

# TWIN BUTTES TIMES



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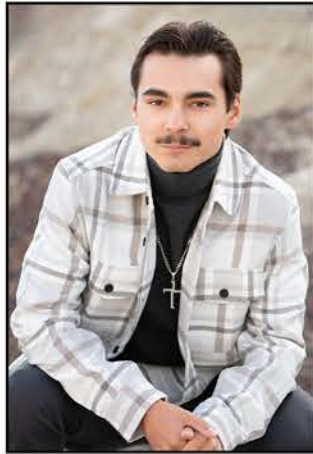


**JADA APPEL**

*Killdeer High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** Freshman year homecoming; it was my first homecoming and it was so much fun...one to remember!

**Future plans:** I will be attending Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. I will be majoring in Sociology and Human Services.



**DAWSON SCHNEIDER**

*Killdeer High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** When I caught an 88 yard touchdown pass.

**Future plans:** I will be attending Bismarck State College to obtain my Associates in Instrumentation & Control Technology.



**LEXI STARR**

*Killdeer High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** All the hoco dances and proms.

**Future plans:** I will be moving to Bismarck after working all summer. I will be attending UTTC, majoring in Native American Studies (along with two minors).



**AZDON CROWS BREAST**

*Killdeer High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** Receiving Most Improved Award in cross country.

**Future plans:** I plan on taking a year off to work and travel. I plan on attending trade school or a performance and production school.

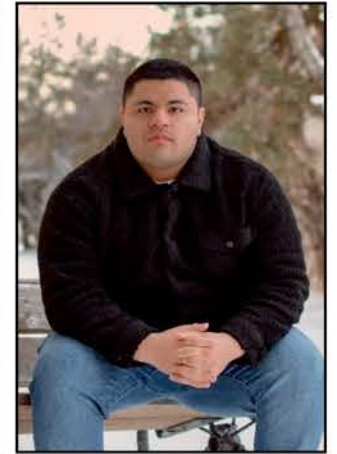


**JORDANNA BAUMANN**

*Killdeer High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** Homecoming of freshman year, it was such a new experience and so fun dressing up the first week along with the excitement of football game of Friday night.

**Future plans:** I will be attending North Dakota State University to pursue a degree in Art Therapy.



**ALEJANDRO MORENO**

*Killdeer High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** When we beat Trinity for the first time in like 6 years.

**Future plans:** I will be attending Mayville State University on an athletic scholarship to play football for the next 4-5 years. I will also be majoring in Sport Medicine.

SENIORS  
2022



**MORNING GRACE SPOTTED BEAR**

*Billings Skyview High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** Winning the State AA Girls Basketball Championship my senior year!

**Future plans:** I plan to continue my basketball and school career at South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City. I plan to major in Biology.



**GEORGE GILLETTE**

*Bismarck High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** Playing at the Civic Center for 2 Western Dakota Association Championships.

**Future plans:** I will be going into Engineering at North Dakota State University.



**WINTER BAKKEN**

*Hazen High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** When my friend and I decided to skip class and got caught! Oh no! For a punishment we had to wash all the tables at school.

**Future plans:** I will be attending Bismarck State College in the Fall of 2022. I plan on pursuing a degree in Nursing.



**SAMUEL BURR**

*Mandan High School*

**Favorite high school memory:** Beating Fargo Davies in the first round of the playoffs.

**Future plans:** I plan to attend Valley City University to play football and earn a degree in Exercise Science and Rehabilitative Studies.

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# COUNCILMAN SPOTTED BEAR'S GREETINGS

## Tashka'nito'sha Aame,

*Greetings to All,*

I would like to start by giving my condolences to all those who have recently lost loved ones. I am also thinking of those who might be struggling or facing a challenging time. I offer encouragement to you. I was taught that in the spring time of the year the Earth is pushing up new life, all the grass and growing things are moving and growing like a baby when they are teething. When we say our morning prayers and remember our Earth mother in our prayers it brings relief. Each day we walk on the earth we feel those same feelings too. Sometimes we go through challenges and other times our days are bright with sunshine and calm and peaceful. Our community has always been known to be helpful and encouraging towards each other.

We have recently made it through two severe



spring storms with so much snow! The first storm was light snow that blew into the cracks and crevasses of everything. High winds caused blowing and drifting and low visibility. It sounds like we got about 30 inches of snow in a two day period in the first storm. The moisture was nice to receive but we all had to hunker down and make it through the storm. The second storm the ground was already starting to warm and thaw. We had no frost in the ground and the wet and heavy snow melted and penetrated into the soil. This will give us a lot of green new growth on the land this spring. Our community members had to once again settle into place and wait it out. We lost power for about 16 hours or so. We were lucky. Others were without power for days and even a week. With ice accumulating on everything the freezing

rain touched. Many trees and power poles, as well as power lines were broken. There were stretches in western North Dakota that went for miles and miles with all of their power poles broken and collapsed from the weight of the ice caused from the freezing rain. The wind was severe too during this storm and I was told we received nearly 30 inches of snow again in the second storm. Fortunately our new community center had a back up generator that powered portions of the building so community members had a warm place to stay and wait out the storm and power outage. Many things were learned during these storms so we will be even more prepared for severe winter conditions in the future.

I was out on the land with my children and nieces and nephews this past weekend and seen all of the signs of spring. The ducks and water fowl were mated up and sitting in the ponds and water holes. The small birds are back and the wild turkeys are courting and in "full regalia" throughout the hills of Twin Buttes. One of the signs of spring I enjoy to see are the beautiful purple crocus flowers. They are the first flowers to blossom in the spring. I have seen them push up through the snow to tell us spring has arrived. The pastures are filled with little calves and colts and there are many little red bison calves in the Hans Creek bison pasture. In Mandan language we call bison "pti tkush, the "true animal" or the "real buffalo." When beef cattle came to this part of the country about 140 years ago, or so, we had to distinguish between the two.



