

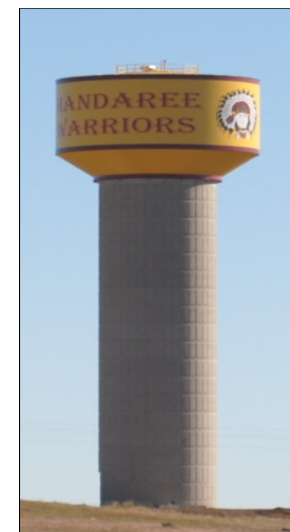
West Segment News

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A Time For Remembrance A Time For Reflection A Time For Tradition Of The Tree Lighting Ceremony!



These photos were furnished by Mike Howe's wife Lorraine and his family.

Quotes For The Heart & Mind

- * "You is kind. You is smart. You is important. ~Karen Stockett~"
- * "Letting go means to come to the realization that some people are a part of your history, but not a part of your destiny." ~Steve Maraboli~"
- * "Follow your heart, listen to your inner voice, stop caring about what others think." ~Roy T. Bennett~"

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'Tis the Season for a Reason and so it was. Every year since the West Segment community sponsored the Christmas festivities, since then, Michael Howe and his wife took it upon themselves to dress up as Santa Clause and his wife Lorraine dressed up as Mrs. Clause. Santa & Mrs. Clause appeared every year at the Christmas party held at the Water Chief Hall to give out presents to everyone.

Today all over the United states, events are all changed due to this terrible virus covid-19 so for us it is the same. When we do our events we have to keep the tribal covid-19 guidelines in mind.

This event was especially different this year, because of the great loss our community had gone through when Michael Howe passed away this past year. His wife Lorraine has gone through a lot of loss this past year, even through her own grief she still wanted to do what her dear husband started.

This year Mrs. Howe sponsored the Tree Lighting Ceremony that took place at West Segment. This tree lighting ceremony was in honor of those



we lost. Community members were welcomed to bring a Christmas ornament to hang on the tree in memory of their beloved one. Pictured here is Bradly Howe, the late Michael Howe son, dressed as Santa this year. He is holding a picture of his parents who usually

dressed up for the Christmas event since it began. The Howe family has kept the tradition going which their father started and completed. His wishes were carried out by his loving family. Mike would have done this again if he was with us today. Little does Michael Howe know he is still bringing our community together through the love that his family has for him. Our community members all enjoyed this time of coming together and remembering their loved ones.

More photos are on page 4.

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update



First of all, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere condolences to those family and relatives who recently lost their beloved ones . Our heartfelt prayers go out to your families and extended relatives. As we all approach this New Year of 2021 we all hope and pray for a more positive and healthier upcoming new year.

This past month was a very busy month for us here in our community of West Segment. We had to get ready for a lot of events that would be safe for everyone due to the Covid-19 guidelines. We tried our best this year to help everyone in our community with their Christmas presents and provided gift cards to household members for their meals. A very special thank you to Enerplus Resources who provided a family game with popcorn, hot chocolate and a wonderful Christmas card. Overall, our Holiday Season went well this year, we did the best we could to help make this Holiday Season a nice one for our community members. West Segment gave out a \$75.00 dollar gift cards to each household member with Santa's elves who prepared Christmas gifts for the children and teenagers. Also the Spiritual walk-ride took place on December 29th which began at 1:00pm at the junction of 14 & 17 (by Ethan's Hall's) southeast of Mandaree.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the personnel who worked late to prepare presents, and to those who were on hand to help with the drive through gift giving as our community people came through. Thank you for all your hard work and efforts I fully appreciate the help from the personnel if it wasn't for them this would not have taken place.

I would like to remind our community members of our curfew that's in place for West Segment it's from 10pm to 7am. I am requesting that each of you abide by this curfew and be in your homes before this time frame. Another reminder is our Chairman Mark Fox, will soon have in place a fine for persons not following the Covid-19 guidelines that were set up by the tribe.

Update on the housing issue, many of these homes need a lot of repairs and we are getting to them. We recently put the rent down in the White Oak trailer homes, and Black Eagle Estates, we are looking at rent to own with those who are up to date on their rent. Rent need to be paid coming in March or eviction notices will be sent out to those who have taken advantage of the Hidatsa homes. Keep in mind, West Segment has no funds to pay for utilities for tenants as it was done in the past. Some tenants have rent that is overdue 5 to 10 thousand dollars we can't have this anymore. We will do our best to assist otherwise. The Director will go by the housing policies. **I ask you please do not come to me to over turn any decisions the director has made the records they keep are accurate.** Hidatsa Housing will fall under the newly elected community board. We did away with the West Segment Development Board this board no longer exists.

Drug tests will be administered to adult housing residents who live in the White Oak and Black Eagle homes and any other future rentals these homes are drug free homes. Due to drug abuse the homes that were ruined have cost the segment thousands of dollars to get them cleaned out due to drug abuse. We will be demolishing West Segment housing that no longer are usable due too drugs, mis-care, weather and water damage.

The house on highway 22 will be home to MHA Land & Livestock/Culture. The old community center is the home to our Rehab Center called CARE. This building is under a complete renovation, which needs a new roof so they are having that repaired. So far, everything is coming along great. Our headquarters is also getting fixed up due to neglect of our building but will be saved and utilized.

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight Update

On a good note, we are opening up the Fitness Center by appointments only. Our recreational facilities will be opening soon using COVID-19 guidelines. Departments are doing a great job keeping their employees accountable and providing services to the community. Community board elections will be on February 11, 2021. I look forward to working with great people who will be elected to serve our West Segment community.

I am proud to announce the Mandaree Community Board was given back to the people of West Segment. Members of the community will vote for five individuals to serve our segment, these members will oversee advisory boards, Hidatsa Housing and community functions, and reports to the Administration the community needs. They must also attend TBC meetings when they're open to the public. Develop a Economic plan and four year plan. Once again, voting is to take place on February 11, 2021.

I would also like to mention the satellite offices are now renamed and called Outreach Program Centers and for our West Segment community members I would like them to know the Minot Outreach Program along with Bismarck, Mandan and Lincoln centers will be reaching out to our West Segment community members.

In other information that I want to keep you informed on is in a Tribal Council Executive meeting Chairman Fox committed to helping us with our Assisted Living quarters which was great news, my next venture is to find the property for our assisted living quarters.

Any elder who needs minor work done or help moving items in their homes or if they need anything else to please call the West Segment office you can speak with Loretta Lone Bear.

On another note, I would like to inform everyone that West Segment Regulatory is no longer exists in our community, this was done in the best interest for our West Segment community. DOT substation is now in our community they will be stationed here at the community center, they have the authority to stop trucks within our reservation boundaries.

West Segment recently implemented an Education Department and we now have a Education Specialist, Sandy Young Bird, she can assist anyone in any age group who wishes to go to college. She will assist in any way she can. As soon as her office is established and a phone number is in place we will inform everyone so you will be able to contact her with your needs.

I have selected community members on boards:

Housing Board: Tiffany Johnson

Communications Board: ValMarie Yellow Wolf

TERO Board: Kathleen Fredericks

College Board: Kelly Bradfield

Enrollment Board: Ted Lone Fight III

Things are moving up I just want everyone to know that everything we are working on is all a slow process, we continuously ask for your patience simply because we are all aware that progress takes time.

As your newly elected official for our West Segment community I would like you to all understand, that I have inherited a lot of obstacles and unpaid bills which were not my doing. This has caused a lot of difficulties, as I am trying my best to get everything taken care of in the best interest of our West Segment community, with what I have to work with. Again your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

Tree Lighting Ceremony



Howe family standing in front of the lighted tree displaying a picture of her husband Mike and herself dressed as Mr. & Mrs. Clause.

