

# Fort Belknap Indian Community NEWSLETTER



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## MID-WINTER FAIR CONCLUDES 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EVENTS “REMEMBERING THE PAST - MOVING FORWARD”

The Mid-Winter Fair is a cherished annual celebration held during the coldest months, bringing the community together for 55 years. Motto for this year’s event was called, “Remembering The Past – Moving Forward.” This festive event was packed with a variety of fun and engaging activities, all hosted at the Bingo Hall at Fort Belknap Agency. Highlights included an Art Show, Quilt Show, Banquet & Fashion Show, and a Head Start Poster Contest that showcased local creativity. Booth set-ups were also present, showcasing programs and local schools.

Food lovers joined in on contests like Bread & Pie Making, Jerky Making, and the exciting Chili Contest, while the Baby Parade and Head Start Fun Day added a joyful family atmosphere. Unique competitions such as the Chopped Competition, Fiddle-Jig Waltz Contest, and Hover Board Rodeo all offered something for everyone. The fair also honored tradition through the Pow-Wow, Stick Game, and Elder Day.

The Mid-Winter Fair was a perfect opportunity for community members to enjoy each other’s company, celebrate culture, and brighten the chilly months with warmth and laughter. It wasn’t just a chance to escape the winter blues, but also an opportunity to strengthen community bonds and appreciate the unique talents and heritage of local residents.



Mural Painted by: Lonnie Brown



Speaker & Council Member, John A. Allen – Photo by: Robert Fox



Booth Set-up – Photo by: Hannah Has Eagle





Section of Booth Display – Artwork by: Lonnie Brown

## Brown Takes First Place in Art Show and Community Booth Display

Lonnie Brown showcased his impressive art skills by setting up a booth at the Mid-Winter Fair. Specializing in Native American artwork and crafts, Lonnie brings traditional styles and cultural stories to life through his creations. Visitors explored a variety of handmade pieces, each rich with symbolism and crafted with care. From detailed paintings to intricate crafts, his work highlights the beauty and heritage of Native American art.

The fair provided a wonderful opportunity for all artists who showcased their talents. Lonnie took first place in the Adult Art Show and first place in the Community Booth display.

## Environmental Wins First Place for “Program Booth” Display

The Environmental Program proudly took first place in this year’s “program booth” display, captivating visitors with a thoughtful display titled “Remembering the Past – Moving Forward.” The booth artfully showcased the history of the program by featuring photos and stories of both past and present employees, highlighting their contributions over the years. This engaging presentation not only celebrated the dedicated team behind the program’s success but also connected the legacy of environmental with current and future initiatives. Visitors enjoyed seeing the evolution of the program and its commitment to progress while honoring those who helped shape it.



Environmental Booth Display – Photo by: Kermit Horn



Head Start kids interact during MWF

## Fun-Filled Event for Head Start Kids

The Head Start Program hosted a fun-filled event during MWF for children to come together and enjoy some exciting activities. One of the highlights was the availability of bouncy houses, which brought endless laughter and energetic fun as kids jumped, bounced, and played. This event was designed to create a joyful environment where children could socialize, be active, and celebrate in a safe and welcoming space. It not only provided entertainment but also supports the positive growth and development goals of the Head Start Program, combining learning and play in a memorable way for the kids involved.

## Tribal Council Honors John R. Strike During Elder Day at Mid-Winter Fair

John R. Strike, 90-years-old, is an enrolled Assiniboine with Fort Belknap Tribes. Parents are the late Newton and Mildred Strike. John was married to the late Margaret Strike. He has 6 children (2 sons, 4 daughters). John was a maintenance worker for Aaniiih Nakoda College for 31 years, retiring in 2017. He was a former Bull Rider and Firefighter. John's favorite hobbies include: running, keeping in shape, dancing at local Pow-Wows, working and riding horses, and a basketball fan of the Harlem Wildcats. He is a pipe carrier and believes in his cultural heritage. John is also a veteran who proudly served in the Air Force during the Korean War, that lasted from 1950 to 1953. During this time, many brave men and women contributed to efforts to maintain peace and security on the Korean Peninsula. Serving in the Air Force, he played a crucial role in aerial missions, which ranged from reconnaissance to combat support. Veterans like him faced challenging conditions but showed great dedication and courage. Their service has left a lasting impact on history and helped shape the world we live in today. The Tribal Council showed their deep appreciation for John R. by presenting him with a star quilt, plaque, and a braid of sweet grass. Each of these gifts holds special meaning within the community. The quilt and plaque serves as a lasting tribute to John R.'s dedication, while the braid of sweet grass is a traditional offering. This honoring highlights how important elders like John are to our community. Elders provide wisdom, guidance, and cultural knowledge that keep traditions alive and help younger generations grow. Honoring them with such meaningful gifts reflects the community's gratitude and respect for their lifelong commitment and leadership.



Council Members, John Allen, Donald Horn and Tina Bierle with John R. Strike.

## Fashion Show Brought Style and Creativity

The banquet and fashion show at MWF was a vibrant celebration of style and creativity. It not only highlighted the latest collections from talented fashion designers but also served as a brilliant platform for showcasing their imaginative ideas. Models graced the runway, bringing each design to life with elegance and charm, truly embodying the beauty envisioned by the creators. The event combined glamour with artistry, making it more than just a display of clothing—it was an inspiring experience that celebrated both fashion innovation and the grace of the models. Guests enjoyed an engaging atmosphere where creativity and beauty took center stage, leaving a lasting impression of the dynamic world of fashion.



Photo by: Aloha Shortman



Photo by: Aloha Shortman



Photo by: Harmony Bigby

### Designers

Velva Doore  
 Jericho Wolf Suppah  
 Harmony Bigby  
 Nona Longknife



Photo by: Thae Main



Moeika Shambo & Colleen Filesteel



Kristal Fox & Jamie Fox



Belinda Horn & Ramona Horn



Mila Moore & Jericho Wolf Suppah

Photos by: Lorraine Brockie

## Community Members Participate in Various ‘Food’ Competitions

The Chopped Competition, Chili Cook-Off, and Wheel Bread Contest were among the most exciting highlights of the Mid-Winter Fair. These friendly contests brought together community members eager to showcase their cooking talents in a lively and welcoming atmosphere. From creatively combining unexpected ingredients in the Chopped Competition to serving up flavorful, spicy chilies in the Chili Cook-Off, each event celebrated culinary skill and creativity. Meanwhile, the Wheel Bread Contest challenged bakers to craft perfect rounds of bread, testing both technique and taste. The pie competition was a delightful event where bakers showcased their best pie-making skills, competing for the title of the tastiest or most creative pie. Attendees and judges enjoyed tasting the delicious entries, cheering on and sharing cooking tips and stories. Overall, these contests added a fun, competitive spirit to the fair, making it a memorable experience full of great food and community connection.



