

# West Segment News

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## Ranching & Cowboying An Amazing & Hard Way Of Life



### Quotes For The Heart & Mind:

\* "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." ~C.S. Lewis~

• "Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you". ~Walt Whitman~

• "Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid". ~ Franklin P. Jones~

In this photo are buildings around the Johnson ranch with beautiful hills in the background. Every building is used in part of his ranching one for vet services and an indoor arena.

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It's what most people do when they live out in the country in North Dakota they either ranch, farm or cowboy in which ever way they choose. It becomes a way of life for them. A way of life they fully appreciate and love what they do on a daily basis, even through all the struggles and hardships they go through. Whether that's dealing with our elements or dealing with finances. They do what they do and make the best of what they have. During the trying times we have gone through this past year with COVID-19 many people came to realize the importance and the appreciation of a rancher and farmer. Both can't be done without having a cowboy on hand to help them or a good ranch hand.

With that in mind, I would like to introduce one rancher from our West Segment community

who has worked hard all his life to get to where he is at today. His given Indian name is "Does Good" which was given to him by old man Pete Coffey. His English name is Ivan Johnson, he was born to the late Melvin and Eloise (Mandan) Johnson in Richardton, North Dakota. According to Ivan he states; "My parents had five boys and four girls there was a baby girl who passed away as an infant. There are now five deceased in our family."

Ivan is a lifelong resident of the Mandaree community. He lives on his ranch with his family which is located a few miles east outside of Mandaree. He continues to live where he grew up.

As we visited I asked Ivan how his childhood was like when he was growing up. His reply was;

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## Councilwoman Turner-Long Fight Update



First of all, I would like to offer my sincere sympathies to the families and relatives of Winona Young Bear, Ambrose Phelan Jr., Sandra Finley, Donald Lone Fight, and Darrell Birdsbill & Teacher/Coach Delbert Fry. Our prayers are with each and every one of your families and relatives.

We can honestly say summer is here we have experienced some hot temperatures in our area. If you are outdoors and its hot outside, do keep water close by and keep hydrated. Especially our elders, if you're going out and about always have water keep safe and always wear your mask in public.

For the month of June we were all busy getting ready for the Bakken days here in Mandaree. It went over very well. There were a lot of activities for all ages to participate in and enjoy. You can see some pictures on page six and seven in this newspaper. For the information of the Gathering Celebration funds. The TBC distributes funds to every Celebration in each segment it is a use or lose it. The West Cultural Department asked to put on a celebration due to community members wanting a celebration. Therefore I gave them the go ahead to put a budget together to draw down the funds for the celebration. No West Segment funds were used on the Gathering Celebration. I would like to thank Jerrilynn Lincoln for her enormous contribution to the Celebration. Jerrilynn, your amazing to give back to your community without being asked. For this month a mourners feed was held on Thursday, July 15 at 6pm at the Water Chief Hall. Also on that same day a diabetes blood screening will be available at 11am. July 17, Memorial ride for the ones we lost to Covid-19, drugs and alcohol. Memorial walk/run for SSGT Michael Howe will start at the Lone Fight T3 Ranch by mile marker 10 will pick up walkers at the On The Slant Rodeo Arena, sponsored by Monte & Denise Lincoln. A memorial bingo Mary Jo Packineau with the feed. Bingo to follow at 3pm at the Water Chief Hall.

The Gathering Celebration was held on July 18th, 2021 with the organizers: President~Maybella Lone Fight, Vice-President~Aaron Abbey, Treasurer~Doreen Charging, Secretary~Lindsey Fox. The host drum will be the Mandaree Singers, Post~Myron Johnson/Nathan Good Iron Post 271. The Arena Director~Donavan Abbey. On the morning of this day flag raising will take place at 8am. Theodore Lone Fight Jr., Meredith Dreke Irwin, Eric Smith Sr.

An adoption will take place where Dennis Nez will be adopted into the Knife Clan. Than grand entry will be at 1pm in with the grand entry there a Clans Recognition Dance will take place. Grand entry will have each clan member dance in with their clan. T-shirts will be a specific color representing each clan, t-shirts are provided while supplies last. Here are the colors each clan will wear:

Low Cap~Yellow

Water Buster~Green

Knife Clan~Blue

Prairie Chicken~Purple

Alkalai Lodge~Turquoise

Wide Ridge~Red

Dripping Dirt~Lime Green

### Specials:

Team Dance (all ages)

Switch Dance Men & Women

Veterans Special (no regalia required)

All Veterans & Ladies Auxiliary

Hat & Boot Special

All ages males & females

Mia Wilkinson Jingle Dress Special

Other:

Honoring of Mothers

Sobriety Honor Dance

This Gathering Celebration was to bring us together again, since it's been almost a full year since Covid isolated every one. A time for us to enjoy ourselves since we aren't having the Mandaree Celebration. I look forward to seeing you all there. On another note, I am very excited and look forward to Maagarishda Language Nest Project. You can read about it on page 31 in this newspaper.

Also, those who signed up for clean up at their designated areas will be able to pick up their state fair tickets on these **3 days only**; July 19th, July 20th and July 21st. **(not after that)** You can stop by Lindsey Fox Sepeta office inside the Water Chief Hall. Or you can call her at 421-1901.

Just a reminder for elders or anyone who needs transportation to the clinic or to doctor appointments, or if you need your medicine picked up in New Town. We do have a driver, feel free to call Rayne Brown at 421-1901. We ask that you let her know ahead of time if you have appointments in Minot or Bismarck so she can write you down in her schedule. Elders who need any help with their yards or any thing we are capable of helping, we will please call the office 759.3077.

## Councilwoman Turner-Long Fight Update

Thanks to Chairman Fox, whom will be assisting with funding to start developing our community of Mandaree. We have picked out the locations for our new community center, which will be on the hill south of Lorraine Howe residence. The assistant living quarters will be located east of the our new Fire/EMT station. The area where the Veterans' building was to be built; will become a ice skating rink due to the fact that it is wet land area. We are still looking for a location to put up a skate park. There are new horse pits up on Buffalo Bird Woman park which is located north of the Celebration ground. We hope to place a play ground in the park. In the near future, we will relocate the White Oak Trailer area by moving every other trailer, this will give room for our children and residences to have a yard. With that said, there will be a new trailer park south– west of Fimbers residence. Some of the other trailers will be rent to own with those residents who applied and received homesite leases.

The house on 22 will be our total immersion school facilities and we hope to be open by August 15, 2021. This building will also be the new facilities for the MHA Land & Livestock quarters.

I would like to thank the Beautification program for helping us clean up the southeast part of Mandaree. The Mandaree Community Board will be developing an Ordinance for Mandaree community in the near future, to include; ATV usage on our street, curfew, animal control~ dogs & horses mainly. Our street light should be going up soon, speed bumps & speed limit signs in the community and on our BIA roads.

School starts August 16th, West Segment will be working hand in hand with the Mandaree School and the TAT Education Department to put on a big bash for a great school year.

Some of the TBC took a trip to Las Vegas to visit with the architect and business developments on the 8 acre lot,

from one council member who attended it sounded like the TAT could make an enormous revenue. I will know more and give an update in next month's paper. Elder disbursement in the amount \$2,000 July 19-20, 2021 activities for Elders have not been determined yet. General Public is around August 23, 2021.

The Education Department is getting up and moving at this time we have no director so I will be assisting to get the Education Department moving in the right direction. I would like individual TAT enrolled members who need their high school diplomas to call 759.3016 and sign up with Lorretta. She will than give me names and I will set up a meeting with you all and get you moving to receive your high school diploma; more information to follow. Mr. Lloyd Vigen is the new Director for the MHA Land & Livestock Corp., the plans for the slaughterhouse and cattle feed lot are still in the plans for our community.

I would like to give a shout out to our Coolsys our service provider for all our plumbing, air conditioning, heating, lighting etc. service. Co owner is Mike Tobin, who has provided us with a lot of service in the C.A.R.E. building (old MEC building) Mike said to me; I believe in what CARE is doing for your community so all the work I did for the building I am writing it off. (this saved West Segment a lot of money). When he told me that tears fell from my eyes, I was so lost for words, all I could do was thank him over and over again. If you see him around the community fixing things give him a shout out with a big thank you! I would like to congratulate Delaine Clairmont as the new Mandaree School Board member. Just a reminder, we only take care of medical needs, but with that said, anyone that has come to the West Segment admin or to myself we help out if we can. I know we don't have money to give out but we do help out in supplemental ways. Congratulations to the Mandaree volunteer Department for receiving an monitory gift for their department; great job Marley and crew. In closing, I would like to mention, I do make a point to attend all the committee meetings at the tribe. I chair the cultural committee and I am a member on the Education committee. I would like to remind everyone if you didn't get vaccinated, please do! We need to protect our kids and everyone around us.

# Around West Segment

## Mandaree High School Graduate Signs on With NHSC Storm Team Participating in Sports



Lloyd Vigen, Jessee and her mom Danielle stand proudly with their daughter.

This young lady has accomplished a lot in her young life. "Blue Blossom" is her given Indian name her English name is Jessee Vigen. Pictured to your left she is standing between her parents. Lloyd and Danielle Vigen. She recently signed for the NHSC Storm team in the areas of Cross Country and Basketball. Jessee recently graduated this year from

high school at the Mandaree School. She had the highest GPA in her senior class. A five year player/starter in basketball and a two year runner in Cross Country. Jessee also participates in many other traditional events. She recently won the International Indian Relay Championship races held in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. So it's not only basketball and cross country, or relay races, this young lady competes in the rodeo circuit as well. Once she is settled in being a student at NHSC you can look forward to seeing her participate in the Equine Department for sure. Jessee is MHA enrolled member and she is also a member of the Oglala Sioux Nation. Jessee has the great support of her parents and her family.



Jessee Vigen stands holding her paper sign on with NHSC Storm.

In the near future we will hear more about her making a immediate impact in the sports of basketball, cross country, relay horse races and rodeo events.

On behalf of West Segment we wish her the best of luck as she enters a new chapter in her young life.

## 2021 North Dakota High School Rodeo Association Bull Riding Champion is Kasen Johnson



Pictured above are the winners for the 2021 North Dakota High School Rodeo Association. Kasen Johnson stands proudly with his buckle. He is standing to your left the second to the last cowboy with a black hat on.

This young cowboy first started in rodeo at the age tender age of four. He first rode sheep, then moved onto calves, then steers and now he rides bulls. From that time when he was four years old, Kasen worked hard at it in rodeos. He had a lot of support from

his parents. As Kasen states; "I had to give it my all and work hard to get it done. I had a lot of help and support from my family and community." Kasen's hard work and dedication has paid off he now has earned a great reputation in the rodeo circuit for being an outstanding bull rider. For this young cowboy High school rodeos are now in the past. Kasen will now be competing in the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) rodeo and possibly other professional rodeos. Kasen Johnson recently added to his collection of buckles.

He participated in NDHSRA and won the State Championship in bull riding. His most recent win was at the State Finals in Bowman, North Dakota. He won the second round and finished the year as ND Reserve State Champion. The National Finals will be July 16th-26 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Continue on next page.



Pictured above is his latest buckle he won.

