survival, and future generations.

Endangered Species Act Anniversary and Protections

I have also expressed strong support for the Endangered Species Act on its 50th anniversary. The ESA remains one of the most important federal tools for protecting biodiversity and preserving ecosystems that sustain life.

For the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, and for Tribal Nations across the country, this law reflects a broader responsibility to protect air, water, land, animals, and plant life. The recovery of species such as the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and gray wolf demonstrates what is possible when conservation is prioritized.

The ESA is not only about individual species. It protects the interconnected systems that sustain clean water, clean air, and healthy environments. At a time of increasing oil and gas development and climate pressure, these protections are more important than ever.

Federal Oil and Gas Leasing and Bonding Requirements (OIRA Comment)

In written comments submitted January 8, 2025, I opposed efforts to rescind strengthened federal bonding requirements under the Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Rule. These reforms were intended to update outdated bonding standards that had not kept pace with the real costs of plugging wells and restoring land.

North Dakota’s experience demonstrates why strong bonding is necessary. Existing state and federal systems have repeatedly fallen short, leaving taxpayers and communities responsible for orphaned and abandoned wells. When companies fail or walk away, the environmental and financial burden remains.

Weakening these protections shifts risk away from industry and onto the public. Federal agencies should instead strengthen bonding

requirements to ensure accountability and prevent long-term damage to land and water resources.

Resource Management Plan Cancellation

I have also raised concerns regarding the Congressional Review Act cancellation of the 2025 North Dakota Resource Management Plan, which followed six years of Tribal consultation and was finalized only months before being overturned.

That plan included important protections for water, wildlife, and culturally significant areas, including a buffer around the Missouri River, Lake Oahe, and Lake Sakakawea. These protections directly impacted drinking water safety for the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation and surrounding communities.

The return to an outdated 1988 plan ignores the realities of current industrial development and undermines years of collaborative work between Tribal Nations and federal agencies. This action raises serious concerns about the reliability of federal consultation processes and the respect for Tribal input.

Nationalization of Elections and Federal Authority

I have also submitted commentary on the growing nationalization of election administration. The U.S. Constitution clearly assigns primary responsibility for elections to the states, with limited federal authority through Congress, not the executive branch.

Federal attempts to centralize election control risk undermining state authority and established systems that vary across jurisdictions, including in North Dakota. These changes have direct implications for Tribal voters, particularly in rural and reservation communities where access, infrastructure, and addressing systems already present barriers.

Tribal Nations must be included in any discussions that affect voter access and election administration. Decisions made without consultation risk further marginalizing Native voices in the democratic process.

Birthright Citizenship and Legal Precedent

Recent legal and political arguments revisiting *Elk v. Wilkins* highlight ongoing concerns about the use of historical precedent to challenge birthright citizenship.

That case reflects a painful history in which Native people were denied full recognition in the country of their birth. The Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 finally affirmed citizenship for Native people, though long overdue.

Any attempt to reinterpret or limit birthright citizenship using this

From District 4A Representative Lisa DeVille

history raises serious concerns about repeating exclusionary legal frameworks that have already been corrected through legislation and recognition of rights.

Federal Trust Responsibility and Interior Budget Testimony

I have also responded to recent testimony from the U.S. Department of the Interior regarding its Fiscal Year 2027 budget priorities. While the Department stated it “honors Federal trust responsibilities,” the policy direction emphasizing expanded energy development, reduced regulation, and revenue generation raises concerns about whether those obligations are being fully met in practice.

The federal trust responsibility is not discretionary. It is a legal obligation grounded in treaties and federal law. Meaningful consultation requires more than acknowledgment. It requires capacity, enforcement, and inclusion of Tribal governments in decision-making processes.

Efforts to reduce regulatory frameworks often weaken the very mechanisms through which consultation and trust responsibilities are carried out.

Voting Rights and the Voting Rights Act

Finally, I have raised concerns about recent Supreme Court decisions that weaken enforcement of the Voting Rights Act. These changes make it more difficult to challenge electoral maps that dilute the voting strength of Native, Black, and other communities of interest.

