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## North Dakota Weather As We All Know It Always Changes



### Quotes For The Heart & Mind

- \* "Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences of each."  
~Henry David Thoreau~
- \* "The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook."  
~William James~
- \* "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."  
~Martin Luther King Jr.~



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I couldn't resist taking a picture of our community when I was on my way to work. It was just getting light outside and the moon looked awesome. The snow was gently on the ground, the morning was cool but not so cold as it has been during our winter month.

For a person who has lived here in North Dakota most of their lives would know that having snow on the ground in April isn't anything new. For some people who just moved here may think having snow in April is very unusual. Many of our elders would say that for sure our weather has changed within the past ten or fifteen years.

Who knows what kind of weather we will have in 2014 with all the major changes happening with our weather. This may not be the last of the snow but one never knows, we can all hope to be in for a wonderful hot joyous spring and summer.

## West Segment Tribal Representative Update



Hello Community members and relatives. April is here so we hope Spring is here and brings us good weather.

Before I begin this update I would like to extend my sympathy and condolences to the Gerald Allan Smith family and relatives. My sympathy and condolences to the Gerald Hale and Kenneth Hale family

and relatives. My sympathy and condolences to the Frances Driver family and relatives on the loss of their beloved ones.

On another note, I would also like to acknowledge and recognize Dinah Black Hawk for her dedicated and committed services to our Mandaree Elders Meal site. She recently retired so we would like to wish her a happy retirement and thank her again for her 28 years of service in our community.

As I mentioned in our last update that I would mention more about what I would like to do with propane. As we all know this past winter was very cold, we had extreme wind chills temperatures in so it took a lot of propane to warm a home. We had community members who ran out of propane because of the extreme wind chill temperatures. When a community member needs to order propane the company would not come to their home unless they came up with 1,200 dollars. I feel the time is right that we start looking out for our community people and meet their needs. I have directed our Project Manager and others to look at purchasing propane tanks as well as propane trucks. Right now, we are getting bids on the trucks and tanks. For us to get the propane, there's a couple of ways we can do this; for one thing we need a big storage tank. With all this flaring of the gas I think we can make our own propane here. I would like to give free propane to all our community members if we produce it ourselves. That is our goal but if it's not free than it will be reduced where it's more affordable to everyone. So that's where we are going with it in trying to meet the needs of our people here in our community. We are getting our ducks in a row now so we are hoping by October we will have our storage tanks in place. If you have a tank already than you would have to enroll in our program here in order to get a tank. Then we would replace it with one of ours, the main thing is to get the cost down on propane so it's affordable for our community. You know the flaring of the gas besides meeting the needs of our people we can also expand on selling excess propane too. I am always searching for ways to meet the needs or to improve our community so our people here are taken care of.

I would like to talk about our transfer station this is where our trash is being placed and that's located below the old community hall. All the trash that was behind the community center has been moved there. Right now we are going to expand the transfer station because the trash trucks can't turn around it's pretty small. As far as trucks well that's another whole animal we have to deal with

I recently spoke with Pat Dubois, the Solid Waste Director, and he ordered 30 new dumpsters. I am in the position to order new dumpsters for our community members, we have talked about this before, so now all we have to do is find the funding to order them. As we all know, we are in dire need of a landfill, and we are looking at a landfill here in Mandaree. Which will have to be managed and supervised and be very secured, because of all the dumping not only by residents but by oil companies and field workers as well. So this has to be carefully thought out. We got ahold of HIS and we are looking at some HIS dollars and creating a landfill for our community. So this has been talked about at the council meeting I mentioned to them that I wanted to build one here in Mandaree. If we did have a landfill here than it would be for the whole reservation, because the council would agree to help with the funding. Which we would get the funding a lot quicker than we wouldn't have to truck everything to Watford City because we get fined a lot of money. When there is an appliance in a trash bin we get fined for that. Furniture and appliances or tires have to be all separated and if it isn't than the tribe gets fined for it. This is why I am saying all of this has to be supervised and monitored at all times. Keep in mind there will be two roll off here in Mandaree at the transfer station every Tuesday. This is where you want to put your furniture, tires or appliances you can bring them every Tuesdays. This way our trash will be organized. I recently hired Travis Fox, as our new sanitation officer at the transfer station.

On another note our clean up went very well and you can read more about on pages 10 & 11.

I would like to mention a little about the elders cards, the elders program has their own logo now so that will be put on their cards, they can even have their picture on it if they want too. They will get their cards as soon as they're done and the elders will be able to use it all the time, for a discount of 10 cents off of gas.

Everyone would be so happy to hear that the tribal council passed health insurance cards for every enrolled member. So everyone will get a Health Insurance card. Dr. Mayer has a team so they are spearheading that.

I have hired some people to finish a garage located behind the community center. This will be used for ambulance and maintenance. You can see pictures on page 15.

Due to the death in our community our Easter dinner was postponed until Monday, April 21st. We welcome everyone to come and eat.

In May we are looking forward to our Veterans Memorial pow wow. You can look at the poster on page 28.

This is all I have to cover for now. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Thank you for being a good reader.

## Mandaree Elders

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families who recently lost a loved one. Gerald Hale, Kenneth Hale, and Francis Driver were proud and respected members of our community and their loss will be felt by everyone who was lucky enough to know them.

This Spring and Summer we will be taking some trips to different activities. If you would like to come with us please call and sign up for the trip (s) you would like to go on.

Spring Show in Minot was April 11, we left the Senior site at 9 am and arrived at 11. After an hour and a half of exploring the show we had lunch at the Royal Fork and arrived back at the Senior site at 4 pm. The show had vendors from all over North Dakota who sold home crafted goods from food to furniture. We hope to make this an annual activity.

The Annual Elder Fair will be May 2nd at the Northern Lights building; we will be taking the bus on this day. No meals will be served in Mandaree. Activities include; Bingo with prizes, Games, and information booths. We will leave at 9 from the Senior site and return around 2:30. Lunch will be served at the event.

We will be hosting a May Days Fair for the elders on May 14th & 15th at the Mandaree Senior Site. The event will start at 10 each day and end around 3:00pm. The Diabetes Program will be here both days along with other presenters. We will be holding a rummage sale on the outside of the building, there will be no charge for a table for elders and a \$5 charge for all others. We welcome all types of sales from clothes to foods. We will have bingo each day starting at 2, the bingo is free for our tribal elders 60+. Door prizes will be given to the elders at the end of each day, need not be present to win. If you are interested in participating in the rummage or being one of our presenters, please call 759-3099 to sign up.

We will be making our annual trip to Deadwood June 17-19. We will be leaving the Senior Site at 9am and arrive at Deadwood around 3pm. Activities and tours are being planned for the trip. For more information or if you interested in attending the Deadwood getaway please call and reserve your seat and room today. Meals and spending money will be provided along with hotel room at the Four Aces Hampton Hotel by Councilman Randy Phelan. We will be renting a charter bus along with our new handicap accessible bus to transport you and your guest to Deadwood.

Bakken Days are here once again on July 3rd & 4th. We will be hosting free prize bingo for our tribal elders 60+ once again at the Senior site along with refreshments and a nice cool place to take a break during the day. Door prizes will be given out on July 4th throughout the afternoon; need not be present to win. The fireworks are amazing! Do not miss out on this community event. Councilman Randy Phelan will be hosting a picnic on July 4th for the community.

State Fair Senior day is July 24th, there will be an ice cream social and games. We will be leaving at 8:30 from the Senior site and returning around 4:30 unless everyone elects to stay longer.

If you have any ideas on where you would like to go, please let us know and we can organize an activity.



Elders Don't forget to come in on Mondays for Chair Exercise's!

Janelle Howling Wolf will be here at the Mandaree Meal site. The Hidatsa Elders Organization will also be sponsoring incentives to those who participate in each of the sessions. For more information you can call Bernadine at 759-3099.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at The Mandaree Hidatsa Elders Program: 759-3099 our Fax number is: 759-3093

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### Happy Birthday To Our Elders For The Month of April!

Joyce Standish

Wanda Sheppard

James Danks

Kenneth Hale

Veronica Serdahl

Donna Standish

Ethan Hall

happy,  
happy  
birthday  
to you!