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## Kasen Johnson Continues

where he will compete. One of his goals is to get the gold and be the World Champion. He won three buckles for reserve champion. Kasen recently graduated from high school here in Mandaree. He has since then hit the rodeo circuit attaining his status as a well known bull rider. He will compete in INFR all summer to continue his great standing in rodeo. Since he graduated from high school this young cowboy is off to a great start. Colleges have been eying him to attend their college and join their rodeo clubs. Kasen has a few colleges offering him scholarship from the following colleges; University of Wyoming, Mitchell Technical College, Colorado Mesa University, Montana State University-Northern, Dawson Community College and Dickinson State University. According to Kasen he says he will make a decision soon on what his plans for his future. Kasen says his role model is JB Mauney, "he has a lot of try and I try to match his style. I will be competing in bull riding in Lincoln, Nebraska I'm looking to come home World Champion. Kasen has a lot of support from his family, friends and his sponsors. As he states; "I want to thank Trena Baker and Al Newman, Linda Baker, Four Bears Casino, MHA Nation, Bailey Pro Rodeo. I also want to thank my community the support from them in my fundraisers or just someone saying "good job" makes me feel good. I want to give a special thank you to my mom and dad, I wouldn't be here without their help, guidance and support. My mom for always making sure I'm entered in my rodeos and handling all my fundraisers. My dad for getting me to my rodeos and pulling my rope every time and showing me right from wrong. My brother and sisters, aunts, uncles and my grandparents for always supporting me. A big thank you to everyone! Kasen's parents are Tony and Maranda Johnson and his grandparents on his dad's side are James and Roseann Johnson. His grandparents on his mother's side are Randy and the late Jessica Phelan. On behalf of West Segment we wish him the best of luck in Lincoln, Nebraska we are all rooting for you Kasen! Latest on Kasen he rode in Lame Deer, Montana 4th of July weekend and scored an 80 point ride in 1st place on the Tour Rodeo in bull riding. Way to ride Kasen!

## Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department Receives The Vice President's Award From Enerplus

Photo & Article Courtesy of Enerplus



On behalf of the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Chief Marle Baker was on hand to receive the award from Nathan Fisher, VP United State Business Unit and Josh Ruffo, West Region Field Coordinator. Tribal Business Council members stand in the background.

The Vice President's Award is typically presented to Enerplus employee or groups who have gone above and beyond in various disciplines for the betterment of our company or the communities in which we operate. In this instance, we believe that it was appropriate to present the Vice President's award to a non-Enerplus group that clearly demonstrated exceptional performance for the betterment of the community and Enerplus.

We are grateful to the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department for going above and beyond in fighting the Little Swallow wild fire in early May of 2021. This wild fire affected a large portion of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and directly threatened numerous Enerplus production facilities on FBIR. The Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department's swift and efficient response assisted us and the community in keeping people safe. In addition, their actions prevented significant potential damage to property in the area, including numerous Enerplus facilities.

This experience was a clear demonstration of the importance of strong relationships. We are grateful for the response to this fire, and even more grateful for the trust-based relationship we have built with the Mandaree Volunteer Fire Department.

# West Segment Bakken Day Fun!



Bakken Day Parade Float made by Lorraine Howe Family. Pictured here are her grandchildren; Terrell, Mataylei, Jacee, Andrea, Jaylei and their dog Thomas.



Marcia White Eagle & Deville Family sponsored a Cornhole tournament that included ages 8 yr. to adults.



Pictured here is the Cornhole teams during the Tournament held early during the Bakken Day event. The White Eagle & Deville Family provided prizes and cash prizes to all the winners.



Amongst the busy day, West Segment also hosted a Horse Shoe Tournament; Pictured here is contestants Gordon White Owl and Leonard Hosie



West Segment hosted a 3 on 3 basketball that had nine teams from the community as well teams from around Fort Berthold. Pictured here is Team Phelan- Bailey vs. Sunset park.



Pictured here is the Horse Shoe Tournament Contestants. The tournament was held north of the powwow grounds during the Bakken Day Event.



Pictured here is ages 8-14 wheel barrel racers that took place at the powwow arena.



West Segment Maintenance Department put together a "Slip & Slide" for the children to cool off in the 100 degree weather during the Bakken Day event.



West Segment youth pictured here is the three-legged race. The two girls center is Cara Mason and Janaya Standish.

# West Segment Fun Day!



Here is Mud Run– ATV Contestant Aila Fox who entered her side by side into this years competition.

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Pictured here is the “ Dan Hunts Along Race” also known as the Big Boys race which featured men's 250 lbs +



Pictured here is adult Tug-o-War Champions (L-R) Steffan Packineau, Swan Hopkins, Dylan Finley, Shanna Fox, Kendell and Louden Smith.



Here is the watermelon eating winners; (L-R) 3rd Place Tony Two Bears, 2nd Place Avis Reimer, 1st Place Sam Irwin.



Here is adult Watermelon Eating Contestants with Tony Two Bears holding up his ate watermelon.



Pictured here is the Baby Crawl babies of Echo Claymore, CJ Good Bird and Shanna Fox. The family of late DeRae Mann sponsored this years event, DeRae was the coordinator for these children's activities in the past years.

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Here is 1st place baby crawler Sienna Poitra with her mom Kylee Dawes, standing with Echo Claymore who coordinated the race.

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Pictured here is the old house, their homestead where Melvin and Eloise raised their children.

“My childhood was ok we were pretty poor but we didn’t think to much about it that’s the way it was. That’s the way everybody was back then. We all got along we didn’t know any other way. We would go to the neighbors to ride horseback. We were outside all the time very seldom were we in the house. We

didn’t have much to do back then, I used to pick berries with my brothers and we pushed old tires around so those were our toys, he laughs.”

Living here in North Dakota we have some hard winters. Me and Ivan talked about the difficult winters here at home; “In the winter time we couldn’t get out of our place. We had a lot of snow they didn’t open our roads up like they do today. We just had a car trail coming into our house, we were always snow bound. It was hard to get to school and if you wanted to go to school you had to walk about a mile to catch the bus. As hard as it was, we always managed to have food, it was tough times but we didn’t know any other way. No running water or electricity in our old house for a long time. We had an outhouse and a wood stove in the house. I chopped more wood than a lumberjack back then.”

A lot of us have been raised in many different ways and some of the teachings we were taught were taught in different ways too. In Ivan’s case seemed like all of his teachings were a given meaning naturally. As he goes onto to say; “ I don’t ever remember my mom and dad telling us to do this or to do that. We just followed what they did, well that’s the way your supposed to do it. Anytime they needed help we were there to help. I remember if I did something wrong or if I wasn’t acting right, they never really scolded me and I don’t remember getting a whipping, which I probably should have many times. He pauses and laughs. Then goes onto to say; “All they would say to me is I’m going to get grandpa George, then I remember hiding under the bed a few times. As he laughs, and goes onto to say; “It was a given it was naturally there, we didn’t have to be told all the time. They would always tell us we’re going to get your uncle they would make you behave. Grandpa George was the one I was afraid of all he had to do was look at me and you knew you done something wrong. I remember I got so mad at him one time, I always wanted a pair of saddlebags and finally my mom could afford one so I finally got some saddlebags and I was so proud of them. One time, I was with my dad and grandpa George they were out hunting prairie chickens and I was playing with my saddlebags in the back and I noticed something was in there so I opened it up, and here there was a baby bottle with a nipple on it. Oh man I was mad. Anyway, I knew right away

Grandpa George was the one who did that. I can still remember right where we were at to when that happened”.

In growing up we all have people in our lives who we look up too so I asked Ivan who he looked up too and this is what he had to say; “ I looked up to my dad, I was always with my dad hunting or my brother Myron, who got killed in Viet Nam, he was hunter and we would always go out hunting. Like I said, we didn’t take a spanking or like that we just watched what the elders were doing. I guess it sets in your mind. I never seen them do anything wrong so it must’ve been right. When we needed to go somewhere we always got there, we always had groceries, we never had anything fancy. I remember we got a black and white TV it was all snowy you couldn’t see it anyways to me that was something. We never had a lot but we were happy. When we got home from school we had to chop wood for the wood stove and carried a lot of coal to the house. We had to haul our water from a well, we hauled water in buckets and filled up cream cans with more buckets.”

As we visited I asked Ivan how old he was when he started riding. He said; “I was around twelve years old or younger when I started riding horseback. I broke my arm right away when I started riding. I used to go to Grandpa George’s place across the coulee and ride horseback because we didn’t have any horses. I rode with Bruce a lot we used to ride all over up north and down south we rode all over the place out in the country. That was our fun and enjoyment riding horseback that’s all we had. When I got out of the eighth grade, I was riding and breaking horses for a guy north of New Town and at the same time I was working on a drilling rig. Then I went to Stanley where I was making pretty good money back then. So I would work during the summer months, It was so hard for me to go back to school, I hated school because I was making good money. Seem like to me it was a waste of time sitting there in school, when I could be making money. It was always so good to come back from work and give your folks some money, every one of my brothers did that for our folks. We always figured look how long they took care of us.

When I was in the 12th grade, I finally quit school. I left to work on a big ranch in Montana where they ran about 8, 000 head of cows. Then I went on to work for a guy up in Jordan, his name was Benny Binion he owned a big casino in Las Vegas called the Horse Shoe. Then I went to work at the Matador in Billings, Montana they ran about ten thousand head of cows. My brother Bernie was doing iron work in Texas and he asked me what I was doing. I told him I was working and making \$175.00 a month back then, that was a lot of money. My brother Bernie said come to Texas we’ll go iron working so I went down there for a while. We did some rodeoing down there and when we got home here we rodeoed a little.

If you grew up around horses and cattle or on a ranch and didn’t rodeo but you rode horse back everyday, and went on roundups, took care of horses and cows. Than you would know they’re two different kinds of cowboys. As Ivan explains; “there’s a ranch cowboy and a rodeo cowboy. I started riding well I’m gonna guess I must’ve been around fifteen or sixteen years old. Mandaree school had a

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good rodeo team, I remember going to the National finals rodeo in Idaho in the bronc and bull riding. Other than that, we just rodeoed locally in NDRA and the Indian rodeos. I've been ranching now for the past nineteen years now. I got my first sixty-five head of cows when I was nineteen years old and I'm still ranching with cows and horses.

As we visited we talked about some of the teachings that Ivan remembers that helped him along his way in life and helped him be where he is at today. As Ivan goes onto to say; "I believe I got where I am today by watching my elders, learning how to work from them. It seems like the only way I was ever going to get anything was to have a job and make some money so that's what I learned from them old fellas. I always paid attention, watch them to see how they were doing things and how they conducted themselves, they've been there and done that."