I have worked directly on redistricting efforts in North Dakota and have seen both the impact of fair representation and the consequences of dilution. When communities are properly represented, they gain meaningful access to decision-making and oversight of resources. When they are not, their voices are diminished.

These legal shifts create additional barriers at a time when equitable representation is already under pressure.

Across all of these issues, the underlying principle remains the same. Tribal Nations are sovereign governments with treaty rights and a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Tribal consultation is not optional. It is a legal and moral obligation that the federal government owes to every federally recognized tribe.

I will continue to advocate for policies that protect our lands, our water, our people, and our sovereignty, and ensure that our voices are not excluded from decisions that directly affect our future.

Pride Month

As we recognize Pride Month, we also acknowledge and celebrate our Two-Spirit relatives and community members.

The term “Two-Spirit” reflects our Indigenous understandings of identity, spirituality, and the important roles that Two-Spirit people have held within Tribal Nations for generations. In our traditional ways, Two-Spirit people have long been valued as leaders, caregivers, teachers, and cultural keepers.

This month is a reminder that everyone deserves dignity, respect, and support. Everyone deserves to feel seen and understood. We stand with our Two-Spirit relatives and honor their contributions to our communities, cultures, and future generations.

Happy Pride Month to all, and may we continue to build communities where every person feels seen, valued, and respected.

2026 Mandaree Graduation Guest Speaker:

Dosha.

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Lisa Finley DeVille. My spirit name is Accomplishes Everything. Until my mother passed, I also carry her name, Eagle Woman.

I was born and raised here. We raised all our children here in Mandaree. I graduated as valedictorian of the 1993 Mandaree class and I want to share a little bit of my story with you today, because I want you to understand that success is not easy, and it rarely comes without struggle.

When I graduated high school, I already had two children. My grandmother raised me. She always told me, “Get your education” She would say that long ago our ancestors did not always know what they were signing, or even how to sign their names, so they would put an X. She wanted something different for us. She wanted us to be able to speak for ourselves, think for ourselves, and make decisions for ourselves.

She also told me, “One day you will have children”. And she understood that education is not just for yourself, it is for the generations coming after you. Education helps you think outside the box.

I grew up poor. My grandmother did the best she could. I understood my mother’s struggles. We grew up on commodities. Our entertainment was basketball courts, running in the hills, and playing kick the can at night. But even in those struggles, there was love and resilience.

I want all of you graduates to know this: anything is possible. But it takes determination, consistency, and believing in yourself even when life gets hard. And life will get hard.

There were times when I was working and going to college I had to decide whether to buy food or put gas in my car. There will be moments when you feel uncertain. Moments when you feel like giving up. And sometimes the struggle will feel real.

But when you fall, pick yourself back up. Find solutions. Ask for help. There is nothing wrong with asking for help. We all must depend on

For Your Information

Continue 2026 Mandaree Graduation Guest Speaker:

each other if we are to move forward together.

I also want to encourage you to take speech classes if you have the opportunity. I never took those classes seriously in high school and in college, and to this day I still struggle speaking in front of people. But I do it anyway. Sometimes courage is not about being fearless it is about showing up despite the fear.

I received my college education at Nueta Hidatsa and Sanish College. Later, when the University of Mary master's program were offered there, I took that opportunity too. I started college in the summer of 1993, when the Mandaree site was located in a small house two doors down from my grandmother's home. There is no other place in the world that can replace the connection that our tribal colleges provide.

You do not have to follow someone else's path. Create your own path. Think outside the box. Rely on yourself for answers, because inside of every one of us is a born leader.

I never imagined that one day I would become your North Dakota State Representative. But life can take you places you never expected if you keep going and keep showing up. Throughout the years, we worked to fight for a seat at the table, advocating tirelessly for redistricting to ensure fair representation. And today, we have secured our place in the North Dakota House of Representatives. But the journey was not without its challenges.


