

West Segment Celebrates Easter



Quotes For The Heart & Mind

- * "Just as Hope Rings through laughter, it can also SHINE through Tears." ~Maya Angelou~
- * "I Will Not Forget You, I have Written Your Name on the Palms of my hands." ~ Isaiah 49:15-16
- * "When you wake up every day, you have two choices. You can either be positive or negative; an optimist or a pessimist. I choose to be an optimist. It's all a matter of perspective." ~Harvey Mackay~

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It was a busy day for the employees from the West Segment community. Busy preparing for our Easter Dinner and activities. The gym was nicely decorated and we even had our very own Easter Bunny for the evening for the kids.

The above picture is of a cake that was made for the special occasion in fact there were three cakes with Happy Easter Mandaree on them, all in different flavors. This year's menu consisted of roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, and salads, along with more cakes to add to the Easter spirit. The food was provided by the West Segment staff, who cooked the meal for everyone to enjoy.

Throughout the evening door prizes were given away to the audience, door prizes such as; mini I pads, play station four, a swimming

pool, bikes, and big Easter baskets and big chocolate bunnies and many other door prizes. After everyone enjoyed the great meal, there was a Easter egg give away, due to the cold weather outside it was decided to have the kids chose an egg.

The West Segment staff also made Easter baskets both for females and males. Easter baskets were also given to each child, from the babies to the older ones. We had their Easter baskets all divided into their age groups. So everyone left with an Easter basket.

It was a fun time for family and their kids, a time to enjoy each others' company and visit with one another. It gave us a lot of pleasure to see the smiles and happiness on each of the kids faces. It was a time enjoyed by everyone. Photos on pg. 6.&7

West Segment Tribal Representative Update



Hello Community members and relatives. Before I begin this month's update, I would like to extend my sincere condolences and sympathy to the family and relatives of Bernadine Morsette-Yellow Wolf, Nathan Paul Goodiron and Quentin "Terry" Mason family and relatives on the loss of your beloved ones.

First of all, I would like to give some feedback on our clean up day that we recently had here in our community. Overall, we had a good, outstanding cleanup we had a great turn out. Although we did end it early around two o'clock out of respect for the Goodiron family. I am proud to say we had an excellent turn out even though we ended it early usually we would have gone till 5 pm. I just want to let everyone know we will have two more clean ups we have one scheduled for May and we will have another in June. We are going to try to get more student activity this time round, we aren't going to penalize the students. If the students participant in the two up coming clean ups they will be okay for the fair bracelets. I was asked about this because it wasn't fair the students were in school, so we will give them a chance to participate in our clean ups. So as long as they pick two out of the three than they will be okay.

We recently had our Easter Dinner which was a big big success! We have pictures in this newspaper. We had a big turn out this year and everything went good, it is because of all the staff here that make activities like this happen. It is the hard work and efforts of the staff and dedication that makes these events happen. I told the people that it was the staff that furnished and cooked the food and also decorated the gym for our Easter activities. The people applauded that. We haven't missed a Holiday in the past three years here at the West Segment tribal office. We have always tried to provide for our community on all holiday events. Again, I want to thank the staff and the community for helping out.

A few months ago, I met with the Governor on our EMS funding, I haven't gotten the latest update but I do know the Governor is going to help us. In the meantime, I helped the EMS with some funding that they needed from the Mandaree Community. So they were able to continue the services that are very much needed here in our community in Mandaree. I did step up to help them so they were able to provide ambulance services to our people here in Mandaree.

As far as our insurance health cards, we did tell everyone that they had to apply before the deadline date which was February 15, 2015. To be eligible so if you are an elder and didn't fill out your paperwork in a timely manner than you probably missed the deadline. Than you won't be eligible until October, Elders could get covered under this Tribal Care insurance that everyone applied for before February 15, 2015. If you didn't apply by February 15th

than you aren't eligible. So this is for your information so you are aware. If you didn't get a health card than call here at the Tribal office and we will check on it for you. Call Martha at 759-3377. The kids get the dental and vision, the adults it's dental and health coverage not the vision. So if you didn't get you health card and applied than again call Martha here at 759-3377 and we can check on it for you.

Recently, the Tribal Business Council and myself were in Washington, D.C. and met with Senator Hoeven, Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Department of the Interior, BOR, BLM. We had a very good meeting in the two days that we were in Washington. I can only tell you that there are good things coming for the MHA Nation I can't go into detail. When it goes through and becomes a reality than I can explain more to everyone. It's too premature right now.

As far as our new pow wow grounds they put the footing down and poured the cement for the footings, they are on target and right now they are waiting for the steel to come in. The steel should be in the next few days. Than they will put the steel foundation up. I also would like to let the families know that have shades up at the pow wow grounds they need to be taken down, because the structure of the pow wow grounds is going to be really big. But we do need these shades moved and we are asking the community members to move their own shades. If any families are unable to move their shades than you need to call the Tribal office here in Mandaree, so we can get someone to move the shades for you. So the construction for the pow wow grounds is pretty much on schedule if they get behind due to inclement weather than they will work day and night to make sure they meet the deadline.

Other updates in our community of course we have our Warbonnet dance coming up this weekend and next month we will have our Memorial Day pow wow on May 25th and also we are projecting a horse sale on May 15th here in Mandaree we will have more information in our next issue here.

I am finalizing our budget so when that's complete than we will have it in our newspaper. We are projecting another disbursement in July for all our tribal members which will be for 1,000. So we can all look forward to that.

I recently challenged all the seniors here in Mandaree to graduate, I am giving each graduate an honorarium this year. Hoping to make sure they graduate this year.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to be very careful with our dry season with the lack of moisture this year. We have a possibility of fires due to high winds in our area so we would like everyone to be very careful and to be very cautious of any open flames.

Until then be safe and take care and thank you for being a good reader.

Information for Elders to Be Aware Of



How To Take Care of Older Adults with Depression:

Until recently, depression in seniors used to be dismissed as a symptom of aging, and was not associated with the disorder itself. It was generally taken more seriously in teenagers. However, recent studies proved that depression is not an ongoing part of anything. Rather, if an individual, regardless of age, is showing signs or symptoms of stress such as eating or sleep disorders, or feeling very tired and others; these are to be taken seriously, as the next step would be depression.

What is depression?

Depression is a mental disorder which causes emotional and physical problems. It was not recognized as a legitimate mental disorder until the mid 1800's, and from then on, numerous studies on this disorder widened the field of study and how it can be prevented, if not cured.

Can older adults have depression?

Contrary to general consensus in the past, older adults are at a higher risk of depression. As a person grows older, they notice more difficulties in their lives, and the sadness and frustration from it can make them feel empty. In cases where there is no one to take care of them or even show that they are not alone, the issue is further intensified. A problem cannot simply go away by itself, and if an older adult with depression is seen to with care and love, they can live a long and fulfilling life filled with love and self-satisfaction.

Symptoms of depression:

Symptoms of depression can be recognized easily. However, it is better to observe first and then voice your opinion making the other person realize something they didn't know. Not every person has the same symptoms but warning signs can make us wary of the situation our loved on is in.

Symptoms such as:

- Listlessness
- Aches and pains in different parts of their body.
- Frequent doctor visit without a diagnosis.
- Inability to concentrate or think straight.
- Insomnia or too much sleep.
- Losing interest in the matters of people they care about.
- Giving their things away.

Methods of care:

Firstly, one thing that irks most people is when depression is dismissed

as laziness, sadness or boredom. Depression, being a recognized illness, is not something to be taken lightly, and can cause many problems for people who suffer from it.

Medical Solutions:

Most of the time, depression can be treated effectively with medicine and psychotherapy. Each medication is catered to a certain type of depressive state, so it is wise to go to a physician and get a prescription instead of self-diagnosing.

Offer support, be patient:

Even knowing that there are loved ones around can help. Knowing that they are not a burden to you, and that there are people to help them and listen, is enough of a boost, even if they are not volunteering any information. Making the older adults in your life feel like a part of your family will give them the extra strength to fend off negative feelings. Be patient with them.