In 1992 to 1996 Ivan was elected by our people here in Mandaree to be on our Tribal Business Council as our representative. We started visiting about some of the things he did while he was our representative. Ivan states; "Back then it seems like the lease money our people got was really important, there weren't that many jobs no oil lease monies. What I wanted to do was work more with improving the land as far as putting in water, doing some cross fencing, grass seeding, brush clearing stuff like that. We did not have the money like they do now. When I was on council, I started selling chances on a new dodge pickup so we could raise some extra monies to do some range improvements. I didn't run to the council and say I need this much money to do this, I just did it on my own. In my own opinion, I think that if you're on the council you should ask the people what they want or what they think is right or what they think should be done. Now it seems like they don't include the people, they just go ahead and build or buy multi-million buildings they just do it. Why don't they ask the people what they want. When I was on the council I was just a representative the people put in there in so they need to know or find out from them what they think. There's always somebody smarter. Everybody don't have oil money a lot of people don't with the money that's going out. Why don't they check on our people maybe somebody needs help that don't get any oil income. Or they don't have a job or they're old or they can't work. I think they're really forgetting these people. Your like a board member a representative your supposed to watch out for the people for their interests, they're the ones who put you on as their representative to watch out for your people. Today there's a lot more revenue they have more money a lot more income there that they never had before. It's hard to say but I still think they should still get out to the community and see what the people want and that goes for the whole council.

When Covid-19 was around it was a time the people in our world all came to a stand still. Many were isolated in their own homes. Employed people and elders all were home bound. It was definitely a different time for all of us a time we will not forget. Its still here so many of us continue to wear our masks when we go places just to be safe. While we visited, I asked him how he dealt with Covid and if there were any effects from it. This is what he had to say; "It hasn't really affected us here because we just stayed here on the ranch. We have so much to do here that we didn't go out a whole lot. Everyday we had things to take care of so we didn't go out to visit or anything.



In this photo it shows the feed lot he has down by his old place. This is where he takes care of his cows and horses.

Even if we could we just didn't have the time we were always so busy taking care of things here."

As I mentioned before, I've been ranching since I was nineteen years old today I have three hired men working and helping me. They're the best workers I have ever

seen, the best people. They're all Hispanic and very good workers. I asked Ivan how most of his days start out as he replied; "First thing in the morning I get a lot of phone calls so I take care of that. Then I still have a roustabout crew so we have to do our safety meeting right in the mornings. I get with the guys to see what they have going on for the day as far as in the oil field. Then it's right back to the ranch here feeding cattle and horses. We have a feed lot here and we usually feed six or seven hundred calves from October till Spring. Sometimes we just get done eying 148 head of heifers that we had in the feed lot all winter, we just hauled them out two days ago on pasture. Now we just found out we got blue algae in the water, I remember that happened a few years ago, north of here on boggy we lost five or six cows some of them went blind and some we had to abort their calves it's really bad. It's getting wild here in North Dakota right now, we're hauling fresh water down to the heifers because of blue algae. Then it's weening time then you have to give shots then calving starts. It's the same thing, your always busy taking care of your cows or horses. If it's 20 below out with a lot of snow you still got to take care of things no matter what. It's not an eight to five job it's everyday all the time".



Ivan has been very fortunate in his lifetime, he took the advice of an old man and lived by that. He has good people around him with good dependable help. We are all aware that things don't just come to us or are given to us most of us have to worked hard at a young age to get what we have or what we want. Much less save what we can. Nobody is perfect in this life but for most that know what it's like to work

most of your life, you get to a point where you appreciate what you worked hard for with the sacrifices you made along the way. Today Ivan is successful at what he does with the hard work he's done for many years along with the many sacrifices he's made. Yet he seemed a little modest when I asked him about being successful. He's a man who doesn't brag about what he has done being a successful rancher isn't an easy.

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# For Your Information

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR MANDAREE RESIDENCE

In the event of a tornado warning the Mandaree Fire Dept. will open the Emergency Response Center on Ridge Road for those seeking shelter. Please contact Chief Baker for any questions at 421-1423.

## State Fair Tickets Will be Available for Pick Up



For those who have been picking up trash in your designated areas. Your fair tickets will be available to pick up on these day ONLY! July 19, 20, 21. The Minot State Fair will start on July 23 through July 31st. if you have any

questions, please feel free to call Lindsey at the West Segment office at 421-6347. State Fair tickets were provided by West Segment Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Lone Fight.



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## West Segment Maintenance On Call Schedule By Month

4/25/21-5/1/21: Julius Halvorson: 421-8093 & Jeremy Wounded Face: 421-3979

5/2/21-5/8/21: Ervin Halvorson Sr: 421-3257 & Wade Hunts Along: 421-6965

5/9/21-5/15/21: Arden Halvorson: 421-5866 & Ervin Halvorson Jr.-421-2948

5/16/21-5/22/21: Julius Halvorson: 421-8093 & Jeremy Wounded Face: 421-3979

5/23/21-5/29/21: Ervin Halvorson Sr: 421-3257 & Wade Hunts Along-421-6965

5/30/21-6/5/21: Arden Halvorson: 421-5866 & Ervin Halvorson Jr:-421-2948

6/6/21-6/12/21: Julius Halvorson: 421-8093 & Jeremy Wounded Face: 421-3979

6/13/21-6/19/21: Ervin Halvorson Sr: 421-3257 & Wade Hunts Along: 421-6965

6/20/21-6/26/21: Arden Halvorson: 421-5866 & Ervin Halvorson Jr: 421-2948

6/27/21-7/3/21: Julius Halvorson:421-8093 & Jeremy Wounded Face: 421-3979

7/4/21-7/10/21: Ervin Halvorson Sr: 421-3257 & Wade Hunts Along: 421-6965

7/11/21-7/17/21: Arden Halvorson:421-5866 & Ervin Halvorson Jr: 421-2948

7/18/21-7/24/21: Julius Halvorson:421-8093 & Jeremy Wounded Face: 421-3979

7/25/21-7/31/21: Ervin Halvorson Sr:421-3257 & Wade Hunts Along: 421-6965

8/1/21-8/7/21: Arden Halvorson:421-5866 & Ervin Halvorson Jr: 421-2948.

# For Your Information

## Joan “Black Medicine” Young Bird Memorial



Joan “Black Medicine” Young Bird Memorial

Knife Clan of Water Buster.

On August 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Water Chief Hall here in Mandaree, North

Dakota. The family will have a give a way and feed.

A Men’s traditional Contest. Prizes will be given out to the top five places along with jackets and Pendletons. The host drum will be the Little Shell Singers other drum groups are welcome.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a meal with the family as they honor the memory of their loved one.

## Mandaree One Stop New Hours



New Store Hours for Mandaree One Stop were in effect on July 11, 2021. Here are the new hours:

Saturday & Sunday:  
11:00AM-6:00PM

Monday-Friday:

7:00Am-9:00PM

## Naagi Raawii Ida maa’ariigigeh

### 3 Clan Rules:

#### Ohgicarug maa’gooshii neeshac

~No whistling at night

#### Adi owahugaa aru nagooshi’taac

~No whistling in the house

#### Adi aagahaa maa’iishii neeshac

~No throwing objects over the house

#### Maaciwira nagirushuugirug niduuxii iiri’ heetaara

~Only use dishrags to wash dishes, not socks or clothes

#### Ohgciarug hiru baccagitaara hii hiru nuxuxitara adi’wahugahaag

~No cutting or breaking bones in the house at night

#### These Apply specially to the Knife Clan:

#### Meeci miraata heetaara

~Never put a knife to a fire

#### Miraa’ uuwaca gua meeci ni’ heetaara

~Do not up a knife on the stove

#### Miraxag, miragshiargua meeci ni’ heetaara

~Must not put a knife in pots, pan, or skillet

#### Nixuataa meeci ni’heetaara

~No putting a knife to the body

#### Iihaa meeci naakeerug aru’ii agshia cihga gaha

~When handing a knife to someone, give them the handle first

#### Hiru’ ooruuba meecii’ taa oorudi neeshac

~No picking bone marrow with a knife

#### Hiru meeci’ taa baccagitaara

No cutting bones with a knife

## Cowboying & Ranching An Amazing & Hard Way of Life

As Ivan replied; "It's constant, to me it ain't about how much money you make it's how much you can save. You might need something one day and it seems like your always broke if you can save a little then maybe you can buy it. An old fella told me that one time, he said Ivan it ain't how much money you make it's how much you can save. If you got extra pay something off so I worked at that most of my life. It was difficult you know but I don't think we were put here to have it easy. I've been fortunate, I have good people working for me we had the jobs, so any extra I made I kept saving and building up the place.

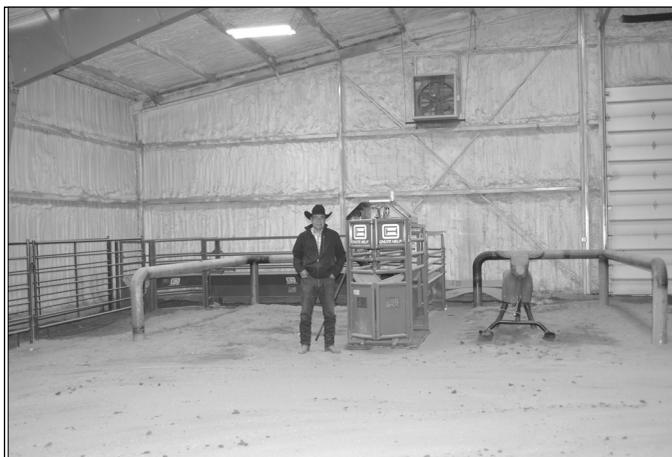
Today Ivan can see his blessings of appreciation in what he had worked so hard for. He still works but not so much physical and hard lifting work anymore. He does take it easy but has to make sure the work gets done so he keeps himself busy overseeing on a daily basis.

He has a soft spot for the younger kids that are trying to do something on their own. Ivan has taken upon himself to sponsor kids from here who participate in rodeos, or going to track meets, church organizations. As he says; "I know to well what it's like to try to rodeo and not have any help or sponsorship. I sponsor quite a few kids in a lot of different places. I know what it's like to have to struggle and if I see somebody really struggling and trying I think about what I went through. Now I'm in a position to help somebody so I help them and they appreciate it. He showed me around his place, we went to this building that is pictured



Pictured above is the indoor arena its spacious and nice. This arena is all set for any anything.

below. On his ranch he has a number of buildings all of which serve a purpose. The building pictured to your left is an inside arena. Ivan was open to sharing what these buildings are for. I asked Ivan what he planned on using this indoor arena for as he goes on to say; "Well the first several years it's been really cold here at that time, we were plowing roads here and everything so we just had equipment sitting in there. The arena is all heated and isolated so it made it pretty easy starting up our equipment. Now, it's all set up for any kind of indoor sport like; roping, riding broncs or whatever. It's open if somebody wants to come and use it, I'm okay with that. What I'd like to see is more younger kids doing more of this instead of playing on their games or phones all the time. That's good to they learn things but it would be good to have them actively doing something. If some kids want to come and do something yeah, it's open. I'd like to see some younger kids get involved in 4-H or any other kind of horse events, I'd help them. I know one thing our whole reservation has changed in that aspect. A long time ago, if I wanted to go to a dance or basketball game, I would have to get on a horse and ride to where I



Ivan stands by a shoot inside the walls of the indoor arena. On the other side you can see a calf decoy used to practice roping.

wanted to go. It's pretty easy living now.