So graduates, believe in yourselves. Stay determined. Stay consistent. Remember where you come from, but do not let your circumstances define where you can go.

Congratulations to all of you. I am proud of you, and our community is proud of you too.



 2026 Summer Rentals: Rentals Every Wednesday:
 Bikes: May 13-August 26th
 Kayaks/paddle boards: June 18-August 26th
 Free Week-long Rentals: Must be 18 yrs or older
 Must provide valid state ID/Tribal ID \$20 Cash deposit
 Deposit refund upon return of all equipment. Late return or lost, damaged or excessively muddy items will result in loss.
 Return: Wednesday Morning 8am-12pm Check out 12pm-4pm
 Rentals must provide own transportation and straps for rented items. Call (701)627-7931

DIABETES CHECK




2026 Diabetes Program Powwow Screenings:

2026 Mandaree Celebration:
Saturday, July 17, 2026 at
9:00am to 12:00pm

Blood Sugar Screening & Walk/Run

For questions/concerns please call (701)627-7931

Veggie trays and Incentives will be provided.



For Your Information

OPEN PRAYER SERVICE

Mandaree Community Center

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday 6/24/2026

All Welcome

DROPS OF HOPE MINISTRIES

REV. PHIL FOX

WEST SEGMENT

TAT Cemetery Restoration Services Available



Director: Lane Standish

Phone: (701)627-4999

Cell: (701)421-6349

Fax: (701)627-2035

Emergency After Hours

Phone: (701)421-6349

Location: 12 miles West of Tribal Building

Here is a list of what The Cemetery Restoration Department Provides to tribal members:

- **Grave digging**
- **Grave covering**
- **Cutting grass/maintaining cemeteries**
- **Repairing old fences\Erecting new fences**
- **Mapping graves old\new**
- **Replacing old name markers with new ones.**
- **Provide rough boxes for families**
- **Maintain communication with funeral homes.**
- **Fix headstones at family's request.**

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College Achieves Record-High Student Retention and Persistence Rates

For Immediate Release

NEW TOWN, N.D. — Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC) is proud to announce record-setting student retention and persistence rates, demonstrating the effectiveness of the college's ongoing efforts to support student success and degree completion.

According to NHSC's latest student success data, the college's Fall 2024 to Fall 2025 retention rate, which measures the percentage of students who return to NHSC the following fall, reached **69.6 %**, the highest level recorded since tracking began in 2011. This represents a dramatic increase from the college's **35.7 %** retention rate in 2011 and reflects a sustained upward trend in student success over the past decade.

The college also achieved a record-high **78.3 % Fall 2025 to Spring 2026 persistence rate**, meaning nearly four out of every five degree- and certificate-seeking students continued their studies from fall into the following spring semester. This marks a significant increase from the 53.1 % persistence rate recorded in 2011.

"These outcomes reflect the hard work and dedication of our students, faculty, staff, and support services," said Dr. Twyla Baker, President of Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College. "We are especially grateful for the support of Achieving the Dream, and the American Indian College Fund, whose investments and resources supporting our student success initiatives allow us to help students throughout their entire educational journey, from admissions to graduation. Student success remains at the heart of our mission, and we are proud to see our efforts translating into measurable results. I credit the hard work of our staff and faculty across campus who implemented myriad changes and strategies, and executed them thoughtfully and skillfully."

The data show strong outcomes across multiple student populations. Among Fall 2025 students:

- Full-time students achieved an 82.0 % persistence rate.
- American Indian and Alaska Native students achieved a 77.2 % persistence rate.

Students under age 22 achieved an 83.9 % persistence rate.

The college attributes these gains to a comprehensive approach that includes academic advising, tutoring services, faculty mentoring, student engagement initiatives, culturally relevant support systems, and targeted retention efforts designed to help students overcome barriers to completing their education.

Over the past five years, NHSC's retention rate has increased from 49.7 % in 2020 to 69.6 % in 2025, while persistence rates have risen from 63.6 % to 78.3 % during the same period. These improvements demonstrate sustained institutional progress and a strong commitment to student achievement.