Treat them like royalty:

Draw them into activities, even simple ones such as going out for a walk, making something or organizing outings, make them realizes that you trust them enough with a project.

Never ignore the symptoms:

Symptoms such as talking about suicide indicate severe depression. If a loved one speaks of taking their life, immediately inform the doctor. Talking about it can help them out.

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Attention All Elders!

On Thursday, April 16th Our Elders Spring Fling will begin at 12 Noon to 4:00pm. There will be Lunch, Bingo and door prizes! So elders come and enjoy yourself! At the Mandaree Elders Center.

Also on Thursday, April 16 at 1:00pm Michelle from Bismarck Verizon will be on hand here to give our elders a demonstration on the 1st Alert. So save the date and the times for a afternoon of fun and learning!

Mandaree Indian Club Attend Denver March

Photo and caption Courtesy of Norma Flying Horse



Mandaree NDN club students Awesome! Denver 2015

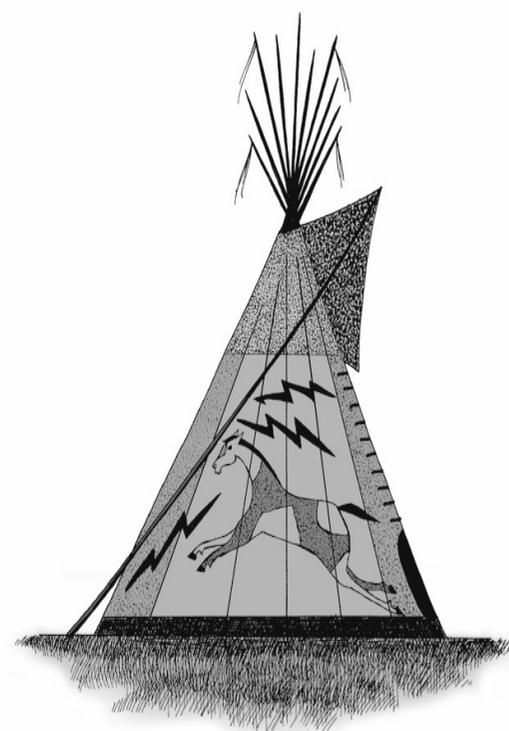


Mandaree Pow wow Jr. Princess Daysha Serdahl Mandaree Sr. Princess [Kaelyn Dawes](#) Denver March Pow wow Princess Jordan Paz MHA Edu. Traveling Princess [Tessa Abbey](#) Wadopana Pow wow Traveling Princess [Julie Flyinghorse](#). Photo and caption courtesy of Caspie Abbey

So very proud of our Mandaree Indian club! They represented their school and community so well! Good job to their advisor Caspie Abbey and staff Joann Roasting Stick and Donovan Abbey on getting the kids to Denver for some awesome dancing and singing. Also, thank you to our Council representative Councilman Randy Phelan as well as the rest of the TAT Tribal Council for the support of our students!



For Your Information



Randy Phelan and the other members of the Tribal Business Council with North Dakota Senator John Hoeven in Washington, DC, Getting things done for the Three Affiliated Tribes!! Their main mission is to get the bill passed for the hospital that was promised with the Garrison Dam project! Pray for them to succeed here and show the US Government that they are responsible for their promises, and we aim to Collect! Caption and picture is unknown.

In the picture above from left to right: Frank Grady~Four Bears Representative ; Lewis Ken Hall~North Segment Representative, Mark Fox~TAT Chairman, Senator John Hoeven, Randy Phelan~West Segment Representative, Cory Spotted Bear~Twin Buttes Representative. Other councilmen not pictured is Fred Fox, White Shield Representative and Mervin Packineau, Parshall Segment.



North Dakota Senator John Hoeven and Tribal Business Council Representative for West Segment Randy Phelan in Washington, D.C.



West Segment Easter Celebration!



Pictured above are some of the door prizes that were given away.



Easter Baskets that were given to the kids from ages 0-18. Pictures of Easter baskets at the bottom of this page for older kids.



Councilman Phelan was on hand at the end of the line offering our people water or pop to drink during our Easter Dinner.



Everyone standing in line for their Easter dinner, everyone was fed good and enjoyed a delicious meal with all the trimmings.



More Easter Pictures!



Easter bunny at the top of the page and the Easter bunny with Chloe even though she was a little afraid she took a picture. Below a bunny cake with cupcakes made by one of our community members.

At the top of this page, Councilman Phelan and Adele were giving out door prizes! A candy table and Ted the Easter bunny and Diane were all enjoying the dinner.

Rebuilding Lives With Warriors Of The 21st Century



As Chief Judge, I see firsthand the devastation brought on by meth and heroin addictions and its impact to the lives of tribal members, families, children and communities. I have been put in a position to be creative and implement programs to save not only drug addicted tribal members but to save our children from drug addiction and engaging in illegal drug trafficking activities.

The Warriors of the 21st program is a mentoring program geared to saving our children, grandchildren and future generations from hopeless despair and to guarantee that who we are as Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara people will survive.

The court does not resemble the same court system I walked into just a short two years ago. The court's statistics have increased by 2,000% and over 90% of all crimes are drug related. Drug related crimes on the MHA Nation have quadrupled in two years' time. The court's statistics are nearly as large as Burleigh County in Bismarck, North Dakota. The court in Bismarck has (8) full time judges and (10) full time State's Attorneys (prosecutors). Our court system has (1) judge and (1) prosecutor. A few years back, the Tribal Business Council had declared a "War on Drugs"; however, it is like fighting a nuclear war with a slingshot.

We need to change our attitudes in treating meth and heroin addiction; this is not the same as treating alcohol addiction. The addiction to these types of illegal drugs requires new and innovative approaches in order to bring back the lives of our tribal members. The shame and disgrace of meth and heroin addiction is not the same as alcohol addiction. Those who once were addicted to meth and heroin face greater challenges in their home and work lives. Employers, spouses, children and relatives, oftentimes, are not willing to give their drug addicted loved ones a second chance.

Family member often turn love ones away that are addicted to meth and heroin and employers simply refuse to hire former meth or heroin addicts. The Warriors of the 21st Century Program was

designed to restore the hopes, dreams and lives of former meth and heroin addicts while, at the same time, ensuring that tribal members are born healthy and given a fair start in life for future generations. The Warriors of the 21st Century was ideally created for the purposes of rebuilding the lives of our tribal members. Participants of the program will serve as role models to our young children. The participants will inform our young children about the dangers of drug addiction and also warn them of the tactics used by drug dealers to get them to use illegal drugs.

The purpose of the Warriors program is to ensure the participants reach our young people by mentoring at the schools and at other MHA Nation events. Participants will serve as role models and give presentations to the young people of the MHA Nation. In their presentations they will inform our young people about the methods and intimidation tactics used by drug traffickers, and will be honest and forthright about the dangers of drug addiction and drug related criminal activities.

The Tribe cannot allow meth and heroin addiction to take over the lives of our members which, in turn, impacts the lives of innocent children and puts homes and communities on alert status when threatened with life and property from drug addicts. Meth and heroin addiction will definitely prove to be the loss of who we are as a People and to our ways of life and traditions. As parents, grandparents and relatives, we cannot turn our backs on our loved ones, look the other way, and treat them like yesterday's trash. Meth and heroin addiction is affecting our tribal members at an unprecedented rate. This represents a new battle, in a new era, and it is solely up to us as the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation to rebuild the lives of our People.

Warriors Of The 21st Century Role Models For The MHA Nation

The MHA Nation District Court has implemented a new program into the Nation's judicial system entitled, "Warriors of the 21st Century." The new program is aimed at rehabilitating tribal members who have been addicted to illegal drugs, namely, methamphetamines and heroin. The program is designed for those who have become addicted to meth and heroin as a result of the increase in drug trafficking brought on by the recent development of the Bakken oil and gas reserves. The court see the devastation of illegal drug abuse and its implications and ripple effects to innocent children of drug abusers, threats and fears community members live in every day in our small tribal communities, and loss of our People's souls, traditions and culture.