Photos by: Vivian Webb & Kayla Rising Sun

### MWF Event Winners

(Note: Not all event winners were submitted in a timely manner)

#### Art Show (Adults)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lonnie Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brad Shields
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bridgette Shields

#### Art Show (Teens)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Taylor Healy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jazzie Snell

#### Art Show (Youth)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Wastena Plumage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Emma Small
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – BaAnouuh Werk

#### Booth (Programs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Environmental
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tribal Health
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Social Services

#### Booth (Schools)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Life’s Language Lodge
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – White Clay Immersion School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Hays/LP Head Start

#### Booth (Community)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lonnie Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Day Eagle Hope
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – IMDG

#### Quilt Show

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Maribeth Rider
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mackenzie Pretty Paint
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bobbi Jo
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Velva Doore
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Dodie Bell

#### Chopped Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Moeika Shambo & Colleen Filesteel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Kristal Fox & Jamie Fox

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Ramona Horn & Belinda Horn

Consolation

Mila Moore & Jericho Wolf Suppah

#### Chili Cook-Off

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Emily Werk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Shaina Borrows
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jackie Blackbird

#### Wheel Bread Contest

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bede Weasel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Karen King
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mackenzie Pretty Paint

## Fort Belknap Casino Hosts Stick Game Tourney During MWF



Team: Lester Crow Spread His Wings – 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Team: Walt Bad Road – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Team: Jaron Bechal – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



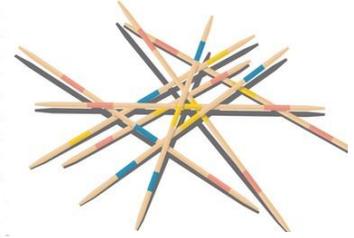
Team: Lyle Roasting Stick – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Photos Submitted by: Justin Whiteclay

The Stick Game Tournament hosted by Fort Belknap Casino brought together players from local communities and surrounding areas for a lively and competitive event. This traditional game, rich in cultural history, attracted talented team's eager to showcase their skills and teamwork.

The championship went to the Lester Crow Spread His Wings Team from Blackfeet Country, who earned a \$2,000 prize and jackets celebrating their victory. The Walt Bad Road Team from Lodge Pole took second place, receiving \$1,250. Third place was awarded to the Jaron Bechal Team from the Blood Tribe, with a \$750 prize. The fourth spot went to the Lyle Roasting Stick Team from Rocky Boy, who earned \$500 for their efforts.

The tournament highlighted not only the spirit of competition but also the strong community ties and cultural pride shared among the participating nations.



## MWF Concludes with Pow-Wow Celebration

The Mid-Winter Fair concluded with a Pow-Wow Celebration, marking a joyful end to this year's event which brought community members and attendees together. The fair offered a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate traditions during the heart of winter. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated, donated, or helped out in any way! You all made this year's event a success. Your energy and enthusiasm truly brought the fair to life. As we look forward to next year's festivities, we're excited to continue this tradition of community, culture, and celebration. We hope you join us once again for another memorable Mid-Winter Fair and Pow-Wow Celebration!



Photos by: Robert Fox

## Councilmen Josh Horn & Michael King along with I.T. Dept. attend Annual Advocacy Event in D.C

Washington, D.C. – Competitive Carriers Association (CCA) members from across the country convened in Washington, D.C. on February 11, 2026 for its annual advocacy fly-in event. CCA’s Capitol Hill Day serves as an opportunity for rural, regional, and nationwide communication service provider industry leaders to bring their voices together to advocate for policies that will strengthen competition, promote innovation, and improve connectivity nationwide. CCA was pleased to welcome leading Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, including Communications and Technology Subcommittee Ranking Member Doris Matsui (D-CA) and Congressman Russell Fry (R-SC) as keynote speakers. Dozens of CCA members attended the event, meeting directly with lawmakers to express support for the following key policy priorities:

**Universal Service Fund (USF):** CCA urges Congress to preserve the Universal Service Fund, which is crucial for maintaining and expanding networks in high-cost, hard-to-serve areas. Members advocated for comprehensive USF reform, including an expanded funding base and operational support to sustain connectivity. CCA also emphasizes the need for more accurate mobile maps, and 5G service thresholds that reflect current industry standards.

**Spectrum Access:** Ensuring competitive spectrum access in rural America remains a top priority to provide the connectivity, innovation, and productivity needed to close the digital divide and maintain America’s global technology leadership. CCA urges Congress to do more to promote equitable access and competition for smaller and rural carriers to have a fair opportunity to compete and win licenses at auction.

Members also highlighted infrastructure deployment barriers, the IP transition, the need for oversight and transparency, competition, and interoperability during the FirstNet



Photo by Josh Horn, Sr.

reauthorization process. “CCA’s collective voice is instrumental in shaping policies that promote fairness, drive innovation, and ensure all Americans have access to reliable and affordable connectivity,” said Maureen McCabe Moore, SVP and Chief Customer Experience Officer, GCI Communications Corp., and Chair of CCA’s Board of Directors. “Now more than ever, it is critical we use our voice to shape policies that ensure competitive carriers can continue the vital work of maintaining and deploying our nation’s communications networks.” Tim Donovan, CCA’s President and CEO, added, “CCA members play a critical role in connecting Americans across the country, and our annual fly-in is incredibly important to promoting CCA’s collective policy priorities. The dedication and engagement of our members have driven real results, and I look forward to our continued work to ensure all Americans, regardless of location, can stay connected in an increasingly digital world.”

**About Competitive Carriers Association:** Competitive Carriers Association (CCA) is the leading association for competitive communications service providers and stakeholders across the United States. Members range from small, rural carriers serving fewer than 5,000 customers to regional and nationwide providers serving millions, as well as vendors and suppliers delivering products and services throughout the communications ecosystem.