As a Tribally chartered institution serving the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and surrounding communities, NHSC remains dedicated to expanding educational opportunities while helping students successfully complete certificates and degrees that strengthen families, communities, and the regional workforce.

For more information about Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College and its academic programs, visit Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College at <https://www.nhsc.edu>.



June Calendar Mandaree Meal site Menu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	BBQ CHICKEN, ¹ MAC SALAD CORN ON THE COB COOKIE	PORK CHOPS, ² STUFFING CARROTS, BREAD CUP OF PEARS	LASAGNA SOUP, ³ BREAD STICK FROG EYE FRUIT SALAD	GOULASH MIXED ⁴ VEGGIES, BREAD, PUDDING CUP	FRENCH TOAST, ⁵ SAUSAGE LINKS, SYRUP, BUTTER, ORANGE	
	SALISBURY STEAK, ⁸ MASHED POTATOS, CORN, BREAD, ICECREAM	SPAGHETTI ⁹ BREAD STICK GREEN BEANS JELLO	CHICKEN +WILDRICE ¹⁰ SOUP, TURKEY SANDWICH FRUIT CUP	FRYBREAD ¹¹ BURGER DELUXES, FRESH FRUIT	SAUSAGE EGG + ¹² CHEESE BISCUIT SANDWICH HASHBROWN DANISH	
Flag Day	TUNA SALAD ¹⁵ SANDWICH, BROCCOLI +GRAPE SALAD, CHIPS, LEMON BREAD	STEAK, POTATO ¹⁶ SALAD, CUCUMBER SALAD, BUN, CORN ON THE COB , STRAWBERRY CAKE	KNOEPHLA SOUP, ¹⁷ BUTTER BISCUIT, CRACKERS, CHEESECAKE CUPS	FRIED CABBAGE W/ ¹⁸ BACON, ONIONS, BUN, HONEY DEW W/ MINT	holiday ¹⁹ juneteenth no meals	FATHERS DAY MEAL WILL BE ON THE 16 TH
Father's Day	RIBS, RICE, ²² MIXED VEGGIES, PEACHES	CHICKEN ALFREDO, ²³ BROCCOLI NORMANDY, GARLIC BREADSTICK, SHERBERT	CABBAGE SOUP ²⁴ W/ SAUSAGE, ROAST BEEF SANDWICH, FRUIT CUP	LASAGNA, ²⁵ GARLIC TOAST, CORN, WATERMELON	SCONES, ²⁶ SAUSAGE LINKS, BOILED EGGS, BANANA	
	BEEF STROGANOFF, ²⁹ EGG NOODLES, PEARS+CARROTS, BERRY DUMP CAKE	MEAT LOAF, ³⁰ SCALLOPED POTATOS, CORN, RICE KRISPIE BAR				

For Your Information

\$30K BINGO

CASH
Bingo

Join us for an exciting evening of food, lively entertainment, and baskets for auction!

JUNE 16, 2026	Early Birds Start at 5pm 1 for \$50 2 for \$75 3 for \$100
DOORS OPEN AT 3PM	Regular Session Start at 5:30pm 1 for \$150 2 for \$200
4BEARS CASINO: BALLROOM	



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.

SAVE THE DATE!

**2026 MANDAREE CELEBRATION
COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER**

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!** Still Looking for Some Good Workers

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.

Healing Horse Rance Team roping Dates



Save the Dates:

**Team roping at the Healing Horse Ranch:
On the following dates:**

June 25, 2026

July 7th, 2026

July 28, 2026

August 11th, 2026

For Your Information

TAT Beautification Program



Greetings from the
Beautification Director Hope
Baker

Hello,

Here are some details regarding the scope of work and services offered by the Beautification Program for your information.

Summer Lawn Route/Winter Snow Removal route is offered only to Elders (55+), handicapped/medically disabled and single parent families (with children under 14.) These services requires an application.