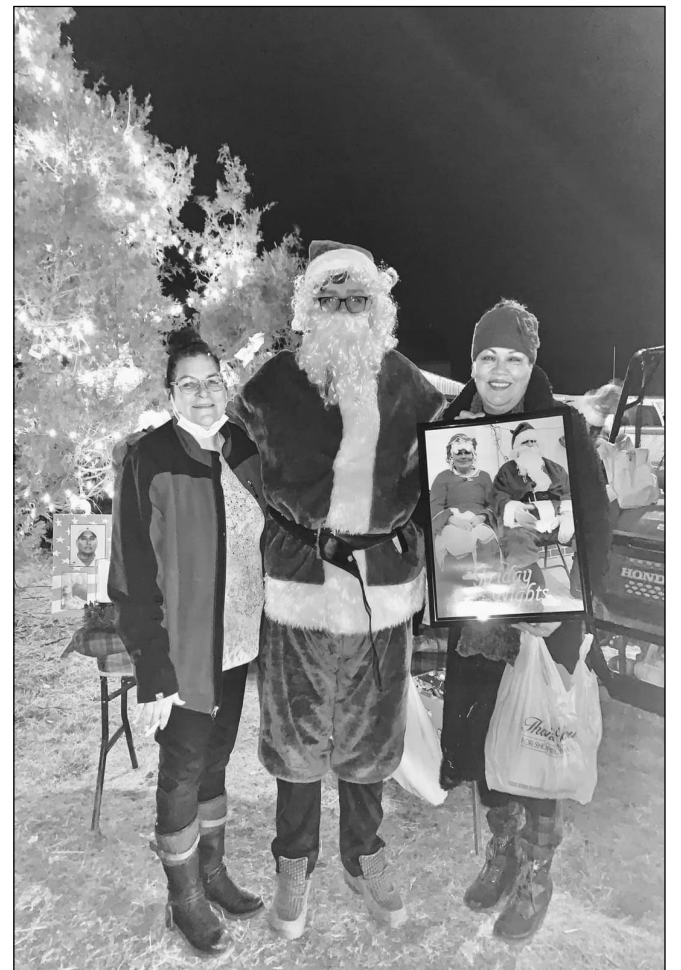


Mary Gachupin is a Ladies Auxiliary member her family donated hot cider for everyone to enjoy in honor of Sergeant Howe.

On Behalf of
All of us here
We want to
Wish each &
Every one of
You a Safe &
Happy
New Year!!!

As we
welcome
2021 we ask
for many
blessings for
everyone for
a better and
healthier
New Year!!
Be Safe!

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Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight stands with Santa and Mrs. Lorraine Howe in front of the tree. Her son is taking his dad's place dressed as Santa Clause.



Two teachers from the Mandaree School came to enjoy the tree lighting ceremony. Pictured are from left to right; Mrs. Stroh and Mrs. Sam.

Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department Announces Christmas House Decoration Winners

First we would like to thank you to the Mandaree volunteer firefighters for pitching in the prize money. Also we would like to thank Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight & the West Segment office, MJ Gunderson of Gunderson Consulting LLC for the monetary contribution.

Here are the winners who participated in the Christmas House Decorating Contest:

1st Place: \$400.00: Michael DeVille Residence

2nd Place \$300.00: Ursula Stiffarm Residence

3rd Place: \$200.00: Skye Hall Residence

4th Place: \$100.00: Stephanie Fox-Alcocer Residence

5th Place: \$50.00: Marcia White Eagle Residence

7 consolation each received \$25.00. (Will be delivered to the houses pictured below. Great job everyone!!! Have a very safe and Merry Christmas!!!



3rd Place: Skye Hall Residence



1st Place Winner: Michael DeVille Residence.



4th Place: Stephanie Fox-Alcocer Residence



2nd Place: Ursula Stiffarm Residence.



5th Place: Marcia White Eagle Residence.

Santa Sent His Elves To Us!



These two elves stopped and looked right at the camera, than they got back to preparing the gifts for the days gift giving. Pictured above are two of Santa's elves, Stacey Bear and Rosie White Owl, who are both doing an awesome job helping Santa prepare his gifts.



Many of Santa's elves were sent to our community to prepare gifts for the gift giving for the kids.

Tis the season to be jolly!! The season for giving and being thankful for another Holiday! Santa flew his elves to our community so they were busy preparing gifts for the children within our community. Thank goodness for Santa's elves! Here at our West Segment community Santa's elves were doing their job and preparing gifts. The gifts were handed out on December 22nd, with a festive of safe activities.

We are all aware that our events and gatherings have all changed this year due to COVID-19, so we have to do things differently. Even with these changes in our lives we still want to keep the Spirit of Christmas alive especially for our children and do the best we can and work together to help make this Holiday season the best that it can be.

This year, there was a healing prayer walk that began at 11:00am than continuing into the gift giving (drive up style due to COVID-19) which will start at 1pm at the Water Chief Hall parking lot until 5:45pm.

The Annual Parade of Lights will line up at 6pm the same evening the parade of lights started at the Mandaree School parking lot.

We are very grateful for Santa's elves who did a lot to make this possible. For those who delivered the gifts on Santa's behalf thank you! To Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight for the gift cards, to West Segment for all that they do to help make events possible I know our community will be happy!! Thank you for all your hard work!!

Pictures are on page 10.



West Segment Christmas Employee Party



Tables were set up with names of the departments so employees sat at their designated tables. The Christmas party turned out awesome, everyone was handed a ticket and received a gift from Council woman Tuner Lone Fight everyone left with a present. Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight wanted to have a Christmas gathering with the employees. All employees wore their masks, all employees did a list and selected each other names for a gift exchange that took place during the Christmas gathering. During the Christmas party Chief of Staff, Kevin Finley spoke about how impressed he was with the employees of how they all came together. He mentioned in a small time frame he noticed a big difference in our community. He also acknowledge Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight how much he appreciated her that its been good to work for someone who is very positive. For all of us being able to work together as a team. On behalf of the staff he presented



Chief of Staff, Kevin Finley hosted the event.



Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight with a gift, a recliner chair, she was surprised and mentioned she would keep it in her office and share it with the employees. Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight acknowledge two members who are serving in the armed forces, she had a box on the floor and asked everyone to help them with expenses. She mentioned the money put in the box would be split between the two service people to help them with expenses.

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight acknowledged two individuals who are actively serving in the military and were home on leave. Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight called on Rosie White Owl, to accept a beautiful star quilt, cedar, sage and sweetgrass on behalf of her grandson Trajon K. Vigen (Wolf Head). She also requested Vivian Hall and Curtis Hall to accept a star quilt, sage, cedar and sweetgrass on behalf of their daughter Kurtlyn Hall. The monetary gift that the staff provided \$445.00 so they each split that and got \$222.50 to help them with expenses when they return to their military duties. Trajon K. Vigen is the son of Andrea Lucio and Lewis Vigen Jr., grandson of Rosie White Owl and



Rosie White Owl accepting gift from Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight on behalf of her grandson Trajon Vigen.



Manuel Lucio. Lewis Vigen Sr., and Emma Vigen. Great grandson of the late Frank White Owl & Nina Turner White Owl. Trajon serves in the U.S. Navy he is currently stationed in San Diego, CA .



Vivian Hall and Curtis Hall accepting gift on behalf of their daughter Kurtlyn Hall

Where he serves abroad the USS Paul Hamilton (DDG-60). Ladies Auxiliary 271 presented him with \$200.00 and a Pendleton. Ladies Auxiliary 9061 gave him \$100. He would like to thank those who have served before him, to those that offered up prayers for safe returns to all of our friends and relatives.