# Tribal Council Meet with DSGW Architecture for Proposal

DSGW Architecture traveled from Minneapolis, MN and met with the Fort Belknap Tribal Council. DSGW submitted a proposal based on recent discussions regarding the critical overcrowding of the current 14-bed detention facility and the need for a consolidated administrative building, DSGW have outlined a phased approach to move this project toward tribal resolution and approval.

Mike Laverdure and Angie Wilson were present and both specialize in Indigenous architecture and have extensive experience navigating the unique requirements of tribal planning, federal programs and financing.

## Existing Facility Assessment & Site Visit

A comprehensive on-site assessment of the existing Tribal Government Administration Building and site infrastructure took place. A detailed report documenting the existing conditions of the current building and site will be forthcoming.

## Programming

DSGW will facilitate recurring virtual meetings with the FBIC team to define the “wants and needs” of the new project. This includes detailed discussions on the administrative offices and improving tribal detention facilities. A formal space program (*itemizing description, square footage, quantity, and subtotals per space*) and adjacency diagrams.



Mike Laverdure, Principal Architect – Board Secretary

Mike’s professional philosophy centers on collaboration and the creation of spaces that foster a strong sense of community. His approach is rooted in understanding the specific needs of his clients, ensuring

that all stakeholders are actively involved in the design process from the outset. His portfolio of work with Indigenous communities encompasses a wide range of projects, including master planning for entertainment and hospitality venues, the design of cultural centers and museums, and the development of educational facilities. As an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in North Dakota, Mike brings a unique and valuable perspective to his work. His commitment is further exemplified by his service on the American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers (AICAE).

## Schematic Concept Design

Development of conceptual floor plans, site plans, and exterior renderings based on the approved program for FBIC review.

## Final Conceptual Package

An executive and facility assessment summary will compile data into a final package for presentation to the Tribal Council for approval and resolution. Full report, space program summary & final adjacency diagrams will include conceptual floor plans, site plans, and renderings.

*Opinion of Probable Cost (Prepared by Woodstone, Inc.).*

*Total Project Timeline (Design through full construction).*

The current 14-bed detention facility is facing critical overcrowding, which impacts both security and the wellbeing of detainees leading to strained resources. Alongside this, the existing tribal administration building is outdated, resulting in inefficiencies that manage daily operations. A consolidated administrative building would improve communication, workflow, and overall effectiveness. Addressing both overcrowding and administrative fragmentation is crucial to creating a safer and efficient system. This unified approach not only streamlines daily workflows but also creates a more welcoming and accessible environment for community members. The Tribes growth and goal is to ensure long-term success.



Angie Wilson, Senior Architect/Associate

*Bachelor of Science – Architecture,  
Minor in Art from the University of  
Minnesota*

*Master of Architecture from the  
University of Minnesota*

*9 yrs with DSGW, 22 yrs in industry*

Thriving on variety, Angie combines form and function by interpreting client input through a refined design lens. Her work values future growth as much as current conditions so that clients are as happy when the building opens as they are for years to come. Her ability to stay in constant contact with contractors and clients makes her a great partner, no matter the industry or project. She keeps her clients’ best interests in mind while offering her expertise.



# Fort Belknap Indian Community Tribal Land Department

## MEET YOUR LAND DEPARTMENT TEAM

**Land Director**  
Jayme Lamebull

**Admin Assist**  
Farrell Shortman

**Staff Support**  
Hilari Stiffarm

**Leasing & Permitting  
Specialist**  
Kyle “Wheels” Bigby

**Homesite Coordinator**  
Dawnita “Kay” Bell

**Research Specialist**  
Peggy Kennedy

**Compliance Officer**  
Mike McCabe

**Compliance Officer**  
Tyrell Racine

**Range Rider**  
Lane Allen

**Range  
Conservationist**  
Mitchell King

## OUR COMMITMENT

The Fort Belknap Land Department remains committed to strengthening range management, increasing accountability, improving infrastructure, supporting producers, and protecting tribal lands for future generations.

### TURNOUT SEASON IS APPROACHING – MAY 15, 2026

Turnout season is right around the corner. As we approach May 15<sup>th</sup>, we remind all operators and permit holders to ensure they are fully prepared and in compliance prior to placing livestock on tribal lands.

Please contact any of the following individuals for Crossing Permits, livestock movement and information regarding turnout.

Compliance Officer: Mike McCabe (406) 879-9513

Compliance Officer: Tyrell Racine (406) 399-2070

Range Rider: Lane Allen (406) 399-1837

### *IMPORTANT REMINDER:*

*Livestock are not permitted on tribal range units until all requirements are met and approval has been confirmed.*

### Required Documents

Turn out is coming soon! The Land Department would like all Range Unit Permittees to come in with all required documents listed to the right before turn out.



**Fort Belknap Land Department**  
656 Agency Main Street  
Harlem, MT, 59526  
(406)353-8333

### CROSSING PERMIT

RIGHT TO DO  
BUSINESS FEES FOR  
NON-ENROLLEES

STATE INSPECTION

BRAND  
CERTIFICATES

VET CERTIFIED  
TRICH TAGS WITH  
FORT BELKNAP TAG

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## CROSSING PERMIT

All individuals crossing tribal lands must complete the required Crossing Permit documentation.

- All operators must have current crossing permits filed with the Land Department.
- All non-enrolled individuals conducting business must pay applicable Right to Do Business (RTDB) fees.
- Crossing permits help maintain accountability, monitor land use, and protect tribal resources.

Failure to complete crossing permits may result in delays, fines, or enforcement action.

**Fort Belknap Tribal Land Department**  
LIVESTOCK CROSSING PERMIT 656 Agency Main Street  
Harlem, MT 59726  
Phone (406) 353-8333  
Fax (406) 353-4653

Agency: Fort Belknap Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reservation: Fort Belknap Indian Community

Permission is hereby granted to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

To drive livestock across the above reservation entering the reservation on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and exiting no later than \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, and using the following route: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Allotment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Route: \_\_\_\_\_  
To Allotment: \_\_\_\_\_

This permit is subject to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations dealing with quarantine and the movement of livestock and to such special restrictions as may be issued by the Land Department Director or his/her duly authorized representative. No authority is granted to cross trust Indian lands unless specifically set out in this permit. In consideration of the permission granted herein, the permittee shall pay to the above the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Issued by the above Department this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Director/Authorized Rep) (Permittee)

This information is collected to manage agriculture and grazing leases. The information is supplied by a respondent to obtain or retain a benefit, that is, a lease. It is estimated that responding to the request will take an average of 20 minutes to complete. This includes the amount of time it takes to understand directions, gather the information and fill out the form. If you wish to make comments on the form, please send them to the Tribal Land Department (address above). Note: comments, names and addresses of commenters are available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of head per brand: \_\_\_\_\_  
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For Bulls: A Copy of the Trichemontensis test signed by a veterinarian is required for each bull before the bull(s) are allowed to enter the reservation, FBC Ordinance No. 3-98, section 103, sub-section \_\_\_\_\_

Date of copy received: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy must be attached.