The purpose of the program is for our tribal members to recapture the hopes and dreams they once had for their lives; to set them up for success by putting them in their preferred choice of employment and by paying them a decent wage; to regain respect from their loved ones and community; and, to serve as mentors to young tribal members of the MHA Nation. In order to prevent our youth from becoming addicted to illegal drugs, and to become aware of the tactics used by drug traffickers, the mentorship program is a key element to the Warriors of the 21st Century Program.

THE GOALS OF THE WARRIORS OF THE 21ST CENTURY PROGRAM ARE TO SEEK COLLABORATION AND PURSUE PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR NATION'S TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, AS WELL AS FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF REHABILITATING AND MENTORING TRIBAL MEMBERS BY RESTORING AND REBUILDING LIVES AND THEIR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

The court will work with various Tribal departments for employment placements, such as the Court, Highway Patrol, Tribal Employment Rights Office, and Security Departments. The Court may, also, be entering into MOU's with Game and Fish, Energy Department and Tribal Ranch. Initially the Court designed the program at a much smaller scale; however, once the word spread about the Court's project, the names of the willing participants jumped from five (5) to over (15); including the number of Tribal Departments wishing to participant in the court's innovative program aimed at giving back the lives of tribal members, families and communities.

The goals and purposes of the Warriors of the 21st Century is to instill hope for the future by rebuilding lives and providing employment incentives, counseling outreach, classes, and for restoring our hope and faith in our Creator God. Selected candidates for the program will be monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing and required to attend weekly classes. The court will arrange for counseling, as needed, for addiction, domestic abuse, anger management and parenting classes. Each participant may be required to attend online classes based upon selected criteria and/or evaluations determined by the project coordinator or commission. . For successful participants who have no criminal state or federal records, and who want to pursue law enforcement types of careers, may have their criminal records.

expunged, if warranted by statute, in order to pursue these careers.

In addition to Tribal departments, the court will seek to pursue partnerships (MOU's) with State and Federal Agencies for the purposes of continuing these efforts to Tribal Members living off the MHA Nation. The proposed eligibility requirements would require Tribal members to maintain significant contracts with the Nation. Oftentimes, federal probationary requirements prohibit the parolee from returning home to the MHA Nation. This creates an extreme hardship and oftentimes results in the parolee resuming their drug habits and criminal activities. The Warriors of the 21st Century program may be able to provide assistance and oversight in the Bismarck/Mandan area to Tribal members forced to stay off the Reservation as a result of federal probationary requirements, or to those tribal members compelled to leave the MHA Nation in order to remain drug free.

The Warriors of the 21st Century is a program created to restore the lives and is not geared at punishment. Tribal members living on the MHA Nation have been affected, either directly or indirectly, with the devastating impacts illegal drug trafficking has brought to our homeland. The increase in criminal activity on the MHA Nation has quadrupled in the last two (2) years, there is an unprecedented number of illegal drug related crimes which, in turn, carries the unending ripple effect of broken homes, destroyed lives, societal and collective ills, and an alarming rate of deaths associated with illegal drug usage.

Mentoring relationships have been shown to improve self-esteem; greatly increase employment standards; create positive and healthy families; and, restore community confidence in our tribal members. Mentoring is an effective method to prevent becoming involved in criminal activity and has the effect of restoring lives and can ensure that the future lives of our Tribal members will be healthy and strong.

Lastly, participants shall be required to attend church or religious retreats of their choice at least once per month; or, if participant wants to take part in Native American ceremonies; the participant will be required to attend one (1) prayer service per month such as attending sweat lodge, vision quests, sundance, peyote prayer ceremonies, or other related ceremonies. The participant shall be required to attend a religious or ceremonial retreat once every six (6) months, or as determined by the project coordinator or commission.

The Warriors of the 21st Century program is an investment in our People and will provide assurance that our sacred children will be raised in drug free environments and that our traditional and cultural values will survive for future generations.

P. Diane Johnson, Chief Judge, MHA District Court.

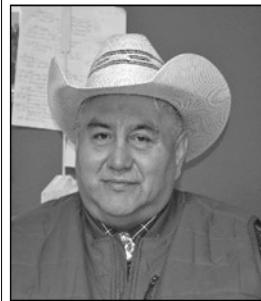
Warriors Of The 21st Century Role Models For The MHA Nation

The following are comments from program participants:

- The Warriors of the 21st Century Program makes me feel like I have a second chance at redeeming myself. My federal probation officer was extremely impressed and wants a full description of the Warriors of the 21st Century program. *This program makes me feel like I am worth something, especially after years of doing illegal drugs.*
- Prior to this program, I use to wake up in the morning and start crying, thinking what am I going to do? Who will hire someone like me? Now, I'm proud of who I am, and how much I have been able to achieve. *Thanks to this program, I have gotten my life back. Thank you Judge Johnson, I never thought I would have a chance like this.*
- As a former drug user, no one except a drug user knows the depths of despair one feels, especially the feeling of being completely worthless. *Now, I feel like I have a purpose in life, this program gives me hope.* At the court, I am treated with respect and dignity, it is an *amazing feeling*. I feel beyond doubt very blessed. This is truly a humbling experience. Thank you, Judge Johnson and tribal court, for giving me this opportunity.
- The Warriors of 21st Century is truly unbelievable and inspiring. *I never thought my Tribe cared for people like us.* I am actually treated like a professional by the judges, prosecutors and all court staff. I am so excited about this program because it will allow me to "give back" to families and the community. I have always had a desire to help my community and others who have been through the darkness of drug addiction. This opportunity and others who have been through the darkness of drug addiction. This opportunity will help me to help others see the light of life's true beauty. I am thankful for people like Judge Diane Johnson who goes out of her way to help people like us.
- The Warriors of the 21st Century Program has allowed me to get to know my son for the first time. My meth addiction kept me from my son for 7 years. *This is an unbelievable program.* I have respect and self-worth back as a human being. I never thought something like this was possible.



This photo was taken at the Mandaree School when the Warriors of the 21st Century presented to the students in the Mandaree School gym.



The Warriors of the 21st Century Program was created during Councilman Randy Phelan's tenure as Judicial Committee Chairman. Through the leadership and support of Councilman Randy Phelan, the Warriors Program has been a proven triumph in rebuilding the lives of Tribal members. Tribal, State and Federal agencies have been eager to support the goals and objectives of the program. The Warriors program hereby expresses its gratitude to Councilman Randy Phelan, and to ALL members of the Tribal Business Council.

[The following is a letter sent to Judge Hovland, U.S. District Court, Bismarck, ND, for and on behalf of one our participants in the Warriors Program]:



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RE: United States of America vs. Connie Azure

Dear Honorable Judge Hovland:

Please consider this as a letter of support for Connie R. Azure, the named defendant in the above entitled case. Ms. Azure has been working for the MHA Nation District Court, under the "Warriors of the 21st Century Program." The MHA Nation and its members are currently experiencing an enormous increase in drug related criminal activity as a result of the exploration of the Bakken Oil & Gas Industry. As a result, the MHA Nation is suffering through an enormous increase in criminal and drug related activities due to the development of the Bakken oil and gas reserves on the Nation.

The Court's criminal cases have more than tripled in the last two years, going from approximately 2,000 cases to over 7,200, criminal cases. The vast number of drug and drug related cases has resulted in record numbers of broken homes; illegal drug usage and drug trafficking; and, 80% of all babies born from the MHA Nation are either drug addicted or have drugs in their systems. These and other social ills have destroyed the lives and culture of the Tribal Members of the MHA Nation. The MHA Nation has an ever growing population of persons addicted to illegal drugs such as methamphetamines and heroin, and Hepatitis C is reaching epic proportions. Illegal drug addiction and drug trafficking criminal activities are ruining the lives of individuals, their children, and extended family members while, at the same time, posing a threat to the community as a whole.