Kurtyln Hall is the daughter of Vivian Lone Fight Hall and Curtis Hall. She is the granddaughter of the late Tillie Lone Fight and the late William Hall Sr., and Ester Medicine Crow Hall. Kurtlyn serves in the U.S. Army. Kurtlyn states; Thank you so much West Segment for the donations, I didn't expect this. I'm super honored and proud to be a MHA member and part of West Segment and even more honored to serve in the Army. Its crazy sometimes and this year has definitely been a rollercoaster. I love you family and friends, Happy Holidays and God Bless!

Fort Berthold Spiritual Ride/Walk



For the month of December we were very fortunate to have the kind of weather we did even though it was cold and a little windy. The day turned out to be a very good and

humbling experience. As tribes people before we start any event we always start with a prayer. Everyone gathered for the prayer before the ride/walk began. The prayer was led by Peter Swift Bird, from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. After the prayer, Pete then went around and smudged the riders and horses. According to Swift Bird he told all participates, "this gathering that's taking place its like a sweat lodge and a Sundance, I say that because we will stop four times along the way. We will offer a prayer at each stop, while others can share what losses they have or relatives they lost due to Covid-19 or drug/alcohol abuse". This ride/walk all started from a



dream Tex Hall had he felt the need to do something for our people here on Fort Berthold. Due to the loss of our relatives to Covid-19, for the loss of our relatives to drugs and alcohol, and for the

pipeline that is coming through lands within the Fort Berthold boundaries. Tex also mentions this ride coincides with the 130th Anniversary of the Wounded Knew Massacre. Tex stated; "I recently talked to my brother Pete, and told him what I wanted to do this ride/walk than Pete offered to come and help. I told him that would be good so he's here helping us with this ride/walk." When Tex was done telling all the participates, it was time for the ride/walk to begin their journey. As they started the ride/walk it was led by West Segment Security, Robin Hall and followed by a trailer with hot coffee and hot chocolate the trailer was pulled by Adam Fredericks.



This ride started on route 17 and had four stops along the way with a prayer with other participates sharing as well. You had to be there to feel the humbleness from everyone especially when we stopped and prayed It was truly a humbling feeling.



Pictured to your left from right to left are Peter Swift Bird, Lindsey Fox and Rosie White Owl were the walkers of the first mile. Peter Swift Bird stated; "I wanted to walk the first mile, and feel the earth and the land as I walked". He laughed when they came to the next stop and

said; "this walk felt like 2 miles, I must be getting old'. Pictured below was another stop when Pete Swift Bird offered a prayer and asked others to share. He asked Tex to share, as he said; "I prayed for the Smith family

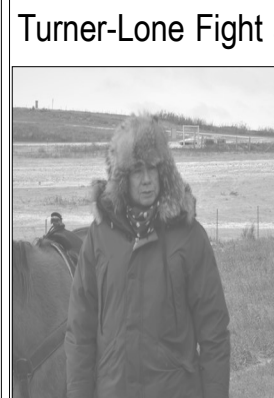


they went through a lot of hardship within the past few months. The Smith family recently lost Wyatt Smith. So I'm praying for them all". He also acknowledged Taco Chase and his family and thanked Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight for starting the ride at 1pm instead of 10am out of respect

for the funeral of Taco Chase that was being held on the day of the ride..



Todd Hall also spoke and mentioned how he would pray real hard for the Smith family. Todd went on to say; " they took care of my dad and my aunt Flo when they passed on. The Smith family don't say no when you ask them for their help". When the ride came to the last stop, Peter Swift Bird, Tex Hall,



Todd Hall and Councilwoman

Turner-Lone Fight and others had black tobacco ties that were hung on a tree. Before they put their tobacco ties on the tree Peter Swift Bird offered a prayer and sang four songs before each individual tied their prayer flags on. At the end Tex Hall spoke about what they called the black snake the pipeline of how we must come together and fight that. Todd Hall also spoke about the importance of Education. He stated; "The ones we have to go up against have education, suits and computers, we need to educate our children so they can go up against these suits who are trying to take advantage of us". Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight was asked to say a few words. As she says; "I am very humbled and grateful for everyone who participated. I'm glad everything turned out good, thank you." After everything was done everyone gathered by the trailer to eat soup, frybread, a sandwich, coffee, and hot chocolate. The food was provided by Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight and Rosie White Owl who helped her prepare the meal for everyone. This was indeed a very spiritual ride and walk for everyone who participated. You couldn't help but feel the good feelings from all the prayers.

For Your Information



Pictured above is Mr. Robert Franzen handing over a check to the Mandaree EMS.

It was a great day for the Mandaree EMS who recently received a donated large amount of money from Mr. Franzen who was especially appreciative

of Josie Grady, Jessica Spotted Horse, the Keene Fire Department and the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department. Today we say thank you to Robert for his generous donation to our Mandaree EMS.

Medicare General Enrollment

Greetings,

Medicare General Enrollment is approaching from January 1 To March 31. If they are any elders who have not signed up for Medicare Part A and/or Part B. I can help you in enrolling.

See the attached flyer on page 12 of the West Segment News for more information.

Due to COVID-19, the Social Security Administration is preferring to applying online.

- Even if the elder is older than the 65 years, they should still apply.
- If the elder is 65 and older and still working, they could still be eligible for Medicare Part A.

See the attached poster on page 15 of the West Segment News for more information.

Message for Our Mandaree Elders

The Mandaree Elders Services has a new employee her name is Cheryl Fox, you can contact her at 759-3092 for medical appointments or assistance. We are currently working on the budget we do have fuel and room stipends for those elders who need assistance.

Our sincere condolences to those who recently lost loved ones this year.

Stay safe and continue to wear your mask, social distancing is safe, remember to wash your hands often and use sanitizer.

Thank you and Have a safe and healthy new year.

Transportation list of Services for Community Members:

Road repairs such as filling pot holes

Snow removal

Towing and assistance with vehicles

Sand salt icy roads

Vehicle removal

Water delivery (rural routes)

Removal of debris such as animal carcasses, tires, glass, trash on highways and roads. We offer other assistance in the Spring. Our phone number is listed here 759-3766



St. Anthony's Catholic Church Schedule:

Saturday: 7:30pm New Town

Sunday: 8:30am New Town

Sunday: 11:00am Mandaree.

Mandaree Upcoming Events:

January 7, 2021: End of 1st semester

January 18, 2021: Martin Luther King Day (no school)

Updated Mandaree Post Office Hours: 759-3370:

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

Saturday: 11:00-1:00p

A Message From The West Segment Transportation Department

Even though the snow isn't quite here yet remember we live in North Dakota we are all aware of how fast our weather changes. With that in mind winter weather will be upon us soon, we need your help in maintaining streets and lots in our community.

Please help keep the streets clear of parked, stalled and/or abandoned vehicles so we can plow the snow away and de-ice them.

If anyone needs help moving a car, pickup truck or anything that's in the way of a plow. Please call 759-3766 or 421-7097.

Community Christmas



During this Holiday Season the West Segment Administration hosted a drive through and gift giving for all community members. With COVID-19 we aren't allowed to gather in large groups anymore so West Segment was still able to do this event with everyone wearing their masks. We are all hopeful that in the upcoming New Year events and gatherings will be back to normal after COVID-19 is gone from everyone.

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight is into the Christmas Spirit by wearing a Christmas hat while she attends the Christmas Festivities.

Each household received a game night package which was sponsored by Enerplus Oil Company. The package contained a family board game called Sequence, some popcorn, hot chocolate along with a holiday greeting card.

The Mandaree School donated Christmas candy to all the students of the West Segment community.

Youth ages 0-17 years of age all received presents which were provided by Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight as well as Christmas gifts for the elders male and female which was delivered by Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight.