Compliance of Fence Line \_\_\_\_\_ Date of compliance check: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval for use: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title)

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**LIVESTOCK CROSSING PERMITS (SHOWN ABOVE)  
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TRIBAL WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.FTBELKNAP.ORG](http://WWW.FTBELKNAP.ORG) UNDER  
FORMS/DOCUMENTS OR REQUEST A COPY FROM  
THE LAND DEPARTMENT**



## WATER & WELL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Land Department continues to prioritize water infrastructure improvements across the reservation. Functional stock water is critical to livestock health, grazing management, and long-term rangeland sustainability.

Current efforts include:

- Rehabilitating non-functioning wells
- Trenching & Inspecting pipelines and storage tanks
- Evaluating solar pump systems
- Assessing stock ponds and springs

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

*We recognize that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is currently experiencing staffing shortages at both the local and regional levels, which can impact processing timelines. In response, the Land Department is working closely with the BIA Regional Office to help mitigate delays, assist with coordination, and ensure that land management responsibilities continue moving forward in the best interest of the Fort Belknap Indian Community.*



Behind the scenes – Photo by: MAPS Media

## MAPS Media Institute Collaborates with FBIC for Video Series Proposal

MAPS Media partnered with FBIC Council and staff coordinators, Rainie Walls and Breanne Main; for a collaborative project that will produce a comprehensive video series highlighting Fort Belknap Indian Community Tribal Departments and the services they provide. Each department will be featured in a short, informative video that introduces the department, explains available services, and shares how community members can access support.

MAPS will facilitate the production of department videos. Each video will feature a Program Director or designated staff member speaking about their department’s role in serving the Fort Belknap community.

This project supports FBIC’s goals of increasing community awareness of available programs, improving access to services, and providing clear, accessible resources for Tribal members. This work reflects MAPS’ ongoing commitment to partnering with Tribal Departments and community-based organizations while engaging students in meaningful media projects. Through this collaboration, students apply their creative and technical skills to share important information about Tribal services, producing positive media that celebrates culture, strengthens community connections, and empowers people with knowledge. Videos are set to be released across multiple platforms over the next several weeks.



## Elders Narrative Memoir Project

The Fort Belknap Tiwahe Program welcomed MAPS to host the unveiling of the first round of Elder stories and portraits as part of the Tiwahe Elders Narrative Memoir Project.

*Tiwahe*, meaning family, reflects the deep interconnectedness of all living things and the responsibility to care for one another. This gathering honored Elders whose stories, wisdom, and lived experiences continue to guide and strengthen the community. Through this project, MAPS supported portrait sessions and documentation, helping preserve and uplift these powerful narratives for future generations.

It was an inspiring event where a meal was shared while listening and celebrating legacy. *“Thank you to the Tiwahe team for your trust and partnership. All of us at MAPS are honored to work alongside you in this important work.”*

The completion of the Fort Belknap Tiwahe Elders Narrative Memoir Project at MAPS-Fort Belknap Studio, celebrates the storytellers who made it possible:

- Caroline Brown
- Clarena Brockie
- Curtis Snow
- Ed Doney
- John Allen
- Loren ‘Bum’ Stiffarm
- Renita Longknife

Your willingness to share your stories, your time, and your presence with our community is a gift that will continue to inspire generations.

*(Special Thanks: Ramona Horn and the Tiwahe Program, MAPS Media, Erin Lamere – talented artist & MAPS instructor, for leading this beautiful portrait project with such care and skill.)*



L to R: Ramona Horn, Renita Longknife, Curtis Snow, Ed Doney, John A. Allen, Caroline Brown, and Loren Stiffarm  
Photos by: MAPS Media

## Rare Disease Day: Raising Awareness for a ‘Hidden’ Community

Rare Disease Day was observed on February 28, 2026, as part of a global campaign dedicated to increasing awareness about the millions of people living with rare diseases worldwide. These conditions, often overlooked and misunderstood, affect a small percentage of the population. Through awareness, education, and advocacy, Rare Disease Day shines a light on the importance of supporting individuals and families affected by rare diseases, reminding us all that even the rarest conditions deserve attention, care, and hope. Among enrolled Tribal Members, some children are diagnosed with rare diseases, disorders, or conditions that make their journeys uniquely challenging. These young individuals embody strength and courage as they navigate their health struggles. Each story below highlights more than medical challenges, it showcases inspiration, hope, and the power of community support.



**Titus Glen Stiffarm, Age 11**  
**Parent: Jevie Doney**

Titus was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called Duchene Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) at the age of 11. His diagnosis is recent. This rare disorder is severe, primarily affecting boys. DMD is caused by a lack of dystrophin, which is crucial for muscle integrity. It causes rapid muscle degeneration, leading to loss of mobility by early teens, with severe cardiac and respiratory complications. Titus is 1 of 300,000 individuals worldwide diagnosed with DMD. While it affects people of all races and cultures, it is the most common form of muscular dystrophy in children. DMD causes progressive muscle weakness, typically appearing in boys age 2 and up, starting with motor delays like walking, followed by frequent falls, and difficulty standing. This results from a lack of dystrophin, leading to muscle degeneration, usually necessitating a wheelchair by adolescence. Muscle weakness is primarily in the hips, thighs, and shoulders; later affecting the arms.

Respiratory affects weakness in breathing muscles, causing shortness of breath which can lead to fatigue and palpitations. Scoliosis may appear due to weak back muscles. Pain is occasional in the muscles which causes cramping and discomfort. Learning disabilities, anxiety and autism spectrum disorder may also be present.