In response to the problems identified above, when Tribal members seek treatment or are released from incarceration and are on probation, the system oftentimes sets them up for failure. For example, their drug addiction status and criminal records follow them and, as such, they are scorned by the community, looked down upon, not trusted, nor is employment forthcoming and, if employment is offered, it is generally at low, demeaning wages. This creates despair and

feelings of self loathing abound when they realize they cannot support their families and, thus, many of them return to the world of drug addiction and drug trafficking.

We are all a part of humanity, and we must have charity and compassion for one another. If we genuinely and sincerely want the people in our communities to succeed, we must provide the requisite support in order for them to achieve their goals. In acknowledging the problems our People face when returning home from a drug addiction treatment facility, or if they are on probation, the Warriors of the 21st Century Program was created as an innovative approach to maintain and ensure that our People are given a chance at restoring their lives, and the lives of their families, to get them back on track where they were before drugs overtook and destroyed their lives. Our Warriors Program is intended to re-instill the goals they once had for their lives, to provide meaningful employment, or to pursue an education or obtain a vocation. It also requires that participants serve as mentors to the young people of the MHA Nation in an effort to keep the young people healthy, living drug free lives, and being safe from drug cartels.

In addition to an employment and educational program, the Warriors Program is intended to serve as a mentoring program. The Warriors program mentors our participants and they, in turn, mentor the young people on the MHA Nation, especially those young people considered high risk. Moreover, selected participants are monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing and are required to attend classes one to three hours per week for addiction counseling, anger management, criminal behavior modification, as well as speaking at schools in order to reach the young people by talking about the consequences and devastation of drug abuse; including, the dangers of associating with drug trafficking and drug cartels.

Ms. Connie Azure has become a true Warrior of the 21st Century as demonstrated by her efforts in mentoring young children by speaking at schools on the MHA Nation and informing Native American children of the dangers and evils of drug addiction. Ms. Azure has received standing ovations and has children running and reaching out to hug her so that they, too, can share their experiences with drug addiction and drug trafficking. Ms. Azure has brought tears to the members in the audience including both students and professional staff.

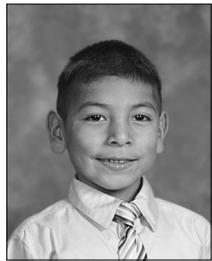
Ms. Connie Azure is living proof that there is life after drug addiction. Connie Azure was hired under our program on November 7, 2014. During this time, Ms. Azure has had a perfect attendance record, passed all of her urine analysis, and has excelled in fulfilling the intents and purposes of the Warriors program. I do believe that if Ms. Azure is offered a second chance she will continue to be a living example to others who struggle with addiction. Ms. Connie Azure's life exemplifies a life that is clean, sober, hopeful, and that she truly is a contributing member of society, and serves as a role model for our children of the MHA Nation.

Sincerely,

PDiane Johnson

Diane Johnson, Chief Judge
MHA Nation District Court

Good Citizenship Award With Mandaree Students



Mandaree School is proud to honor students that have been recognized as Good Citizens for the month of March! These students have exhibited the qualities of Good Citizenship and were recognized by teachers and staff.

Good Citizenship Criteria:

Attitude: The student is goal-oriented, enthusiastic, and respectful of school policies.

Academics: The student must strive to do their very best in class by turning in all assignments.

School Spirit: The student shows pride in the school, attends and/or participates in school activities.

Community Service: The student voluntarily helps others in the classroom and in the community.

Kalieghe Fettig by Ms. Kelly, Duane "Choncho" Budreau by Ms. Lampi, Teigan Grant by Ms. Zinc, Vanessa Smith by Ms. Dyer, Cooper Johnson by Ms. Francis, Elmer Flying Horse by Mr. Medicine Hawk, Ma-Yu White by Ms. Lapoint/Ms. Young, Martha Whiteowl by Ms. Lone Bear, Dakota Rimer by Mr. Propst, Sierra Flying Horse by Mr. Fishel, Adrianna Young Bird by Mr. Sanford, Angelina Longie by Ms. Troutman, James Longie by Ms. Coyne, Kenzie Poitra by Ms. Gipe.

For Your Information

Water Chief Hall has New Lobby Area for Everyone



A new lobby was recently created so visitors or clients will have a place to sit while they are waiting. There is coffee and water available for your convenience. On the wall you can see where applications for loans, housing, jobs, and other applications which are in place for you when you need them.

So if you are coming to the Water Chief Hall and need a certain application you should find it here in the lobby first, so you no longer have to wait for applications. You can also fill your applications out here and the personnel here will gladly fax them in for you.

Special thanks to Martha who ordered the furniture for the lobby and coffee and water for your convenience while you wait. We are always looking for positive good ways to serve our people.

Construction Is Underway for The New Mandaree Celebration Grounds



Construction on our new celebration grounds has begun, they have the foundation laid down and are now waiting for the steel to come in so they can continue working. If our weather doesn't cooperate than these contractors will work day and night to get this project completed by the deadline date so we can have our new arbor for our celebration this coming July. A reminder to those community members who have shades up, due to the construction of this big project they need these shades removed from the celebration grounds as soon it can be taken care of. If you are unable to take your shade down than we are asking you to call us here at the Mandaree Tribal office and we will have your shade taken down. Again this is a big project and the shades are right in the construction part so we ask you once again to make sure you take your shades down so they can complete the construction. You can see part of the pegs that are in the ground where the construction will take place in the picture to your lower left, you can see how close it comes to the shade that is built right in front of their construction.

Thank you for your kind cooperation in this for removing your shades as our celebration grounds construction continues.



For Your Information

Now Offering

Open Access Dental Clinic For Children 0-2 Years old.

Where: Elbowoods Dental Clinic in New Town.

When: Parents Bring in Your 0-2 year old; anytime between 7 a.m.-11 a.m. or from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

What: Visual Screening, Fluoride Varnish Application, and Scheduling of a Dental Appointment if needed.

Francine White is now the new Juvenile Probation/Truancy Officer. Handling all the school truant issues in each segment on our reservation. If you have any questions or information you are asked to contact Francine.

Francine White

MHA District Court Juvenile Probation Officer

Email: fwhite@mhanation.com or call 701.421.3791

TAT Animal Control Veterinary Clinic Mark Your Calendar!



Free Veterinary Services will be offered for your dogs and cats on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 8:00 am to 6:00pm At The Water Chief Hall.

FREE Veterinary Services including spaying, neutering and vaccinations for dogs and cats.

*Appointments are necessary.

* All dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier.

Please Contact Animal Control at 701-627-2654 to Schedule Your Appointment.



In the case of an emergency, the quickest way to get ahold of the Mandaree EMS (Ambulance) is to call 9-1-1. If you call 9-1-1, the dispatchers will page us to come. It's ok to call 9-1-1 even if you're not sure if

it's an emergency. As an ambulance service, we'd rather come by and not be needed than to be needed and to not come. Calling 9-1-1 is better because if we're visiting a patient or we are on call, we won't be able to answer our phones. If we're out of service, transporting a patient, the dispatchers will be able to send another ambulance if necessary.

For business purposes, it's ok to call our business phone at 421-1357. Also, after calling 9-1-1, you can call the business phone to explain where your house is. If there is no answer on the business phone, it's possible that we are treating a patient and that we aren't able to answer the phone.

Thank you

Abel Feltes

Mandaree EMS.



For Your Information

MHA Nation Subcommittees are listed for your convenience with the Positions and phone numbers.
Please put in a safe place where you can find them for your use in the future.