Each head of household was able to draw for door prizes which were awesome gifts such as; tools, cookware, cooking utensils, barbeque sets, and clocks. Grand door prizes were; chest freezers, fire places and TV stands . Each community member also received a copy of our West Segment News with a \$75.00 dollar gift card from Kennebecks Jack & Jill in New Town.

Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe, and Healthy New Year!



Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight stands with the 1st place winners in the West Segment Dept. contest was Transportation & Fitness Department.



Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight pictured with the 2nd place winners West Segment Security.



Pictured are the horse back riders who participated in the Parade of Lights. From left to right: Kolby Fox, Tyrus Ashley, and Jay Knight. Each rider received \$50.00 pictured with Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight.

Community Christmas & Prayer Walk



1st Place Winners; The DeVille Family pictured with Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight and Kevin Finley, Chief of Staff for West Segment.



Participating in the 2020 Prayer Walk is Rosie White Owl, Katherine Young Bear and Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight.



2nd Place Winners: The Howe Family is pictured with Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight.

West Segment sponsored the 2020 Prayer Walk in remembrance of those who have passed on due to COVID-19, drugs and alcohol. Many community members came forward to participate in the Prayer walk. As our events take place we often offer a word of prayer, so before the Prayer Walk began Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight approached one of our elders Katherine Young Bear to offer a word of prayer before the Prayer walk began. Below are pictures from the 2020 Prayer walk that took place by the Water Chief Hall.

Pictured below are some of the participates who walked with the 2020 Prayer Walk.



Also pictured to your left are more participates in the 2020 Prayer Walk as you can see Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight participates in all our events for our community. Pictured above is Adam Fredericks who is helping Sherman Guimont on the prayer walk.

For Your Information

From The Desk Of The West Segment Chief of Staff



Season's greetings West Segment!

Though I know many of you I would like to respectfully introduce myself; my name is Dsa' sha Mika~ (Wolf Grass) Kevin Finley. I am the oldest son of the late Gerard and Darlene (Good Bird) F i n l e y .

I was born and raised here in Mandaree and we lived here until I was in the 7th grade. I spent my high school years in New Town and graduated from there,

than later graduated from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. My employment history includes; 30+ years as a teacher/administrator and a coach for a majority of my life. My travels have taken me to many different places in North Dakota gaining the necessary valuable administrative experience, which has prepared me well for the job as Chief Of Staff for West Segment.

I have been married to my wife Edith April Long-Finley for the past 25 years and we have three children; Steven, Chelsea, and Dylan. Today we are now proud grandparents to Annabella, Kale John-Edward, and Calvin Leingang who are the children of our daughter Chelsea and the late Kelly Leingang of Standing Rock.

As I embrace the challenges of this new endeavor as Chief of Staff, I share the same vision as Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight which is; to build an effective government for the entire community of Mandaree by keeping all community members from the youngest to the oldest in mind as we strive to use our resources in making you, the people, our top priority. In order for us to accomplish this, we need you help by becoming actively engaged in our community happenings and being heard so collectively, we can better serve the Mandaree community as a whole. Our mission is to do our absolute very best in building a strong sense of community pride, in doing so we put our community member's needs first because, in the end you, the people of Mandaree are our most valuable and precious resource.

Though I may have been away for some time in my life, I am happy and proud to be home helping my people.

I have often said it and I continue to say it **~I will always be a Mandaree Warrior.**

Thank you for the honor to serve you, I will do my absolute very best for each and every one of you.

Madza'git'adz

Dsa' sha mike (Wolf Grass)

God's Power Is Made Perfect in Our Weakness



If hindsight is 20/20, what did the past year 2020 mean? Many issues of the year 2020 have not completely passed just yet, like the pandemic and the issues it has caused; the loss of life, social distancing, mask mandates in public places. Issues still remain surrounding racial injustices, protests, riots, and last year's election. It has even affected the way we worship together at church. These are a just a few things we have all experienced together. It

seems many have gone overboard or to far at making their point.

It is so easy for me to look at any one of these issues and lose hope and think things will never change. The feelings of loneliness, despair and hopelessness can rise up when looking back at 2020. We may feel overwhelmed.

Let us not look down on ourselves or on others, now is the time to lift each other up and encourage each other. When I hear words like these from the bible, for in my weaknesses God's power is made perfect (cf2 Corinthians 12:9-10), this tells me that God is my hope in all these distressful things and that this too shall pass. The word of God encourages us through Paul that God is here with us. He does not let things happen to us without a greater purpose. We find God's great power in our powerlessness.

Jesus tells us to love one another. He also tells us that the world will know you are my followers by the way you treat each other (cf John 13:34-35). Let this passage encourage us as we put our masks on in public places. When we reflect on this past year let us focus on God's blessings in our daily lives instead of the issues that overwhelm us .Let us raise up to God the things we can never change by our own power. Let us raise up the sick, the lonely, the mourners and those who have encountered racism. May the Holy Spirit inspire you to look forward with hope in the coming year. Pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God!

May God Bless you Always

Have a great day with Jesus Christ

Love & Prayers

Deacon James Baker

St, Anthony's Catholic Church in New Town

St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Mandaree



MHA Drug Enforcement

How Can We Help Keep Our Community & Family Safe:

We all know that drugs have taken over our reservation and ahold of our young Native people. How can we make a difference to get the drug dealers off the reservation and out of our communities?

How To Report:

1. First, make sure that you have written down all the information that you will need. You want to make sure that your report will be detailed and accurate, so that it will be useful to drug enforcement agents.
2. Make sure that you are able to provide the exact address of the location where you suspect drug activity is happening. If you know the full names of the people who live there, provide that information too.
3. If you see a car connected with the drug-related activity, take note of the license plate. You should also write down when the car arrives, how long it remains at the address and how frequently it appears.
4. You should also tell the authorities if you see small packages being exchanged. These could be either drugs or money.
5. You will also want to point out anything else specific you know. Are there children living there? Are there dogs on the property? Is there a specific time of day where the activity most often occurs? Make notes of anything you think might be relevant.

Contact Local Resources:

Your first step should be to contact the police department nearest you. If you feel unsafe, or feel that something is dangerous is presently happening, call the police on your area's emergency number immediately.

- Ask the person handling your call who you can speak to about reporting drug-related activity. It is possible a clerk may take your report and pass it along to the appropriate department. If you would feel more comfortable, you can ask to be connected to an officer who handles drug related crimes.
- Use 1-844-865-2179 tip hotline or text-a-tip to MHATIPS these are numbers and apps you can use to report illegal drug activity.

MHA Nation Collaboration to Healing Our Community.

How Do I Get Help?
MHA DRUG ENFORCEMENT | 1-844-865-2179

- 1. CONTACT CIRCLE OF LIFE**
 - A. EVALUATION (IN-DEPTH INFORMATION)
 - B. HOW LONG IS THE USAGE?
 - C. RATE OF ADDICTION
 - D. INSURANCE COVERAGE
- 2. CLIENT/USER WAITING PERIOD**
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 - B. CALL SOBER LIVING FACILITY
- 3. PREPARE FOR TREATMENT**
 - A. POTENTIAL STAY WILL RANGE FROM 28 DAYS, 3 MTHS UP TO 6 MONTHS
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 - B. QUESTION: ARE YOU READY TO COME BACK INTO THE SAME ENVIRONMENT?
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MHA NATION COLLABORATION TO HEALING OUR COMMUNITY

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For Your Information

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Kindest Regards,

Contact Info:

TAT Human Resources

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Background Specialist, S.Knows His Gun

(O) 701.627.8226

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Charity L. Yessilth

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Call to schedule an appointment
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Contact: Shaundel Schweigman
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Obituary

DeRae Dawn "DD" Mann, 34 of Mandaree ND, left this world Friday, December 11, 2020 at the Sanford Hospital in Bismarck, ND. DD was born October 2, 1986 to Vida Bearstail and Donald Boy Mann. She was a member of the Prairie Chicken Clan and a child of the Low Cap Clan. She carried her Great-Great Grandmother's name Blue Sky Woman.