Titus is an enrolled member and resides in Havre, MT and attends Sunnyside school. His mother Jevie stated, “It affects his life tremendously, he is non-ambulatory. As of last year, he was walking for a couple of months until after the diagnosis. His health is still good at the moment but he’s declined a lot in one year.” Titus has a team of doctors in Billings, MT who specialize in this rare genetic disorder. He has a well-organized healthcare routine to manage his medical needs effectively. Every year, he follows up with six different doctors in Billings, MT, ensuring specialized care and monitoring. Additionally, he visits his primary care doctor in Havre, Montana, every three months for regular checkups to keep track of his overall health. Beyond medical visits, he also benefits from therapy sessions. These include speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, which help improve communication, mobility, and daily functioning. This comprehensive approach allows him to maintain his health proactively while addressing specific challenges. There is no cure for DMD but treatments focus on managing symptoms and enhancing quality of life through supportive care.

Titus enjoys spending time outdoors. Swimming is one of his favorite activities. Apart from that, he loves going for walks. Being outside is clearly where he feels happiest, taking in the fresh air and nature around him. He also enjoys cruising, which lets him explore new places in a laid-back, scenic way. Whether in water, on foot, or on the road, Titus embraces the outdoors with enthusiasm and joy.



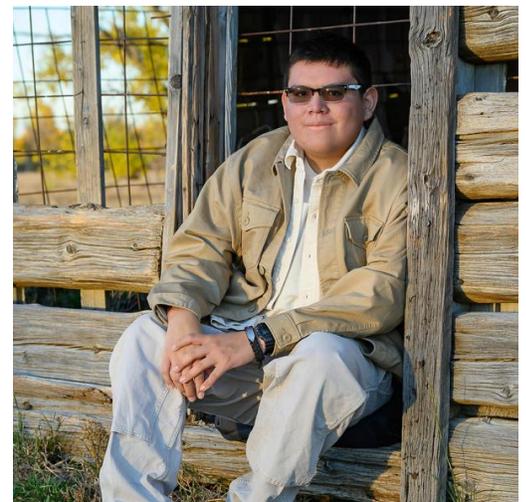
**Chloe Main, Age 11**  
**Parents: Chase and Breanne Main**

Chloe was diagnosed with an ultra-rare neurodevelopmental disorder called Heterogeneous Nuclear Ribonucleoprotein H2 (HNRNPH2) at the age of 7. Symptoms include developmental and language delays, intellectual disability, hypotonia (low muscle tone), spasticity, gastrointestinal issues, epilepsy, scoliosis, behavioral issues, motor deficits, and autism spectrum disorder. Chloe is 1 of 215 individuals worldwide diagnosed with HNRNPH2. She is also 1 of 2 children in the State of Montana to have this disorder. HNRNPH2 primarily affects females, although it can affect males but it is lethal and more severe. Treatment focuses on managing symptoms, including therapies for speech and motor skills, as well as anti-seizure medications. Almost all individuals experience global developmental delay and intellectual disability. Common issues include Anxiety, ADHD, and ASD. Muscle tone issues are frequent as well as mobility issues including delayed walking or inability to walk. About 75% have orthopedic issues, most commonly scoliosis, hip dysplasia, and foot/ankle issues. Chloe is an enrolled member and resides in Fort Belknap. She currently attends Harlem Elementary School. Due to her health and the parent's concerns, she hasn't been able to attend school for the past few months. Chloe receives Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy through the school. Physical Therapy is not an option at this time due to lack of resources and 'pediatric services' living in a rural area. Chloe's primary care doctor from Billings, MT retired in 2021, this was a difficult process as this has been her doctor since she was the age of 1.

She sees a Pediatric Neurologist (when needed) who is based out of Salt Lake City Children's Hospital and is contracted with St. Vincent's Children's Clinic in Billings, MT. Chloe utilizes IHS services for referrals as needed. Dr. Bain is the sole specialist in the world focusing on HNRNPH2, whom the family have previously met through telehealth. Dr. Bain works at Columbia Irving Medical Center in New York City, where she provides expert care and support for families affected by this disorder. Her unique expertise makes her a vital resource for diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing research into HNRNPH2. In addition, Dr. Bain actively communicates to families, helping them stay informed about the latest developments. This personal connection offers comfort and hope to those navigating the challenges of this rare disorder. Chloe is non-verbal and relies on her wheelchair when going places. Despite everyday challenges, she finds joy in listening to music and watching popular game shows such as *Wheel of Fortune*, *The Price Is Right*, and *Jeopardy*. Music is her therapy, with a diverse playlist ranging from Johnny Cash to AC/DC and Eminem being her favorite. Her playlist goes on. When the weather is warm, Chloe likes spending time outdoors, enjoying the fresh air and nature around her. Her love for music and gameshows adds fun and comfort to her daily routine, highlighting her vibrant personality and resilience. *(There is currently no cure for HNRNPH2; however, there is hope! In July 2024, the FDA officially approved the First Human Clinical Trial for three HNRNPH2 patients. In the past month, another patient has been included in the trial with 4 more patients to follow. Based on the foundational research by institutions such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, n-Lorem Foundation worked over the last few years to develop an ASO drug (anti-sense oligonucleotide) that may reverse some of the side effects. The Clinical Trial is being administered at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York City; with financial support from a non-profit charitable organization called The Yellow Brick Road Project. The success of this organization opened a door for broader clinical trials and treatment for all those with HNRNPH2. Although this may or may not benefit Chloe, it gives her family hope.)*