Natural Resource Committee:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Randy Phelan (Chairman) | rphelan@mhanation.com | 759-3377 |
| Fred Fox (Member) | ffox@mhanation.com | 627-8249 |
| Ken Hall (Member) | kenhall@mhanation.com | 627-3456 |

Judicial Committee/Human Resources:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Fred Fox (Chairman) | ffox@mhanation.com | 627-8249 |
| Randy Phelan (Member) | rphelan@mhanation.com | 759-3377 |
| Frank Grady (Member) | f rankgrady@mhanation.com | 627-8109 |

Health And Human Resource Committee:

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| Frank Grady (Chairman) | frankgrady@mhanation.com | 627-8109 |
| Cory Spotted Bear (Member) | coryspottedbear@mhanation.com | 938-4403 |
| Ken Hall (Member) | kenhall@mhanation.com | 627-3456 |

Education Committee:

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| Cory Spotted Bear(Chairman) | coryspottedbear@mhanation.com | 938-4403 |
| Fred Fox (Member) | ffox@mhanation.com | 627-8249 |
| Ken Hall (Member) | kenhall@mhanation.com | 627-3456 |

Economic Development Committee:

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| Cory Spotted Bear (Member) | coryspottedbear@mhanation.com | 938-4403 |
| Fred Fox (Member) | ffox@mhanation.com | 627-8249 |

For Your Information



Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
Three Affiliated Tribes – Environmental Division
 Fort Berthold Indian Reservation
 404 Frontage Road
 New Town, ND 58763
 Telephone (701) 627-4569 ♦ Fax (701) 627-2917

DUMPSTER REQUEST FORM

The Three Affiliated Tribes Environmental/Solid Waste Division is currently accepting requests for residential 95 gallon waste containers. The Solid Waste Division will pick up, or empty the containers once-a-week depending on the community in which you reside. If you have any questions, please call our main office (701) 627-4569.

You may fill out this application and send it back via e-mail or print this form and hand it into our office located at 204 Main Street (In the offices of Better B building) New Town, ND 58763.

GARBAGE SHOULD BE PICKED UP WEEKLY DEPENDING ON STATUS OF WASTE TRUCKS.

Name:

Address (Physical):

City:

Zip Code:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

TYPES OF DUMPSTERS

Which type of dumpster are you requesting?

95 gallon (home, residential-\$15 per month)
 3 yard (seasonal- \$900 per season) 3 yard (business- \$900 per month)
 6 yard (seasonal- \$1200 per season) 6 yard (business-\$1200per month)

95 gallon (residential)
 3 yard (business)
 3 yard (seasonal)
 6 yard (business)
 6 yard (business)

Serv Safe

Up Coming Food Safety Workshops:

- Restaurant Employees
- Managers & Supervisors
- Cafeteria Staff
- Hospital Setting
- Food Vendors
- Childcare Facilities

Dates are tentative, please call to confirm

April 14, 2015

August 11, 2015

November 3, 2015

For more information or to register for a class, please contact: United Tribes Technical College Jan Keller

Land Grant Extension 701-255-3285 Ext. 1504

jkeller@uttc.edu

* Dates are tentative, please call to confirm:

Panther Development Investments

Alex Moreno/Managing Partner

6401 Congress Ave. Suite 250

Boca Raton, Fl 33487. USA

alex@pantherdi.com

Updated Numbers for Mandaree

Boys & Girls Club Branch Manager: Jade Standish: 759-3049 or Cell: 421-5987 or Donovan Abbey

Catholic Church: Father Roger Synnek: 759-3412

Clinic in Mandaree: 759-3422 or Fax: 759-3209

Circle of Life: 627-4700: 315 Main Street Box 907 New Town, 58763

Pharmacy in Mandaree: 759-3151 or Fax: 759-3181

Mandaree Elders Meal Site: 759-3092

Hidatsa Elders Program: Adam Fredericks: 759-3099; Ted White : Elders Delivery Assistant: 759-3099, Cell: 421-3248

Hidatsa Elders Fax: 759-3093

Mandaree Fitness Center Dennis Fimbres: 759-3780

FBCC Mentor's Office Buff White: 759-3545 or Fax: 759-3528

FBHA Compliance Office: 759-3177 or Fax: 759-3182

FBHA Maintenance Office Raymond Yellow Wolf: 759-3577 or cell 421-0672 and Victor Three Irons cell: 421-0675

Fire Management : 759-3124

Little Plume Teacher 1: Leroy White Singer: 759-3369

Native Printing Jody Brieck: 759-3228 or Fax: 759-3227

Post Office: 759-3370 M-F 12:00 -4:00pm, Sat. 11am-1:15pm

Road Department: 759-3420

School Numbers:

Bus Garage: 759-3395

Business Office: 759-3120

Main Office: 759-3311

Mandaree School Fax: 759-3112

TERO Compliance Office: Lana Turner Office Manager: 759-3255 or Cell: 421-6052

Tribal Ranch & Lodge: 759-3176

Tribal Ranch Fax: 759-3133

Tribal Ranch Director: Ted Siers: 421-8672

Mandaree Water Treatment Plant: 759-3160 or Fax: 759-3199

In Case of Emergency call these cell numbers for water treatment: Bruce Fox: 421-7512, Maynard Demaray Jr. 421-7859 .

Water Chief Hall Office Receptionist: Tasha Shane: 759-3377

Water Chief Hall Fax: 759-3232

Mandaree Public Relations: Lovina Fox

Public Relations Fax: 759-3375

Mandaree Events Coordinator/Language Program: Martha Phelan: 759-3377

Hidatsa Health Coordinator: Vida Craig: 759-3377

Water Chief Hall Maintenance: Dan Hunts Along: 421-2992

Mandaree Hidatsa Housing Will Reeves Director : 759-3399

Mandaree Hidatsa Housing Specialist. Assist: Shanna Fox: 759-3399

Hidatsa Language Department: Arvella White & Carol Newman: 759-3276

Emergency or Ambulance: 911

Mandaree Ambulance Shop Number: 421-1361

Paramedic Lawrence Bejarano: 1-907-948-9986

Mandaree EMS Main Phone: 421-1357

TAT Police Dept. 627-3617

Gary Schwartzenberger-McKenzie County Sheriff: 444-3654

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

TAT CHR Main Office: 627-4240

TAT Commodities Program: 627-4292

TAT Game & Fish: 627-4760

Animal Control Warden Bruce Crows Heart: 627-2654 or cell: 421.1882

Local Game Wardens Cell Phone Numbers: Bradfield Sage: 421.6977 or Office: 627-4760

Local Police Cell Phone Numbers:

TAT Chief Of Police: Chad Johnson: 421-8976

TAT Acting Lieutenant: Dan Hudspeth: 421-9166

TAT Police Officer: Jerry Nelson: Twin Buttes/Mandaree Area: 421-9320

TAT Police Dept. Records: 627-3308 or Fax: 627-3113

Tribal Court: 627-4803 or Fax: 627-4602

TAT Utilities: 627-2580

Gerald T. Fox Justice Center: 627-3500

* Please read. This is only for your convenience. Keep in mind some numbers were removed and some were added and corrected. Some of the names changed of the workers in some of the programs. Please post this so you can find what numbers you are looking for when you need them. In case of an emergency we have listed numbers for you. Thank you for reading.

Passover And The 4 Blood Moons



It was about this time last year that we experienced our first "Blood Moon" in an article that I had submitted in April 2014 reads as follows:

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"
 Oct. 8 2014 "Sukkot" or
 "Feast of Tabernacle"

April 4, 2015 "Passover"

Sept. 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)

There are 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 the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. **Tabernacles** is yet to be by the believer 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.

WND EXCLUSIVE

EXPERTS: PASSOVER BLOOD MOON ARRIVES AT

'DARK MOMENT' 4-4-15

[HTTP://WWW.WND.COM/2015/04/EXPERTS-PASSOVER-BLOOD-MOON-ARRIVES-AT-DARK-MOMENT](http://www.wnd.com/2015/04/experts-passover-blood-moon-arrives-at-dark-moment)

Religious leaders cite links between heavenly signs, political scenarios. WND reported only this weekend that one Jewish rabbi in Israel is asking for special prayer because of the alignment of the Blood Moon, in the skies early Saturday. And he issued an ominous warning. *Rabbi Amram Vaknin, described as a "mystic rabbi living in southern Israel," urged all Jews to pray and repent as the third Blood Moon of a tetrad cycle approaches, according to a report in Breaking Israel News. He warns that Israel is facing great judgment and potential danger at this time, according to the report. The Saturday event was during the Jewish festival of Passover and on the day*

leading up to Christians' Resurrection Sunday.