## After 28 Years Mandaree Meal Site Cook Retires



Perhaps some of you may remember when the Mandaree Meal site was located inside the old post office building and on the other side was the Mandaree Meal site. This building used to be the Gifted & Talented for the Mandaree School. Well that was back in the late 80's according to Dinah Black Hawk, the head cook for the

Mandaree Elders Meal site.

She has worked for the Mandaree Meal site for twenty eight years. As Dinah states, "I first began working for the Mandaree Meal site in February 1987." Dinah has lived in the Mandaree community most of her life, she lived five in a half years in Watford City, than moved back to Mandaree.

Presently, she lives out in the country about twenty miles east from Mandaree which is known to many as Saddle Butte. Dinah is the mother of two; her son Kip and her daughter Sierra. Kip has one son his name is Barnabus Crist.

Her given Indian name is "Black Dress" according to Dinah she says, "I got my Indian name when I was fifty nine years old, Julia White Eagle named me at her home here in Mandaree. I asked her who her parents are and what clan she belongs too. As she said, "My mother is the late Pamela Standish Black Hawk and my dad is Kingdom Black Hawk. I belong to the Prairie Chicken clan on both of my parents side."

When Dinah grew up she grew up with our Hidatsa Language, she is a fluent speaker of our language. She says, "I didn't teach my kids the language because I didn't have the time too, my children were always in school and I was always at work. So my kids don't know the language but my oldest Kip he understands Hidatsa."

During her pastime Dinah likes to look at different recipes and try them, as she goes onto say, "I enjoy cooking most of the time. Other things I enjoy during my past time, I like to bead moccasins and other things that I enjoy beading. I also enjoy sewing making dresses and other things."

Now that she is retired Dinah says, "I like to go gamble, I like to go to Prairie Knights Casino and the Grand River Casino. I like to play bingo too we don't have bingos around here so if I want to play bingo

I will have to go to Minot or Bismarck to play, but I love to gamble.

Since she has worked for the Mandaree Meal site she has seen many changes and has moved to various buildings in Mandaree, in fact she has moved four times since she has worked for the meal site. Right before she moved to the new meal site building, they used to be in a house up by the ridge road. Now that home is occupied and the meal site moved into the new building. The Mandaree Elders Meal site was in a new building with all the needed appliances that were handy for a cook to have. As Dinah states, "I like this building better, it's a lot bigger and a better place to cook, the environment is really nice. Every morning I am up at six o'clock I get ready and I get here at seven in the morning and that's when I start everything up and start cooking. It doesn't take me that long to cook but if I have to get anything out of the freezer I do that the night before so it will be ready to cook. So when I do make meals here I get them done before eleven so we can start serving. I do the menus for the month and the following month so the elders know what we are serving. Then I have to make sure all the food is ordered that's on the menu. On a daily basis I stay here till four thirty every day."

As Dinah goes onto say, "Right now we have twenty-four home deliveries. I remember back then we used to have seventy because everybody wanted to eat. Right now for those that do come in and eat I would say we have about ten. We don't have that many elders now because most of them passed away the ones who were senior citizens. So my work load isn't as much as it used to be."

Dinah loves to cook she likes to try new recipes when she finds them in magazines. She knows she can't do that when she is working here because some of our elders are diabetics.

When asked what advice she would offer to one who is interested in cooking for the elders. She says, "Be here every day and I would be glad to show you how to order and where things are, just show you everything you need to know. The menus and how to order food, and where we store our food.

I would like to thank Dinah for giving me this opportunity to visit with her. I wish her the best so she can enjoy her retirement and travel to the places she wants to go and try those new recipes she was talking about.

On the next page we have pictures of Dinah's retirement party.

# Dinah's Retirement Dinner



Ms. Bernadine Fredericks served as the Master of Ceremonies for her aunt's retirement party. Bernadine is also the Hidatsa Elder's Coordinator. A short but sweet



A few words from our tribal representative as he acknowledged Dinah for her dedicated years of service to our community. He thanked her and wished her well on her retirement.

agenda was on the decorated tables with balloons as you walked into the Mandaree Elders meal site. There were a number of people present to help Dinah celebrate her retirement. Her sisters and family members were there for her to help her celebrate her retirement.

A prayer was offered by Dinah's younger sister Joann Keehn.

Councilman Phelan was among the guest speakers. He mentioned to Dinah that she will receive a retirement check from the tribe. Pictured below is President of the Hidatsa Elders Board and sister to Dinah is Fay Ann Moberg, who presented Dinah with a star quilt on behalf of the board. Anyone could see how touching this event was for Dinah.



Polly Chase, the Aging Service Director was also on hand to say a few words about Dinah and her work ethic of how she got things done on a daily basis. Polly also spoke about Dinah as an employee who never complained about anything.



She just did her job and she did it well. Polly said she will be missed.

It will indeed be a day that Dinah will remember and keep in her heart, she had the support of her family and relatives who came to enjoy her retirement party.

Fay Ann Moberg puts a lovely star quilt on her sister Dinah. As her other sisters Melvina and Joann look on. Pictured below is Dinah and



her sister Joann Keehn who was also on hand at her retirement party and offered a prayer before the meal was served.



# Shelter In Mandaree has Grand Opening



When you drive by the old MEC building now you will see that it is now fenced off. This is where the newly reconstructed shelter is located. A grand opening was held at the Water

Chief Hall with invited guest speakers. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held before a tour was given to those who came to the grand opening. Pictured to your left is Sadie Young Bird, current Director of the shelter and Councilman Phelan. I visited with Sadie and asked what her thoughts were on this day. According to Sadie she



stated; "I was really excited for the people that were here today for the grand opening it was good because those were the people who really supported us. This is a big step especially for our reservation because there hasn't been a brand new Native shelter open for fifteen years. There are only two native shelters in the state of North Dakota. I was amazed I was like wow and with all the support from Mandaree we couldn't do this without them, it was like Mandaree were the only ones who accepted us, it was like come down here we'll help you. With the West Segment Development Board who were amazing to us. We really can't express how thankful we are. I know it's been crazy the last couple of months but we got it done. We couldn't do this alone, like I didn't even know where to start when I did start than I just started asking people for help and it all fell together, so I think this is how it was suppose to happen. All of this makes me want to cry because I never thought this would ever happen. It's huge and I don't think everyone really realizes how huge this is. It's a big thing because shelters don't open up everyday. And usually it's a federal grant that opens one and with ours the tribe helped us, The West Segment Development Board and Mandaree West Segment office helped us. Everybody helped us open it with funds and not federal funds. It's ours and that's just amazing." Some of the services that will be able to offer to their clients will be our residential shelter which is where clients will have a place to stay for no more than sixty days. As Sadie goes on to say; "We can help them with

housing by giving them applications, and informing them they can use county housing as well. We provide food, room and board for them and support groups and our support groups will also be open to everyone in the community dealing with domestic violence issues. We are also going



to have a counselor come in and work with domestic violence issues. If a client wants to move than we will help them with relocation by helping them get set up with counseling with other domestic violence programs if they decide to move out of the area. I wish we could help out more with the housing but there isn't anything available. I asked Sadie her thoughts on the guest speakers she had today. As Sadie states; "I didn't even know Shirley was going to be here so that was amazing. Senator Heidi has been very supportive of our program and she really pushes for domestic violence. The violence against woman act was first made in 1994 then every four years it is supposed to be reauthorize, well it took awhile for it to get authorize in 2013. So once it was

done it now gives us jurisdiction to prosecute non enrolled members. We are working on being a pilot project but we aren't quite where we need to be with the pilot project but we will be able to prosecute non enrolled members in our tribal court by 2015. So we are making some big steps and Senator Heidi is very supportive.

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Linda Thompson from First Nations is based out of Spirit Lake and she has helped us as well and has been very supportive. We get together and talk about domestic violence issues and how we can all help each other so we can better serve our clients. Which is very helpful to us because they have been at this longer than we have. So we listen to their ideas of what we can do and what works. The other speaker we had on hand was Jonell Moos, from the State Coalition. Any

Linda Thompson, Director of Domestic Violence in Spirit Lake, North Dakota

tribal program in the state that deals with domestic violence is in her coalition. On the state and tribal level

it was hard because you can feel the tension, but now the working network is a lot better and they asked me to be on their board. Her office offers technical assistance too and they do trainings for us as well, and can speak for us. Having ideas really help us in the long run. On the next page are pictures of the shelter. According to Sadie this will be the only time the shelter will be open to the public. Letter from our Senator Heidi Heitkamp is on page 8.