**Braylon Yazzie, Age 19**  
**Parent: Karen King**

Braylon was diagnosed with a rare disease called Urticaria Pigmentosa, which is a form of cutaneous mastocytosis characterized by an abnormal accumulation of mast cells in the skin. It often presents as itchy brownish spots, primarily on the trunk, arms, and legs, which turn into hive-like bumps (when rubbed) and causes potential blistering. Severe reactions can involve flushing, wheezing, rapid heartbeat, headaches, or fainting. Braylon also has ASD (autism spectrum disorder). Urticaria Pigmentosa and Autism are linked (1 in 10). This connection is likely driven by immune system dysfunction, specifically mast cell activation and increased inflammation. Braylon is 1 of 200,000 individuals in the U.S. diagnosed with Urticaria Pigmentosa. While it occurs worldwide, it is often underdiagnosed due to lack of awareness. Roughly 65% of cases are pediatric, with 80% of lesions appearing before one year of age. Mast cells involve immune system irregularities which are activated and can release neurotoxic molecules, potentially contributing to brain inflammation and neurodevelopmental outcomes. In adults, urticaria pigmentosa – *Continued Pg. 13*



can lead to systemic mastocytosis. This is a serious condition that can affect bones, the brain, nerves, and the digestive system. Braylon is an enrolled member and resides in Fort Belknap. His Nakoda name is "Red Arrow" and he belongs to the Bitter Water and Towering House of Clans of the Diné. During the spring and summer months, Braylon is educated about bee stings. Rubbing and scratching them must be avoided. He cannot take Ibuprofen as it is a trigger mechanism. Ibuprofen induces mast cell degranulation, which releases histamine and causes severe symptoms in individuals with already high mast cell counts in the skin. While there is no cure for Urticaria Pigmentosa, avoiding triggers like ibuprofen, along with heat, stress, and certain foods, is key to managing the condition. Braylon was seeing a Pediatric Doctor in Aurora, CO until his family relocated back to Montana. He was seeing a Dermatologist in Billings and now follows up with a regular provider. Braylon is a creative individual who finds joy in digital art and building Lego kits. These activities not only showcase his artistic talents but also help him self-stimulate through sensory engagement. He loves following independent animation creators, eagerly watching their new episodes as soon as they are released. Braylon is also a big sports fan of baseball, with his favorite team being the Cincinnati Reds. He is passionate about Super Mario Bros, especially within the 'Mario' universe. Going to the movies is another favorite. When he needs comfort or calming, his special friend from out of state and his Uncle Mike are the two people who understand him best and can help him feel at ease. Braylon's blend of interests highlights his vibrant personality and the things that bring him joy!



**James Wing, Age 5**  
**Parents: Travis and Linda Wing**

James Wing was diagnosed at birth with an extremely rare condition called Bilateral Congenital Radioulnar Synostosis (CRUS), which the two bones of the forearm (the radius and the ulna) are abnormally connected. This develops early in fetal life. Symptoms include a fixed, usually pronated (palm-down) position of the forearm, severe limitation of rotational movement (supination/pronation), and potential compensatory movement at the wrist and shoulder. James is 1 of approximately 600 worldwide to have this condition. Among these reported cases, 60% to 80% are bilateral, meaning a significantly higher number of patients experience the condition in both arms. Many cases go unnoticed until a child reaches a certain age. CRUS is documented in worldwide literature since 1793 by Physician Eduard Sandifort, who was also an Anatomist and Professor from the Netherlands. This is a rare congenital malformation causing limited rotational movements of the forearm, which may lead to difficulties with activities of daily living. The condition is usually painless, though

some individuals may develop discomfort in their teenage years or due to "snapping elbow" syndrome. (*James was also diagnosed with a common heart defect called bicuspid aortic valve (BAV), where the aortic valve only has two leaflets instead of three. While often asymptomatic, it can lead to premature aortic valve dysfunction (stenosis or leakage), often requiring surgical intervention. BAV requires regular monitoring by a cardiologist to manage potential complications.*) James is an enrolled member of Fort Belknap and resides in Billings, MT and attends Independent Elementary School. His father Travis stated, "James is unable to turn his arms supine (*upward*) due to his bones being fused together. This greatly affects his ability to do normal everyday activities such as washing himself, brushing his hair, using the restroom, and carrying stuff." James receives medical care from his primary pediatrician, Dr. Allen at Billings Clinic, who focuses on his overall health and needs. James also does follow-ups once a year with Dr. Sarah Sibbel, an orthopaedical surgeon based in Denver, Colorado, who specializes in congenital hand differences. Together, these doctors offer a well-rounded approach, combining general pediatric care with focused surgical expertise to support James's health and mobility. There is no cure to create a functional joint where the bones are fused, but surgical treatment, specifically a de-rotational osteotomy, can significantly improve forearm function, often correcting severe rotation limitations. The goal of this surgery is to improve functionality which can typically lead to improved independence and ability to perform daily activities. James' parents are considering a second opinion in hopes for him to be seen in Salt Lake City or Boston Children's Hospital. James loves spending time in the "log yard" while his dad works nearby. It's a special place where he can explore and enjoy the outdoors safely. Playing with his brother makes the experience even better, as they share laughs and 'adventures' together. One of James's favorite activities is riding his 4-wheeler, which gives him a sense of freedom and excitement. Outside of the yard, James enjoys attending school. He looks forward to learning new things, meeting friends, and taking part in classroom activities. His days are full of fun, family, and learning, making each moment memorable and full of joy.

**In closing, these children and their families often face barriers to specialized care, but their spirit shines through. By sharing their experiences, we learn about the importance of awareness, early diagnosis, and culturally sensitive healthcare. Their stories remind us how resilience can thrive even in adversity, encouraging others to celebrate differences and inclusion. In every challenge, these children teach invaluable lessons about bravery and identity, proving that uniqueness is a source of strength and inspiration for all.**

## Local Schools – Senior Night Honoring

Senior Night was celebrated in the local school districts of Harlem, Hays, and Dodson to honor student athletes in their final year of high school sports. This special event recognized seniors for their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout their athletic careers. Family, friends, coaches, and community members came together to show their support and appreciation, with ceremonies before and after games. Senior Night is not only a celebration of athletic achievement but also a way to create lasting memories and strengthen the bond between the schools and their communities.

### HAYS THUNDERBIRDS

Kylee Ball  
Chaynell McConnell  
Taylee Messerly  
Kelcie Mount  
Haideen Grant  
Kenneth Parisian  
Tadrian “Axel” Swan  
Taylee Messerly  
Shaylynn Morin  
Malarie Stiffarm

### HARLEM WILDCATS

Trinity Bell  
Kashlyn Speak Thunder  
Lilyian Turns Plenty  
Danity Walker  
Caylon Lawrence  
Xavier Young  
Cody McCabe  
Matthew Billmayer  
Miles Fetter

### DODSON COYOTES

Frank Cole  
Brayden Jones  
Jakobe Heminger  
Lance Snow Kill Eagle  
Jazlyn Kill Eagle



Photo by: Lisa Campbell

### Hays Basketball Senior Girls Honor Photographer Randy Perez

The Hays Basketball Senior Girls showed their gratitude to Randy Perez, a dedicated photographer who has passionately captured countless moments of student athletes. Randy’s commitment to documenting games and special events has made him a cherished part of the team’s journey as well as the Fort Belknap Indian Community. His keen eye and timely shots bring the energy and spirit of the players to life, creating lasting memories for the athletes and their families. The Senior Girls recognized his hard work and dedication with a special tribute, celebrating not only his photography but also the positive impact he has on their experience. Randy’s passion highlights the talent and determination of local teams across the hi-line, making every season unforgettable.