Another construction season is upon us! We have many exciting projects to look forward to this season. A big thank you to the members of the MHA tribal business council for supporting our efforts in Twin Buttes to build services and offer local opportunities to our community members.

For so many years we have had to travel many miles for basic services. Today we are generating services and making them local. That means more jobs are being created, more opportunities to stay in Twin Buttes. Our elders are cared for and our children are looked after and have well-deserved facilities to participate in their favorite activities. I hope we continue to plant trees and get our community to look like Elbowoods again someday with beautiful cottonwood trees and fruit trees our kids and community members can stop by and grab handfuls of healthy snacks right from the land!

The fair grounds project which includes an indoor rodeo arena, outdoor rodeo arena, Indian relay race horse track, powwow arbor, RV parking, camp ground, and shower building, will be nearly 100 percent complete by this fall. This area that consists of about 40 acres will serve as an economic stimulus package for our community. We will be able to host many quality events and drive our economy and local opportunity. Our children will grow up with these opportunities and learn about horsemanship and engage in our culture. We are the "Home of the Champions," because a handful of our Twin Buttes cowboys and cowgirls won national titles and went on to become professionals and make names for themselves on a national level. I will write a piece about the origin of the "Home of the Champions" in a future newsletter.

The Twin Buttes roads department will get a new building and a new location this summer. Richard "Ricky," Hank, and Julian have been working out of an old out-dated facility for many years. The old building was moved up from Elbowoods when the River bottom was flooded in the the early 1950's.



The new building will have everything the roads department will need run a successful roads department.

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# Congratulations to our

## College Graduates!

## 8th Grade Graduates!



### AWNAH FOX-ALTRINGER

*Black Hills State University*

Degree obtained: Elementary Education

I plan to put my degree to use in future years. However, right now I will be returning home to Twin Buttes where I will live with my best friend and see where the world takes us.

### TRAE MURRAY

*University of North Dakota*

Degree obtained: Kinesiology (Exercise Science)

I am planning on attending graduate school and am wanting to become an Adaptive Physical Education Instructor & Strength and Conditioning Coach.

### TWIN BUTTES 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

*L-R: Annette Donnell, Orlando Starr, Ashlynn Spotted Bear, and Shaun Meyers*

| KILLDEER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Date                            | May 29, 2022                 |
| Time                            | 2:00pm - 3:00pm (MST)        |
| Address                         | 101 High St. NW Killdeer, ND |

| HAZEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date                         | May 29, 2022             |
| Time                         | 3:30pm (MST)             |
| Address                      | 520 1st St. NE Hazen, ND |

## Twin Buttes Elementary School

*Submitted By: Danielle Donnell  
Administrative Assistant  
Twin Buttes School District #37  
(701) 938-4396*

February was a very fun month for us at the Twin Buttes Elementary School. We celebrated the 100th day of school on February 11th with a 100 Minute Scavenger Hunt. We ended the day with an ice cream with 100 different toppings!!! Everyone had a lot of fun doing the 100th day event. February 14th we celebrated Valentine's Day in our classrooms with parties. There was a Valentine's Day box decoration competition as well. All the students did such a wonderful job on their boxes! Have a look at how wonderful they did!!!

Wonderful job to all of the students! They all looked so wonderful!!! We started off March with Music Madness with Mrs. Barcena. Students get to vote on the teacher's favorite songs as they were growing up. March 9th was an early out day as the teachers had a Professional Development day. In an effort to be proactive and keep our kids safe, Twin Buttes Elementary went virtual for a few days in January. All the students who completed their work on time

received an exciting reward on March 11th. March 11th the students who did their work got to go to Sky Zone and Pizza Ranch in Bismarck!!!! Check some of the pictures of the Sky Zone Trip. We are very proud of our students who put in the hard work and got their assignments in on time!!

March 14th to March 18th was the Twin Buttes Elementary Spring Break. Everyone here at Twin Buttes Elementary was excited for the break and were able to enjoy family and friends.

Twin Buttes Elementary received a special gift on Friday, March 25th from the Enerplus Group from Dickinson ND. Enerplus Inc. purchased a year subscription of the Imagi Native Roots Magazine



for each of our students. This magazine is written by six native women and includes things like Elder's Corner, Imaginative Gallery, Student Spot Light, Current Events, Indigenous History, Quotes from our students and much more.

A special thanks to Enerplus for their investment in our students. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held March 29th & March 30th. March was a busy yet very

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**A successful Mother's Day Walk Event! | Danica Burr, TAT Fitness & Rec** (Thank you Melissa Starr for submitting photos)



**MMIW Graphic Artwork Design by:  
Melanie "Angel" Moniz**

*May 5th is the National Day of Awareness for Missing Murdered Indigenous Women Girls and People. The day seeks to honor the memory of Hannah Harris and commemorates all of our Missing and Murdered relatives. Community members came together to start the day in prayer for our relatives closest to the pain. Our*



*prayers are stronger together and together is how we strengthen our community against this epidemic. Care packages went out to families and survivors. There was a potluck held in the evening to begin the conversation in our community. Collectively we identified some creative ways to strengthen community.*

Melanie "Angel" Moniz





# JUNE 2022

## YOUTH ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



### FRI JUNE 3

#### Children's Movie Night

*Twin Buttes Movie Theater*  
6:00pm

### MON JUNE 6

#### Healthy Habits (All Ages)

*Twin Buttes Craft Room*  
1:30pm - 2:30pm

### MON JUNE 13

#### Healthy Habits (All Ages)

*Twin Buttes Craft Room*  
1:30pm - 2:30pm

### MON JUNE 20

#### Gym Closed

### MON JUNE 27

#### Healthy Habits (All Ages)

*Twin Buttes Craft Room*  
1:30pm - 2:30pm

### TUES JUNE 7

#### Kickball (Ages 6+)

*Twin Buttes Football Field*  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

### TUE JUNE 14

#### Kickball (Ages 6+)

*Twin Buttes Football Field*  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