Jonell Moos, State Coalition Director of CAWS in Bismarck.

# Tour of Shelter In Mandaree



Here are the offices placed inside the shelter.



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Here is Sadie giving everyone a tour of shelter. She thanked everyone who came to the grand opening. As Sadie states; "This is a great asset to our victims. It's a much needed service for our people."



Another room set up inside the walls of the new shelter.



Meal was served at Water Chief Hall was catered by Famous Daves.

# Letter From Senator Heidi Heitkamp

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Dear Friends,

Congratulations on the grand opening of the Fort Berthold Coalition Against Violence Shelter! I wish I could be with you for this significant occasion.

There have been many grand openings across western North Dakota over the past six years – often celebrating a new business or public facility. This grand opening is perhaps even more important than those that draw company presidents from across the country, as this marks an essential step in addressing a critical need in this region.

I want to commend the Fort Berthold Coalition Against Violence and all those involved for making this shelter a reality and for all of the hard work you do to combat the devastating cycle of violence. Because of you, the people directly impacted by such traumatic circumstances have a safe haven to turn to in desperate times of need.

Again, congratulations on the opening of the Fort Berthold Coalition Against Violence Shelter.

Sincerely,



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# Mandaree Hidatsa Housing Program



Hello!

As you can see above we now have a new logo that was created by iFive Graphics owned by Tribal Member, Rusty Gillette of Falls Church, Virginia. iFive Graphics was able to incorporate our traditional Earth Lodge home, Saddle Butte with the contemporary framing of a modern home. I would like to Thank our Housing Specialist RD Bailey for working with iFive Graphics to take our concept to fruition.



Below you will see our Mission Statement that embodies what the Hidatsa Housing Program represents and what we strive to accomplish every day for our community.

## **Hidatsa Housing Program Mission Statement:**

***“The Hidatsa Housing Program’s main objective is to provide housing and exemplary services to the members of the West Segment Community. Utilizing the staff’s compassion, professionalism, and the programs quality homes to provide and differentiate the housing need of the West Segment Community while providing stellar customer service to each individual tenant of the Hidatsa Housing Program.”***

## **Black Eagle Estates Update:**

Since our last update Mother Nature has finally cooperated and the nice weather has allowed our contractors get busy recently.

As of this article we currently have 20 homes in Black Eagle Estates. Representatives from Cascade Homes were in town recently and our constructing the final 10 homes as we speak.

Our excavation is currently underway with the ripping of the ground to break up the frost layer the surface to proper elevations. Our permits have been signed with McKenzie Electric and electricians have laid the electrical lines and installed the transformers at the curb. The phase of electrical work is to connect each home to the transformers.

The lift station has been completed and final sewer lines are being installed at this time.

## **Black Eagle Estates Facts:**

- **Estimated Project Completion Time weather permitting is Mid June 2014.**
- **Black Eagle is not a No Income/Low Income Tenant Development that has traditionally been built over the years with Federal dollars throughout Fort Berthold. This project is 100% funded by our Tribe.**
- **Every home is 4 bedroom 2 Bath 1600 Square Foot.**
- **Monthly Rent is projected to be \$500 with a \$500 Security Deposit.**
- **All Monthly Rental Payments with will be wage deductions from your source of income.**

- **Black Eagle will have a fence around the development with gated security access.**
- **Black Eagle has a “No Pet” policy within our Rental Agreement.**
- **Black Eagle has a “Drug Free” housing policy in our Rental Agreement.**
- **All Tenants will have to have Renters Insurance per our Rental Agreement.**
- **Black Eagle Estates is managed by the Hidatsa Housing Program which is part of the West Segment Development Corporation and is not affiliated with other Fort Berthold housing programs.**

Recently our Housing Specialist, RD Bailey, has been actively contacting Black Eagle Estates applicants regarding their application. We expect to notify by the end of April applicants that have been selected for placement in the first 30 homes in the Black Eagle Estates community. After that time, we expect to have a mandatory future tenant meeting in the evening. We expect to have at least one Adult member of the household to attend this planned meeting.

## **Phase II “Scatter Homes” Update:**

Many of our community residents have asked about putting a home on their own land or tribal lands. As of this writing our Phase II Scatter sites is on hold until further notice.

## **White Oak Mobile Park Update:**

The White Oak Mobile Park is a planned 40 unit mobile home park that is currently under construction. Councilman Phelan and our Special Projects Manager are working on securing a large purchase of approximately 30 single wide trailers. As of this writing we have set aside 5 pads for community members who will purchase a home on their own for placement in White Oak Mobile Park. We have three spaces remaining at this time. All trailer units must be a 2005 model or newer. Pad rent will be determined at a later date. Once the large trailer purchase is completed we will be able to bring more rental units online for our community. We don’t have that completion date available at this time.

## **Mandaree Marriott Motel Update:**

We currently have two four plex units and will have another unit in place at the time of this publication. We are working with our electrician and McKenzie Electric to bring these units online in the next few weeks. Our plumbing has already been completed. These units will be available for daily, weekly, monthly rentals.

## **4 Plex Apartment TBD:**

Councilman Phelan just gave our program the go ahead to research a new 4 plex apartment to be placed where the current “old daycare” sits. We will removing that “old daycare” in June. As I get information, and we secure the funding needed we will provide more information

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## Mandaree Community Clean Up

Mandaree's Spring Clean up began as everyone met at the Water Chief Hall. The West Segment Office will also be hosting another clean up during the upcoming months. This year our Tribal council representative will be awarding those who participate \$5.00 per full bag of trash. Those who participate in all three clean up events will receive 1 grandstand pass (for adults) 1 Wristband (for children) at this year's State Fair. A plus for our community as 436 bags of trash was picked up during this clean up!

The Mandaree School students were out with their teachers picking up trash along the school compound. While others in our community all came together and gathered up trash from the ground to help our community look clean.

Keeping our community clean here has been very difficult with our windy weather and rain not to mention the snow we recently had. We can all help by teaching our children and grandchildren not to litter. To keep in mind as adults in our community when we go to empty trash we all need to make sure the trash is put inside the trash bins. If we place our trash bags outside the trash bins than the dogs will tear into them and the next thing you know the wind comes and there's trash all over our community.

Councilman Phelan himself was out picking up and hauling trash, it was a team effort for the West Segment employees were out picking up trash. With Spring here now and Summer around the corner let us all put some effort into keeping our yards clean and our community. Everyone enjoyed a cook out of hot dogs and hamburgers.



West Segment employee Dennis Fimbres cleaning up around the Elders and wellness building.



Adam Fredericks and Buff White by the Wellness Center trash bin picking up the trash that the wind carried.



Pictured are some of the Mandaree School students who were busy picking up trash along the roadway. Others were picking up trash around the school compound along with their teachers.



Employees from the TAT Environmental were also on hand to help during our Spring Clean up day.

# After Clean Up Meal

Photos by Martha Phelan



After working hard in keeping our community clean, everyone was invited to the Water Chief Hall for a meal. A cook out was prepared by the west segment staff, hamburgers and hotdogs were served to those who picked up trash.

In the picture to your left is our Tribal Representative,

Councilman Phelan, who thanked everyone our youth and adults who participated in our community clean up. Councilman Phelan was outdoors as well picking up trash and loading trash to the bins.

Thanks to all the participates who went out and picked up trash. Mandaree West Segment looks nice.

A big thank you to Everyone that came out, this turned out to be a successful productive day. It was a beautiful sight to see all the adults as well as our youth caring about their hometown.

Keep in mind, another clean up date will be scheduled in May. Another clean up date will also be scheduled in June. So watch for posters or visit our website on Facebook for the upcoming clean up dates. Remember everyone you need to participate in all three clean ups in order to qualify for the State Fair wristbands for the kids and grandstand passes for the adults.

