# TWIN BUTTES [ ]



The South Segment administration will strive to serve members of the South Segment living both on and off the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, to further their living standard, promote self-sufficiency, sustainable energy, and food sustainability within the tradition of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation.

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### COUNCILMAN SPOTTED BEAR'S GREETINGS

### Hau Numakaki aame

(Greetings to all),

As I sit here and write it is raining outside and it's good to see things starting to green-up out there. We certainly can use the moisture. It was recently Mother's Day, a special day set aside to acknowledge all the moms in the world. As Indian people we are rich in relationships and we have many mothers, including the lodges we live in, our prayer lodges, Mother Earth, our clan mothers, and so on. However, we only have one biological mother and I've heard it said that everyone's first true love was their mom. I want to say thank you to all our mothers. We appreciate all you do for us.

I would also like to give my condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones. That emotional pain you feel when you lose someone you love is genuine. The elders have taught me that when you love something so much it will hurt equally as much when it leaves you. I want to thank you for the genuine feelings that you have for your loved ones. My grandma Loretta and Grandpa Virgil Eagle recently lost their brother Eugene Whitney from California. I did not know Eugene, but I give my condolences to my grandma and grandpa. Recently we lost a good kind young lady Taylor Grace Johnson, the daughter of Cedar Henry and Bennie Johnson and Granddaughter to Amy Mossett of Twin Buttes. I will always remember Taylor as a genuine person. It seems many of our young people do not give greetings these days, but Taylor was raised with teachings and always greeted her relatives with a friendly hug and a big smile. That is how I will remember her. She left us at a young age of 15. Our community recently lost a respected elder too, Titus Benson. I have known Titus since I was just a little boy and he too was always good to me, and likewise I always greeted him and respected him. I had the chance to get out and visit him at his home a few times this spring, he would teach me a few Mandan words here and there. Titus was always on the go, either going after farm and ranch supplies, church revivals, tending to his family, or just out and about to enjoy a good meal. He used to cut all his fence posts out of ash trees and there was no young man from Twin Buttes that could swing an axe with the precision of

Titus Benson even in his elderly years. He liked it when I set my coyote snares below his place and told me to "catch them all," and frequently asked me "how many did you get?" I'm sorry to say I disappointed Titus with my numbers, but I guess they call them "coyotes" for good reason. I will miss him, but I am thankful Titus was able to live a full life complete with many great experiences. He has many grandchildren to carry on his legacy of hard work.

Controlled, responsible development continues to move along in our Twin Buttes community. The tribal building improvement and expansion project is on schedule. Soon there will be a reception counter and a receptionist to greet you in the front lobby of our Twin Buttes tribal headquarters. The gas station renovation and expansion project is moving right along. The crew has done a great job of gutting out the inside and gearing up for building new furnishings. We had discussion about completely tearing down the store and building a new structure from the ground up, but I am hoping we can salvage the existing building and some of its failing foundation. There is water damage along the building's foundation. The goal is to have the gas pumps operating in time for Twin Buttes Celebration (June 19th-21st) and the gas station/ convenience store opened in full operation this fall. We are calling the store "South Shore" as we hope to capture some of the recreational and tourism industry associated with Lake Sakakawea. Twin Buttes is the only community on FBIR located on the south shore of the lake, or "south bank" of what was once the mighty Missouri River. While we wait for the store to be fully operational in the fall we will have a concession food and beverage stand somewhere outside near the store to provide our community with that needed service. Be looking for the concession stand in the next couple of weeks.

The Twin Buttes Custom Homes building is all cleaned out and near fully repaired. All the garage doors are repaired and operating. The interior offices are currently being remodeled for our South Segment Community Development Corporation (SSCDC) to utilize. Our construction crew will utilize these offices along with a SSCDC housing office, and an insurance office, for starters. Our SSCDC will be continually



evolving and expanding to diversify our services.

The Fort Berthold Housing Authority (FBHA) has been teaming up with our SSCDC construction crew and cleaning up housing units that have been substandard for years. My goal was to open up some of these abandoned/idled units for immediate occupancy. The first home completely cleaned, remodeled, and renovated was unit 97 up around West Housing. I would like to thank FBHA for their positive collaboration.



We would like to host an open house for all our community members to come up and take a look at the fine job our very own construction and carpentry crew has accomplished.