Recently, Ivan was selected to be on the board of directors for the Cowboy Hall of Fame headquartered in Medora, North Dakota. So we began visiting about that. I asked him how he felt

about being selected for the board. As he replied; "I was kinda surprised on why they would pick me you know, but there I go again I helped this association out a lot and I matched bronc riding in Sentinel Butte and the home on range for kids. I helped them because I think a lot of families here have had kids that got into trouble go there. I helped them out. As far as being on the Cowboy Hall of Fame Board, I think they always needed some representation from our reservation here. There's been a lot of good Indian ranchers and Indian cowboys from here and they don't get any kind of recognition. You know I want to try and see if I can get some of our people recognized. I know there's a lot more to our culture then just the cowboy end of it. There's a lot of traditional ways I don't know a whole lot about but I do respect every bit of it. You know, I would like to see some elders who know our history here and put something together so it could be displayed in the Cowboy Hall of Fame. There's a lot of things that come from our reservation so they can get in the right places where people can hear about it because there's a lot of people that go through that hall of fame, especially now that tourism is going on. If there's something I could do that would change it a little bit I'd like to see that. I like to see some of our people signed up to be members they would have a right to be on as a trustee. The trustee members actually pick the ones who get inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and that could be an older rancher, a contractor, older cowboy or a modern cowboy. Years ago, there was non-Indian ranchers here plenty of them leased up everything on the reservation and many of them ranchers went out and build big ranches in different places. Some of their ancestors are still here leasing land on our reservation. I can see where it was tougher for our own People to get financing there's a lot of knowable Native Americans who were ranchers but they just couldn't get financing and that was tough. Yeah, there was a lot of cowboys here and now you can't find anybody. I remember when you could get guys to come and help wrestle calves and brand. It's going and going fast and it seems like for native people everything evolved around livestock. It's really disappearing on our reservation and that's sad.

Hopefully we can get something going again and get some interest

## Cowboying & Ranching An Amazing & Hard Way of Life

I know work ethics is a big thing now. Being on this board will be challenging, to oversee how things are going there's a lot involved. So far, we had one meeting it was more or less getting new members familiar with the board and introducing us. At the end of this month, we will go to Cheyenne Frontier Days they have get togethers lined up for us. Nelson Heart is the other new board member and Linda Baker is a trustee.

As we visited, we shifted our conversation and began visiting about some of the major changes here on our reservation. As Ivan goes onto say; it's our younger generation there's so much drugs, I see that as the biggest change here. It doesn't only affect the young people it affects parents, aunties, uncles, grandmas and grandpa's they all feel it. It's a tough go it seems like there more violence. I'd like to see the focus on what needs to be changed here in our community which is the drugs that really affects everybody. Look at the deaths we had here in Mandaree. You know I used to think diabetes would kill half of our people here on the reservation but it ain't anymore it's the drugs. If I could help make it better and this is just my idea. I would start some kind of activity that involved agriculture, ceremonies that's where people can come in and help. Bismarck has a program with a 86 percent success rate and our success rate is zero. You know like the boys ranch they keep them busy doing daily chores, milking cows, putting up hay or hauling bales. These kids have to have some type of responsibility this is a tough one, you can't just keep giving and giving. I've done it myself and it don't work. It must be awful tough to quit this drug no matter what you do if you choose to quit it has to be in your heart to do it. When they get out of treatment what they going to do? They don't have a job or a car. My sister does that for them she helps them get a job, gets them a place to live, she really helps them. Her program is successful she's in Bismarck and she does this on her own.

As we visited, I asked Ivan what advice he would share for anyone wanting to ranch. "I'd say get an 8 hour day job that you love to do then you never have to do a days work in your life and that seems tough. You gotta like it because it's not an eight-hour job, this is something you really got to love to do and like it because you know there's not a whole lot of money in it. Sometimes I wonder why with all them tough years you know I went broke several times but you keep doing it. I would say never quit don't give up there's time I sure wanted to. In any job if you love your job then it's not even like you have a job you know because you like it. It's lot tougher to start for a young person unless he had some kind of help because there's no way you can buy cattle, equipment and expect them to make it that's ain't in the books. One other thing you have to plan from one year to the next it's so much harder now to get leases, most of our land are leased to non-Indians. It makes it hard for a guy who lives here, whose enrolled here born and raised here to ranch anymore. It's like they're driving ranchers away, I would say that would be the hardest part to get

enough pasture now to run your operation and that's always a bother. You can't just plan one day or the next with this kind of operation, I have to plan a year or two in advance like the hay, there ain't going to be any hay. I've been fortunate enough we get hay and feed that we buy from different places. We're pretty fortunate that way, I got some friends up by Trenton that I've known for years and they had some irrigated stuff so we buy what they have then we buy the big toppings up in Sidney, Montana.

Like many of our people here who deal with diabetes and kidney problems, Ivan knows first hand when he developed kidney problems. As he says; "We have to deal with referrals and the insurance that our tribe has for our members." A while back Ivan had to go to the Mayo Clinic, he had a kidney transplant. As he explains; "When I first went to Indian Health Service they wouldn't do anything. When I got to Mayo, I had to shell out \$50,000 before they even did any testing. Then I had a brain tumor which was removed. I now have to go back to Mayo because the tumor came back. Then I have to deal with referrals, referrals and I just called them and I was told they haven't heard anything yet. You have to wait for the clinic here to send the referral then they told me maybe next week. I said, if you had a brain tumor wouldn't you kinda be in a hurry. They're really slow at the New Town clinic. If you were really sick, you know, you might be in trouble. If you go without a referral, than you have to pay. The insurance the tribe gave us needs to be straighten out. If you're sick then you will be damn sick if your running back and forth to the clinic for referrals. He laughs but it's true. I will leave it at that or we'll still be here waiting for breakfast in the morning he laughs.



Here is a home made stove built by some of his workers. The stove is in place incase it gets cold when they work with the cows or horses. A handy item to have.

People ask me when are you going to retire, or go on vacation? I have no desire to go on a vacation or retire. I may retire by doing less work but I won't completely leave it. I've been raising quarter horses now and I sent some five to North Carolina and another eight are going to California to a production sale out there in the next few days so that's been kinda fun. I sold some local and I have a trainer out in Great Falls, Montana. I have some guys breaking some horses for me in Hurbert, Wyoming who are really good

at what they do. I sent some to Oklahoma. This is the part I don't mind traveling, when we do, we don't take time to look around it's just boom, boom straight through and back. We just stop for fuel and hit the road. The older you get you have more pit stops to make he laughs. I just want to add one more thing, I didn't do all this alone I had good help. In closing he goes onto say; "I know its good to see your newspaper come back at least we know what's going on in Mandaree now.

We are all aware that every one goes through struggles and hardships in life. God knows no one is perfect. For some who are fortunate they change their lives. They aren't the same person they were years ago. As for Ivan, he changed his lifestyle and his life. He struggles with his health but through all of that, he works every day, he gives thanks everyday to our Creator God for his many blessings. Ivan is a kind hearted and generous man who believes in helping people out who want to help themselves.

# For Your Information

## Mandaree School Board Official Election Results

### MANDAREE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Mandaree School held an election for two (2) open positions on June 8, 2021. The School Board canvassed the votes on June 14, 2021. There were 176 votes cast with the following results.

Kelly Bradfield	70
Donald C. McKenzie	16
Ted Lone Fight III	12

#### Write in Votes

Delaine Clairmont	41
Walter Deville Sr.	13
Paul White Owl Jr.	7
Corrine Brugh Sage	2
Elton Spotted Horse Sr.	2
Koty Brugh	2
Daniela Vigen	2
Theodora Bird Bear	1
Dan Hall	1
Cornel Poitra Sr.	1
Walter Deville	1
Corrine Sage	1
Duane Young Bird	1
Lloyd Vigen	1
Danny Hall	1
Delaine	1

Kelly Bradfield and Delaine Clairmont are declared the official winners.

Publishing of minutes: Yes's - 74

No's - 4

Mandaree school will continue to publish its minutes.

The Mandaree School Board Official Election Results was provided by the Mandaree School Business Office. If you have any questions about these results feel free to contact the Mandaree Business Office at 759-3120.

Thank you.

## From The Mandaree Superintendent's Desk

Summer foods at Mandaree School is served from 8AM-9AM and will be ending on July 29th. You are asked to come in the Southeast door.

Please pre-register your students for the 2021-2022 school year this summer. You are asked to bring the following documents:

- Birth certificate
- CIB
- Immunizations (If you are registering a new student)

School officials will be attending Segment functions over the summer to assist you with pre-registration.

No out of District registrations after August 1, 2021.

Tara Thomas, Mandaree School Superintendent

P.O. Box 488

Mandaree, ND 58757

Office: (701) 759-3311

Cell: (701) 421-2880

### United Tribes Resumes 2021 Pow wow Events:

The pow wow will be held Friday, September 10 through Sunday, September 12th. The Following UTTC Events Week are as follows:

- Pow wow Youth Day on Friday, Sept. 10th
- UTTC Golf Tournament Friday, Sept. 10th
- UTTC Legends Softball Friday, Sept. 10 to Sunday, Sept. 12th
- UTTC Pow wow Thunderbird Run-Saturday, Sept, 11th
- UTTC High School Basketball Tournament Friday, Sept. 10th to Sunday, Sept. 12th.

**CANCELLED:** The Tribal Leaders Summit, an indoor event traditionally held prior to the pow wow will not be held, but will be back in 2022.

# For Your Information

## West Segment Fitness Coordinator Wins 10k



Santos Casarez

On behalf of West Segment we are very proud of Santos who participated in the Fargo Summer Rocks 10k run.

Santos plans to keep up the fitness fun by entering more endurance

competitions coming up on Fort Berthold.

Santos is currently the Fitness Coordinator for our West Segment community.

## Walking Hawk Rides Ladies Bareback



It's been seventy-five years since they last had a young woman participate in the ladies bareback category on their roster. In 2021 this young lady has entered up in the ladies bareback riding and her name is on the roster. She will be riding in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Her name is Ky Walking Hawk, she is the daughter of Loren and Kim Walking Hawk from our West Segment community.

On behalf of West Segment we wish you the best of luck in riding in the bareback competition.

Good luck we are all rooting for you!

## Fort Berthold Allottee Land and Mineral Owners Association

By LeeAnna Nation & Tex Hall Photo by LeeAnna Nation



In a recent interview with Tex Hall West Segment News asked him what was being done to ensure the oil companies such as Tesoro/ Marathon are being held responsible?

Tex Hall stated; "The Fort Berthold Allottee Land & Mineral Owners Association has been fighting for equal justice and compensation for

the exact amount that our Tribal Council received \$2 million dollars per acre. We were in federal court however, now we are awaiting a new decision from the BIA Great Plains Regional Director. Thru Secretary Deb Haaland's Office, The Acting Secretary rescinded the previous Trump Administrations decision which awarded way less than what our Tribal Council received. For those of you not familiar with this case, our Tribal Council used our allottee land to receive their \$ 2 Million dollars per acre. That is so unheard of and so illegal without the allottee landowners consent.

Since the last eight years of Tesoro/Marathon trespassing. The FBALMOA has accomplished a lot. According to Hall he states; "We have helped many families with their land concerns, ie pipeline trespass, Tribal Section 17 trespass, spills, fires, and landowner education. We had a successful fundraiser that was run by one of our very own tribal member Peyton Martin Gay.