Once again on behalf of West Segment we thank each of you for your help in keeping our community trash free and clean. To the youth and adults who came and helped. Also to those who grilled up our hotdogs and hamburgers. Your presence and help is greatly appreciated in helping our community look clean.



The turn out was great! Here we have members of our community lining up to eat, while others are already sitting and enjoying the meal. What excellent team work everyone had by helping each other.



After picking up trash it was great to see a lot of our community members adults and youth come together to help keep our community clean. Then to sit down and enjoy a great meal.

# For Your Information



## THANK YOU!

To: All who attended the "Retirement Party" held in my Honor. To: Bernadine Fredericks, Hidatsa Elders Organization Coordinator for planning, decorating the tables and making arrangements for food. To: Rigo, Kip, Sierra, and Tina Marie for helping with the decorating and serving the food. To: Those who gave hugs, nice cards, nice words and wonderful gifts. To: My sisters; Melvina, Fay, Judy and JoAnn for the bouquet of roses. To: Hidatsa Elders Board for the blue satin star quilt. To: West Segment Representative, who cancelled a meeting to be at the celebration. Co-workers, friends. Family and Mr. Phelan's attendance make it an extra special day for me.

Dinah Black Hawk



## For Your Information:

Please Notice This



• Every Tuesday Evening Dan Hunts Along will be here at the Water Chief Hall offering our Hidatsa Language to those who wish to learn.

• Hidatsa Language Phone Number: 759-3276

## Mandaree Fitness Center Hours:

Monday-Friday:

10:00am-8pm

Sunday & Saturday Hours:

10:00am-8pm

Fees:

\$1.00 Tribal Member per day

\$25.00 Tribal Membership a month

\$3.00 Non-Tribal Member per day.

\$60.00 Non-Tribal Membership a month

Fitness Phone Number: 759-3780

**2014 Mandaree Celebration Have Switched to Sunday's Bingo and Lunch Sales!**

**Every Sunday!**

**Here are the dates for Bingo for the Month of April: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.**

**Early Birds at 6:30pm**

**Regular Sessions at 7:00pm**

**Water Chief Hall**

**Come & Support The 2014**



On April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Circle of Life will sponsor an NA Speaker meeting together with members from Williston & Dickinson's NA groups. If you are interested in learning more about Narcotics Anonymous and how this program works, this will be an open speaker meeting.

We are hoping to build a strong NA community in New Town and the surrounding area so please spread the news and suggest to those in recovery that they should attend. Speaker meetings offer the opportunity to hear stories of experience, strength, & hope directly from those who have found recovery through the program of NA.

I will send out a couple of reminders as the date approaches. If you have any questions, please contact me at the number listed below.

Thank you,

*Lisa Yazzie*

Administrative Assistant

New Town, ND 58763

Phone 701 627-4700

## Mandaree School News

Wow! The school year is coming to a close. There are many activities in the month of April and May. Be sure to watch for late breaking announcements on our Facebook page and notices sent home with students. If your telephone numbers are current you will receive automated notices when they go out.

### Dates To Remember:

April 18:	No School
April 21:	No School
April 22:	Academic and Athletic Awards Banquet 6pm (3rd quarter Honor Roll and Attendance Awards will be given out then.)
April 23:	Parent Workshop
April 24:	Prom
May 1:	Early out at 2pm-May Day International Celebration; Will we honor Donna Slais and Linda Baker on their retirement.
May 3:	Last Saturday Academy.
May 15:	AR Dinner at the Buckskin in Killdeer for students who met their reading goal.
May 22:	Last Day of School
May 23:	High School Graduation at 4 pm.

### **3rd Quarter Honor Roll:**

#### 4th Grade:

Charley Bolman	Leticia Fimbres	Ashlyn Grady
Kajanjan Grady	Sam Lincoln	Pearl Little Nest
Janai Lone Bear	Angalina Longie	Evelyn Marcel
Damon Roasting Stick	Daunte Sage	Shauntera Sage

#### 5th Grade:

Heavenly Beston	Enavay Canyon	Don Fox
Aspen Grady	Health Hall	Melvin Hurkes
Jessee Vigen	Malkali Young Bear	

#### 6th Grade:

Azin Antonio	Ayla Demaray	Ceara Hurkes
Cherish Johnson	LaDawna LaPointe	Daysha Serdahl
Mataya Sheppard	Dakota Stoopes	Miles Young Bear

#### 7th Grade:

Julie Flying Horse	Elyza Thomas
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#### 8th Grade:

Chantell Lester	Kalee Robertson
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#### 9th Grade:

Charismha Tsosie	Adrianna Young Bird
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#### 10 Grade:

Lekota Fox

#### 12 Grade:

Tollie Jo Blake	DeriAnn Flying Horse
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### **3rd Quarter Perfect Attendance:**

**Jan. 2, 2014-March 12, 2014:**

#### Pre-1st:

Makayla Young Bear

#### 1st Grade:

Kateri Hill      Kyle Grady Jr.

#### 2nd Grade:

George Fox

#### 3rd Grade:

Alano Antonio

Albertina Joe

RaeJean Young Bear

#### 5th Grade:

Malkali Young Bear

Heath Hall

#### 6th Grade:

Azin Antonio

Bryce Fox

Mataya Sheppard

#### 7th Grade:

Julie Flying Horse

### **3rd Quarter Good Attendance**

**Jan. 2, 2014-March 12, 2014**

#### Kindergarten:

Kyah Fox	Daryl Mingus Jr.	Jacquelyn Conklin	Kenyon Grady
Teigan Grant	Oray Hall	Noah Standing Crow	Alexis White
Sopie Yellow Wolf.			

#### Pre-First:

Clay Stoopes      Neveah Joe

#### 1st Grade:

Blyth Bolman	Karson Dawes
Theodore Siers Jr.	Nathan Robertson

#### 2nd Grade:

Ayla Hale	Theo Lone Fight	Quentin Mason
Shaun Sage	LaGage Serdahl	Melody Smith
Desi Stoopes	Zachary Tomlinson	Theola White

#### 3rd Grade:

SkyRose Charging	Bailey Chase	Don Eidschink
Elmer Flying Horse	Tessa Holds The Enemy	Tianna Lester
Jewelz Lone Fight	Skylar Newman	Isiac Roasting Stick
Jahden Standish	Taylor Stoopes	Emma Tomlinson
Sophia White Owl		

#### 4th Grade:

Angelina Longie	Kajanjan Grady	Damon Roasting Stick
Ashlyn Grady	Mayu White	Evelyn Marvel
Shauntera Sage	Janai Lone Bear	

#### 5th Grade:

Walter DeVille	Don Fox	Aspen Grady
Ben Heart	Melvin Hurkes	Elizondo Joe

#### 6th Grade:

Ayla Demaray	Ceara Hurkes	LaDawna LaPointe
Daysha Serdahl	Miles Young Bear	

#### 7th Grade:

Robert Cavanaugh	Jess Chase	Marea DeVille	Karli Fox
Richard Fox			

#### 8th Grade:

Kaelyn Dawes	Chantell Lester	Austin Lone Bear
Manual Lucio	Kenzie Poitra	Kalee Robertson

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## Mandaree School Continue

Kaci Wise Spirit.

### 9th Grade:

Jorge Gonzales	Dedric LaPointe	Nancy Lincoln
Emelee Lone Bear	Lavina Miller	Raymond Yellow Wolf
Adrianna Young Bird		

### 10th Grade:

Cynthia Alcocer	Kaelyn Dawes	Steven Good Bird
Chance Lone Bear	Cornell Poitra	Ceejay Siers

### 11th Grade:

Jason DeVille

### 12th Grade:

Francesca Morgan

Mrs. Carolyn Bluestone, Superintendent

Mandaree School

P.O. Box 488

Mandaree, North Dakota

Phone: 701-759-331

Fax: 701-759-3112



## A reminder for everyone

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Same information on page 12.

## Hidatsa Housing Program Continue:

in the near future.

Hidatsa Housing Office Moving:

We will be moving our office by May to the old MEC Building. We will provide our new phone number in the next month's update in our own newspaper.

If you have any questions, please stop by our office located inside the Water Chief Hall.