### TUE JUNE 21

#### Kickball (Ages 6+)

*Twin Buttes Football Field*  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

### TUE JUNE 28

#### Kickball (Ages 6+)

*Twin Buttes Football Field*  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

### WED JUNE 8

#### Walking Club (Ages 6+)

*Walking Path*  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

### WED JUNE 15

#### Walking Club (Ages 6+)

*Walking Path*  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

### WED JUNE 22

#### Walking Club (Ages 6+)

*Walking Path*  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

### WED JUNE 29

#### Walking Club (Ages 6+)

*Walking Path*  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

### THUR JUNE 9

#### Cultural Craft (Ages 6+)

*Twin Buttes Craft Room*  
4:00pm - 5:00pm

### THUR JUNE 16

#### Cultural Craft (Ages 6+)

*Twin Buttes Craft Room*  
4:00pm - 5:00pm

### THUR JUN 23

#### Cultural Craft (Ages 6+)

*Twin Buttes Craft Room*  
4:00pm - 5:00pm

## CONTACT INFORMATION

South Segment Fitness & Rec

Kiara Mason  
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(701) 421-2008



# COUNCILMAN SPOTTED BEAR'S GREETINGS

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There will be a couple paving projects this summer. Our BIA 22 heading west of Twin Buttes will get paved this summer to the Mossett Bay (Charging Eagle Bay) turn off. BIA 22 East to Beaver Creek will also get paved. There are many families down in the Beaver Creek area that have been waiting for a paved road for many years. Our fair grounds thru-roads, and parking lots will also get paved this summer. The round homes are scheduled for completion this summer. The homes are about 85 percent complete and are waiting finish work in the interior as well as some final grading and landscaping in the area. About six other homes are being constructed this summer as well. Fort Berthold Housing Authority (FBHA) has teamed up with the Twin Buttes segment and is building six new multi-bedroom homes this summer. Five of them with attached garages will be built near the school and one will be built in west housing.

The new Clinic and ambulance garage is near completion and is set for opening this summer. A Twin Buttes assisted living and elders care campus is being planned for construction and as soon as we have a location pinned down construction will

begin. The Bison handling facility is near completion and we will soon be able to work and manage the bison herd in the new facility. An elk pasture is planned out near the Mahto Bay area of Twin Buttes and will get fenced as soon as a pasture lease is secured for the project.

One of the largest projects on the list to begin is an unprecedented Twin Buttes High School. Planning will soon begin to construct a high school. We have never had a high school and after 8th grade our children have historically left the community to seek a high school education off the reservation at nearby boarder town schools. Our children travel up to 80-90 miles round trip per day to attend the nearest high schools. Some of these schools have no bus routes forcing parents to drive these distances each day to get their high school age kids to school. The plan will be to begin construction on the new high school the spring of 2023.

More housing will be planned for 2023 construction. A large 25-35 homes subdivision initiative will be planned with all the infrastructure laid for a new housing area. With the development of new services and jobs being created will

require more homes to be built to accommodate the growing community. Manufacturing of some kind will also be planned for job creation and more local opportunities. We want our children to graduate high school, attain advanced college degrees and vocational training and consider returning home to twin buttes to start their careers and families because there will be an opportunity here for them to come home to.

One of the projects I am most excited about is a renewable



energy grid system in twin Buttes. We will incorporate solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources to generate electricity and work towards energy independence in our area. With the global uncertainty of climate shift and climate change

it is important that our tribe and community move further towards self reliance and food and energy independence. It is a long term goal and vision. We will get where we are going and we will move in the direction we point our feet. There are many exciting initiatives to look forward too. I look forward to a healthy and productive season ahead of us. It is important to be kind and encouraging towards one another as we navigate towards an uncertain but promising future. I look forward to writing and updating more in a future edition of the Twin Buttes Times. Thank you to all those who submitted and made a contribution to this edition.

**Aho, a'taro'nito'sh.**

*Thank you, that is all for now.*



*Cory Spotted Bear*

Twin Buttes Representative  
MHA Vice Chairman

| 2022 CELEBRATIONS |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| FOUR BEARS        | MAY 27-29    |
| PARSHALL          | JUNE 24-26   |
| WHITE SHIELD      | JULY 8-10    |
| MANDAREE          | JULY 15-17   |
| TWIN BUTTES       | AUGUST 5-7   |
| LITTLE SHELL      | AUGUST 12-14 |

| 2022 WARBONNET PARADES |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FOUR BEARS             | MAY 1                            |
| PARSHALL               | MAY 14                           |
| WHITE SHIELD           | JUNE 5                           |
| MANDAREE               | JUNE 4                           |
| TWIN BUTTES            | NO WARBONNET PARADE DUE TO COVID |
| LITTLE SHELL           | MAY 7                            |



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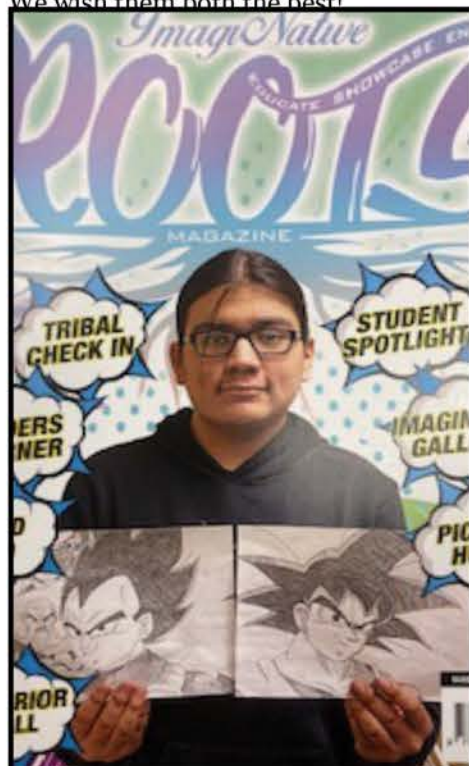
fun month for our students at Twin Buttes Elementary.