© Randy Perez

Photo by: Randy Perez

### Harlem Wildcats - 2B District Champions

Congratulations to the Harlem Wildcats on their impressive victory at the 2B District Tournament! The Wildcats delivered an exciting performance against the Malta Mustangs, winning with a final score of 69-39. The Wildcats strong offense and solid defense were key to dominating the game, as they maintained control from start to finish. Fans and supporters celebrated this well-earned championship. Their achievement not only reflects their hard work on the court but also sets a high standard for future competitions. Good luck to the Wildcats as they approach the upcoming Divisional Tournament held in Shelby, MT.

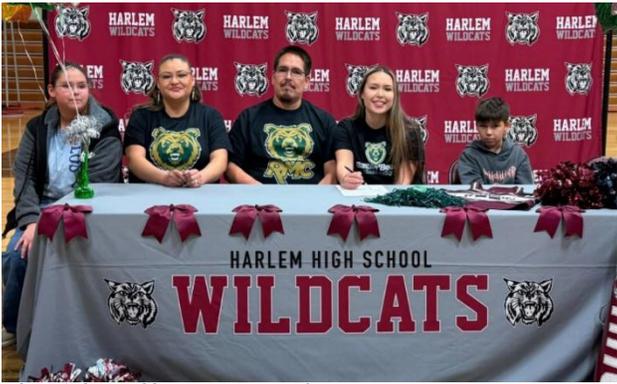


Photo Submitted by: Drew Turns Plenty

## Turns Plenty Signs Letter of Intent to Join Rocky Mountain College Cheer

Congratulations to Lilyian Turns Plenty on signing her Letter of Intent to join Rocky Mountain College’s cheer team. This exciting milestone marks the beginning of a new chapter where she will bring her energy, dedication, and spirit to the collegiate level. Joining Rocky Mountain College not only allows her to continue developing her skills but also to contribute to a dynamic and competitive team environment. Lilyian is an enrolled member of the Gros Ventre Tribe and the daughter of Drew and Josh Turns Plenty.

## Council Honors Tribal Enrollment Director

February 20, 2026 was Denise Walls’ last day as the Enrollment Director for FBIC. Throughout the past 10 years, Denise was a dedicated employee, committed to her job in the Enrollment Department. The Tribal Council presented her with a beautiful star quilt, a symbol of recognition and gratitude. Both the Council and Central Administration staff wish Denise the very best as she embarks on her next chapter. We thank her sincerely for her years of service and dedication!



Photo by: Iris Walls

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FORT BELKNAP CASINO

To our Elders and the Fort Belknap Community: We are writing to share some exciting news about the future of our casino. Our management team is currently working behind the scenes on a series of new promotions and positive changes designed to better serve our community and provide a safe space for Elders. As we transition into this new season, please take note of the following updates. March Promotions - While there will be no Free Play or Match Play promotions during the month of March, we invite you to join us for our End of the Month Promotion, which is going to be a major event you won’t want to miss! Looking Ahead, we are busy finalizing fresh and diverse promotions for April and May, with even more exciting changes coming throughout the summer months. We are committed to making our casino a place the community can be proud of. We kindly ask for your continued support and patience as we build these new programs for you. We want to assure the elders that they will have a great promotion in the very near future. Thank you for being the heart of our operations. We look forward to seeing you soon! –Casino Board of Directors

**UTILITY BILLING** - This letter is to inform all residents of the Fort Belknap Tribal Housing Authority of an important change regarding utility accounts. Effective March 1, 2026, pursuant to a resolution passed by the Fort Belknap Tribal Council, all utility deposits and monthly utility billing will be handled solely by Prairie Mountain Utilities (PMU). All tenants are required to go directly to Prairie Mountain Utilities to set up a utility account in their name. FBTHA will no longer accept payments for Prairie Mountain Utilities. All PMU deposits and monthly utility bills must be paid directly to PMU. Additionally, if a Utility Allowance is owed to FBTHA by the tenant, the tenant will be responsible for paying their Utilities bill directly until the balance owed to FBTHA is reduced to zero. We encourage all tenants to make arrangements with Prairie Mountain Utilities as soon as possible to avoid any interruption of services. Please be Advised that there is a \$50.00 Deposit. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact the Occupancy Department. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. -Stephen Shelley Fox, Executive Director - Fort Belknap Tribal Housing Authority

**CAFFEINE AWARENESS** – With most things in life, caffeine can be good when used in moderation. While most of us associate coffee with caffeine, there are other sources of caffeine that we need to be mindful of: sodas, tea, chocolate or cocoa, and energy drinks to name a few. 85% of US adults consume caffeine daily, safe consumption is generally limited to 400 mg (about 4 cups of coffee) per day. Pregnant women are often advised to limit intake to under 200 mg daily. Children should avoid caffeinated drinks. Although caffeine is a natural stimulant found in over 60 plants, please be aware - excessive intake can cause insomnia, rapid heart rate, and anxiety. Consult your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns about the safest amount of caffeine for you and how it could affect your health. Having said that, coffee is still the best way to get a rush of caffeine quickly; a tall Starbucks coffee will send about 260 mg of caffeine rushing through your veins, compared to the 45 mg in the same size Diet Coke. Don’t be fooled by energy drinks like Red Bull and Monster. They actually contain less caffeine than a cup of coffee and instead are filled with tons of chemicals and sugar, so you end up loading up on empty calories for less energy. Everything in moderation. Have the best March yet! –Katrese Hammond



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# POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING VIRTUAL CLASSES

EVERY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

## ZOOM LINK INFO

ID: 883 3013 0940  
Passcode: 410491



AANIIH NAKODA FAMILY HEALING CENTER'S ANNUAL

# EASTER EGG HUNT

IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER TRIBAL PROGRAMS

SATURDAY

APRIL 4, 2026

1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION TBD

DOOR PRIZES!