DD spent her younger years in Beulah, Bismarck, New Town, Grand Forks and then back home to Mandaree. She worked for West Segment community as a youth coordinator for many years. Her greatest joy in life was being a mother to her four babies; Son, Sissy, Kitty, Feebus and her furbabies; Daisy and Blue.

Her maternal nature was apparent at a young age when she would care and help with her younger siblings and cousins. She was also an amazing auntie-mom to all her nieces and nephews.

DD was the most loving, caring, generous, family-oriented soul. She had the most contagious laugh that could be heard from miles around. DD enjoyed powwows in her younger years, she was an accomplished fancy and jingle dress dancer. She was working on getting herself and her children back into the dancing circle. DD was her children's biggest fan and cheerleader in all their activities and in life. She loved family nights, craft nights, movie nights and especially baking nights. She was a part of the ladies Auxiliary in honor of her brother Nathan J. Goodiron. DD loved to help and was always willing to lend a helping hand, even if she didn't know what she was doing. (i.e., she volunteered to make potato salad and she's never ever made potato salad in her life).

Survived by: her children; Theo, Melody, Natie and Leah, her mother~Vida Craig, Siblings; Cordell (Jordy), Mychal (Danielle), Theo (Maranda), Echo (Dana). Nieces and Nephews; Jaid, Tila, Ella, Boy, Kale, Lara, and her God-Daughter 'Cora Doll. Momma's~Harriet, Delreen and Lori. Grandmothers; Lyda Bearstail and Connie Price; her aunt~Joy Mann and uncle Todd Price.

Numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Welcoming her into Heaven; her dad Boy Mann, Great Paternal grandparents~Donald and Iva Good Bird, Great Maternal Grandparents~Joe and Cora BlackBear, Grandpa's; Saunders Bearstail Sr. and Clarence Mann, Uncles; David Mann, Jr Bearstail, Kim Robertson and Paul Goodiron. Aunts; Carmen Price, Iva Mann, Brothers; Nathan Goodiron and Shelton Price..

Obituary

DeRae Dawn Mann

Blue Sky Woman

(Ahba'axi do' he miash)

October 2, 1986~December 11, 2020



Wake:

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at
5:00pm at The Living Water Family
Worship Center
Mandaree, North Dakota

Funeral Services:

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at
10:00am at The Living Water Family
Worship Center
Mandaree, North Dakota

Officiating:

Kevin Finley

Pallbearers:

Lane Standish C.J. O'Berry
Corey Goodiron Joe Bearstail
Jazz Bearstail Jay Bearstail
Beau Robertson Sky Robertson
Dana Jackson Denver Spotted Bear

Senior Pallbearer:

Eldora Poitra

Honorary Pallbearers:

Tony and Maranda Johnson & Family,
Kyle and Devona Grady & Family, Verna
Lone Bear, numerous extended family
and friends.

Final Resting Place:

Bearstail Family Cemetery
Mandaree, North Dakota

Obituary

Angus Bernard Fox, 84, New Town died Wednesday, December 16, 2020, in his home, under the loving care of his wife Ira and youngest daughter, Bethany. Angus was born May 12, 1936, in Elbowoods, to Guy and Grace (Parshall) Fox. He was a member of the Prairie Chicken Clan and a child of a Flint Knife Clan. He was educated at the Shell Creek Day School and Elbowoods High School. The rising waters of the Garrison Dam forced him to finish his senior year as a Cowboy at Killdeer High School. Angus was not a Cowboy at Killdeer High but became one of the most successful cowboys in the state of North Dakota. His career started when he was about 14 or 15 at the Fettig Rodeo just northwest of Killdeer. They were having a wild horse race and Buzz Fredericks asked if he could ride, Angus said, "they got the horse down, I got on and went this way and that way and back this way and it was done. I stayed on and won. It was the first thing I ever won in my life." But it wouldn't be the last. During his distinguished rodeo career, he amassed numerous championships in both high school and amateur. In high school, he won the 1954 Saddle Bronc Championship, 1955 Bareback Championship and Calf roping Championship. He captured the NDRA Saddle Bronc Championship 10 times in 1956, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1972 and 1973. He also captured the NDRA Bareback Championship in 1965. In the Great Plains Indian Rodeo Association, he won the Saddle Bronc Championship three times in 1969, 1970 and 1973. During those years, his chief rivals for those championships were his brother, Esley, Ed Hall and Mervel Hall. When Angus didn't win, it was one of those rivals, but all close friends, that took the championship. Angus rode collegiately in 1958 at Dickinson State College for the rodeo team consisting of Tex Appledorn, Dale Jorgenson, Dale Little Soldier, Pete Fredericks, his brother Esley Thorton and himself. The team captured the Rocky Mountain Regional Championship. That win allowed the team to ride at the National Championship Rodeo in Colorado Springs, CO, where they finished third. Many who spoke of seeing Angus ride, described his style as more finesse than brawn. Being in tune with the horse, moving as it moved. Anticipating. Angus could have turned pro and went on the rodeo circuit, but his sensibility and dedication to his children and family kept him in North Dakota. He had a 40+ year career in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He started out as a bus driver in Twin Buttes in 1962, facilities maintenance then management in the 70's in Mandaree and New Town, with him taking over as Facilities Manager for all of Fort Berthold in 1980. His last assignment started in 1992, as Agency Administrative Officer, which included acting Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Agency, until his retirement on June 30, 2003. After his distinguished riding career ended, he was a rodeo judge for numerous rodeos including the NDRA Finals for seven years, numerous high school rodeos and a collegiate rodeo with his older brother Esley. He also did rodeo instruction for high school and instruction for qualifying issues for the Great Plains Indian Rodeo Association prior to their finals. After leaving the rodeo life, he continued raising mainly Paint horses as a member of the American Paint Horse Association for many years after his retirement. His love for horses started at an early age when his family lived in the Shell Creek area. That love continued through his rodeo days and well into retirement when he would drive down to his ranch daily to feed his 30+ head herd. The sound of his voice was all his horses needed to hear to make them come running. Once his rodeo career was over, another passion he held onto through his entire adult life started to ramp up~ singing with the Mandaree Singers. Angus was always a very traditional man, serving as Senior Pallbearer numerous times as part of the Hidatsa Clan traditions, as well as writing numerous songs for individuals throughout the reservation and beyond. He could always be seen at pow wows sitting in his pickup or at the drum listening to his cassette recorder, getting ready to sing the song a donating family was requesting for a loved one. He particularly enjoyed the camaraderie with his fellow Mandaree Singers and everyone on the pow-wow trail. Having sang with Mandaree singers, Billy Baker, Art Smith, Finnigan and Norman Baker, Burt Yellow Wolf, John Sitting Crow, Seymore Eagle Speaker and his brother Rex Fox, just to name a few. He was known for his teasing of young and old alike and for his "Syox (Sioux) and "Wong" jokes not once or twice, but many times, most times barely managing to get the joke out before erupting in laughter. With all his accomplishments, Angus always remained a very humble man. When people spoke of his accomplishments in rodeo or singing, he was quick to deflect the praise for those that served in the military, to whom he looked up to including his brothers, Esley, Rex and Maynard and numerous relatives. One of Angus proudest moments came when he was inducted into the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2009 in Medora, having been nominated by former college rodeo teammate and lifelong friend, Dale Jorgenson. Angus was raised in a strict Catholic family. He remained active throughout his life including regularly reading during mass for Father Stephen Kranz at St. Anthony in Mandaree and later for Father Lukach at St. Anthony in New Town. When he was unable to attend church, he regularly watched it on TV. Above all, Angus lived his life with values he learned early in life and passed down to his children, many nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and other. He understood that actions always speak louder than words. The values of responsibility, dependability, punctuality, honesty and keeping your word most times weren't taught with words but through example he lived on a daily basis. While his stern teachings seemed harsh, those lessons and examples became crystal clear one we became adults and parents. While he was blessed with tremendous athletic talent, throughout his life in whatever sport he chose, Angus worked hard at staying in shape mind and body. Whatever sport, the pinpoint concentration, the determination for improvement, the hard work was always there. When his son Mark took up golf in high school, Angus also began playing. When he was riding, he used to joke that he couldn't get what people saw in chasing around a little white ball. He became pretty accomplished at it. When he wasn't golfing with his boys, Mark, Bernie and Scott, he was golfing after work with Ed Lone Fight and Jimmy Bluestone, to name a few. In keeping with his strong Indian traditions, Angus was a member of the Kit Fox Society. He took his uncle Charles Parshall's position. He also sang society songs for the Antelope Society.