The month of April brought in a lot of fun as well. The students were looking forward to enjoying the sun and to the coming summer!! The beginning of April started with some testing. Students participated in the BIE Spring testing for ELA/Math/Science as well as the North Dakota State testing. April 1st began with a movie day for students who passed all their classes for the 3rd quarter. The Shriners Circus came to Dickinson, ND in April and Twin Buttes Students were given free tickets! Twin Buttes Elementary would like to give a special thanks to the Badlands Shriners Club from Dickinson, ND and all the groups collaborating with them! They Provided the free tickets to each of our students for the circus in Dickinson on Sunday, April 10 and Monday, April 11th. Twin Buttes Elementary teamed up with Elbowoods Memorial Center to provide a dental clinic for our students on April 28th. Students got out at 2 PM on April 13th due to Professional Development Day for our teachers. There was also a School Board meeting on April 13th at 4:30 PM. Twin Buttes Elementary had no school April 15th to April 18th as students and staff celebrated the Easter Holiday.

The Month of May has come so quickly here at Twin Buttes Elementary. The students finished out April and began May with State and BIE testing, Blizzards and fun. Each class had a field trip planned for the last month of school. Some went to Lazer Tag and others to the Zoo. May 2nd, we celebrated all birthdays in May, June, July and August with a huge cupcake celebration. Thank you, Michelle Grisham and kitchen staff, for your hard work on our birthdays celebrations this year. Students finished the ND State Testing on Friday, May 6th and BIE testing by May 13th. We are very proud of how hard they worked on their testing! May 10th we celebrated all student's art

and music with our Spring Concert. Students art work was on display in the gym and all the students preformed in the music concert! May 17th is the school Play Day. Students come and have a blast doing activities all day with the teachers. There will be an Amazing Race, Nitro Ball, Tug of War, Grill out for lunch and many other fun activities!! May 18th will be the 8th Grade Graduation at 1pm in the gym. Check out our 8th Grade class below! Our last day of school will be May 19th and we will have an early out. We wish the kids an amazing summer!

On a sad note we want to send a special mention to two amazing teachers who will be missed. Mrs. Bruce has worked at Twin Buttes Elementary for a long time. She is a wonderful woman with a beautiful heart and the students and staff will miss her very much. She is retiring at the end of the year and we want her to know that she is amazing and we will miss her!! Also, Mr. Kilwein will be moving on and wont be with us next year. He also will be missed. He is a great teacher and an amazing coach. We wish them both the best!



## Easy Crescent Veggie Pizza



*SERVINGS: 32*

*PREPPING TIME: 20 MINS*

### DIRECTIONS

*Heat oven to 375 degrees.*

*If using crescent rolls: Unroll both cans of dough; separate dough into 4 long rectangles.*

*In un-greased 15x10x1-inch pan, place dough; press in bottom and up sides to form crust.*

*If using dough sheets: Unroll both cans of dough. In un-greased 15x10x1-inch pan, place dough; press in bottom and up sides to form crust*

*Bake 13 to 17 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 30 minutes*

*In small bowl, mix cream cheese, sour cream, dill and garlic powder until smooth.*

*Spread over crust. Top with vegetables.*

*Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate 1 to 2 hours before serving. Cut into 8 rows by 4 rows*

*TOTAL TIME: 1 HR 10 MINS*

### INGREDIENTS

2 cans (8oz) refrigerated Pillsbury original crescent rolls

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 cup small fresh broccoli

1 package (8oz) cream cheese

1/3 cup quartered cucumber

1 roma tomato chopped

1/2 cup sour cream

1/4 cup shredded carrot

1 teaspoon dried dill weed



## In Loving Memory



**BADGER RAY LITTLE OWL**  
*Wa'xtaki*

February 16, 2004 - February 27, 2022

Badger Wa'xtaki Ray LittleOwl, age 18, of Belcourt, ND passed away on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at Trinity Hospital, Minot, ND.

Badger (Wa'xtaki) Ray LittleOwl, also known as His sister's protector (Autumn), was born in Bismarck, ND on February 16, 2004 to Leon Paige LittleOwl and Donna Rae Belgarde. Badger grew up in Mandan/Lincoln/Bismarck area. In 2017, Badger and his family moved to Belcourt, ND. In 2019, Badger and his family then moved to Minot, where he attended the local high school. He was a very smart young man, but he did not feel comfortable attending that school, so when he turned 16, he studied for his GED, obtaining it three months later. Badger was ready to take on the world so he moved back to Bismarck, where he got his first job. He worked alongside his sister, Destiny, at Papa Johns. He also showed great interest in music. It seemed as though he could pick up any instrument and with ease, play it, by ear. Badger decided he wanted to try out the horizons and he moved to California. He spent about four months there before coming back to North Dakota. He started to look at his future and decided he wanted to attend college in Albuquerque, NM, to pursue his passion in the business world. He had dreams of being his own boss and owning several businesses. Badger also wanted to learn how to be an investment broker, learning all about stocks and bonds. He was passionate about becoming a

gaming Steamer and wanted to go live on YouTube. He would play games with his friends and family from afar and always enjoyed himself.

Badger grew up around the Sundance, whom he loved dearly. He was very proud to be Mandan/Chippewa. When it came to him learning about his spirituality, he was very proud of all the teachings and knowledge he gained. Due to him attending the Sundance, they became his other family and he was loved dearly by them. Badger grew into the most loving, handsome, young man with the brightest smile and who gave the best hugs. Badger had many friends that he took as family, that he loved, and who loved him in return.