Other services available to ALL MHA enrolled members include- Trash hauls (no household trash), gutter cleaning, plastic on outside windows (Fall Service), garden tilling, and move jobs.

Building Demolition- application required.

Please call the scheduling number so your name is on the scheduling list.

701.897.1569.

Thank you



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.

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.

For Your Information



Hello from Mandaree EMS,

As summer arrives and outdoor activities begin, we wanted to share a few health and safety reminders for our community.

With warmer weather brings more encounters with wildlife like rattlesnakes. Antivenom is available at Mckenzie County Hospital. While bites are not always common, getting quick medical evaluation is important. If bitten, move away from the snake to prevent additional bites, remove jewelry like rings, bracelets, or watches AND any restrictive clothing near the area of the bite. DO NOT attempt to suck out the venom or apply tourniquet, and please call 911.

We also see an uptick in severe allergic reactions during the summer months, whether from insects, foods, or environmental allergens. Signs of a severe allergic reaction include difficulty breathing or wheezing, swelling of the lips, tongue, or throat, widespread hives, and possible dizziness or fainting. If you have an epi-pen, it is important to carry it at all times. Allergic reactions can quickly become life-threatening so do not hesitate to call 911.

Lastly, with climbing temps' dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke can all occur, especially while spending long hours outdoors. Good hydration and breaks in the shade can help to avoid these emergencies.

We wish everyone and safe and enjoyable summer!

Thanks,
Kat Luger

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:

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

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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: (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: 11:45am-1:15pm

Main Phone Line: (701) 353-8540

* PLEASE NOTE: These hours do fluctuate so we ask you for your patience until we can fill this position full time. We need time to do this.

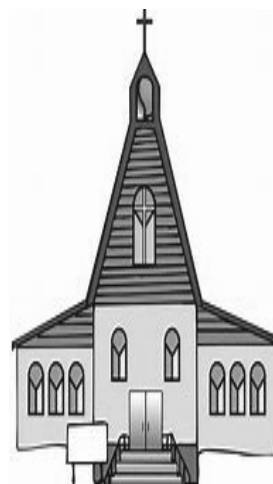


St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

Saturday: 7:30 pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree



For Your Information

2026-2027 TAT HEAD START ROUND UP

**AGES 3-5 YEARS OLD (BRING YOUR 2.5 YEAR OLD!)
STUDENT & LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME. TRIBAL AFFILIATION IS
WELCOME BUT NOT REQUIRED**

A COMPLETE APPLICATION IS NEEDED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR

**THURSDAY, MAY 28TH 9AM-2PM (RETURNING STUDENTS ONLY),
TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH 9AM-2PM (ALL STUDENTS),
TUESDAY, JUNE 16 3PM-7PM (ALL STUDENTS),
TUESDAY, JULY 14TH 9AM-2PM (ALL STUDENTS),
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH 9AM-2PM (ALL STUDENTS)**

Required Documents

- *2026-2027 application
- *Copy of Birth Certificate
- *Copy of income Statement(s)
- *Copy of Medical Insurance Card(s)
- *Copies of any special services: IEP, IFSP, Referrals, Speech, OT
- *Copy of Tribal ID (if applicable)
- *Immunization Record (only if out of ND state)

**ALL ROUND UP EVENTS ARE TO
BE HELD ON THE NEW
COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE
BUILDING BEHIND ELBOWOODS
HEALTH CENTER.**

1293 ELBOWOODS LOOP

For more information
TAT Head Start Center
509 9th St N New Town
ND 58763
(701) 627-4820



For Your Information

TAT FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION

18th Annual FAMILY FISHING DERBY

**June
23
2026**



9:00AM-4:00PM

Four Bears Park - New Town, ND

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITIES

- FOUR BEARS
- NEW TOWN
- MANDAREE
- PARSHALL
- TWIN BUTTES
- WHITE SHIELD

**YOUTH FISHING COMPETITION
CATERED LUNCH**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

REGISTRATION: 9AM-11AM
FISHING COMPETITION: 9AM-3PM
LUNCH: 12PM
AWARDS: 3:30PM

**BRING YOUR OWN FISHING POLE,
TACKLE, AND LAWN CHAIR IF YOU
HAVE IT. IF NOT, COME ANYWAY!**

**FREE FISHING DAY FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS**



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTEN MASON AT 701-627-4760

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 Meeting 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