Obituary

Celebrating The Life Of Angus Fox

“Igaraacaa ada’gish (Eagle White on Both Sides)

May 12, 1936~December 16, 2020



Family Gathering with Final Reviewal:

Sunday, December 20, 2020 3:00~6:00pm

Langhans Funeral Home, Parshall, ND

Mass of Christian Burial:

Monday, December 21, 2020 at 11:00am

St. Anthony Catholic Mission Mandaree, ND

Gravesite Committal And Interment:

Monday, December 21, 2020 at

12:00pm

St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery,

Mandaree ND

Senior Pallbearer:

Mike Driver

Celebrant:

Father Roger A. Synek

Active Pallbearers:

Angus’ Grandsons

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| Tanner Fox | Curtis Fox |
| Cody Fox | Myles Young Wolf |
| Wyatt Chapin | Garrett Young Wolf |
| Devin Fox | Clarky Knight |

Honorary Pallbearers:

Fellow Members of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame

All the Mandaree Singers, The Giving Hearts, CNAs, Dawn White, Tessa Abbey, Ed Lone Fight, Gloria Fast Dog, Renita Howling Wolf, Charlene Baker, June Schettler, Pat Staples Sr., Tom Well, Reba Walker, 4 Bears Casino Lodge floor staff and gambling buddies

Angus is survived by his wife, Ira of New Town, sons; Monte (Pam) of Phoenix, AZ, Mark of Dickinson, Bernie (Christine) of New Town and Scott (Jennifer) of Bismarck; daughters; Kimberly of Omaha, NE, Kerri of Bismarck, and Bethany (Enos) of New Town; grandchildren, Natalie Fox, Natasha Fox, Tanner Fox, Cody Fox, Joelle Fox, Wyatte Chapin, Cindra Fox, Devin Fox, Curtis Fox, Bronc Fox, Delvyn Fox, Amanda Wilson, Scott Wilson Jr., Mallory Wilson, Myles Young Wolf, Cruz Young Wolf, Garrett Young Wolf, Jaelee Young Wolf, Kylee Young Wolf, Viola Lewis, Sophie Knight, Eva Knight, Clarky Knight, Warren Chase. Brother; Dennis (Sandra) of Albuquerque, NM; sisters; Wanda Sheppard of Mandaree, CA Wolf Eyes of Bismarck, Belinda Beston of Mandaree, Arla (Don) Muzzy of Mandaree, and Theola Fox of New Town and 16 great grandchildren.

Angus was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Grace Fox, brothers; Guy Fox Jr., Esley Thorton, Rex Fox, Thorton Fox, Maynard Fox, Gerald Tex Fox, and Dean Fox; sisters; Theresa Fox, and son Frank Schumacher.

Obituary

Reba Jean Walker, named Abiiweash (Corn Silk Woman), was born in the Elbowoods community hospital on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation on September 25, 1931. The youngest daughter of Mercy Baker and Hans Walker Sr., Reba was a member of the Maxooxadi (Alkalai Lodge Clan) and a child of the Apuhgawigaa (Low Cap Clan). Reba and her siblings grew up in the pre-Garrison Dam community of Independence, a place saturated in traditional Mandan and Hidatsa values and culture. Like many in her generation, Reba grew up speaking both Hidatsa and English.

Reba's mother, Mercy Baker Walker, was the daughter of Louis Baker and Emma Taylor, and was raised by her grandmother First Sprout and grandfather Two Chief, Reba's father, Hans Walker Sr., was the son of Joseph and Susie Walker Young Bird from the Lucky Mound community. Reba spoke often of the close relationship she and siblings enjoyed with their father, a rancher who also served his community on the Fort Berthold Tribal Council. Reba's mother sustained their family with her extensive gardens, delicious cooking, and wise guidance. She also taught Reba to be very organized, as she always had a large garden from which she would can and dry traditional foods. Reba recalled how her parents welcomed extended family and friends into their home, assuring their children knew their relatives and the traditional values embedded in those relationships. Reba had a particularly close relationship with her mother and wanted to be just like her. When her older siblings left for school, her mother would sit down at the table with her and let her drink coffee with milk in it. Once when the family sat around the table, her parents asked her what she wanted to be when she grew up. She answered, "I want to be a common woman, like Mama," and they all laughed. "But I was serious, I wanted to be just like my mom," she explained. Both parents supported their children to grow as individuals, Reba said, "They just let us be who we were; we didn't have to fit into a mold."

Reba's education began in the local Independence School and later moved to Mission School in Elbowoods ultimately graduating from Sanish High School. She then entered the nursing program at Montana State University-Bozeman. Organic chemistry was a challenge, especially after her professor quizzed her until she was able to recite how organic molecules were formed in complex chemical reactions. She relied on the values of hard work and organization learned from her parents, and earned the second highest score in the state of Montana when she sat for her nursing exams. Reba next worked for many years as a nurse all over the country~ Great Falls, Pittsburgh, Cape Cod, Denver and Tacoma. After leaving direct practice, she worked as an administrator at the University of South Dakota and Standing Rock's Sitting Bull College where she helped set up a nursing program to increase the number of Native nurses serving tribal communities. Reba also worked at Macalester College in Minnesota as the director of the Native American Program.

After returning home she worked in the planning office for the Three Affiliated Tribes, for Indian Health Service as a Service Unit Director and finally in the Planning and Legislation Office at the Indian Health Service Area Office level before she retired. In these roles, Reba always held the interests of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara and Native people at the center of her priorities, testifying before the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs multiple times to document the health disparities, particularly regarding the need for increased care for diabetes. Reba was very active with her church the United Church of Christ, serving on the board of the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM) for many years. Recently, she wrote a prayer used around the world for Indigenous People's Day by the United Church of Christ.

Even in retirement Reba kept busy, and spent many years antiquing in Mandan and Bismarck. She worked with the North Dakota State Historical Society on the preservation of sacred sites of the Mandan and Hidatsa, and in 2014 she and her sister Tillie bought and donated lands associated with the Knife River Hidatsa village site to the Three Affiliated Tribes. Reba took great pleasure in hosting family and friends in her house offering a beautiful spread of delicious and healthy foods. Over the course of her long, busy life, she exemplified traditional values of family and community. She demonstrated that she was, in fact, an uncommon woman, making important contributions in the critical areas of health policy, the environment, and cultural preservation for the wellbeing of American Indian communities across the U.S. She had a voice like a cupcake, and a will of iron.

Reba passed away on December 20, 2020, and is survived by her niece Leah Ann Walker, and nephews, Carey, Tom, and Reid Walker. She was preceded in death by her father Hans Walker, Sr., her mother Mercy Baker Walker, two brothers; Melvin Walker and Hans Walker Jr., and elder sister Tillie Walker.