But Mark Blitz, author of "Blood Moons": Decoding the Imminent Heavenly Signs, points to more amazing correlations. "Here our 44th president has signed off on a nuclear agreement with Israel's arch enemy who has declared in no uncertain terms they will destroy Israel. Rabbi Vaknin was recently quoted in Breaking Israel News to the effect that the numeric value of the Hebrew word for blood, dam, which is 44, alludes to the 44th president of the United States, and that he would bring bloodshed (dam) to the Jewish people." But more than that, here, on Passover, when you put blood on the doorpost you have the Hebrew letter Dalet meaning door and is also the number 4 with a blood moon over it on the date of 4/4." Blitz believes this is no coincidence. But even those who are not looking skyward foresee great danger of the Jewish state as a result of Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran.

(read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2015/04/experts-passover-blood-moon-arrives-at-dark-moment>)

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.

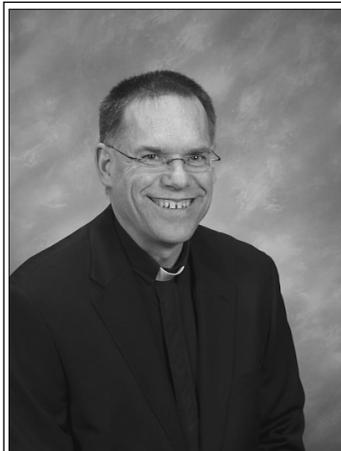
I see this as an exciting time and history to really start changing the way things have been going, we need to change our path that is leading to utter chaos and destruction. God already has our intended VICTORY established, we just need to get in sync with His Time Table and Calendar and move forward!

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 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. You blessed this wonderful 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!

Resurrection of The Body & Soul



When God created human beings on the sixth day, he created them as a being with a body and a soul. From the beginning the soul and body were not meant to be separated. After Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (*Genesis 2:17*) God said they would die, thus the body and soul would separate. To restore the human

being back to its original state, God who spirit (that is Jesus the second person of the Trinity) took on human nature, united it with his divine nature, lived on earth for 30 some years and died by crucifixion. Three days after his death Jesus rose with a “glorious body.” Christians call this event the resurrection.

This resurrection has significant ramifications for the human being. First, it indicates that there truly is life after death as Jesus revealed to the Jewish people when he said “the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgement” (*John 5:24*). Yes, there is life after death. Yes, we will live forever~either in heaven with God (“*resurrection of life*”) or somewhere else (“*resurrection of judgement*”). Forever!

As Christians, we look forward to the resurrection of life with Jesus in heaven. Here is what the author of the Book of Revelations reveals about heaven described as the “holy city,” a “New Jerusalem,”...I heard a great voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away...Behold, I make all things new” (*Revelations 21:4-4*).

Yes, our soul separates from our body at death and enters into this “New Jerusalem,” ~ certainly something to look forward to~but there is more. The resurrection of Jesus reveals that God reunited the

separated human soul with the human body once again as can be seen by the fact that the disciples interacted with him after the resurrection like they did before his death by crucifixion. They witnessed Jesus perform a miracle as they struggled to haul in such a large catch of fish that should have torn the fishing net on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. They spoke to Jesus as they ate fish for breakfast with Him around charcoal fire. They say the nail marks in his hands and feet and the mark of the sword in his side.

But there is more! St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians explains what the resurrection of Jesus’ body means for the human body: “Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform our human bodies that it may be conformed to his glorious body, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself” (*3:20-21*). Therefore, God not only restores the human being back to its original state of a soul united with its body but God makes it better~”Behold, I make all things new” (*Revelations 21:4-5*). We can assume then that our glorified body will be able to do similar things that Jesus did with his “glorious body.” If Jesus can appear at will in the room “where the disciples were for fear of the Jews” despite “the doors being shut” (*John 20:19*) and disappear like he did with the disciples walking to Emmaus (*Luke 24:31*), we probably will be able to appear and disappear at will in a room where doors are closed.

So many Christians today seem to forget about the resurrection of the body at the end of times. Let us raise our expectations higher and get excited that God’s plan of creation didn’t stop with Adam and Eve. By restoring humanity to a state greater than Adam and Eve, we have so much more to look forward to when we move past the end times into eternity. Who knows, resurrection may be just a small step in God’s creation story.

Obituary



Remembering the Life of Bernadine Yellow Wolf. (Good Medicine)

Bernadine Yellow Wolf, 72, New Town, died Friday, March 13, 2015 in Bull Head City, Arizona. Bernadine Yellow Wolf was born March 2, 1943 in Elbowoods to Fred and Anna (Mandan) Morsette. She was a member of the Low Cap Clan.

She attended school at Elbowoods, until the bottom land was flooded, when she attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Boarding School in Stephan, SD on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation. She graduated from Immaculate Conception in 1961.

After graduation she attended Wahpeton School of Science and Minot State University where she graduated with a Bachelor Of Arts Degree in Psychology.

After graduation she returned to the Fort Berthold Reservation and worked for the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation in the Head Start Program and Tribal Health Program for many years.

She married Berthold Patrick Yellow Wolf in a justice of the peace ceremony. Their marriage was later blessed at St. Anthony Catholic Church in New Town. They lived in New Town for the majority of their married life with a few years in Bismarck. While in Bismarck she attended the University of Mary and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work. She became a Licensed Social Worker for the State of North Dakota and also worked for the MHA Nation Child Welfare for a number of years. She then worked for the Indian Health Service in the Mental Health Department for almost 10 years, and later worked for the Casey Family Program for a few years. She ended her working life with the MHA Nation Child Welfare and the General Assistance Program. She retired in November 2008 and moved to Arizona to live with her daughter. The move to Arizona made it possible for her to spend more time with her son who lived in New Mexico. They were able to spend the holidays together as a family during the last years of her life.

She was an active participant in different organizations throughout her life. She was a member of the Domestic Violence Board on the Fort Berthold Reservation and held a number of the executive positions. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary 271 and was also a member of the group who, on Sundays, would recite the Rosary and sing on the MHA Nation radio station. She was a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and volunteered weekly by helping with the meals served to individuals in need and

delivering meals to shut ins until the last weeks of her life. Bernadine was a devout Catholic and attended church regularly during her working years. Once she moved to Parker after her retirement she attended church daily and became a member of the Fatima Circle for Sacred Heart Church and said the rosary after daily masses.

Through her membership in the Circle and church she made a number of very loving and dear friends in the Parker Community. She was instrumental in starting the Sacred Heart Kateri Circle and served as the president. She had a strong devotion to Saint Kateri and to our Holy Mother Mary. She said the rosary daily.

During her life, she went on a number of pilgrimages. Her first one was to Medjedorje. She also went to Fatima, Rome, the Holy Land, and on her last one, which was a whirl wind trip, she went to France, Spain, and Portugal. Some of the high points were Lourdes and Fatima as well as seeing many beautiful churches and visiting the homes of many Saints.

She was a very loving person who always had a smile for everyone. This is one the qualities people always commented on about her that she had a lovely smile and was a very strong lady. Her daughter was told by many at the church that your mother is a great role model for many because even with all she was enduring she continued to move forward with a smile and a positive attitude.

When she found out that her time would be short here on earth she told her family, "I am ready to go and be with Jesus and my heavenly father". She was at peace with herself and passed into her eternal life peacefully.