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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

Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Course Offered In New Town

Course Overview:

The MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center is proud to offer the **Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)** course in this area of ND for the first time. This course offering is specifically designed for law enforcement officers and is based on the same training provided to our nation's military. Taught by experienced physicians and special operations tactical medicine experts, this course equips participants with the life-saving techniques essential for combat trauma management.

TCCC has become the cornerstone of battlefield trauma care, having dramatically increased survival rates on the battlefield. This success story extends beyond military personnel and is highly relevant to police officers who may be the first to provide care in high-risk situations. TCCC has been the gold standard in casualty care for years, and Veteran led **Gorilla Medical, in partnership with Greenside Training** provides you with the same high-level training that active military receive in combat zones.

What You'll Learn:

Care Under Fire: Tactical techniques for providing care while under threat.

Tactical Field Care: Strategies for providing care in less-hostile environments.

Tactical Evacuation Care: Efficiently transporting casualties while maintaining life-saving measures.

Trauma Care Techniques: Learn evidence-based procedures to manage critical injuries and control hemorrhaging.

Teamwork in Trauma Care: Understand the importance of teamwork in emergency scenarios.

Use of Advanced Medical Equipment: Gain proficiency with the latest medical tools and equipment used in trauma care.

Course Benefits:

TCCC Certification: Participants will earn a TCCC qualification certificate, recognized by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), the American College of Surgeons.

ND POST Hours: Application submitted. Awaiting approval for ND POST continuing education credits.

Real-World Application: Taught by TCCC-qualified instructors with experience in real-world military and law enforcement scenarios, this course ensures you can apply life-saving tactics in real incidents.

Life-Saving Skills: The TCCC curriculum offers critical knowledge for effectively managing combat injuries, severe trauma, and emergency situations where every second counts.

Course Structure:

The TCCC course includes classroom lectures combined with hands-on training, providing a comprehensive understanding of how to save lives under stressful, high-stakes conditions. The skills learned in this course are essential for any first responder involved in high-risk law enforcement operations.

Why Choose TCCC?

This TCCC course uses the PHTLS Military textbook, ensuring it meets the high standards set by the Department of Defense's Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care (CoTCCC) guidelines. It's endorsed by NAEMT, the world leader in pre-hospital trauma education, ensuring that you are trained in the latest trauma care protocols.

Graduates of this course will have the skills and confidence to manage trauma situations on the battlefield or in any high-risk environment, giving them a clear advantage in ensuring the survival of their team members and others in need of critical care.

Ready to Register?

Individual law enforcement officers who have never taken TCCC before are strongly encouraged to register for this life-saving training. You may register by the QR Code on the flyer or by the registration link here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/2pj3RyALkj?origin=lprLink>

Any questions, please contact training@mhaeoc.com
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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE

June 26-27, 2026

Audience: Western ND Active LEOs

Course Size: 12 Students

Location:

MHA Emergency Operations Center

8880 Hwy 23B New Town, ND 58763



Questions, contact: training@mhaeoc.com

For Your Information

The July New Town Course is now open for enrollment!

Class size is limited. Registering online is REQUIRED.

To REGISTER for a class at:

<https://gf.nd.gov/education/hunter>

Enrollment registration is currently open for these courses:

New Town: July 6-9 (weeknight class)

- (June New Town and Twin Buttes classes are FULL)

The remaining classes enrollment will open 4 weeks before class dates-we will send out reminders again once those open up for registration.

Enrollee must be 11 years old within this calendar year (must be born on/before December 31, 2015).

To enrolled students: Failure to attend classes without notifying the instructor will result in the loss of the opportunity to enroll in another class for one year. (This includes all North Dakota Hunter Education courses)

These are the only classes being offered before the fall hunting seasons.