In alignment with CDC guidelines, and to respect Reba's wishes as a lifelong health advocate, the family asks that mourners please stay home at this time to prevent the spread of COVID-19. A funeral will be held Saturday, December 26, 2020. No more than five members of Reba's immediate family and the senior pallbearer's family will be allowed in the viewing. This is to prevent COVID-19 spread. We know this is a very contagious airborne virus. Indoor gatherings are particularly risky. We ask that everyone stay in their cars. If you must leave your car, wear a mask and practice social distancing at all times.

As Reba would likely say, protecting your health is the priority, as we are all at risk and have others in our lives who depend on us. Those who would like to attend the burial, please stay in your cars. If you leave your car at the gravesite, wear a mask at all times and stay at least 6 feet away from others. Do not shake hands. We understand these practices are contrary to our traditional ways. We ask this of mourners because we want everyone to make it through these very difficult times with their health so we can be with each other after the pandemic is over. The family appreciates everyone's understanding and plans to gather for an appropriate memorial when it is safe to do so.

Obituary

In Loving Memory of

Reba Jean Walker

Abiiweash (Corn Silk Woman)

September 25, 1931~December 20, 2020



Family Services:

Saturday, December 26, 2020
Fulkerson~Stevenson Funeral Home
Watford City, ND

Burial:

Saturday, December 26, 2020 At 3:30pm for
Independence Congregational Church East of
Mandaree North Dakota

Officiating:

Kevin Finley

Senior Pallbearer:

Gloria Fast Dog

Scripture Reading John 14: 1~3

Kayla Danks

Prayer "Sacred Land, Sacred Lives"

Karol Parker

Reading of the Obituary:

Leah Ann Walker

Pallbearers:

Russell Young Bird

Hans Young Bird

Wayne Bradley

Shylo Baker

Thad Baker

Jesse Baker

Obituary

Harley Emerson (Taco) Pace, (Caci ihidi guhaq hush) Eagle Coming Up the Buttes, was born August 16, 1977, to Trudy Chase and Harley Pace at Cardston, Alberta Canada. Taco, as he was fondly known by family and friends, was a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, MHA Nation, and a member of the Dripping Earth Clan and a child of the Low Cap Clan. He also had a second Nueta name, Ase Xte Shote– White Bighorn Sheep. Shortly after his birth, he moved to Mandaree where he was raised in the loving care of his magoo (great grandmother. Anna Fredericks Chase) and extended family; in particular, his grandfather, Emerson Chase and grandmother Theodora. It was these significant individuals that molded his character and can be credited for instilling strong family values that guided him throughout his life. Taco was fortunate to spend his childhood at the Chase ranch playing and hiking the surrounding badlands and following at the side of his grandpa Emerson embarking on daily adventures with him and his sidekicks. In his formative years there were other important male role models in his life. Cowboys who worked on the ranch and his uncle Bobby Brugh and in his teen years, his Clan father, Kenny Smith. Taco attended school at Mandaree and New Town and later completed his GED. Harley was an excellent employee and began his employment working in maintenance at the Edgewater Golf course in New Town and later at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He began Wildland Firefighting originally with the TAT Fire Management Program then lead by his uncle Frankie Chase who was also an important mentor to him. While under his direction, Taco was dispatched to several major fires throughout the western United States where the demand of working long hours, hiking rough terrain and little sleep were the norm. One of the highlights of his career with the TAT Fire was being dispatched to Texas as a member of the recovery crew sent on a mission to find remnants of the fallen Space Shuttle Challenger where he had found a significant piece of the shuttle. This was quite an experience for him. Taco also worked several seasons for the respected South Dakota Dept. of Agriculture, Native American Fire Crew, “Black Hats”, based out of Rapid City. He was a dedicated fire fighter and loved his work. Harley was motivated to broaden his knowledge and expand his skills by engaging in higher learning in every area of his work and interests. His most recent employment was with the MHA Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Division where he was instrumental in the development of policies and practices. You could often see him and his fellow co workers conducting weight check points around the most traveled parts of Fort Berthold. Prior to the DOT he worked for the MHA Energy Program and West Segment Regulatory Commission. Taco was a fitness buff and spent many hours, daily, body building and lifting weights. He liked to hike, hunt and enjoyed the outdoors but was no stranger to lengthy hours of electronic gaming! He was also an avid UFC fan and had a strong love for chocolate, guns and cars! Taco respected and was dedicated to the Nueta, Hidatsa, Dakota and Lakota culture and spiritual ways and practiced and lived by those teachings, humbly, in his daily life. Anyone who knew Taco, knew he was a loving, caring and compassionate individual, but most importantly, a loving father to his sons, Kesley, Kam and Baby Em. He was very present in their lives. He also knew the importance of knowing and being a good relative and did his best to do so in life. He will be missed dearly by his family, relatives and friends of who he respected and loved so much. Taco is survived by his Mothers; Trudy Chase and Josie Chase, Father. Harley Pace, Companion Melanie Minefore, sons; Kamyrien Gillies and Emerson Minafore, Daughters; Maisey Gillies, and Rose Minafore. Brother; Sylvian Luke White Shirt, Sisters, Ellie Pace and Misty Pace, Tia an Netty Jo Fox; Maternal Aunts; Gayle Chase, JoAnn K. Chase, Kathy LaBonte, Reba White Shirt, Karol Parker and Lynn Le Compte. Paternal Aunts; Deb, Tina, Cecillia, Ann and Barbara Pace, Maternal Uncle, Manuel Chase, Paternal Uncle Tim Pace, Maternal Grandmothers; Jill Chase, Yvonne Chase, Frances Chase, Susan K. Powers, Patty Kelly and all of his many other relatives and extended family.

He will be greeted in Heaven by his son, Kesley Dean Tveter, Brother Jesse Andru White Shirt, Maternal Grandparents; Emerson and Theodora Chase and Paternal Grandparents; Wallace and Mary Pace and his family dog Spike.

Obituary

Celebrating the Life Of Harley Emerson (Taco) Pace
Caci ihidi guhaq hush (Eagle Coming Up From The Buttes)
Ase Xte Shote (White Bighorn Sheep)
August 16, 1977~ December 22, 2020



Services:

Tuesday, December 29,
2020~11:00am
Fulkerson~Stevensons Funeral Home
Watford City, ND

Traditional Graveside Services:

Tyrel Salway

Graveside Services:

Father Roger Synek

Singers:

Mylo One Arrow, John Miller, Tiana Spotted Thunder

Interment:

The Emerson Chase Family Ranch Rural
Mandaree, ND

Officiating:

Pastor Kevin Finley

Reading:

Carson Hood

Senior Pallbearer:

Neal Hale

Active Pallbearers:

Darby Haugen

Daniel Chase

Carson Hood

Tony Two Bears

Jacy James

Wakiza Young Bird

Percy Bo Chase

Treb Brugh

Denver Spotted Bear

Koty Brugh

Honorary Pallbearers:

MHA DOT, Adam Samuels, Jake Dryermills, Sunshine & Colleen Halvorson, Ruth Ann Buffalo, Mylo, Jake, John & Tate Miller, His Fitness Training friends, The Art Smith Family, Henry Young Bird Family, Buford Joe, Bobby Burr and Many other relatives and friends who loved him.