Thank you,

Will Reeves, Hidatsa Housing Director

Please Notice This



**West Segment Easter Dinner has been postponed until Monday, April 21st at the Water Chief Hall due to the respect of a community member who passed away.**



**The Mandaree Hidatsa Language Program now has their own phone line. Their number is 759-3276.**

The Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation Oil & Gas Expo is scheduled for April 22 & 23, 2014. The Expo will be held at the 4 Bears Casino & Lodge Events Center. Check out the website at [www.mhabakkenexpo.com](http://www.mhabakkenexpo.com) for the agenda. Any questions, you may contact Stephanie Hall 701.421.6791 or Stephanie Matthews at 701.421.9473.

## Garage Being Completed



A few years ago a platform was built but nothing was built on it. So when Councilman Phelan seen the opportunity to build then he said lets build. So now this building is being completed into a garage. This garage is located behind the Water Chief Hall and according to councilman Phelan this garage will be used to house our ambulance.

According to the workers who are currently working on this building, they expect this building to be completed in the weeks to come. Weather permitting than these workers will be able to meet their deadline in completing this garage. Just so the public is aware our security will be hand to watch the building so no one plays around this area.



# Brownfields On The Fort Berthold Reservation



Clem Baker, Curt Seesequas, Jon Figueroa, Robert Fimbres, not pictured is Blair Baker. Photo by Jake Chappell.

Brownfields what are they? What can I do about them? How do I report an illegal dump?

A lot of question to ask and a very simple answer to give. Brownfields are any former industrial or commercial site where future use is affected by real or perceived

environment contamination.

Brownfields are often abandoned, closed or under-used industrial or commercial facilities, such as; an abandoned factory in a town's former industrial section or a closed commercial building, warehouse in a suburban setting, even a rural plot designated by community members as a dump.

Brownfields, however, can be located anywhere and can be quite small. For instance, many dry cleaning establishments and gas stations have produced high levels of subsurface contaminants during their operation. A second owned facility or vacant lot may contain contaminated fill or be the site of the illegal dumping of pollutants.

In order to classify a property as a brownfield or to report a potential site, you must first contact the Environmental Division and request a site assessment. Following, a representative as myself will respond to the site and perform a phase 1 to distinguish if the site is in fact a brownfield. After the proper footwork is done the site will be added to a list of certain priority then funding will be set to clean and be remediated.

Brownfields on the Fort Berthold Reservation are accumulating in rapid numbers due to influx of oilfield population and contamination. Highest of all reservation concentration is in New Town, 4 Bears, and Mandaree areas, many of which are privately owned or allotted lands and also tribal trust lands. Many people see these dumps as no more than bad housekeeping which ends up being a burden on the community due to irresponsible dumping by residents. If you see anyone dumping illegally, report it! Don't add to the destruction help heal the land.

As spring rolls around many communities will begin cleanups, and we will devote a lot of energy to helping every segment become a healthy place to live. We, at the environmental office encourage everyone to participate in this year's spring cleanup and continuing to keep the reservation clean year round.

My personal devotion to the environmental office safety of this land is very sincere. Especially because I am a new father to a tribal member and care very dearly for the place she will grow to know as part of her people's homeland. I will do my best to serve the residents of this reservation.

Also I have submitted our mission statement, which you can read below.

Best regards,

Jon Figueroa

Brownfield Technician

Three Affiliated Tribes Environmental Division

701.421.9993 Cell

701.627.4569 Office

[jfigueroa@mhanation.com](mailto:jfigueroa@mhanation.com)

## Mission Statement:

*Three Affiliated Tribes Environmental Compliance strive to enforce environmental laws to protect human health and preserve the land, air, and water within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation. Due to the recent development of the oil industry here on the Fort Berthold Reservation, contamination and pollution has risen to an all-time high. We are at a critical stage in preserving our natural resources for our generations to come. In order to do so, it will take the effort and initiative of all our tribal members to do their part in reporting any illegal dumping on our lands. If you would like to report any illegal dumping or suspicious activity, you can reach our Three Affiliated Tribes Environmental Division at 701.627.4569. Thank you.*



Pictured above; Jon Figueroa helping pick up trash in Mandaree. Below is Curt Seesequas from the TAT Environmental Division.



## For Your Information

*Mandaree  
Community Rummage Sale  
Saturday, May 3rd 2014*



*11am-6pm*



*Waterchief Hall*

*Rummage, Arts & Crafts and  
Baked goods only.*

*\*NDN Taco Fundraiser for  
Brighten Johnson.*

*Call Mandaree Tribal office to  
register for a table (3 table limit).*



*Mandaree Office- 759-3377  
Maranda Johnson- 421-8777  
Martha Phelan- 421-0606*

# For Your Information



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**CONTACT: Fahtima Finley, 701-421-7668, [ffinley@mhanation.com](mailto:ffinley@mhanation.com)**

TAT Community Traffic Safety Program Joins the "One Text or Call Could Wreck It All" Campaign to Educate Area Drivers About Distracted Driving

New Town, ND— In an effort to make our roads safer, MHA Community Traffic Safety Program announced today that they have joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's One Text or Call Could Wreck It All" campaign to stop distracting driving. April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. MHA CTSP has pledged their support to help spread the message that distracted drivers are not only a danger to themselves, but everyone else on the road.

"We all know that talking on our cell phones while driving is distracting, but that doesn't stop most people from continuing to do it," said Fahtima Finley, TAT CTSP Coordinator. "This effort is intended to educate our community about the dangers of cell phones use and other distractions while driving. We hope that once people see the statistics and realize the danger involved, they will change their driving habits to help protect themselves, their families, and others on the road."

In 2010, 3,092 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver and an estimated additional 416,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. That same year, eleven percent of fatal crashes were reported as distraction-affected crashes.

While anything that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, or mind off the task of driving is a hazard, there is heightened concern about the risks of texting while driving because it combines all three types of distraction-visual, manual and cognitive.

The national distracted driving effort focuses on ways to change the behavior of drivers through legislation, enforcement, public awareness and education-the same activities that have curbed drunk driving and increased seat belt use.

"Every driver in Fort Berthold has a role in this effort," said Finley. "However, we especially want to reach out to parents with teen drivers because we know that statistically, the under-20 age group had the highest proportion of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes."

TAT Community Traffic Safety's goal with this campaign is simple-save lives by getting drivers to remember that "One Text or Call Could Wreck It All."

Distracted driving is an epidemic on America's roadways, and we're doing our part to help put an end to it," said Finley. "Texting and cell phone use while driving is extremely dangerous, and we know simply getting drivers to turn their phone off when they get behind the wheel will make our roads significantly safer. Efforts like this one will help us put an end to distracted driving, and we encourage your support of this program to help save lives in your community."

For more information about distracted driving, please

Visit [www.distraction.gov](http://www.distraction.gov)



Dear Traffic Safety Stakeholders:

This month, for the first time, North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is funding overtime enforcement for texting and driving for police departments in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown and Minot.

Our goal is the same: to prevent deaths and injuries on North Dakota roads. But, in the month of April, in conjunction with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, we will direct our attention to the dangerously increasing use of smartphones to send messages while driving.

More dangerous than a drunk driver. A texting driver is 23 times more likely to crash than a undistracted driver and 6 times more likely to be in a collision than a drunk driver. A drunk driver has better reaction time than a texting driver!

In April, we have three key messages:

1. Texting or using a communications device to send data or access the Internet while driving is against the law in North Dakota.
2. The fine is \$100-and a patrol officer doesn't need any other reason to pull you over.
3. The law is being actively enforced in North Dakota's urban areas.

Hang up.

Here in North Dakota, we keep the Code for the Road. No texting and driving. Focus on the road and make it a rule. Talk to your family members about the dangers of distraction. Risky drivers are on our streets.

Karin Mongeon, Manager Traffic Safety Office

North Dakota Department of Transportation Safety Division

608 E. Boulevard Ave.

Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0700

Phone: 701-328-4434

Email: [kamongeon@nd.gov](mailto:kamongeon@nd.gov)

Wear Your Seatbelt. Every trip.  
Every Time. Drive Sober.