Kristen Mason

Bio Teach

Three Affiliated Tribes

Fish & Wildlife Division

325 Main St. New Town, ND
58763

kmason@mhanation.com



HUNTER EDUCATION

2026 Summer Courses

May
29 to 31

New Town

Location: TAT Fish & Wildlife Office
325 Main St, New Town, ND 58763
Time: Fri - 5PM to 9 PM Sat & Sun - 9AM to 3PM

June
5 to 7

Parshall

Location: Red Bear Hall
3 Point Loop S, Parshall, ND 58770
Time: Fri - 5PM to 9 PM Sat & Sun - 9AM to 3PM

June
15 to 18

New Town

Location: TAT Fish & Wildlife Office
325 Main St, New Town, ND 58763
Time: Monday - Thursday 5:00PM to 9:00PM

ENROLLMENT
CLOSED

Jun/Jul
29 to 2

Twin Buttes

Location: Twin Buttes Memorial Hall
8090 BIA Rt 22, Halliday, ND 58636
Time: Monday - Thursday 5:00PM to 9:00PM

ENROLLMENT
CLOSED

July
6 to 9

New Town

Location: TAT Fish & Wildlife Office
325 Main St, New Town, ND 58763
Time: Monday - Thursday 5:00PM to 9:00PM

ENROLL
NOW

July
27 to 30

White Shield

Location: Ralph Wells Jr. Community Center
1104 Warriors St, Roseglen, ND 58775
Time: Monday - Thursday 5:00PM to 9:00PM

Jul/Aug
31 to 2

Mandaree

Location: Emergency Response Center; Fire Meeting Room
6 1st Ave NE, Mandaree, ND 58757
Time: Fri - 5PM to 9 PM, Sat & Sun - 9AM to 3PM

Attendance is required for all days within each course.
Minimum age requirement: must turn 11 within the calendar year.
MUST REGISTER AT: gf.nd.gov/education/hunter.
Registration for each course opens 4 weeks before starting day.
If you have any questions feel free to contact
TAT Fish & Wildlife at 627-4760.



Specials for the Upcoming 2026 Mandaree Celebration

Dancing for Our Mothers
Grass Dance Special
During the Mandaree Celebration
July 17th, 2026
1st - \$ 1,500
2nd - \$ 1,200
3rd - \$ 1,000
4th - \$ 800
5th - \$ 500



Specials for the Upcoming 2026 Mandaree Celebration



2026 MANDAREE Celebration

FRIDAY NIGHT

SWEET 16 FANCY DANCE SHOOT OUT

CELEBRATING PISTOL CLYDE BT SACRED STAR
★ 16th Birthday ★

SPONSORED BY
Grandparents Jarret & Kerry Baker

AGES 16-32

 4 PLACES	 4 CONSOLATIONS	 SWEATSHIRTS AND TSHIRTS	 \$6000 TOTAL PRIZE MONEY
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Obituary

Vida Lynne Bears Tail was born on September 11, 1963, to Saunders Bears Tail and Lyda Black Bear Bears Tail, as the baby of their five children. She was a member of the Prairie Chicken Clan and child of the Knife Clan.

Vida, known as Babe, was raised in Mandaree, North Dakota, with her siblings; Harriet, Jr., Delreen and Lori, along with her maternal grandparents Joe and Cora Black Bear. She had a traditional upbringing led by Hidatsa values and customs. Her family traveled all over Indian country attending powwows where Babe was a champion fancy shawl dancer.

She attended Mandaree Elementary School and graduated from Mandaree High School, where she lettered in cheerleading and participated in many other activities. Vida furthered her education at the University of Mary and United Tribes Technical College, where she received an associate degree. Vida also attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. She was outgoing and a social butterfly, making many lasting friendships while attaining her education.