According to Tex Hall, they have attorney's working for FBALMOA who are Pringle & Herigstad a law firm out of Minot. Reed Soderstrom is the main attorney working on our case. For any landowner or enrolled member that has any questions, feel free to go on our facebook page; Fort Berthold Land and Mineral Owner Association.

It was also stated that the Allottee Face Book page was held hostage by a tribal member so Tex Hall started this page up and dropped the word Allottee. Just incase anyone is confused.

Tex will answer for the next issue on another question for West Segment News. He doesn't want to confuse the two so we just stayed on with the Tesoro trespass issue.

Never in the history has our Tribal Council went against their own people so blatantly.

# For Your Information

## Common Thread



I recently attended a sobriety conference; I have come to love hearing a recovery story as they are rightly called. Three days of speakers telling their recovery stories, it was a variety of speakers who were addicted to drugs or alcohol who utilized a 12-step program to find sobriety. The programs represented were AA, Narcotic Anonymous, and Well-briety (White

Bison).

Stories were shared about our powerlessness over our usage of alcohol and drugs. The common thread is that it was fun in the beginning and then it became a necessity just to feel normal.

More common threads were about hitting bottom. Many of us came to the same self degrading realization of ourselves. We came to a point in our lives that we never imagined or even thought about. None of us ever said I want to be an Alcoholic or Drug Addict.

Another common thread is our struggle of shame, guilt, and remorse. These 12-step programs teach us how to turn our life around and recover. We learn to face reality and make amends to those we have hurt and ourselves.

These 12-step meetings give us a place to gather and share our experience, strength and hope with each other. It is a place where we can meet people, who share in confidence with each other, our past and current struggles. Most important is that we share the steps we took to find peace.

One more Common Thread is the finding of a higher power – the finding of a loving, caring, and forgiving God. We see that God is working in our lives. These 12-step programs can give a person a clear path to live a spiritual life. When we make things right with our fellow man, we make things right with God. The closer we get to our fellow man, as in sharing our struggles and joys, the closer we get to God. We are able to see ourselves in the struggles and triumphs of others. We can identify the Grace of God. There go “I”!

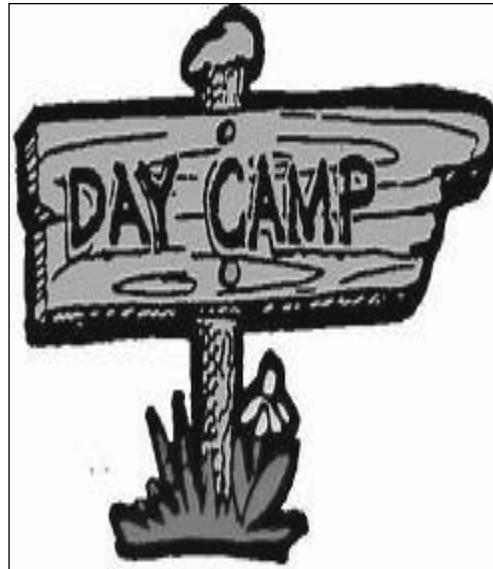
May God Bless you always

Have a great day with Jesus Christ

By Deacon James Baker

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Mandaree/New Town

## St. Anthony's Catholic Church Annual Christian Life Camp Will be Held In Mandaree



Hello West Segment,

Here is some information on Saint Anthony's Catholic Church Annual Christian Life Camp.

Here is a schedule:

Week 1: July 12th -16th 2021

This camp will be for elementary kids- 1st to 4th grade.

Week 2: July 19th-July 23rd, 2021 will be for kids in the 5th grade through 14 years old.

Camp starts at 8:30AM and ends at 8:30PM. Parents, grandparents or guardians must pick up your child/children at that time. This year is only a day camp, no overnight.

Lots of activities, tons of fun while learning about your faith.

More information can be found on the website at

[saintanthonypadua.com](http://saintanthonypadua.com). You may also call the Mandaree St. Anthony Church at (701) 759-3412 or the New Town St. Anthony's Church at (701) 627-4423. Please leave a message if no answers.

Thank you!! We look forward to seeing the 2021 Campers!



...a fun place to play and learn!

# Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College

Submitted by Dr. Constance E. King Gottschall, Vice President of Student Services



1.) Fall applications are due by July 30<sup>th</sup> for new students. If you've turned in your application to start classes this Fall and you still have documents to turn in, contact Lacey Gladue at [Admissions@nhsc.edu](mailto:Admissions@nhsc.edu). Once all of your documents have been turned in and you have been officially accepted for our Fall semester, you will be able to register for your classes. Classes start on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following documents are required to be fully admitted to NHSC:

- a. Official High School/GED transcripts
- b. Official College transcripts (if you are transferring from another institution)
- c. ID (Driver's License, Tribal ID)
- d. Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) if you're Native American
- e. Social Security Card
- f. FERPA form
- g. FAFSA/Financial Aid

2.) Interested in playing for the Storm Athletics program? Contact our Athletic Director Kyle DeCoteau @ [kdecoteau@nhsc.edu](mailto:kdecoteau@nhsc.edu) We do offer athletic waivers and still have some available for our upcoming Fall season.

- a. Men's Basketball
- b. Women's Basketball
- c. Golf
- d. Cross Country

3.) We are proud to announce our new partnership with the Center for Native American Youth. Our Calm Before the Storm Leadership program has started. Our inaugural class consists of 6 young adults ready to bring change in their communities. They are all inspiring and promising young leaders.

4.) We will be holding an Open House on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Stop in to check out our new Student Services Suites, our Counselors new location, our updated Singing Springs Library and more.

5. We are starting up our Alumni program for all current and former students from NHSC and FBCC. We are asking all Alumni to reach out to Carla Villamil at [alumni@nhsc.edu](mailto:alumni@nhsc.edu) for additional information

and to get on our Alumni list.

Want to join the NHSC team? We have a number of jobs currently open and would love for you to join our team. Check out our [www.nhsc.edu/jobs](http://www.nhsc.edu/jobs) to see which positions are open and for information on how to apply!

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7.) NHSC staff will be at the ND State Fairgrounds during the State Fair. Want to learn more about what NHSC has to offer? Stop by our booth which will be located with the rest of the MHA Nation tables.

8.) We still have openings for our NAS and NACTEP cohorts for our upcoming Fall semester. Both cohorts are available for students that are registered for the Fall semester. For additional information on each cohort, go to [www.nhsc.edu/students/student-cohorts](http://www.nhsc.edu/students/student-cohorts)

9.) Tune in to KMHA every other Tuesday at 11am for our "College Talk" program.

July 13<sup>th</sup> – covering upcoming Admissions for the Fall semester, Financial Aid and registering for your classes

July 27<sup>th</sup> – covering our NACTEP program, CTE program and a deeper dive into our Business and Welding programs



# Local & Surrounding Area Directory

**Mandaree Boys & Girls Club Branch Manager:** Olivia: 759-3049

**Mandaree Catholic Church Father Roger Synek:** 759-3412 or 627-4423

**Mandaree Clinic:** 759-3422 Fax: 759-3209

**Mandaree Clinic Pharmacy:** 759-3151 or Fax: 759-3181

**Mandaree Elder's Meal Site:** 759-3092

Head Cook: Pamela Fox

Assistant Cook: Teresa Fox

Delivery/Helper: Brad Howe

Monica Nagel Henry: Helper/transporter

**Mandaree Elders Program:** 759-3092

**Elder's Care:** Nina Finley Newman

**Aging Services: Director:** Polly Chase: 421-0905

**Aging Services Main Office New Town:** 627-4913

**NHSC Mentor's Office:** 759-3545 or Fax: 759-3528

**Native Printing LLC:** Jody Brieck 421-1027 Email: nativeprinting\_nf@yahoo.com

**Mandaree Fire Chief: Marle Baker:** 759-3124 or cell: 421-1423

**Little Plume Head Teacher 1:** 759-3369

**Mandaree Post Office:** 759-3370

**Mandaree Roads Dept:** 759-3420

**Director Mandaree Roads Dan Hall:** 421-7958

Donald Young Bird: 421-7534

**Mandaree One Stop:** 759-3609

**Mandaree School Numbers:**

**Bus Garage:** 759-3395

**Business Office:** 759-3120

**Main School Office:** 759-3311

**Mandaree MHA DOT Dispatch Operations:** 759-3576

**Motor Carriers:**

Matthew Yellow Wolf: 421-8676

Michael Blacksmith: 421-5651

Ricardo Villagrana: 421-9121

Denver Spotted Bear: 421-3124

Thomas Fredericks: 421-3064

Jocko Frank: (701) 550-6797

Rylan Howling Wolf: (701) 805-5628

Dane Fox: 421-1695

**Mandaree Water Hauler:** 759-3377 or 421-0458

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

**Mandaree Non-Emergency: Antoinette Kitagawa:** 421-1361 or 421-1357

**Emergency or Ambulance:** 911

**Mandaree TAT Solid Waste Transfer Station:** 759-3614

**Contact Patrick Dubois:** 421-0143 Hours: M-F 7am-6pm

Saturday: 8am-4:30 pm

Sunday: Closed.

**New Town Tribal Office:** 627-4781

**New Town Elbowoods Health Center:** 627-4701

**New Town Tribal Enrollment office:** 627-4238

**New Town Tribal Security:** 627-0686

**New Town Animal Control:** 627-2654

Delia Baker: 421-5214

Travis McCabe: 421-3095

**New Town Circle of Life Director:** Nellie Boyd: 627-4700 Fax: 421-4105

**TAT Fitness Recreational Specialist:** Tia Mandan: 421-0239 or tiamandan@mhanation.com

**New Town Boys & Girls Club:** 627-4415

**Poison Control:** 1-800-222-1222

**TAT CHR Main Office in New Town:** 627-4240

**TAT Utilities:** 627-5291

**TAT Mortgage Program:** 627-2560

**Game Warden:** Bradfield Sage: 421-6977

Beuford Joe: 421-1233

**TAT Police Dept:** 627-3617 or 1-800-952-7923

**Chief of Police** 627-3617 ext. 3

**New Town Tribal Court:** 627-4803 Fax: 627-4602

**Tex Fox Justice Center:** 627-3500

**McKenzie County Sheriff:** 444-3654

\* North Dakota Travel Information service dial 511. When dialing out of North Dakota for weather /road conditions you can dial: 1-866-696-3511.

Please read: Some numbers have changed some removed. Some of the names changed. Please post this so you can find what numbers you need. Thank you for being a good reader.

# West Segment Employee Directory

**Councilwoman Turner-Lone Fight:** 421-9820

**Chief of Staff:** Kevin Finley: 421-6399

**Executive Admin.Assistant:** Jodi Finley: 421-2011

**New Town Office Admin:** Florene Halvorson/Colleen Halvorson: 627-8202

**CEO West Segment:** Regina Yeahquo: 421-4611

**West Segment Fire Chief:** Marle Baker: 421-1423

**Water Chief Hall Receptionist:** 759-3377 ext. 206

Loretta Lone Bear Cell: 421-5510

**West Segment Program Analysts':** Ted Lone Fight III: 421-2481

**West Segment Security Director:** James Johnson: 421-9732

**Security Receptionist:** Rhonda Hall: 421-0547

**Security Officers:**

Robin Hall: 421-4599

Benner White Owl: 421-3122

Steven Good Bird: 421-4573

Frank Bear Claw: 421-0700

**Hidatsa Housing Specialist:** Shanna Fox: 421-6205

Jason White Owl Sr.