Badger is survived by his parents, Leon Paige LittleOwl and Donna (Gary) Belgarde; sisters, River Deen Gillis, Destiny Aurelia Ann Gillis, Kaydence Valerie LittleOwl, Autumn Breeze LittleOwl, Rebecca Dawn Provincial, Wenelle Nicole Provincial, and Jacinta Mary-Louise Defender; brothers, Connor Jacob Houle and adopted brother, Jayshawn Joshua; grandmother, Raven Heart; and aunts and uncles, Rose Crow Flies High, Joni (Alex) LittleOwl, Ronda (Valiant Sr.) DeCoteau, Deanna Belgarde, Randi StandsAlone, Michael (Sande) Belgarde, and Victoria (Kallen) Belgarde.

Badger was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ronald Samuel "Sammy" LittleOwl, Paul and Laura (Tetrault) Belgarde, uncles, Norman Crows Flies High, Peter Joseph LittleOwl, and Adrain Ross LittleOwl, brother, Rising Sun Irwin, sister, Ellitta Rae Iron Eyes, and many more relatives not listed.

A visitation will begin at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Fiddler's Hall, Belcourt, ND. Funeral Services will be at Noon on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at Fiddler's Hall, Belcourt, ND. Burial will follow at LittleOwl Family Burial in Twin Buttes, ND on Thursday, March 10, 2022.



## In Loving Memory



**CRAIG HURKES, SR.**  
*W'rok Na'te't'osh*  
"Standing Bison"

December 3, 1974 - April 6, 2022

Craig Michael Hurkes, Sr. "W'rok Na'te't'osh", Standing Bison original member of the Apuka Miga, "Low Cap Clan" of Bismarck ND was called home on April 6, 2022, at Bismarck ND Sanford Health, at the age of 47. Craig was a very hardworking man that was loved who we will always be cherish. Services will be held Monday April 11, 2022, 10 AM CST at the Twin Buttes Wellness Center with Pastor Kevin Finley officiating. Burial will follow at Medicine Stone Cemetery 2. Wake will be held April 10, 2022, at Twin Buttes Wellness Center at 4pm CST. Randy Phelan will serve as Senior Pallbearer.

Craig was born on December 3, 1974, in Bismarck ND to Diana Medicine Stone and Dennis Hurkes. This is Craig's story. Craig was given the name Standing Bison by his beloved grandfather Ernest Medicine Stone which was one of Ernest's 4 names. He grew up in Twin Buttes along side his grandparents Vivian and Ernest Medicine Stone at their home in rural Twin Buttes. He attended the Twin Buttes Head Start Program briefly. Craig along with his mother moved to Bismarck where he lived and finished his General Equivalency Diploma. While in school he took part and enjoyed Football and Basketball. In his early 20's he moved to New Town, ND and started working with Four Bears Casino and Lodge as a line cook with good friend Scott Halsey. While living in New Town he also worked with LCM, and Fort Berthold Housing Authority as a laborer. He also obtained jobs laying concrete with his father's construction company "Amira's Construction". Among these jobs as well he worked with Weisz and Sons as a Laborer, McMillen Jacobs Associates, several roofing companies, Porter BROS Corporation, and Rural Land Fire Fighter. Craig trained as a fire fighter in 1999 in Fort Totten and fought his first fire in 2000. Craig equally worked jobs in the oil field for several years. Craig attended and graduated Iron Workers School in Chicago Illinois. He also attended culinary school in South Dakota where he graduated with

a culinary certificate.

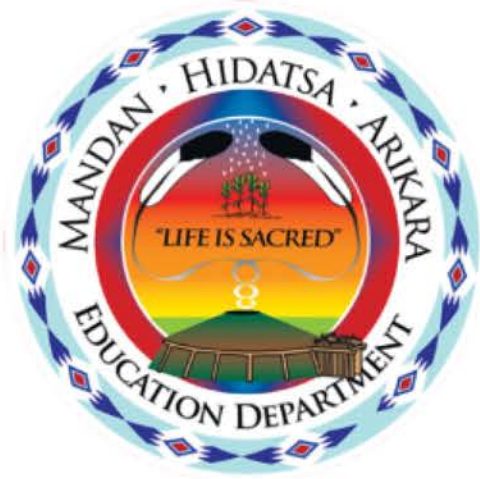
While in New Town he met Jennifer Mann and through this union 4 children were brought into this world. His eldest and light of his life the late Samantha Merradie Hurkes. His sons Deltin Arrow, Craig Jr., and Aiden Mason. Craig thought the world of all his nieces and nephews. He made daily efforts to check on them to know how their day was going along. He also showed this same endeavor with his aunts, uncles, and rest of the family. Craig spent many hardworking years in New Town, Bismarck and surrounding States. He worked hard to survive never to be wealthy. He in no way had trouble helping his family and friends when necessary. Wherever Craig went; everyone knew his presence through his humor and laughter. He loved his cultural traditional ways. Throughout his life he sat around the drum and sang at celebrations with his friends. He loved to be around the drum. Craig lived lively and fearlessly. He lived how he wanted live. In 2017 Craig suffered a hard blow of losing his only beautiful daughter Samantha and grandson Billy "Tuff" Hall. Craig continued to live with a heavy heart with declining health but continued to grace us with another 5 years of treasured memories.

Standing Bison survived by; son's Deltin, Craig Jr., Aiden Mason Hurkes of Four Bears ND; Grandchildren; Fallon Hall, Logan Hurkes, Sebastian SIR Reynolds, Calvin Sun; Sisters; Vivian Hurkes of Bismarck ND, Teresa Nieto South Dakota, Rose Crow Flies High New Town ND, Agnes Holen Twin Buttes ND, Amira Hurkes New Town ND; Mary Ellen (Clarence) Sun New Town ND; Brothers Dennis Jr. (Jessica) Howling Wolf Twin Buttes ND; Terran Medicine Stone Twin Buttes, Eugene Jr. (Jordan) Holen Dickinson ND, Justin Fredericks Twin Buttes ND; Mothers Anna Rubia Bismarck ND, Svea Holen Dodge ND, Marilyn Medicine Stone Twin Buttes ND, Aunts Karen Zidzik, Gloria (Don) Pourier, Margie Hurkes-Lincoln, Carolyn Hurkes, Uncles Anthony Rubia Bismarck, Darcy (Clarice) Medicine Stone Twin Buttes, DuWayne(Cindy) Hurkes, Companion Tonya Fox baby Zehkai Fox whom he helped raise Bismarck ND and Numerous cousins on the Hurkes Family side. Nieces and Nephews Dallas (Mae) Reynolds, Breyana Brave Bull, Ernest Stone, Jerrod Jr., Cedar Diana Mavis, and Frederick Grant Bismarck ND, Sierra Rain Sun, Justice Howling Wolf, Sheridan "Boo-Boo" Sun, Azdon Crows Breast, Ophelia, Omeara, Olivia and Benny Howling Wolf; Nephews and Nieces IZIAH Irwin, Opal, Melvin and Ceara Hurkes; Godchildren Donald Grant and Sophia Holen.