# For Your Information

## Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter List 2/5/2014

	Name	Cell Phone	Home Phone	Address	PPE
1	Marle Baker	421-1423	627-4079	PO Box 1171 New Town	X
2	Jason Baker	367-8821		2822 102nd Ave NW Mandaree	X
3	Eldon Baker	690-9563		1645 BIA RR 17 E	X
4	Paige Baker III	218-791-8019		2822 102nd Ave NW Mandaree	X
5	Joni Bolman	421-1564	759-3057	PO Box 670 Mandaree	X
6	Brian Brugh	421-9081		1981 Highway 22 Mandaree	X
7	Michael Deville	421-5305	759-3239	PO Box 501 Mandaree	X
8	Thomas Deville	421-8655	759-3239	PO Box 501 Mandaree	X
9	Walter Deville	421-0456	759-3239	PO Box 501 Mandaree	X
10	Allen Edwards	421-7482		PO Box 571 Mandaree	X
11	Daniel Hall, Jr.	421-3779	759-3022	9550 BIA 12 Mandaree	X
12	Darren Holeman	421-1815		8605 BIA Rt. 10 Mandaree	X
13	Tony Iu	421-2170	759-3077	PO Box 704 Mandaree	
14	Beaufort Joe	421-1233		1981 Highway 22 Mandaree	X
15	Shane Johnson	421-1558	759-3218	10171 Highway 73	X
16	Tony Johnson	421-6570		461 Highway 22 Mandaree	X
17	Kelly Mason	421-1858	759-3734	PO Box 653 Mandaree	X
18	Terry Mason	421-7909	759-3941	218 Warrior Circle Mandaree	
19	Brad Sage	421-6977		1981 Highway 22 Mandaree	X
20	Elton Spotted Horse	421-1916			
21	Benner White Owl	421-3384	759-3757		X
22	Keith White Owl	421-2993		PO Box 452 Mandaree	X
23	Duane Youngbird	421-0633		PO Box 678 Mandaree	X

# For Your Information

The Big Ballers Basketball Tournament was held last month. It was for players 200 pounds plus! This was held at the Four Bears Community Center in New Town. Thanks to Kevin Finley who sent the pictures in of the winners.

1st place: Jackets

2nd place: Hoodies

3rd place: long sleeve t's

Pictured below are the winners:



1st Place Champions The Leftovers from Fort Peck.



2nd Place: MHA Nation.



3rd Place: The Chunky Dunkerz.

**ROAD 2 NABI**  
**BOYS AND GIRLS**  
**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

HOSTED BY THE MANDAN, HIDATSA, AND ARIKARA NATION'S  
 FITNESS AND RECREATION PROGRAM

**MAY 28-31, 2014**  
 NORTHERN LIGHTS BUILDING, FOUR BEARS COMMUNITY CENTER  
 NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 19, 2014 AT 4:30PM CST**

**BOYS TOURNAMENT 8 TEAM LIMIT - ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM CHOSEN**  
**GIRLS TOURNAMENT 8 TEAM LIMIT - ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM CHOSEN**

**TEAMS DO NOT HAVE TO BE REGISTERED FOR NABI IN PHOENIX TO PLAY IN THIS TOURNAMENT**

**\$1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOURNAMENT'S MVPs IN EACH DIVISION TO THE COLLEGE OF THEIR CHOICE IN HONOR OF THE LATE MS. ALYCE SPOTTED BEAR**

**HOST HOTEL: FOUR BEARS CASINO & LODGE**  
**FOR REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION**  
 CONTACT LORI FINLEY  
 (701) 627 3456 EXT. 5434 OR (701) 421-8577  
 OR EMAIL LFINLEY@MHANATION.COM

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 www.NABIFoundation.org  
 NABIFoundation



# West Segment Running Club



## K-6

@ Waterchief Hall



**Unfortunately the Mandaree Elementary school will not be involved with Running/Track this year, therefore we are hosting these meets on our own time. Our goal is to keep our youth healthy and provide positive after school activities. First practice will be Monday, April 7th and will start at 4:45pm (we will meet at**



**Waterchief hall.) Please fill out the attached permission form and return to the school's front office or contact a coach by Monday BEFORE THEY CAN PRACTICE!!**

**Coaches: Adele Phelan- 421-6947  
Maranda Johnson- 421-8777  
Martha Phelan- 421-0606**

# Times And Season-4 Blood Moons



If you didn't see the first blood moon occur in the early morning of April 15th, sometime around 2am-3:30am, depending on your location if it was cloudy or a clear day, you witnessed a historical phenomenal event that will release signs and wonders in the very near future. What does all this mean you may wonder and maybe you haven't a clue of what I'm talking about or even knew there was a "Total Lunar Eclipse?"

From the very beginning of creation when God created the Heavens and the Earth, He also put in place His time and purpose. GENESIS 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be signs and tokens [of God's provident care]. And [to mark] **seasons**, days, and years.

The word "seasons" does not represent the four seasons that we know of as summer, winter, spring, fall. The Hebrew's definition of season means "Divine Appointment".

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven.*

*Psalms 104:19: The Lord appointed the moon for the season; the sun knows [the exact time of] it setting.*

Now if you read each passage with the understanding, God is speaking of divine appointments, you will see God always had a plan, even in the beginning of time and creation, that is how awesome and powerful He is, He literally thought of absolutely everything, even in our own lives, He predestined your life.

NASA reports say that there will be 4 Total Lunar Eclipse in a row, each eclipse falls on the Hebrew calendar of Major Feast Days:

- April 15, 2014 "Passover"
- October 8, 2014 "Sukkot" or "Feast of Tabernacle"
- April 4, 2015 "Passover"
- September 28, 2015 "Sukkot"

There has already been 2 other events in the past years and they fell on the following days, which were again significant of the Hebrew calendar or Major Feast Days"

1948/1949: Israel became a Nation

1967/1968: Israel capture Jerusalem

2014/2015: (Whatever occurs will involve God's plan for Israel).

Let me back up a bit and explain the 3 major feast in Leviticus 23, they are Passover, Pentecost and the feast of Tabernacle. These feasts were literally kept by Israel, they were fulfilled in the life and ministry of Jesus, and they are meant to be experienced by the believer. **Passover** Speaks of the New Birth experience, Jesus was our Passover lamb. **Pentecost** Speaks of our experience of of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Tabernacles is yet to be by the

and has been reserved for this generation.

The Feast of Tabernacles is reserved for this generation and is to be experienced by all believers; the Feast of Tabernacles releases the fullness of Passover and Pentecost. This is the reason why we are experiencing significant changes in our world and society of His soon coming return.

Economic Expert Martin Armstrong created a computer model which is the CORE of his projections regarding scientific patterns, put into his computer program several thousands of years of historical data; war; financial crashes; climate changes, etc. to make financial decisions based on cycles. He went on public record to say the information input produced information that the financial system will crash on October 1, 2015. Other experts concur with the collapse and upheaval of the financial system.

God has given us a warning and it began in the celestial atmosphere, this is not to create fear but to allow you the opportunity to start moving in your purpose and destiny. He always has a plan, there is nothing new under the sky that God has not already put in place.

I see this as an exciting time and history to really start changing the way things have been going, we need to change our path that is leading to utter chaos and destruction. God already has our intended VICTORY established, we just need to get in sync with His Time Table and Calendar and move forward!

I Thessalonians 5:1-6

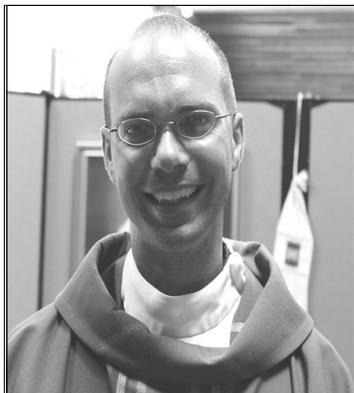
1. But as to the suitable times and the precise seasons and dates, brethren, you have not necessity for anything being written to you.
2. For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the [return of the] Lord will come [as expectedly and suddenly] as a thief in the night.
3. When the people are saying, All is well and secure, and There is peace and safety, then in a moment unforeseen destruction (ruin and death) will come upon them as suddenly as labor pains come upon a woman with child; and they shall by no means escape, for there will be no escape.
4. But you not in [given up to the power of] darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief.
5. For you are all sons of light and sons of day; we do not belong either to the night or to darkness.
6. Accordingly then, let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us keep wide awake (alert, watchful, cautious, and on our guard) and let us be sober (calm, collected, and circumspect).

