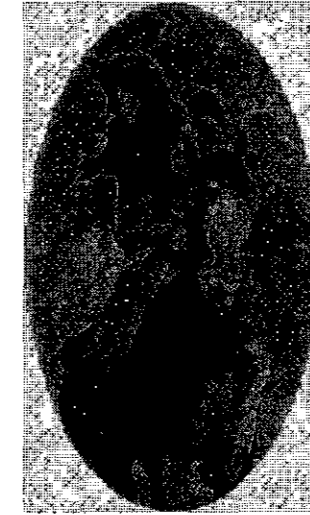


experiences in the badlands area for big game such as elk, buffalo and deer.

### MANDAREE HOME

### Historical



The Mandaree Public School system was established in 1954 to serve the residents of the Mandaree segment of the Three Affiliated Tribes. The school campus is comprised of six buildings, two of which encompass grades K-12. The Campus itself is located within the city of Mandaree, specifically within the former Bureau of Indian Affairs compound.

The student body, numbering 206 students - mirrors the surrounding community, consisting of a majority of Native American students. The rich cultural makeup of the student body combined with that of the surrounding area is evident in both school curriculum and the opportunity for unique cultural experiences. This sense of uniqueness and cultural pride is seen in those school activities not commonly found elsewhere, such as the student Native Dance Group and Drum Group.

The community itself is comprised of primarily Hidatsa Natives, many of whom still practice their traditional rituals and lifestyles. This deep sense of cultural pride creates a deep sense of communal pride and care, which also makes Mandaree a community not likely seen all to often today. This strong cultural influence and ties to the past is also seen in the great support lent by the community to the school and its' extra-curricular activities.

The surrounding area offers many culturally enriched opportunities, such as pow-wows and trail rides. In addition, the area boasts some of the most picturesque scenery with additional opportunities for hiking, fishing, hunting and boating.

Visitors would also be interested to note the area also is the location of the Three Affiliated Tribes Buffalo Ranch, which maintains a herd of some 300 head of Medora transplanted Bison. The Bison are kept in a 3500 acre enclosure in the North Western part of mandaree. In addition, the Figure Four Ranch offers hunting