GOLDEN EGG PRIZES!

5 AGE GROUPS:

0-4 YEARS

5-9 YEARS

10-13 YEARS

14-17 YEARS

ADULTS (18+)



Tentative Flyer, subject to change

## HI-SET

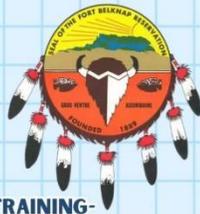
INDEPENDENT STUDYING & TESTING SUPPORT

AZTEC ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR INDEPENDENT STUDYING & TESTING

### PROGRAMS OFFERING

#### ASSISTANCE

- TIWAHE - 406-353-8345
- CHILD SUPPORT- 406-353-4230
- 477 EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING- 406-353-2466



TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS YOUR HI-SET TODAY!

## Positive Indian Parenting Virtual Classes

### Zoom Link Info

Meeting ID: 883 3013 0940

Passcode: 410491

Every Wednesday and Friday

Starting at 6pm to 8pm



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## Discussions at local Schools with Fort Belknap Tribal Council

March 3rd - Harlem Public Schools with Junior Tribal Council 9:00-11:30 AM

March 9th - Hays/Lodge Pole Public Schools with Junior Tribal Council 9:00-11:30 AM

March 18<sup>th</sup> -Dodson Public Schools with Junior Tribal Council 9:00 - 11:30 AM

March 23<sup>rd</sup> -Lodge Pole School from 9:00 - 11:30 AM

March 26<sup>th</sup> -ANC Student Council at 12:00 PM at White Clay Peoples Hall



## Elders Discussions with Fort Belknap Tribal Council

March 3rd - Agency Senior Center 12:00 - 2:00 PM

March 9th - Hays Senior Center 12:00 - 2:00 PM

March 18<sup>th</sup> - Dodson Senior Center 12:00 - 2:00 PM

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lodge Pole Senior Center 12:00 - 2:00 PM



## Community Meetings with Fort Belknap Tribal Council

March 3rd - Agency Community Meeting 5:30 PM  
Sacred Heart Church

March 9th - Hays Community Meeting 5:30 PM  
(Location TBD)

March 18<sup>th</sup> - Dodson Community Meeting 5:30 PM  
(Location TBD)

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lodge Pole Community Meeting 5:30 PM  
(Location TBD)



## March 2026 Schedule of Events

- March 2, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
- March 3, 2026 Council @ Harlem Public Schools w/Junior Tribal Council  
9:00AM- 11:30 AM  
Council @ Agency Senior Center 12 PM–2PM  
Council Agency Community Meeting 5:30 PM (Location TBD)
- March 5, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting
- March 9, 2026 Council @ Hays/LP Public Schools w/Junior Tribal Council  
9:00AM- 11:30 AM  
Council @ Hays Senior Center 12 PM–2PM  
Council Hays Community Meeting 5:30 PM (Location TBD)
- March 10, 2026 General Services Committee Meeting
- March 11, 2026 Public Safety Committee Meeting
- March 12, 2026 Health Committee Meeting
- March 16, 2026 Human Services Committee Meeting
- March 17, 2026 Land Committee Meeting
- March 18, 2026 Council @ Dodson Public Schools w/Junior Tribal Council  
9:00 AM–11:30AM  
Council @ Dodson Senior Center 12PM- 2 PM  
Dodson Community Meeting 5:30 PM (Location TBD)
- March 23, 2026 Council @ Lodge Pole School 9:00 AM- 11:30AM  
Council @Lodge Pole Senior Center 12PM–2 PM  
Council Lodge Pole Community Meeting 5:30 PM (Location TBD)
- March 24, 2026 Natural Resources Committee Meeting
- March 25, 2026 Planning Committee Meeting
- March 26, 2026 Director's Meeting  
Council meeting w/ANC Student Council 12PM @ White Clay People's Hall
- March 30, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting
- March 31, 2026 Insurance Board Meeting

# MARCH 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 <b>Regular Council Meeting</b>	3 Harlem School Student/Junior Tribal Council 9:00-11:30 Agency Senior Center Meeting 12-2 PM Agency Community Meeting 5:30 PM	4	5 <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	6	7 <b>Pay Period 6</b>
8  <b>SPRING FORWARD</b> Set your clock an hour ahead	9 <b>Timesheets Due</b> Hays School Student/Junior Tribal Council 9:00-11:30 Hays Senior Center Meeting 12-2 PM Hays Community Meeting 5:30 PM	10 <b>General Services Committee Meeting</b>	11 <b>Public Safety Committee Meeting</b>	12 <b>Health Committee Meeting</b>	13 Payday	14
15	16 <b>Human Services Committee Meeting</b>	17 St. Patrick's Day <b>Land Committee Meeting</b>	18 Dodson School Student/Junior Tribal Council 9:00-11:30AM Dodson Senior Center 12-2 PM Tribal Partner's Meeting Dodson Community Meeting 5:30 PM	19	20	21  <b>Pay Period 7</b>
22	23 <b>Timesheets Due</b> Lodge Pole School 9:00-11:30 Lodge Pole Senior Center 12-2 PM Lodge Pole Community Meeting 5:30PM	24 <b>Natural Resources Committee Meeting</b>	25 <b>Planning Committee Meeting</b>	26 White Clay People's Hall @ 12PM W/ ANC Student Council Director's Meeting	27 Payday	28
29	30 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	31 Insurance Board Meeting				

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# MARCH 2026

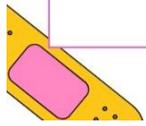


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Hays Foot Clinic	11 Lodge Pole Foot Clinic	12	13	14
15	16	17 Green Salad Day	18 Dodson Foot Clinic	19 Agency Foot Clinic	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Agency Foot Clinic	27	28
29	30	31				

**Notes**

Diabetes Prevention Calendar of Events

For Foot Clinic Appointments  
Contact:  
PHN 353-3250 or  
Nellie King 353-8537

# SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

## Wordsearch

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GOLD  
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LIMERICK  
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MARCH  
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RAINBOW

SAINT PATRICK  
SHAMROCK  
SNAKE  
SODA BREAD  
TRADITION  
TREASURE  
TRINITY

*Homemade*  
GIFTS MADE EASY