



MHA Education Highlight 2019



Harriet Goodiron

Harriet (Bearstail) Goodiron is a member of the Prairie Chicken clan and is fluent in Hidatsa. When her children were active in sports, she attended every game. She even started a group called the “Pretty Mamas” who dressed up and attended the games to support their athletes. She has been a strong advocate for education and has served many terms on the Mandaree School Board and the Fort Berthold Indian School Board Association. She has also served her community through serving on the Mandaree Enterprises Board.

In 2006, Harriet was honored as a Gold Star mother after her son, Nathan Goodiron was killed in Afghanistan while serving there as a United States Marine. Since then, veterans and fellow auxiliary member of the VFW and American Legion across the MHA Nation and state of North Dakota has supported her. Every Christmas she helps make sure wreaths are put on the graves of veterans in Mandan at the military cemetery. Last year she was honored as the 2018 Gold Star Mother of the Year at the Second Annual Gold Star Mothers and Family Day in Minot.

Harriet has served as a mentor to many. Her strength, generosity, and loving spirit are an inspiration. She is also known by her close friends as an expert at pointing with her lips.

Harriet is the Director of Tribal Safety and Compliance for the MHA Nation. She is currently raising her granddaughter.