Norman Standish

**Hidatsa Housing Office:** 759-3399 Hours by Appt. Only.

**Time Keeper Supervisor:** Hailey Abbey: 421-7819

Sunshine Halvorson: 421-9127

Colleen Halvorson: 627-8202

**West Segment Maintenance Specialist:** Sam White Owl: 421-9170

**Main Number:** 759-3377 Ext. 209 & 219

**Receptionist:** Michaela Bacon: 421-6715

**West Segment Maintenance Workers:**

Ervin Halvorson Sr. 421-3257

Ervin Halvorson Jr. 421-5738

Julius Halvorson: 421-8093

Tyrell Halvorson: 421-4518

Jeremy Wounded Face: 421-3979

Wade Hunts Along: 421-6965

**West Segment CARE Recovery Center Director:** Vivian Lone Fight cell: 421-4631

**Assistant CARE Recovery:** Kyle Mandan 421. 0643

**West Segment Health Dept:** 759-3377 ext. 203

**West Segment Health Director:** Cathy Lone Fight: 421-5525

**West Segment Health Driver:** Rayne Brown: 421-1901

**West Segment Custodian Supervisor** Rosie White Owl: 421-9450

**Mandaree Elders Building Custodian:** Ken White Lightning: ext.213

**IT Specialist:** Aaron Abbey: 421-5076

**West Segment Transportation Specialist:** Curtis Hall Sr.: 421-7907

**West Segment Transportation Office:** 759-3766

**West Segment Transportation Receptionist:** Michaela Bacon: 421-6715

**West Segment Fitness Center Specialist:** Angela Stiffarm: 421-1091

**Fitness Coordinator: Santos Casarez:** 759-3780 **Fitness Hours:** 9am -9pm Monday—Friday

**West Segment Events Department:** Lindsey Fox Sepeta: 421-6347

Lorraine Howe: 421-3835

**Recreation Coordinator** Merrill Howling Wolf: 421-9078

**West Segment Cultural:** Maybella Lone Fight: 421-2789

**Cultural Coordinator:** Roni Stiffarm: 421-2255

**Cultural Coordinator:** Aaron Abbey: 421-5076

**Language Specialist:** Lila Gwin 421.6605

Carol Newman

Martha Bird Bear

Mary Yellow Wolf—Gachupin

**Land & Livestock Director:** Lloyd Vigen: 421-0523

**Land & Livestock receptionist:** Renay Brown 759-3978

**Minot Outreach Specialist:** Dusty Jackson: 701-839-3645 Fax: 701-839-0835

**Bismarck Outreach Specialist:** Leah Black Hawk: 651.0683

**Assistant :** Sharron Lone Fight: 751.0456

**Fargo Outreach Specialist** Jolene Gonzales: 421-6200

**Fargo Outreach:** 701-478-6811 Fax: 701-478-6818

**Economic Development:** Carson Hood

**Economic Development Assistant:** Rosie Johnson:

**West Segment Facebook page:** LeeAnna Nation: 421-1868 or Jordan Mann: 421-9214

**West Segment News Editor:** Lovina Fox: lovinafox@mhanation.com

**West Segment News Assistant:** LeeAnna Nation: 421-1868

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**PRINCESS**

Chole Aria Furr

**TRAVELING PRINCESS**

Paloma Ruiz

**HOST DRUM**

Mandaree Singers

**FLAG RAISING**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021  
Ignacious Spotted Bear  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021  
Lester Lone Bear  
Elgin Crowsbreast  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021  
Albert Little Owl  
Samuel Little Owl



# TWIN BUTTES POWWOW

TWIN BUTTES, ND

## AUGUST 6-8, 2021

**GRAND ENTRIES**

FRI: 7pm SAT: 1pm & 7pm SUN: 1pm  
(All Times Central Standard Time)

**POWWOW STAFF**

ANNOUNCER - Lawrence Baker  
ANNOUNCER - Charlie Moran  
PRESIDENT - Russell Lone Bear  
VICE PRESIDENT - Pierston Hunts Along  
SECRETARY - Micah Anderson  
FLAG BEARER - Orville Martinez  
DRUM KEEPER - Red Sky Starr  
ARENA DIRECTOR - Rusty Gillette  
HEAD DANCE JUDGE - Donovan Abbey  
HEAD SINGING JUDGE - Russell Young Bird  
SOUND - Hoka Sound - Dale Roberts  
COLOR GUARD - VFW Post 9061, VFW Post 352,  
Myron B. Johnson/Nathan Good Iron Post 271

**VENDORS**

\$600 Food • \$400 Craft

**FOR MORE INFO**

Angie Gillette: 701) 421-2705

**SINGING CONTEST**

1ST \$10,000 2ND \$7,000  
3RD \$5,000 4TH \$3,000  
5TH \$2,000

**DANCE CATEGORIES**

Men's Golden Age (55+) Combined  
Women's Golden Age (55+) Combined  
SR Men's (35-55) / JR Men's (18-34)  
SR Women's (35-55) / JR Women's (18-34)  
Traditional, Grass, Jingle, Fancy, Chicken  
1ST: \$800 2ND: \$800 3RD: \$800 4TH: \$800  
JACKETS FOR ALL ADULT WINNERS  
Sponsored Pierston Hunts Along, Vice President

Teen Categories (13-17):  
Traditional, Grass, Jingle, Fancy  
1ST: \$350 2ND: \$350 3RD: \$350 4TH: \$350  
Junior Categories (6-12):  
Traditional, Grass, Jingle, Fancy  
1ST: \$150 2ND: \$150 3RD: \$150 4TH: \$150  
Tiny Tots Paid Daily

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

MEMORIAL FEED  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
In honor of Brock Burr, Marlene Ward,  
and Mike Christensen  
TEEN GIRL'S VS. TEEN BOY'S FANCY  
In honor of Paloma Ruiz  
TEEN BOY'S TRADITIONAL  
In honor of Red Sky Starr  
MEMORIAL FEED & HAND DRUM CONTEST  
In honor of Malachi Appel  
5 MAN SINGING / BEST DRESSED CONTEST  
In honor of Russy Lone Bear.  
CHASE FAMILY REUNION FEED - SUNDAY NOON  
WOMEN'S 18+ TIPI RAISING CONTEST - FRIDAY 4PM  
Must Bring own Tipi - Must be atleast 18ft  
4 Women Teams - Sign up at Chase Camp  
1ST: \$4,000  
2ND: \$3,000  
3RD: \$2,000

Twin Buttes Celebration Committee is not responsible for accidents, theft, vandalism, or lack of travel funds. No drugs, alcohol, or fire-arms allowed!

**The Annual Chase Family Reunion 2021**

**Twin Buttes Pow Wow Grounds**

**= *Tipi Raising Contest* =**

**AUG 6.2021@4PM**

**The fastest time getting one up**

**4-women team only (18 yrs. and older)**

**18 foot teepees or larger, complete set up**

**Start signing up on 8/5/2021 at the Chase camp**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place-4000.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place-3000.00 \***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place-2000.00**

**For More Info: Call Frances BTD 701-897-2114 or Dana Chase 701-421-0937**

*In Remembrance of Alfred & Belle Chase*



# For Your Information



## FBIR & Surrounding Areas Storm Shelters

Updated 6/10/21 1300 hrs MHA EOC/ESB



### New Town

- Northern Lights Wellness Center  
Physical Address: 710 East Avenue, New Town, ND  
Building Main Phone: 701-627-3456 (24/7 Security)
- MHA Veterans Affairs Building  
Physical Address: 1402 12th Street North New Town, ND
- New Town High School  
Physical Address: 300 Eagle Drive New Town, ND
- Edwin Loe Elementary School  
Physical Address: 206 2nd Ave. E New Town, ND

### Four Bears

- New Thomas Johnny Bird Memorial Building  
Physical Address: Chief Dragswolf Village, New Town, ND  
Building Main Phone: 701-627-8300 (24/7 Security)

### Mandaree

- Emergency Response Center (Fire and EMS Station)  
Physical Address: 6 1st Ave. North East Ridge Road, Mandaree, ND
- Mandaree K-12 School  
Physical Address: 1 Warrior Circle Mandaree, ND

### Twin Buttes

- Twin Buttes Memorial Hall  
Physical Address: 8090 BIA Route 22 Halliday, ND
- Twin Buttes Community Center/Fitness Recreation Center  
Physical Address: 8040 7th Street Northwest Twin Buttes, ND

### White Shield

- New White Shield K-12 School  
Physical Address: 301 Warrior Street Roseglen, ND
- Ralph Wells Complex  
Physical Address: 1620 61st Avenue Northwest, White Shield, ND

### Parshall

- Red Hall  
Physical Address: 315 2nd St. Northwest Parshall, ND  
Building Main Phone: 701-862-3841 (24/7 Security)

## Surrounding Areas

### Watford City

- Watford City Civic Center  
Physical Address: 213 3rd St. Northeast Watford City, ND  
Building Main Phone: 701-444-2533  
POC: Watford City Police Department 701-444-2400

### Garrison

- Garrison City Hall  
Physical Address: 1 West Central Garrison, ND  
Building Main Phone: 701-463-2600  
POC: 24 Hour Access-Door to Shelter is always open

### Halliday

- Halliday K-12 School  
Physical Address: 30 4th Street South Halliday, ND  
Building Main Phone: 701-938-4391  
POC: Dunn County Sherriff's Office 701-573-4449

**For Emergencies Please Call 911 or TAT Law Enforcement Dispatch at 701-627-3617**

**If it is determined that a Storm Shelter needs to be opened for the Public,  
TAT Dispatch will be contacted and the Designated Shelter Point of Contact will be notified to open the shelter.**

**For More Information on Emergency Preparedness, please visit the  
MHA Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Webpage:  
<https://www.mhanation.com/emergency-operations-center>**

# LITTLE SHELL CELEBRATION 2021

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chuck Hunter, Sr., Flag Bearer  
Scott Saterno, President  
Marc Bluestone Sr., Vice President  
Barb Smith, Secretary  
Gary Snow, Treasurer  
Amari Rain Bluestone, Princess  
Anani Manikateri, Junior Princess  
Tanner Lone Bear-Smith, Director  
Coley Fox, Director  
Ricardo Villigrana, Director  
Bruce Benson, Director