Creator God I pray that Your people will not be afraid but get ready and begin to prepare the Divine plan and purpose that you have already set in place. This is a very Historical time in history and we do not want to miss the opportunity to move in our intended purpose. You blessed this wonder nation and reservation with the resources available to make the necessary changes, give us the Wisdom and Understanding to do your Will and Purpose and not our Own, AMEN!

Pastor Elise Packineau

Mandaree Hidatsa Church

# Prayer of Abandonment into God's Loving Hands



The season of Lent is a time to unite ourselves to the passion and suffering of Christ, which he endured for us on the road to Calvary. Jesus died for us there on the hill outside Jerusalem over 2000 years ago. Why? The answer is simple, but profound. He loved us and wanted to

save us from the destruction caused by our sins. Following Jesus's way of the cross is not easy. It requires determination, and above all, a willingness to live and die for God and to give everything to him. There is a prayer I discovered years ago that I pray often and would like to share with you. It is known as the "Prayer of Abandonment" and is attributed to St. Charles de Foucauld, a French priest who died in Algeria, North Africa in 1916.

The prayer goes like this:

*"Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father."*

This prayer of abandonment reminds and encourages me to hand my life over to God every day. For my life is really not my own, it belongs to the Creator. Our human life is, in a way, a journey back to the Creator. How do we know the way back? Jesus says in the Gospel of John, Chapter 14, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me." In other words, imitating Jesus will bring us back home. Jesus invites us to be his disciples and to pick up our daily cross and follow him. Since he asked us to follow, he will certainly help us and give us the right amount of grace we need at just the right time. It is our choice to accept the gift of his grace. When we are attentive to the move

ments in our hearts and soul, we can tell when God is extending his strengthening grace to do the right thing. Too often we don't take the grace and we leave it behind, but what a joy life becomes when we say yes to the gift. It reminds me of a little baby smiling and laughing when picked up by a mother or father. The baby knows she or he is in good hands and is confident that their loving parent will take good care of them and not abandon them in their moments of need.

While I was in the seminary studying to be a priest I came across another prayer that helped me on my journey to do God's will, and which I still pray often. It is something like the prayer of abandonment of St. Charles de Foucauld, because it, too is about trusting that God will help us when we need it. The prayer is referred to as "Thoughts in Solitude" and was composed by Fr. Louis (Thomas) Merton. It goes like this:

*"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."*

I will pray these prayers to day for each of you reading this article. I will pray that you may trust God, try to please him in all you do, and abandon yourself to his will for your life.

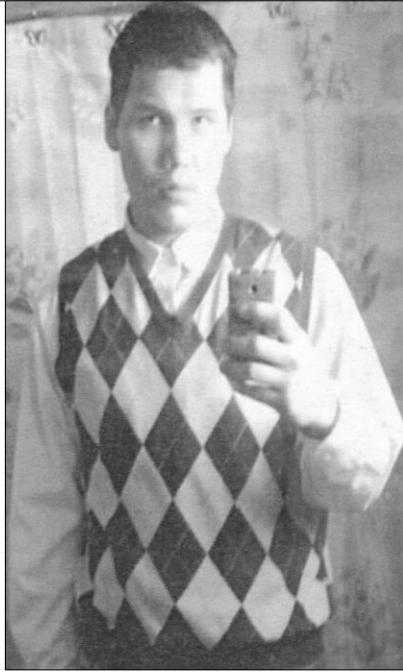
May God bless you all.

Father Paul Eberle

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Mandaree, North Dakota

# Obituary



## In Loving Memory Of Gerald Allan Smith "Standing Ground Medicine"

Gerald (Standing Ground Medicine), also fondly referred to as Bully & Froggie by his family and friends, was born June 23, 1991, to Pansy Marie Eckiss and Harvey A. Smith in Minot, North Dakota.

He was given his Indian name by the late Norman Many Ribs. He was

baptized at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Mandaree, North Dakota. His God parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Ygnacio (Bunny) Fimbres. Bully is also a member of the Chicken Clan.

Bully began his education in Minot, North Dakota where he attended head start and later attended school on the Fort Berthold Reservation at Mandaree and Twin Buttes. He then completed his education at Mandan, North Dakota.

As Bully/Froggie's journey in life continued the good Lord blessed him with two sons; Forest and Cashious, whom he loved and cherished with all his heart. Standing Ground Medicine was loved by his family but especially his nieces and nephews who would always be so excited and happy to see him, as was the rest of his family.

There were two things that Bully truly enjoyed in his life; boxing and cooking. His dream was to someday fight in the UFC. He started out as a young boy training/boxing with the Fort Berthold Golden Gloves boxing team under the direction of Virgil Chase. Bully continued his love for boxing as a young man and never stopped training. Secondly, he loved to cook. Being an 'early bird' up in the mornings, it was no surprise that his favorite meal to cook was breakfast and often would effortlessly create an awesome meal for his family. He was also known to be very neat and clean.

Everything had to be in order!

Bully's life changed drastically as he learned to love and forgive and treasure those that came into his life and those that knew him in his younger years. He cherished life to the fullest and helped anyone who needed him.

Something he and his family were especially proud of was the work he did on the building of the earth lodge in Twin Buttes in the Fall of 2013. He was presently preparing himself for the Sundance with the guidance of a few relatives and friends. It was something he held close to his heart and was looking forward to.

Bully had many dreams and envisioned a time when everyone would unite. He referred to this on his Facebook page as well. His heart was full of love and he showed it in many ways; in an "I love you", a hug or a smile.

Standing Ground Medicine will be greatly missed by all that knew him and loved him so very much.

He is survived by his loving Mother Pansy (Garrett); Father, Harvey; Brothers; Monty, Harvey Jr., and Garrett. Uncles; Emery, Buckskin, Billie; Aunties; Kay, Sue, Melissa and Cherlye & Grandfather, Bill Eckiss Sr., and many other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his Maternal Grandmother, Charlotte Marie Eckiss, Great grandmother, Lena Face, Uncle Eddie, Aunt Ruby, Cousins; Kyle and T.J. Nephews; Preston, Francis, Walker and Niece, Saleigh and many other relatives.

# Obituary

*"A Celebration Of Life"*

Gerald Allan Smith

*"Standing Ground Medicine"*

June 23, 1991~March 27, 2014

**Wake Services:**

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Water Chief Hall-Mandaree, ND

**Funeral Mass Services:**

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Water Chief Hall-Mandaree, ND

**Interment:**

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Mandaree, ND

**Officiating:**

Father Paul Eberle

**Music:**

Neal Hale

All Welcome

**Active Pallbearers:**

Aron Young Bird

Spencer Wilkinson Jr.

Mike White Owl

Ryan Smith

Jarret Baker

John Hunts Along

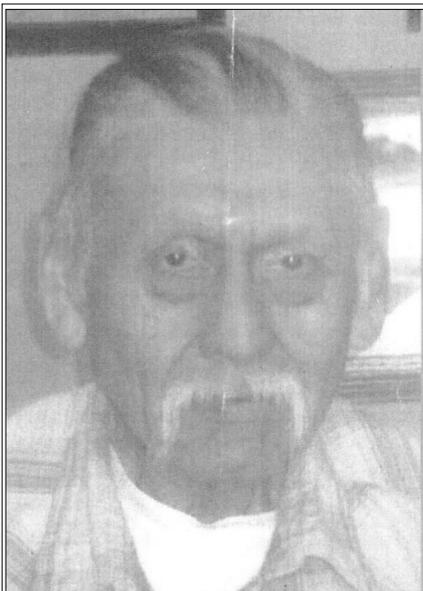
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Cody Bear

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

All his many Friends and Relatives

# Obituary



In Loving Memory Of Gerald  
Charles Hale (Wolf Sitting  
Down) {Cøsha naag-sh}

70, of Mandaree, died Tuesday,  
April 8, 2014 in a Bismarck hospital.