Bernadine's Loving Family: Daughter– Marietta Morsette, Parker, Arizona, Sons: David L. Morsette, Dulce, NM and Erik Koob, California; Step-daughter, Emily Yellow Wolf Connors, New Town, ND. Brothers: John H. (Rose) Morsette, Poplar, Mt, Jerome Morsette, Bismarck, ND, and Eagleplume Mandan, Parker, Arizona. Grandchildren: Charile, Justin, Kennesha, Zachary, Jamison, Dhane, Roberta, Greg, Joseph, and Josh. Maternal Aunt– Alfreda Good Iron, New Town, ND and Fort Mohave, Arizona. Maternal Uncle– Adam Tony Mandan, New Town, ND, Paternal Aunt-Rose Drapeau, Garrison, ND.

Bernadine was preceded in death by her father Fred Morsette, her mother, Anna Mandan Morsette, and her husband Berthold Patrick Yellow Wolf. On her maternal side Aunts: Ester Mandan, Eloise Johnson, and Rose Marie Mandan-Baker. Uncles: Victor, Bernard, and Richard Mandan. On her paternal side, grandmother, Hanna Wash Fox; Uncles; Joe and Alfred Morsette Sr., Matthew Morsette, Robert, John, Charlie, George, and Lawrence Fox; and aunts, Rita Morsette, Melvine Everette and Gladys Drapeau.

The family wished to express sincere gratitude to all who have supported us during our time of sorrow. Special thanks to her family and friends, who supported and played a large role in her care.

The Morsette Family

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In Loving Memory Of
Bernadine Morsette-Yellow Wolf
(Good Medicine)

Date & Place of Birth:

March 2, 1943
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Entered Her Eternal Life:

March 13, 2015
Bullhead City, Arizona

Wake:

Monday, March 23, 2015 at 5:00pm
Johnny Bird Community Hall
New Town, ND

Funeral:

Tuesday, March 24, 2013 at 10:00 am
Johnny Bird Community Hall
New Town, ND

Celebrant:

Father Roger A. Synek

Senior Pallbearers:

Jerome Dancing Bull

Honorary Pallbearers:

Bernadine's many past co-workers, work
associates, and her dear loving family.

Active Pallbearers:

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| Rocky Avery | Myron Johnson |
| Ted Lone Fight III | John Beaver |
| Forest Mandan | Darian Morsette |
| Danny Eder | Barnaby Romero |

Interment:

St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery
Mandaree, North Dakota

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Remembering The Life Of Nathan Paul Goodiron "Dream Traveler"

Nathan Paul Goodiron was born on October 8, 1949 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Paul was member of the Low Cap Clan and known as "Dream Traveler", a name given to him by Sam Little Owl. Paul was the second

of three children born to Gilbert and Alfreda Goodiron (Mandan). Paul's brothers and sisters are Vance, the late Sarah Sue, Karen and Rosie (Ric).

Paul attended grammar school at Marty Indian School in Stephan, SD and in 1959 moved to Chicago, Illinois. He attended Tuley High School in Chicago for three years and returned to Mandaree to finish his senior year. He lived with his Aunt Eloise Johnson in Mandaree while he attended school and graduated in 1967. Paul returned to Chicago after graduation and found work with the Ironworker Local 1. During his time as an ironworker he worked on such notable buildings as the Sears Tower, the John Hancock Building, the Standard Oil Building and many other high rises around the city. Paul later graduated from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and a minor in Accounting.

Although Paul was draft exempt due to possessing critical skills deemed by the Ironworkers Union in Chicago, he enlisted with the Navy in January 1969. He volunteered for active tour duty and did three tours while the war in Vietnam was raging. Our country had lost many of their boys in Vietnam but Paul had a strong desire for military duty as his father was a Purple Heart veteran of WWII (Army-North Africa and Italy) and his paternal grandfather was a WWI Lakota Code Talker. Paul had many other relatives including uncles, an aunt and first cousins who were in the armed forces so the inclination to serve his country was strongly embedded in his blood.

Paul was honorable discharged in April 1972 and received the following service medals over those three and a half years: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars. There were no parades for the servicemen returning from Vietnam, no jobs, no loans.

The U.S. did not open its arms to welcome our soldiers back home as it was not a war that our country embraced. This was something that stayed with Paul for a long time and he did what he could to ensure that any returning veteran would get a proper honoring and reception.

After Paul's stint in the service he returned to Chicago where he stayed a short time. Paul was dealing with the after effects and post-traumatic stress of his military experience and became restless. He decided he had enough of the city living so he returned to his native home. Paul packed up his belongings and started out on the long trek to North Dakota on his ten speed bike. He made it as far as Minneapolis (410 miles) when his old bike finally broke down and he had to hop on the train for the rest of the journey. He remained in the Mandaree and New Town areas up until his death and became a prominent member of the community.

Paul eventually met Harriet Bearstail and they married in July 1980. They had two sons together, Nathan Joel in 1981 and Corey Paul in 1986. Paul and Harriet were proud parents and supported their sons in all of their school activities and sporting endeavors. Paul was the statisticians for the Mandaree Warriors and kept meticulous notes on every basketball game and track event that his sons were involved in. Later in life he wrote a book commemorating the Warrior's 1998-1999 basketball season. Paul raised his sons in the Indian way and taught them how to dance, hunt and fish. Paul would often take off on the spur of the moment to hunt and would be gone for several days. He always had a bounty of deer and fish on his return so that he would have enough to give to his aunts and uncles. Paul and his family were a constant presence on the pow wow trail and they worked on the Mandaree pow wow committee for many years.

Always an outspoken and civic-minded man, Paul was elected to the

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Tribal Business Council and served from 1981-1984. He was also a member of the ND State Judicial Conduct Commission from July 1986 to July 1989. Paul's maternal grandfather, Arthur Mandan, was the first tribal chairman for the Three Affiliated Tribes in 1936 and drafted the by-laws and constitution for the Three Tribes. During these years, Paul hosted an annual Sundance and welcomed people from all over the world including the U.S., Germany and France who would take the long journey to participate in the ceremonies. Paul built his own sweat lodge in the Mandan style and would go in regularly to cleanse, pray and help heal those who were in need. The last Sundance he held was in 2006.

In December of 2003, Antwone Noah was born to Corey and Starr Mata. Noah was Paul's first grandchild and became the apple of Paul's eye. As much as possible Paul and Harriet spent every Christmas with Noah as he was a Christmas Eve baby. Paul loved that boy dearly and would take him everywhere with him when Noah lived with him in Mandaree. Paul was always in a hurry to get somewhere, always on the go and never stayed anywhere too long. When Noah wasn't fast enough to move to Paul's liking he would just pick him up and carry him on his back like a sack of potatoes to get him out the door. That's just the way Paul was. Prior to his death Paul was living with Corey in New Town and was very proud that Corey was returning to college to finish his degree.

In 2006 Paul's oldest son Nate enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard and was assigned to Battery F of the 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery. Nate was deployed in March 2006 to Qarabaugh, Afghanistan in March 2006 with orders to provide 24-hour security to military members both on and off military installations, one of the most dangerous assignments.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2006, Nate's vehicle was hit by a rocket propelled grenade and he was killed instantly. Since then Paul did everything he could to keep Nate's memory alive~ he held memorial pow wows, he attended veteran functions

throughout the U.S., he wrote books, he created plaques, medallions, decals and t-shirts. Paul wanted to make sure that Nate's memory was never forgotten.

Paul loved to travel and to meet people from all walks of life. He would talk to everyone he met and made friends everywhere he went. People knew when Paul was coming as "ole blue" was clearly recognizable from a distance. His car belonged to his late son Nate and it became his second home along his many trips in recent years. He took the utmost care to maintain it and preserve his son's memory~ the last mileage count on 'Ole Blue" is 646,000 miles. Everyone that saw his car would salute it, give Paul the thumbs up sign or ask questions about the history of the decals. Paul was always more than willing to share his stories with strangers and to meet and talk to other veterans on the road. Paul's constant companion on the road was his music. Before Paul went anywhere he made sure his tape was fully stocked with hours of R & B, soul music and oldies to get him through the long drive ahead.