Vida married Donald "Boy" Mann, and they had three children; Cordell, Derae, and Mychal "Scooter" Mann. They made their home in Beulah, North Dakota for several years. Later, she married Kevin Claymore and their son Theo Claymore was born. While living in Bismarck, Vida met Larry Dixon and they had their daughter Echo Claymore. She also had a brief union with Troy Craig. Vida was a fiercely devoted mother to her five babies. She was also a loving mother to her nieces and nephews.

When she returned to her MHA homelands, Vida was employed by various organizations, including MEC, TAT Victim Services, Fort Berthold Housing, West Segment Regulatory, and, most recently, West Segment Community.

Vida was delighted to be a grandma. She was overjoyed each time she welcomed one of her babies. Grandma Babe also poured love into each of her grandbabies, whether from her nieces or her nephews.

Vida was led by her faith. Jesus was her Lord and Savior, and she believed in the power of prayer. To know Vida was to know joy; she loved life. She had a special appreciation for music and dancing. She loved to talk and make others laugh. Her spirit was kind and enchanting. Vida made everyone feel like family.

In 2020, her life was profoundly affected by the loss of her daughter DeRae. Through her grief, she raised her four grandchildren; Baby Theo, Melody, Natie and Leah.

Babe leaves behind a legacy of love and faith with mother, Lyda, and her children; Cordell, Scooter (Jada), Theo (Miranda), and Echo (Dana). Her grandchildren; Ella, Boy, Baby Theo, Melody (Kwynn), Natie and Leah, Cora, Kale and Kothe; Pierce and Zane; Lara and Lyndee, and her great-grandbaby Lyla Bear. Her sisters and brother-in-law; Harriet Goodiron, Delreen Robertson and Lori (Claude) O'Berry. As well as her nieces and nephews, grandbabies, and extended family.

On May 28, 2026, Vida Lynn was immaculately healed by her Father in Heaven. Reunited and rejoicing in Heaven with her are her daughter DeRae Mann, brother Jr. Bears Tail, nephew Nathan Goodiron, father, Saunders Bears Tail and grandparents; Joe and Cora Black Bear, and John and Emma Bears Tail.

Obituary

Celebrating A Beautiful Life
 Vida Lynne Bears Tail
 Hahshiraa Xubaash (Holy Cinnamon Bear)
 September 11, 1963~May 28, 2026



Wake Services:
 Sunday, May 31, 2026~5:00 p.m.
 Mandaree High School Gymnasium
 Mandaree, North Dakota

Funeral Services:
 Monday, June 1, 2026~10:00a.m.
 Mandaree High School Gymnasium
 Mandaree, North Dakota

Officiants:
 Damon Sturm and Kevin Finley

Music:
 Manny Smith

Senior Pallbearer:
 Wendy White

Active Pallbearers:
 C.J. O'Berry~Corey Goodiron
 Beau Robertson~Sky Robertson
 Jazz Bearstail~Lane Standish
 Dillon Fox~Phil Fox

Honorary Pallbearers:
 Emily Connor ~June Goodleft
 Kathy "Moonie" Driver~Johnson~ Dianne Jackson
 Kristy Yellowboy~ Stephanie Ignacio~Lauren
 Matrious~Kimmy Baker~Myron Johnson/Nathan J.
 Goodiron Ladies Auxiliary Unit 271~Clarence
 Spotted Wolf/John Irwin Ladies Auxiliary Unit 300
 And all of Vida's many friends

Final Resting Place:
 Bears Tail Family Cemetery~Mandaree, ND



On behalf of West Segment we would like to offer Our deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of Vida Lynne Bears Tail. Prayers to her family and relatives.

From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight and Personal



On behalf of West Segment we would like to wish the dads, uncles and grandfather's a Happy Father's Day! May you enjoy this day with your family.

Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner Lone Fight and Personal



Happy Birthday Wishes To Our Elders!!



Ethel Baker Reeves
Theodora Bird Bear
Ivan Johnson
Joletta Bird Bear
Qunicee Baker
James Hale Sr.
Hugh Young Bird
Lisa Redford

remembering you
on your special day..
happy birthday !!

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