Gerald was born on January 6, 1944  
at Independence, to Margaret

"Maggie" Baker and Charles Peter Hale Sr.

Gerald was a member of the Chicken Clan. He attended school at  
Elbowoods then Mandaree High School, where he played  
basketball, football and participated in boxing. He even tried his  
hand at bareback riding.

Gerald moved to Dallas, Texas in 1964 and attended a welding  
school. He then worked at Todd Shipyard in Houston. He married  
Hazel Specht in 1963, they lived in Houston and had three children;  
Cameron, Charles, and GERALYN.

In 1969, they returned home to Fort Berthold and had four more  
children; Anthony, Austin, Scott, and Kathy. When their marriage  
ended in divorce in 1976, he remarried Roberta Mitchell. Together  
they raised six children; Jason, Jeremy, Justina, Johnny, Tysin and  
Casey.

He worked at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, on the  
construction of the college.

When he returned home he worked as a Tribal Police Officer, as a  
welder operator at the BIA Roads Department and as a custodian at the  
Mandaree School. He also worked at Four Bears Casino as a Porter  
Supervisor.

Gerald enjoyed playing guitar with his friends, singing at pow wows and  
raising cain with his friends, nephews and great grandchildren.

He is survived by: Gerald's loving Family his children: Charles  
"Chuck" (Darnell), GERALYN, Anthony "Tony" (Julie), Austin, Scott  
(Tammy), Kathy, Justina, Johnny and Tysin.

Grandchildren: Cameron, Morgan, Chucky, Van, Lauryn, Dylan, Steven,  
Uraina, Misty, Ashely, Tristan, Kenny, Bella, Matthew, Jada, Shawn Jr.,  
Hunter and Melissa Rose. Ten Great-grandchildren. Brothers; William M.  
(Wild Bill) Hale and Kenneth I (Hawkshaw) Hale. Many nieces and  
nephews, and extended family.



Gerald was preceded in death by his parents;  
brother, Charles "Chancey" Jr., sisters; Virginia  
Hale, Marlene Young Bird and Trilby Deserly; and  
sons; Cameron, Jeremy, Jason and Casey.

# Obituary

Celebrating The Life Of  
"Gzsha-Naagi-sh" (Wolf Sitting Down)  
January 6, 1944~ April 8, 2014

**Wake Services:**

Friday, April 11, 2014  
At 5:00 pm Water Chief Hall  
Mandaree, North Dakota

**Funeral Services:**

Saturday, April 12, 2014  
At 10:00am Water Chief Hall  
Mandaree, North Dakota

**Senior Pallbearer:**

Dan Hunts Along

**Celebrant:**

Father Paul C. Eberle

**Casketbearers:**

Charlie Chapin	Cameron Hale	Chuck Hale
Van Hale	Fred Hale	Jay Hale
Rodney Hale	Jess Hale	Yates White Buffalo

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

All of Gerald's Friends and Extended Family

**Burial:**

Hale Family Cemetery  
Mandaree, North Dakota

# West Segment's

## 2014 MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

MONDAY MAY 26TH 2014

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**JRS**  
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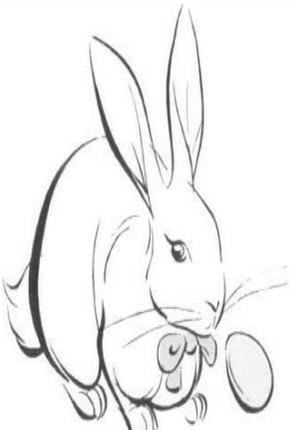
Entry fee: \$375.00 per team

**Entry Fee Deadline** *Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014*

Mail Entry’s To: PO Box 3082, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

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**Senior Citizen Menu for the Month of: April 2014 Meals Prepared By: Kip Black Hawk and Marty Fredericks**

	Tater Tot Hot Dish 1 Cottage Cheese Wheat Bread  Rice Krispy Bars	Chicken Fried Steak 2 Rice Green Beans  Cherry Crisp	Hot Hamburger 3 Mashed Potatoes Creamed Peas  Fruit	Fish Sticks 4 Macaroni/Cheese Beets  Chocolate Pudding
Sub Sandwich 7 Rice Cottage Cheese  Cookies	Macaroni Hot Dish 8 Green Beans Tossed Salad  Apple Crisp	Salisbury Steak 9 Mashed Potatoes Peas  Spice Cake	Swedish Meatballs 10 Baked Potato Waxed Beans  Pistachio Pudding	Tuna Sandwich 11 Potato Soup Apple Ring  Fruit
Chicken Noodle Soup 14 Spinach Orange Salad  Red Grapes	Finger Steaks 15 Steamed Rice Broccoli  Jell-O	Baked Ham 16 Brown Rice Colored Eggs Fruit Salad Cake	Cabbage Roll 17 Mashed Potato Corn  Fruit	NO Meals Good Friday
No Meals Happy Easter	Creamy Tomato/ 22 Pork Farfalle Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fruit	Meat Loaf 23 Baked Potato Peas/Carrot  Cup Cakes	Chicken Stir Fry 24 Rice Coleslaw  Peaches	Tuna Casserole 25 Carrots Tossed Salad  Brownies
Creamed Chicken 28 Noodles Stewed Tomato  Cookies	Spaghetti Hot Dish 29 Waldrof Salad  Banana Bars	Baked Chicken 30 Bean Baked Potato Salad  Watermelon	Meal Site: 759-3092	

Menu is subject to change without notice.

## Senior Citizen Menu for the Month of: May 2014

## Meals Prepared By: Kip Black Hawk and Marty Fredericks

Meal Site: 759-3092			Sweet/Sour Pork 1 Rice Beets  Jell- O	French Dip 2 Potato Wedges Cucumber Salad  Pistachio Pudding
Hamburger Potato Soup 5 Crackers Waldrof Salad  Peach Cobbler	Stuffed Green Pepper 6 Mashed Potato Green Beans  Blueberry Crisp	Pork Chops 7 Dressing Gravy Squash Cake	Beef Tips 8 Noodles Broccoli  Chocolate Pudding	Fish Burger 9 Macaroni/Cheese Beets  Fruit Cup
Chicken Noodle Soup 12 Relish Tray Cheese Slices  Tapioca Pudding	Spaghetti / Meat Sauce 13 Cottage Chese Garlic Toast  Jell-o w/ Topping	Veal Parmesan 14 Boiled Potato Peas  Donuts	Hamburger Gravy 15 Toast Carrots  Blueberry Crisp	Vegetable Soup 16 Egg Salad Sandwich Crackers Cottage Cheese Grapes
Chili Con Carne 19 Relish Tray Cheese  Chocolate Pudding	Chicken Stir Fry 20 Brown Rice Kiwi  Apples	Meatball Gravy 21 Mashed Potatoes Peas/Carrots  Lemon Pudding	Polish Sausage 22 Sauerkraut Waxed Beans  Fruit	Beef Stir Fry 23 White Rice Tossed Salad  Cookies
Beef Stew 26 Crackers Coleslaw  Cherry Crisp	Beef Stroganoff 27 Noodles Brussels Sprouts  Butterscotch Pudding	Roast Beef 28 Mashed Potatoes Tossed Salad  White Cake	Chicken Strips 29 Stewed Tomato  Vanilla Pudding	Swiss Steak 30 Rice Broccoli  Apple Crisp

Menu subject to change with out notice.



Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers to the family and relatives of Gerald Allan Smith and to the families and relatives of Gerald Hale and Kenneth Hale. To the family and relatives of Frances Driver Sr., on the loss of your beloved ones.

May Our Creator be with each and every one of you and grant you peace during your time of sorrow.

From The West Segment Representative & Staff.



### Welcome Baby!

Nathaniel Roy Hall was born to Rhonda & Robin

Born: March 28, 2014

Time: 2:48 am

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Length: 20:5 inches

Place of Birth: St. Josephs Hospital & Health Center in Dickinson, North Dakota.



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- Joyce Standish
- Wanda Sheppard
- James Danks
- Kenneth Hale
- Veronica Serdahl
- Donna Standish
- Ethan Hall



happy birthday  
i thank God for you.



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