Craig now rests with his daughter Samantha, Grandson Tuff, Mother and father Diana and Dennis, Uncles Benny and Calvin Medicine Stone, Sister Stephanie Medicine Stone, Brother Thomas T Hurkes; his dear Mother Mavis Medicine Stone; Maternal grandparents Ernest and Vivian (Lone Fight) Medicine Stone, Paternal Grandparents Tom T and Harriet (Blue Dog) Hurkes. Paternal Uncle and aunt Philip Hurkes, Marie (Hurkes) Richey.

We the survivors celebrate his life and prepare him for his journey. We humble ourselves in sharing in his life. All our relations, Aho.





## May 2022 Graduation Ceremonies

| MAY 2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION                            |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Mandaree High School<br>New School Gymnasium               | May 21 – Saturday<br>2:00 pm  |
| New Town High School<br>High School Gymnasium              | May 29 – Sunday<br>2:00 pm    |
| Parshall High School<br>High School Gymnasium              | May 22 – Sunday<br>2:00 pm    |
| White Shield High School<br>School Gymnasium               | May 27 – Friday<br>5:00 pm    |
| MAY 2022 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION                  |                               |
| Mandaree 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>Old School Gymnasium     | May 19 – Thursday<br>2:00 pm  |
| New Town 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>High School Gymnasium    | May 26 – Thursday<br>6:00 pm  |
| Parshall 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>High School Commons Area | May 27 – Friday<br>1:30 pm    |
| Twin Buttes 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>School Gymnasium      | May 18 – Wednesday<br>2:00 pm |
| White Shield 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>School Gymnasium     | May 27 – Friday<br>5:00 pm    |

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to this year's graduates and wish them great success as they continue their educational journey.

Thank you,  
**Amy Mossett**  
MHA Education Director



Join us to celebrate our 2022  
Spring Graduates!  
MAY 13TH AT 1:00PM,  
MHA INTERPRETIVE CENTER AMPHITHEATER

NUETA HIDATSA SAHNISH  
**NHS COLLEGE**

MHA EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

# NOW ACCEPTING SUMMER 2022 APPLICATIONS

for College & Beyond

Deadline to submit complete  
application is **June 15th**

VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.MHANATION.COM/MHA-EDUCATION-GRANT-PROGRAM](https://www.mhanation.com/mha-education-grant-program)  
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Bismarck, ND 58503



# COUNTING COUP SECTION

MAY 2022

**Congrats  
to our  
hometown  
girl,  
Chloe  
Fredericks!**



## APRIL FITNESS CHALLENGE

Here are the winners of the prizes for the All Out April Challenge! Shoutout to everyone that participated and made it outside every single day. Love all the support and seeing our community stay active!

### Congratulations to the following:

*Summer Tote 1 - Mike Kuhlmann*

*Summer Tote 2 - Jessica White Plume*

*Garmin Watch 1 - Jeremy Burr*

*Garmin Watch 2 - Chelsea Nicole*

*Trek Hybrid Bike - Michelle Dahlen*

For those of you that did not miss a day and/or made up the blizzard days your gift cards are at the front desk of the Wellness Center.

**Danica Burr  
TAT Fitness & Rec**



Gratitude is at the core of who the Fredericks family is. As this article is being written, our hometown girl, Chloe Fredericks, is appearing on the finale of the newest singing competition show called, "Americas Song Contest". Chloe would finish in the top ten out of representatives from all 50 states, four territories and Washington D.C. The festivities kicked off with performances from the show's two hosts, Kelly Clarkson and Snoop Dogg.

After the show Casey Fredericks, Chloe's dad, took to social media to thank Chloe's Many fans. Chloe herself went live in her socials again to show her appreciation and gratitude to all who helped vote her to the finish.

Kami Fredericks, Chloe's mom, said in an interview, "We have always known that Chloe was special from the moment she was born! She truly has been blessed with an incredible soul

and an incredible voice! She would hum and sing tunes constantly as a child and still does! As a Child Chloe was completely artsy she was good in paints, sculpting, drawing, not to mention all of her writing ability. She was playing a guitar at the age of four, she loved horses and ranch life. I have always called Chloe 'my little singing Birdie'. Chloe wanted to be a Dentist growing up! We have told her now to have fun and just be who she was born to be! We know that this is what she was destined to do!"

As a community we are grateful to you Chloe, thank you for showing and inspiring native youth that dreams really do come true and that anything is possible...we are very excited to see what Chloe does next!!