Obituary

Remembering the Life of....Wyatt Scott Smith "Ithteesh" (Bangs on a Buffalo), 27 of New Town left this world on Wednesday, December 24, 2020, surrounded by his family at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Wyatt was born on February 25, 1993 in Watford City, ND. He was a full member of the Dripping Dirt Clan. He was raised in Mandaree by his dad and grandparents the late Arthur & Isabelle (Goodiron) Smith. Wyatt was shy but lived his life to the fullest. He went to Little Plume Head Start and Mandaree School. He attended Edwin Loe Elementary for a short time but returned to Mandaree school only to return to New Town High School. He decided to receive his GED from the Fort Berthold Community College then in the fall returned to take college classes. During his school years, Wyatt was active in basketball and softball.

Wyatt loved playing basketball every chance he got with his friends, he loved to watch his hero Michael Jordan and was a big fan of the Chicago Bulls.

Wyatt traveled the pow-wow trails with his grandma and grandpa throughout the northern plains and Canada. He would help set up camp and was his grandpas right hand man. He loved hanging out with his dad and uncles at the drum during pow-wows. His uncles would tease him and raised heck with Wyatt, but he didn't care, he was a carefree spirit.

Wyatt had many different jobs but went to work for the Three Affiliated Tribes as a Security Officer. He was a security officer for 7 years till his passing. Along the way he met many co workers from different departments and some who became his friends.

Wyatt's greatest accomplishments during his life was his 3 children who he loved dearly, sons' Kristopher(7), Carson (4) and his daughter Zariah (2). Wyatt loved spending time with his children. Wyatt will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his Grandparents; Art & Izzy Smith, Uncles; Ron Smith Sr., Tracy Smith, Lyle Walking Hawk, Kenny Smith Sr., & Paul Fox. Aunts; Janice Smith, Doris Smith Fox & Valerie Marie. Brothers; Ron Smith Jr., Paul Fox Jr., Jesse.

Wyatt's Family: Parents~Mike and Dana. Children~Kristopher, Carson & Zariah. Brothers~ Kolby (Frannina),Tanner (Bheri), Shayne, & Coy. Aunts~Patsey, Barbara, Brenda, Sandy, Val Hogan, & Claudia McGrady. Uncles; Tex (Tiffany) Hall, Gary (Paula) Snow, John (Chasity) Little Bird, Tote (Willa) Grey Hawk, Rod & Marcel Isnana, Leon Old Elk. Cousins~ Luke (Kim), Cody (Sonya), Alfred (Laura), JT (Kelsey) Kenny Jr, Aaron, Dillion, Shaun, Tracee, Willow, Cedar (Jason), Adrienne, Valerie (Kaleb), Shii, Isabelle, Mahrye. Nephews~Sam, Cash, Pony boy, Makoa, Niko, Mahto, North Star, Kyson, Kingston, Emery, Weston, Treven, Paxsyn, Baby Art, Chaske. Nieces~ Dakota, Payton, Kylee, Skylar, Briza and Jayanna. Special Friend~Angela Keoke.

Obituary

In Loving Memory Of Wyatt Scott Smith
"Ithteesh" (Bangs On The Buffalo)
February 25, 1993~December 24, 2020



Funeral Services:

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 10:00am
Fulkerson~Stevensons Funeral Home
Watford City, ND

Burial:

Smith Family Cemetery at 11:00am on
December 30, 2020 Located South of
Mandaree, ND

Officiant:

Kevin Finley

Gravesite Officiant:

Father Roger Synek

Singers:

Little Shell Singers

Senior Pallbearer:

Scott Satermo

Active Pallbearers:

Neil Benson	Eric Smith Jr.
Luther Taken Alive	Jayden Morris
Wesley Snow	Monte Taken Alive

Honorary Pallbearers:

Bradley Howe	Marty Foote
Jay Ball	Barlow Wells
Tiffany Dickens	CJ Whitman Jr.
Whitney & Tarina Bell	Kelly Bliefernicht
Spencer & Kay Wilkinson	Jay & Jodi Standish
Eddie Laducer	Jerome & Kathy Dancing Bull
Darryl Bearstail	Jeremiah Hart

Obituary

Dad, Brother, Uncle and Friend...

Eugene White Owl, 62, New Town, died Sunday, December 27, 2020 in a Minot hospital.

Eugene Jack was born on November 27, 1958, the son of Richard Sr., and Inez (Lone Fight) White Owl. He was a member of

the Knife Clan and a child of the Dripping Dirt Clan. He was raised and educated in Mandaree and graduated from Mandaree

High School.

During high school, he participated in basketball and track. Eugene loved his Native ways, riding horses and beading. He also enjoyed swimming, horseshoes, playing baseball, playing bingo and gambling. He worked for the Road Department, Housing, the Buffalo Ranch, Olheiser Construction and TAT Utilities.

Most of all, he cherished spending time with his friends and family.

Eugene is survived by his sons; Eugene White Owl Jr., and William White Owl; daughter; Deborah White Owl; brother, Anthony White Owl (Crystal); sisters; Veronica Serdahl (Arnold), Margie White Owl, Jacqueline Starr; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jack Lone Fight and Susan Fox; paternal grandparents, Simon White Owl and Edna Medicine Crow; parents; brothers; Marvin Bell, Murphy Bell, Richard White Owl Jr., and Blaine Perry White Owl; sisters; Irene White Owl Hill, and Debbie Staples; nephews, Calvin George Young Bird and Anthony White Owl Jr.

Obituary

Celebrating the Life Of

Eugene Jack White Owl

November 27, 1958~December 27, 2020



Prayer Services:

Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 11:00am
Langhans Funeral Home Parshall, ND

Family and Friends Gathering with Final Reviewal:
Thursday, December 31, 2020 10:00AM~12:00PM
Langhans Funeral Home in Parshall, ND

Gravesite Committal and Burial:

Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 1:00pm
Mandaree Congregational Cemetery Mandaree, ND

Farewell Song:

Mandaree Singers

Senior Pallbearer:

Malcom "Speedy" Bruce Jr.

Officiant:
Kevin Finley

Active Pallbearers:

Cody Serdahl	Daymiyin White Owl
Kyle Staples	Tommy Wounded Face
Dennis White Owl	Dave White Tail
Derek White Owl	Laramie Serdahl

Honorary Pallbearers:

TAT Utilities	Kenny Young Wolf
Davis Mongram	Tom Beaks
Avery Conklin	Curtis Hall
Mike Driver	Lester Lone Bear
Kenny Matthews	Lionel Chase Sr.
Kelly Spotted Bear	Cletus Eagle
Francis Driver Jr.	Pat Staples Sr.
Richard Pease	Blaine Dixon

With Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers and our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and relatives of Angus Fox the family and relatives of Reba Walker and the family and relatives of Harley (Taco) Pace, the family and relatives of Wyatt Smith and the family and relatives of Eugene White Owl and DeRae Mann. We pray whole heartily this coming New Year will be comforting for each of you during your time of sorrow. We will continue to hold your family and relatives in prayer for strength and comfort.

From Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight and the West Segment Personnel.



The New Year is Upon us let us all work together to make 2021 a better and happier New Year. We can look forward to new changes in our community and our surroundings. Let us be thankful for what we

have and the blessings we have received.

From Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight and the West Segment Personnel.



The West Segment Community Board Election will be held on February 11, 2021 at the Water Chief Hall.

Five positions will be elected in with a one year term. Polls will be open from 9am to 7pm.

Only enrolled West Segment Community Members will be allowed to cast a vote.

Candidates are as follows:

- Jody Brieck
- Patrick Dubois
- Marle Baker
- Will Reeves
- Dennis Two Crow
- Brenda Hale
- Olivia Spotted Bear
- Kelly Bradfield
- Katherine Young Bear
- Tiffany Johnson
- Doreen Charging



Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Elders



Mary Jane Yeahquo

Fritz Bird Bear

Connie Twins

Leland Dubois

Paul White Owl

We Wish you all good health

With many blessings for you in this coming New Year!!!

Enjoy Your Birthdays!!!!

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