He was a natural born talker and took to the written word in his later years. He wrote several books and pamphlets to maintain and honor the memory of his son, to chronicle the feats of his beloved Mandaree Warriors during their "golden years" and to talk about his experiences dealing with PTSD. He was an active voice with many veteran groups across the country and participated in many, many conferences, memorials and services honoring those who were actively enlisted and those who had given the ultimate sacrifice to their country.

In 2013, he was invited to participate in a once-in-a-life opportunity to jump with the U.S. Army Gold Knights Parachute team as part of the Leap of Faith seminar at the Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. His thoughts along his freefall were about his sons, all the men who died in service and of the veteran community at large. In recent years he took to giving presentations of the effects of PTSD on veterans as part of his own healing process and to educate others.

Paul was an early taker to the computer and later found that Facebook

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was the perfect venue to chronicle and share news, his travels, events and photos with his large family of friends and relatives. He was akin to being the village voice for the people of Fort Berthold and for those of us who lived in other places. He had legions of followers who would check in to see what he was doing, where he was at or what the latest news was. He loved to take photos and videos along his journeys and post them so that he could share them with all of his family and friends.

Paul was a member of the VFW, Post 9061 and Myron B. Johnson-Nathan J. Goodiron American Legion Post 271 where he helped with organizing military services for New Town and Mandaree funerals for veterans. He was always one of the first to start organizing the Posts and would work quietly in the background to handle arrangements so that our veterans would receive their proper military honors upon death. He was such a help to the family of the deceased as they were dealing with their own grief and the multiple tasks that go along with an Indian funeral. It was his way to help honor, remember and do what he could for his fellow veteran.

In Paul's book *Death & Grief: An American Indian Perspective* he wrote that he did not think the weight on his back would be remembered when he passed into the spirit world. The spirits watched over him while he was in Vietnam because it wasn't his time and they had work for him to do. He would question what that work was but always hoped the he was doing what the spirits had intended him to do and that he was doing it right.

Rest easy, brother, as your work here is done now and you are finally free of the weight that you carried. We will never forget you and will keep your memory alive. Safe travels as you journey to the other side. AHO!

Paul's Loving Family: Wife~ Harriet Bears Tail Goodiron; Son~ Corey Paul Goodiron; Grandson~Antwone Noah; Mother~Alfreda M. Goodiron; Brother~Vance Goodiron; Sisters~Karen and Rosie Goodiron;

Paul was preceded in death by his father; step father, Clifford Williams; sisters, Sarah and son Nathan Joel.

Wake services were on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Mandaree High School gym.

Funeral services were on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mandaree School gym,

Final resting place is Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, North Dakota.

The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to all who have supported us during our time of sorrow. Special thanks to his brothers and sisters in Phoenix for looking after Paul and for making us feel like we were at home.

We are forever grateful to all.



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In Loving Memory of
Nathan Paul Goodiron
“Dream Traveler”

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October 8, 1949
Bismarck, North Dakota

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Celebrants:

Father Roger A. Synek
Pastor Emeritus~Father Paul Eberle and Father Stephen Kranz

Senior Pallbearer:

Austin Gillette

Active Pallbearers:

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| Janet Beaver Manning | John Beaver | Darren Mason |
| C.J. O’Berry | Cody Seaboy | Duane Young Bird |
| Lane Adams | Jake Mills | Henry Sun |

Interment:

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery~Mandan, North Dakota
Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.

Military Honors presented by:

VFW Post 9061
Myron B. Johnson~Nathan J. Goodiron American Legion Post 271
All Posts and American Legion Auxiliary Post 300

April Menu

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | 1 Easter Dinner | 2 Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut Green Beans Pears | 3 No Meals Good Friday |
| 6 No Meals Easter Monday | 7 Spanish Rice Chicken Quesadillas Corn Peaches | 8 Taco in a bag Banana | 9 BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Cake Apricots | 10 Salisbury Steak Rice Broccoli & Cheese Pears |
| 13 Chicken Dumpling Soup Biscuits Strawberries Jell-o | 14 No Meals | 15 Homemade Pizza Coleslaw Fruit Cocktail | 16 Roast Beef Sandwiches Pasta Salad Chips Oranges | 17 Biscuits & Gravy Eggs Sausage |
| 20 Beef Stew Side Salad Raspberries Pudding | 21 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Egg Rolls Fortune Cookie | 22 Riblets Boiled Potatoes Carrots Apple Pie | 23 Tator Tot Hotdish Oregan Berry Salad Oatmeal Cookie | 24 Cooks Choice |
| 27 Cabbage Soup Buns Chocolate Pudding Pie Grapes | 28 Baked Ham Buttered Rice Sweet Peas Banana Pudding | 29 Pork Roast Rice Carrots Peaches | 30 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Grapes | |

May Menu

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | | 1 Mac & Cheese Primavera Pine Apples Baby Carrots |
| 4 Beef Stew Biscuit Blue Berry Pie | 5 Sweet & Sour Chicken Lo Mein | 6 Pork Chops Mac & Cheese Green Beans Apricots | 7 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cocktail | 8 Beef w/ Boiled Potato Corn Bun |
| 11 Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Grapes Pudding | 12 Beef Broccoli Rice Cookie | 13 Stuffed Peppers Pine Apples Carrot Cake | 14 Fish Fillets Mac & Cheese Normandy Blend Grapes | 15 Roast Beef Rice & Gravy Peaches |
| 18 Chicken Tortilla Soup Banana Nut Muffin Celery w/ Peanut butter | 19 Cheeseburger Chips Carrots Grapes | 20 Baby Back Ribs Wedges Corn Peaches | 21 Bratwurst Macaroni Salad Apples Cookie | 22 Spaghetti Bread Sticks Normandy Blend Fruit Cocktail |
| 25 Milked Potato Soup Biscuits Side Salad | 26 CHEF CHOICE | 27 CHEF CHOICE | 28 CHEF CHOICE | 29 Scallop Potatoes Ham Brussel Spouts Pears |



Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers to the family and relatives of Bernadine Morsette Yellow Wolf and Nathan Paul Goodiron, and Quentin Terry Mason family and relatives. May our Creator God be with each and every one of you and grant you peace and comfort during your time of sorrow.

From the West Segment Representative & Staff.



The Mandaree Hiraaca Program will host a Maa-Aru-caawi-liireEeca-Gaa-Agu-Waagu "Talk Of Our Ways Summit"

On May 27 at 10:00 am, and May 28, 2015 at 6:00p.m. At the Mandaree Elders Meal Site. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about our Hiraaca ways. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Arvella White or Carol Ann Newman at 759-3276.



West Segment's



2015 MEMORIAL DAY POWWOW

****REMEMBERING OUR VIETNAM VETERANS****

MONDAY MAY 25TH 2015

@ WATER CHIEF HALL, MANDAREE, ND

**M.C. -DONNIE SPEIDEL
CONTEST CATEGORIES:**

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| GOLDEN AGE & ADULTS | TEENS | JRS |
| (1ST-\$400, 300, 200, 100) | (1ST-\$300, 200, 100, 75) | (1ST-\$150, 100, 75,50) |

MENS- TRADITIONAL, GRASS, FANCY & CHICKEN (ADULT ONLY)

WOMENS- TRADITIONAL, JINGLE & FANCY

ALL DRUMS WELCOME!!! (DRUM SPLIT)

**VENDORS-\$100
FOR DAY**

**VETERANS FEED AT 11AM
(2) GRAND ENTRIES 1PM & 7PM
PARADE @6PM (POINTS FOR DANCERS)
(REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 1PM)**

CONTACT INFO- OFFICE (701) 759-3377

**ALL VETERANS, DANCERS AND SINGERS
WELCOME!!!!**

***FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO HOST
SPECIALS TO HONOR YOUR VETERANS***

April Birthday Wishes to Our Elders!

happy
birthday!
I hope u know
how special
u are!



**Joyce Standish
Wanda Sheppard
Veronica Serdahl
James Danks
Ethan Hall**

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