Submitted by Sommer Cummings





# COUNTING COUP SECTION

MAY 2022



*Thank you to all the parents who submitted photos!*  
Next track meet is: Monday, May 16th @ 6:00PM, Parshall HS Track







**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022 AT 11:00 AM**  
**FORT BERTHOLD VETERANS MONUMENT**  
**LOCATED AT THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES MUSEUM**

## MEMORIAL DAY

DRUM GROUP: LITTLE SHELL  
 MC: CHARLIE MORAN  
 OPENING PRAYER  
 WELCOME  
 GUEST SPEAKER: CJ O'BERRY JR  
 PICNIC LUNCH PROVIDED  
ALL VETERANS & FAMILIES WELCOME

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**PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS**



### **South Shore C-Store**

**We are Hiring!**

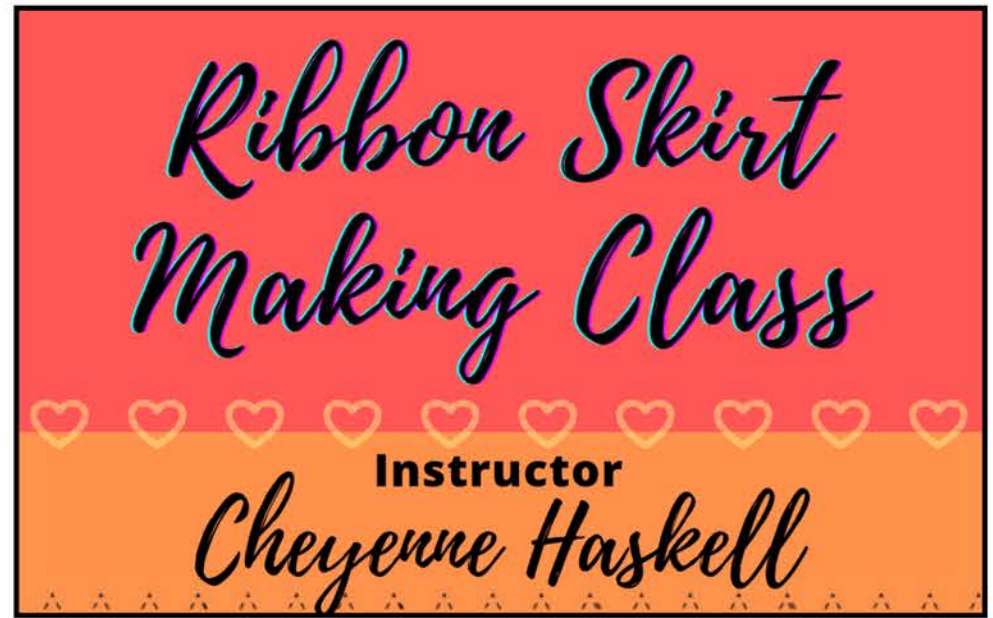
**Cashier  
Cook  
Motel**

**Please pick up  
applications  
at the c-store  
if interested.**

**Thank you!**







## 2022 Twin Buttes Celebration

We are looking forward to a wonderful Celebration this year, the planning has begun. The committee has been dissolved and we will keep the following positions:

Drum Keeper - William Deane

Flagbearer - Tiffany Rave

Princess - Chloe Furr

We have begun to gather information on any specials or donations, if anyone would like to contribute or sponsor a category please contact Angie Gillette at [agillette@mhanation.com](mailto:agillette@mhanation.com) or (701)421-2705.

If there are any community members who would like to volunteer or be a part of the planning of the celebration please reach out as well. The Celebration belongs to the community and I would love to have as many active community members as possible. We are planning for it to be down below for the last and final year. We will once again be putting together a program, we would love to have more community stories or info. in

this program. If your family will be raising a flag please write up a little description and picture we will add it for sure. Anyone who would be interested in advertising in the program, we will be selling advertisement space.

Lastly, I am looking to put together a fun story of the celebration down below. If anyone has any old pictures of the powwow arenas from the past or dancers or any history at all please get it to me. I am collecting all information and photos for the program and video that will be out to promote our celebration. I truly want to capture the pride of Twin Buttes Community Celebration and all the champions that have originated here. We will be getting a poster out shortly, we are just trying to do some fundraising

**Angie Gillette**  
Project Development  
South Segment





TWIN BUTTES



# CLEAN UP DAY

**MAY 26TH, 2022**

HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

**BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION**

LOCATION: OLD HALL

TIME: 9:30 AM

*All participants (head start and older) will receive State Fair passes!*

For more info, contact Blanche at 701-421-0351.



You Are Invited!

## Twin Buttes Horse Culture Summer Program Kick Off!

May 28, 2022 1:00 PM Ct

Twin Buttes  
Old Memorial Hall



Meal will be provided, cookout style!  
Come and learn about our program, and meet some of the horses who will teach us so many great lessons!

We look forward to seeing everyone!  
FMI Jessica 701.421.0420 or Alyssa 701.421.4346

## Twin Buttes Covid Vaccination Clinic

Tuesday, May 17th

1:00 - 2:30PM

Call the public health nurse, Sharlene, at 701-938-3641 or 701-938-3642.





# House of Representatives District 4A Candidates

*Lisa Finley-DeVille*



*Thomasina Mandan*



# ND Public Service Commission

*Melanie Angel Moniz*



Lisa Finley-DeVille will seek election to District 4A

North Dakota State House Seat

Lisa Finley-DeVille will run as Democratic-NPL

Lisa is stepping up to bring stronger leadership on behalf of ND District 4A communities in Bismarck. Lisa is committed to listening to her neighbors and working every day. K-12 education funding, affordable access to healthcare, ensuring we diversify our state's economy are very important but not enough attention has been given to the issues that matter most to not only my family and me but for the future generations:

- *Environmental Protections and Public Health*
- *Natural Resources; Clean Air, Clean Water and Healthy Soil*

Lisa Finley-DeVille, Maheahzah Ahgawgish (Accomplishes Everything) has lived her whole life in Mandaree, North Dakota on Fort Berthold Reservation. She is a citizen of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. She and her husband Walter Sr. have five children and seven grandbabies. Her parents are Marcia White Eagle and the late Robert "Bobby" Finley Sr. (Veteran who served in the Army). Her Maternal Grandparents are the late Thomas and Julia (Mandan-Charging) White Eagle. Her paternal grandparents are the late Evan and Louise (Black Hawk-Huber) Finley Sr. Over the last 12 years, Lisa has volunteered and advocated on issues that protect the future of North Dakota. Before her volunteer work, she has helped build home ownership and renovation programs on Fort Berthold Reservation for 13 years.