**DRUM SPLIT \$25,000**  
**SINGING CONTEST \$18,000**  
**HOST DRUM:**  
**All Fort Berthold Drums**

**FLAG RAISING DAILY**  
**@ 8 AM**  
**Daily Color Guard**  
**All Fort Berthold Posts**  
**and Auxiliaries**

**GRAND ENTRIES**  
**Thursday: 7 pm - No Points**  
**Friday: 7 pm**  
**Saturday & Sunday: 1 & 7 pm**

**AUGUST 12, 13, 14, 15**  
**NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA**

### ANNOUNCERS

Charles Moran, Sr.  
Huskie Thompson  
Laurence Baker

**GOLDEN AGE Men & Women (60 & over):** 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$800, 3rd - \$600, 4th - \$500, 5th - \$400  
**SR. ADULT Men Traditional, Grass, Fancy, & Chicken (35 - 59):** 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$800, 3rd - \$600, 4th - \$500, 5th - \$400  
**SR. ADULT Women Traditional, Jingle, & Fancy, (35 - 59):** 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$800, 3rd - \$600, 4th - \$500, 5th - \$400  
**JR. ADULT Men Traditional, Grass, Fancy, & Chicken (18 - 34):** 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$800, 3rd - \$600, 4th - \$500, 5th - \$400  
**JR. ADULT Women Traditional, Jingle & Fancy (18 - 34):** 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$800, 3rd - \$600, 4th - \$500, 5th - \$400  
**TEEN Boys Traditional, Grass & Fancy (13 - 17):** 1st - \$600, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$400, 4th - \$300, 5th - \$200  
**TEEN Girls Traditional, Jingle & Fancy (13 - 17):** 1st - \$600, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$400, 4th - \$300, 5th - \$200  
**JUNIOR Boys Traditional, Grass & Fancy (7 - 12):** 1st - \$400, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200, 4th - \$100, 5th - \$75  
**JUNIOR Girls Traditional, Jingle & Fancy (7 - 12):** 1st - \$400, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200, 4th - \$100, 5th - \$75  
**TINY TOTS PAID DAILY (Sponsored by Chalke BadGum & Brenda Smith)**

### Dance Specials

Amari "Red Eagle Watching Woman" Bluestone Princess  
Junior Girls Jingle Dress Dance Special (\$3,000)  
Sponsored by Capt. Thomas & Josette Bluestone, Parents

Feather Cap Men's Traditional Dance Special  
Sponsored by Tanner Lone Bear-Smith, Director

Leeda Mahto Meyers Fancy Feather Dance Special  
(\$25,000)  
Sponsored by the Leeda Meyers Family

Anani Hummingbird Manikateri, Junior Princess  
Junior Girls Jingle Dress Dance Special  
Sponsored by Slye Brooke Hall, Parent

Men's Traditional Dance Special (\$5,000)  
Sponsored by Scott Saterno, President

Shyanne Heart Tiny Tot Special  
Sponsored by Nelson & Marietta Heart, Parents

Sister's Dance Special (\$15,000)  
Sponsored by Barb Smith, Secretary

Women's Golden Age Dance Special (\$2,000)  
In Honor of Dixie Bluestone & Carolyn Bluestone  
Sponsored by Marc Bluestone Sr., Vice President

Old Style Fancy Shawl Dance Special  
Sponsored by Gary Snow, Treasurer

**CONCESSIONS: \$800 per space for the weekend**

**CRAFT STANDS: \$600 per space for the weekend**

**Contact: Barb Smith @ 701-421-8282**

**LOCATED:** 4 miles west of New Town and south of the casino at the Little Shell Celebration Grounds

# Obituary

Ambrose Jr., was born August 12, 1988 to Ambrose Phelan Sr. & Shannon Grady-Phelan in Bismarck, ND. On June 25, 2021 Ajax was reunited with his dad in the other camp. AJ grew up and attended school in Mandaree, ND & Watford City, ND. From an early age Ajax participated in ceremonies he was a blanket man and Sundancer in the Eagle Sundance and Bear Den Sundance and his grandpa Paul's Sundance. He sang with the Sacred Eagle Drum group which was part of the Eagle Feather Indian Club. He traveled every where with them, his favorite memory was when they traveled to Boston, Mass and Phoenix, Arizona.

He worked on an oil rig and was a farm hand for various ranchers. He enjoyed tinkering with vehicles but his favorite place to be was on the ranch working with animals. Ajax enjoyed watching wrestling and Xfiles his hobbies included playing video games, watching movies and the Vikings. He could be found swimming at the lake (at times in the nude) or fishing, he loved to joke, tease and eat with family.

On his maternal side his grandfather was Everette Plain Bull, he was Greasy Mouth Clan by way of Bad War Deeds and a Mountain Crow.

Ajax kept a close bond with everyone of his nephews and nieces, he especially loved (his kid) Regina Phelan whom he took as his own. He let everyone he loved and cared about know that he was always there for them. He had a nickname for everyone he came in contact with. Ajax had a huge heart and was kind and always helped anyone in need without hesitation. He had many friends as he traveled and was known for his humor. He loved to make folks smile and laugh.

His story telling with his intense hand motion will truly be missed. Ambrose will be truly missed.

He is survived by his mother; Shannon Grady Phelan, his God daughters; Regina Phelan and Azariah Hunts Along. Sisters; Lucy (Link) Chapin, Adele (Dana) Phelan, Maranda (Tony) Johnson, Martha Phelan, Brandy Phelan, Alona (Rd) Bailey, Tiffany Hunts Along, Roselyn Hunts Along, Jennifer Young Bear, Cabrina Trista, Trixy Phelan. His brothers; Bryan Grady, Jude (Ricki) Phelan, Tony (Tasha) Phelan, Darnell Phelan Sr., Gary Phelan Jr., Mervil Phelan, Jasper Young Bear, Basil Hunts Along and his Dad's; Randy Phelan and Wilbur Hunts Along.

He is preceded by maternal grandparents; Eleanor Rogers, Everette Plain Bull. Paternal grandparents; Adele Fredericks and Alonzo Young Bear Phelan. His dad; Ambrose Phelan Sr., his aunts; Louann Phelan, Jessica Phelan, his nephew and niece and his many uncles and relatives too numerous to name. He is reunited with his childhood friend Collin Cummings.

# Obituary

In Loving Memory

Ambrose Jasper Phelan Jr. "Ajax"

"Oakga Shibishush" Black Plum

August 12, 1988~June 25, 2021



**Wake:**

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 5:00pm  
Water Chief Hall~Mandaree, ND

**Funeral Services:**

Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 10:00 am  
Water Chief Hall~ Mandaree, ND

**Officiating:**

Jon Poncho Brady

**Sending Him Home:**

Farewell Song

**Senior Pallbearer:**

Jordan Baker

**Last Ride:**

CJ Johnsrud Wagon

**Active Pallbearers:**

Ed Bracklin Jr.	Link Chapin	Chad Wilson
Russell Young Bird	Nathan Gravos	Benny Johnson
Bruce Fox Jr,	Roger Standish	Frank Bear Claw
Terron Stiffarm	Eldon Baker	

**Music**

All Invited

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

Calvin Mcgarther, Romona Hall, Karen Smith, Mike Smith, Jimmy Johnson, Arvella White, Dawn White, Kandy Fox, Jake Mills, Haley Urban, All his former classmates, TAT Buffalo Ranch Employees, All his (honeys) Grandmothers and all his grandfathers.

**Interment:**

Phelan Family Cemetery  
Mandaree, North Dakota

# Obituary

Wilma Young Bear (Tiger Lily) was born on May 9, 1953 in Minot, North Dakota to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Young Bear Sr.

She was a beautiful healthy baby, but fell ill to seizures which paralyzed her on the right side of her body.

Wilma loved to make coffee, which we all enjoyed. She was fond of gardening with our mother. She was an amazing painter and enjoyed her many crafts like; puzzles, and coloring beautiful pictures etc.

Wilma comes from the Young Bear, Benson, Bearghost families, she is a direct descendant of Iron Woman and the last Mandan Chief, Chief Four Bears.

My baby sister was a tremendous blessing to our family and I will forever miss her.

She got her name (Tiger Lily Girl) when we were growing up in the country home the flowers grew out in the wild and she would pick them every year.

Survived by: Sister Katherine Young Bear of Mandaree, North Dakota and Brother; Vernon Young Bear, of New Town, North Dakota.

Wilma is preceded in death by her parents; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Young Bear Sr., Sisters; Maggie & Bernice Young Bear. Brothers; Leonard Young Bear, Ivan Ross Young Bear Jr., Twins James & Joseph Young Bear and Ben Lovan. Nephew: Toby Young Bear and Granddaughter Jocelyn Kills Crow.

# Obituary

In Loving Memory Of Wilma Young Bear

( Tiger Lily)

May 9, 1963– June 24, 2021



**Wake:**

Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 5:00pm

Water Chief Hall~Mandaree, ND

**Funeral Services:**

Monday, June 28, 2021 at 9:00am

Water Chief Hall~Mandaree, ND

**Officiant:**

Pastor Robert E. Schmidt

**Senior Pallbearer:**

Lois Hale (Standish)

**Eulogy:**

Sister Katherine Young Bear

**Music By:**

Pastor Marie Gunn

**Active Pallbearers:**

Xavier Tortilita

Chasten Bull Head

Manuel Lucio Sr.

Alano Antonio

Aaron Wolf Jr.

Michael Mandan

**Final Resting Place:**

Independence Cemetery

Mandaree, North Dakota

# Obituary

Sandra Lena Finley “Beaners” was born in Minot, North Dakota to Diane (Morsette) and Robert Finley Sr., on June 8, 1986. She joined her parents in Heaven on July 3, 2021. She was a member of the Dripping Dirt Clan and a child of the Prairie Chicken Clan.

Sandra was raised in her early years of life in Twin Buttes, North Dakota where she attended and graduated from Head Start. The family moved to Mandaree, North Dakota where she attended Mandaree Public School. She grew up traditionally attending ceremonies, sundances, sweats and pow wows. Sandra danced traditional and jingle dress. She attended and participated in sundance for four years in Eagle Butte, South Dakota with her mother Diane and Aunt Germaine Howard. She belonged to a peyote church and attended meetings growing up.

Sandra was united in marriage to Jordan McKay and together they had six beautiful children; Lakota, Autumn, Raining Star, Donna, Chante and Blossom. She did the best she could to provide for them. They gave her purpose and motivation in live. Sandra worked as a slot attendant and c-store cashier at the Four Bears Casino & Lodge. She also did housekeeping work for various places while living in Bismarck.

Sandra enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was a loving, caring and forgiving person. She truly had a heart of gold and helped when she could. There was never a dull moment with her; she was always joking and laughing. Her smile was big as the sky and could light up any room. Anytime someone was going through tough times, she was there to lend a shoulder. Her soul was gentle and kind, but yet she was tough as nails.

She will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved her dearly.

Sandra is survived by her children; Lakota, Autumn, Raining Star, Donna, Chante and Blossom; God child~Trishdyn Grindstone “Tig”, Siblings; Judith (Virgil, Sr.) Wilkinson, Lisa (Walter) DeVille, Roberta (Wilbur Sr.) White Eagle, Lawrence Finley, Louise Finley, Fabian Finley, Robert (Britta) Finley, Sundown (Christine) Finley, Sweet Medicine (Kris) Eagle, Anthony (Maxine) Finley and Alfred Finley; Godfather~Bill Incognito.

She is preceded in death by her Parents, Diane (Morsette) and Robert Finley Sr., Grandparents; Lena Hunts Along, Alfred Morsette, Evan Finley Sr., Louise Black Hawk; Siblings: Valarian Finley, Arnold Finley and Anthony Dwayne Finley; Godmother~ Hannah Incognito.

# Obituary

A Celebration of Life

Sandra Lena Finley

"Pemmican Woman"

June 8, 1986~July 3, 2021



Private Family Gathering:

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

1:00pm ~2:00pm

Barbot Funeral Home~Beulah, ND

Prayer & Graveside Services:

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 2:00pm

Please join us after burial for feed & give away at Twin Buttes Hall

Officiant:

Pastor Kevin Finley

Senior Pallbearer:

Mamie Sherwood

Active Pallbearers:

MJ White            Oscar Gray

Jason DeVille      Devon Davis

Didimus Morsette   Steven Finley

Honorary Pallbearers:

All of her many Family and Friends

Final Resting Place:

St. Joseph Cemetery

Twin Buttes, North Dakota

# Obituary



Donald Dean Lone Fight, “Brown Bear” 67, Sanish, died Friday, July 9, 2021 at his home. He was born on October 23, 1953, in Watford City, North Dakota, to Jack Lone Fight and Violet White Body. He was raised in the New Town area, by his aunt, Mary White Body and lived most of his life there.

He worked various jobs, as custodian and maintenance support, including at Northrup Grumman and Four Bears Casino & Lodge. He liked living in the home of his grandparents, where he felt

their spirit talk to him. He was always gardening or building things and his nieces and nephews would stop by just for his pop and cookies. He loved visiting with family and his many friends.

Donald was artistic. He enjoyed playing his guitar and was talented in drawing. He was also a collector of artistic junk (LOL) which included many of his hand drawings.

In honor of Donald Lone Fight, age 67, who died Friday, July 9, 2021, at his home.... “Live free and die hard”!

Donald is survived by his twin sister, Dona Lone Fight Conklin; sister, Bernadette Jackson; brother, Kevin Fox; granddaughter, Catrina Sando; Godson/grandson, Meiko Chase; special niece, Genesse Jackson; aunt, Jane Church; many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Wade White Body, Elgin White Body, Paul Fox, Jack Lone Fight Jr., and Franklin Lone Fight Sr., Sisters; Marjorie Black Hawk, Inez White Owl, Irene Lone Fight, Geneva Aho, Allison Lone Fight, Carrie Brokowsky, Theresa Blumh, Darlene Belgarde and Corliss Grady and many extended family members.

Family and friends gathering on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 10am to noon at the Langhans Funeral Home in Parshall, North Dakota.

Dennis Fox is serving as the Senior Pallbearer. Donald will be laid to rest at the St. Anthony’s Catholic Church located here in rural Mandaree.

# Immersion Training Workshop In-Service Training

Article By Nora Packineau/Photos & Captions LeeAnna Nation



Maagarishhda Hidatsa Nest welcomed our relative from across the oceans Na'ilima Gaison from Ke Kula O Nawahiokalani'opu'u Hawaiian Language Instructor, and Ke K u l a O Nawahiokalani'Opu'U Instructor-Teacher from Hila, Hawaii. Longest Standing Immersion School Today. This workshop consisted of four

Na'ilima Gaison from Ke Kula O Nawahiokalani'opu'u Hawaiian Language Instructor,

classes which began on June 12, 19, 27 and started again on July 3rd via zoom.

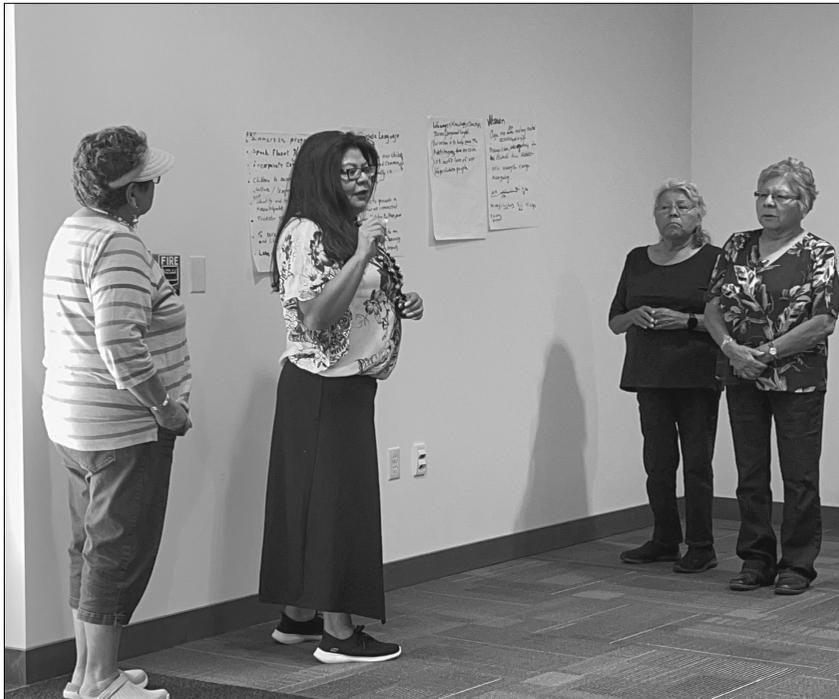
The Maagarishda Language Nest Project supports the development of a preschool/childcare immersion center for the purpose of developing new speakers and to assist language instructors/elders in valuable experience working with young children for the purpose of learning a second language.

The Maagarishda Hidatsa Nest will follow the "Learn by doing" with language immersion that entails conversational learning rather than direct instruction methods. Best practices for early child hood learning will be explored and utilized to enhance the immersion activities.

The parents of the children will be utilized as support and reinforcement in their child's language acquisition. Parents will be committed to learning and supporting their child throughout. The parents will be expected to attend necessary meetings and receive training and support to foster an at-home language environment.

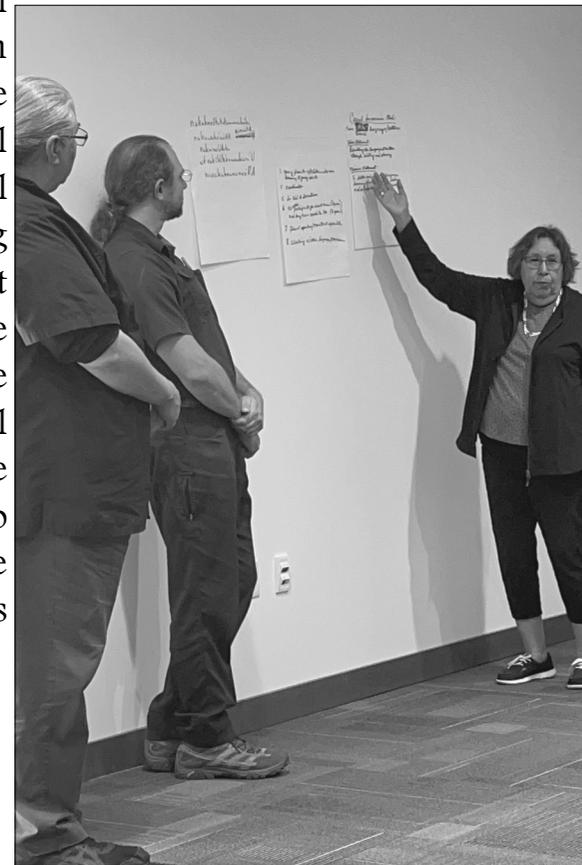
Ongoing training and professional development will be provided to all instructors, elders and participants as appropriate for the success of Maagarishda Hidatsa Nest.

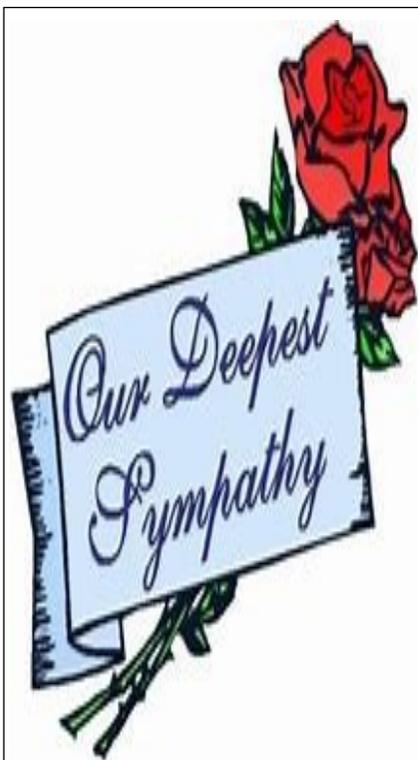
In conclusion, the goal of the Maagarishda Learning Nest is to creat new learners by developing and accessing critical knowledge and experience in successful operations and practices of preschool immersion program.



Pictured above are Elders; Bernadine Young Bird, Nora Packineau, Martha Bird Bear and Mary Gachupin discuss their plans and vision of the Hidatsa Language Immersion School. Their goal is to speak fluent Hidatsa, incorporate the school and community, take ownership of our identity, our culture and our language. We want our children to be proud of who they are. Also teach the children their clanship, respect and also the trickster stories, because those teach us what we should and shouldn't do.

In the photo below Elder Gloria Fast Dog, Tony Lone Fight and Linquist Logan Sutton tells of their plans for a C a s u a l I m m e r s i o n School and the people that will be involved will be the young parents so that w h e n t h e children leave the Immersion School they would be a b l e t o communicate with their parents at home.





Our sincere sympathy and prayers to the families & relatives of Winona Young Bear, Ambrose Phelan Jr., Sandra Finley, Donald Long Fight, Darrell Birdsbill and Delbert Fry on the loss of their beloved ones. Our prayers of comfort are with each and every one of your family and relatives.

From Councilwoman Gladys Sherry Turner-Long Fight & Personnel.



Congratulations to 10 year old Sapphire Robertson, whose U10 Silver Star Soccer Team, out of Aberdeen, SD, went 4-0 undefeated in the USA CUP in Blaine, MN. Sapphire is not a back to back undefeated champion who previously attended the tournament in 2018.

Her parents are Jachell and Jarin Robertson and Shawnee and Darren Ghost. Her paternal grandparents are; Delreen and the late Kim Robertson, she is the great granddaughter of Lyda Bearstail. Sapphire's maternal grandparents are Dawn and Darrell LaDucer of Aberdeen, SD. Great grandparents are Carol and Grover Yellow Bird of White Shield.



On behalf of West Segment we would like to Congratulate the Mandaree Singers for placing 1st in the singing contest in Sisseton, South Dakota and placed 2nd at the Red Lake Celebration. Great Singers Mandaree! We are proud!



Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Elders!!



- Elmer Fredericks
- Martha Bird Bear
- Paige Baker Jr.
- Ted Danks
- Catherine Smith
- Jody Brieck
- Manuel Chase
- Milissa Good Bird
- Dennis Two Crow



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

## SPORTS PHYSICALS AFTER HOURS

**WHO:** 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS  
*must be eligible for care at EMHC*

**WHAT:** COMPLETE YOUR 2021-2022 PHYSICAL  
*required for participation in school sports!*

**WHERE:** ELBOWOODS MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER

**WHEN:** SELECT WEDNESDAYS FROM 5-7 PM  
June 30  
July 7, 14, 21, & 28  
August 4, 11



Forms provided BUT appointment required!  
To schedule, call (701) 627-7601.

Please bring parent/guardian with photo ID.

Immunizations will be available.