Thomasina Mandan will seek election to District 4A

North Dakota State House Seat

Thomasina Mandan will run as Democratic-NPL New Town, ND (Hometown)

*"I think in this day and age, the reservations should finally be acknowledged at the state level, the Three Affiliated Tribes should have a voice beyond what they have."*

-Thomasina Mandan (MHA Nation)

Doctoral student and Director of the Ethics Commission Office of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation.

**The primary election will occur on June 14, 2022. The general election will occur on November 8, 2022.**  
**For more information, please go to: [Vote.ND.gov](http://Vote.ND.gov)**



Melanie Angel Moniz (Mapáákookohka'mííhe)

It is with good intentions and a humble heart that I share with you all that I, Melanie Moniz, am a candidate for the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

My relatives I accepted this nomination for Public Service Commission because it is imperative that we act now and identify a strategy for the best possible future for North Dakota.

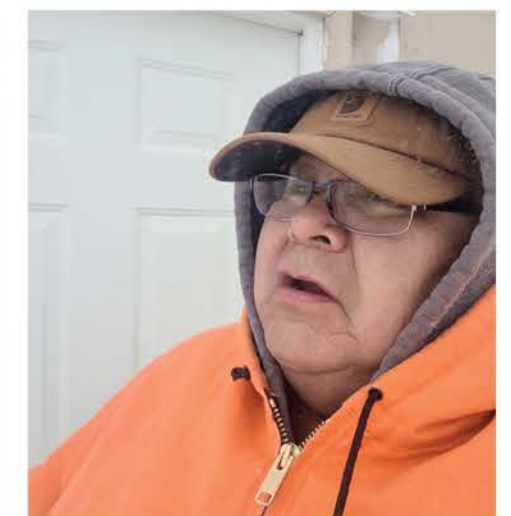
I am a parent of four beautiful children, and I believe that our children and future generations deserve a healthy clean home to live and thrive. We must prioritize long term goals that transition us toward clean energy solutions, solutions that center equity, justice, and the collective well-being of all North Dakotans. My background in advocacy on local, state, and federal levels has always been for equity, equity for the most vulnerable, equity for families, equity for our children, and equity for workers. True equity requires diversity, and that means having Indigenous representation at the table. When I'm in office, I will work to strengthen tribal and state relations, do all I can to ensure our children have a healthy future, see to it that public input is what drives the work, put public safety first and make energy democracy a reality for all North Dakotans.

I have been called on to stand up and I've answered the call, but I cannot do this alone relatives, your support is needed, Together we can change the future of North Dakota for our little ones and those yet to come, please join me and vote Moniz for PSC.

Wááshiraharanito'sh (Thank you all)



**Historic April Blizzards for North Dakota**  
**Thank you for sharing your pictures with us!**





# TWIN BUTTES TIMES SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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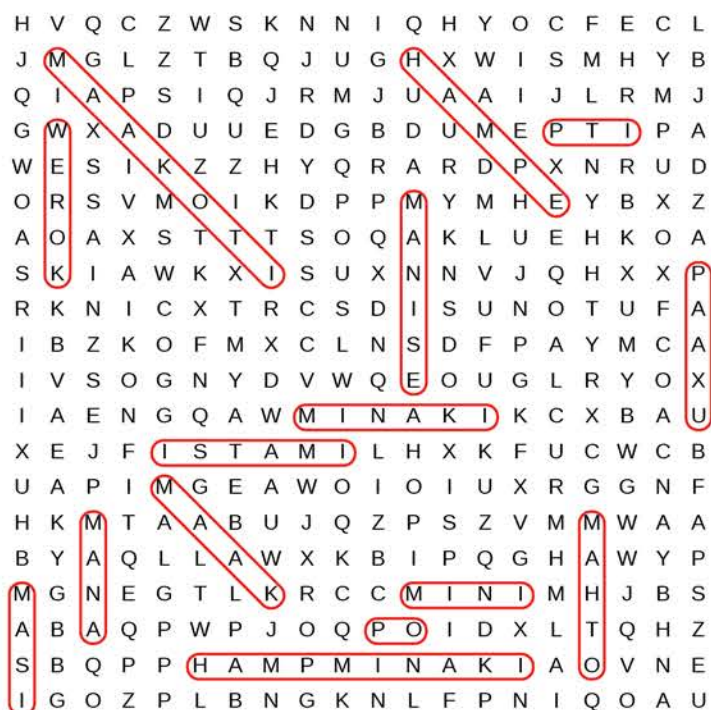
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# FEBRUARY WORD SEARCH ANSWERS



HAMPE (day)      MAAKOTI (earthlodge)      MASI (eagle)      PO (fish)  
 HAMPMINAKI (sun)      MAHTO (bear)      MINAKI (car)      PTI (buffalo)  
 ISTAMI (eye)      MANA (winter)      MINI (water)      WEROK  
 MAAK (earth)      MANISE (horse)      PAAXU (nose)      (buffalo bull)

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- Program updates
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- Favorite Recipes
- Community spotlight
- Poetry & Art
- Tribal History

**PLEASE EMAIL SUBMISSIONS BY THE  
10TH OF EACH MONTH:  
editor@twinbuttestimes.com**

## Happy Birthday

To our elders!

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>May</b>              | <b>June</b>         |
| Sylvia Fredericks 5/13  | Connie Stone 6/4    |
| Kenneth Fredericks 5/20 | Cliff Mossett 6/7   |
| Maynard Demaray 5/24    | Coya Walker 6/8     |
| Trudy Chase 5/27        | Don Tomlin 6/9      |
| Raven Heart 5/27        | Debbie Chase 6/12   |
|                         | Janet Benson 6/22   |
|                         | Delmar Wilson 6/27  |
|                         | Ardith Whitman 6/27 |

*We apologize if we missed anyone, it was not our intention.*

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