There has not been a date set for the open house. I am very proud of our new crew composed primarily of young community members.

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# TWIN BUTTES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hello Parents and Community Members:

As we welcome in the beautiful Spring weather, we are gearing up for the end of another school year. Even though the year has seemed to fly by, it has been a great year. Over the past two months we have been fortunate to have a Senior Music student from the University of Mary coming to the school and teaching the students about Music. Nikkita Starr is a Senior at U Mary and as part of her Senior project requirements, she chose to come to our school and help us teach basic music concepts to our students. As many of you probably know, with our small school size, it is difficult to have a full time Music educator on staff. The classrooms teachers do their best to teach basic music skills but many of them have no formal training in Music. Because of this, having someone with a Music education come into the school was a great opportunity for our students. Nikkita worked with all of the students to introduce notes, rhythms, some basic piano skills (which students were able to do on their iPads), and general concepts of music. For the final part of Nikkita's project, our entire school traveled

to the University of Mary to present

their new found skills to Nikkita's professors and peers. We also had the opportunity to sit in a rehearsal of the Concert Band and to take a tour of the U Mary campus. Needless to say the kids did an awesome job and the people at U Mary were very impressed with the amount of knowledge they learned in such a small amount of time. This experience has shown us that we could definitely benefit from having a Music educator on our staff!







#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SCHOOL**

MAY 13TH	CLEAN UP DAY / COMMUNITY PICNIC
MAY 17TH - 20TH	END OF YEAR FIELD TRIP TO MINNESOTA
MAY 22ND	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AWARDS 8TH GRADE GRADUATION (1:30PM)



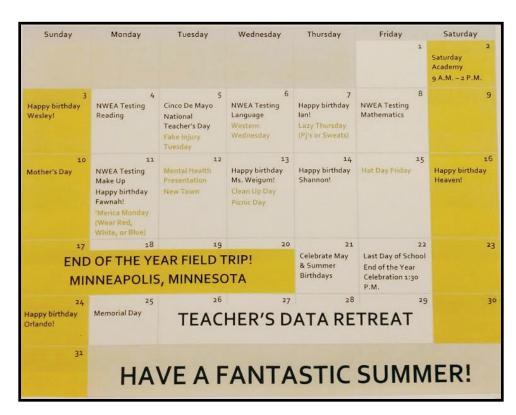
Nikkita teaching the students at the Twin Buttes Elementary School



Students showing off their skills at the University of Mary



### **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DATE: JUNE 9TH**



### TWIN BUTTES POLICE DEPARTMENT



Hello Twin Buttes Community, As you well know Spring is upon us and it has been dry and windy out. Just so you know there has been a red flag warning issued to

our area. This means that there is a high chance of fires, so please do not burn anything thank you. I would also like to ask the community if anyone would like to fight fire this year. To have a full class, we would need 10 or more volunteers to sign up. You will be paid for the training. I will be placing a sign up sheet in the tribal office in Twin Buttes. We, the officers, would like to thank the community elders, Mr. Spotted Bear, and Mr. Burr for helping

us get into the new housing. Thank you all for your hard work. I would like the community to know that we are short on officers at this time in other segments and have be called to cover all of Fort Berthold. For this I am very sorry. The Chief of Police and Human Resources Director have been working day and night with each other to fix this issue. I can't say how long this will be, but know that there is an officer in the area at all times. They may be off shift but can be called upon at a moments notice. We are here for you no matter what you need. If we can help, please just let one of us know and we will do our best to serve and protect this fine community.

Sincerely,

Sergeant Dustin Krueger
Three Affiliated Tribes
Police Department

### TWIN BUTTES LIL' CHAMPS HEADSTART

### OPEN HOUSE

Twin Buttes Lil' Champs Head Start Open House

A special thank you to the parents and family that helped make our Open House a success.

Parents present: Yolanda and Dustin for Shiloh, Kalolo for Telesia, Brittany and Zac for Elijah and Kellen, Vanessa and Hannah for Chloe, Jessica for Olivia and Omeara, Cindy for Lilly Anna and Jade Marie, Karissa for Annalia. We also would like to thank the following people for contributing to the Open House: Ardyss, Mary Ann, Ana, Wilfred, Blanche, and Councilman Spotted Bear's office.

We had a short program with the kids. A parent meeting followed and voted in the new Parent Council.

### WEEK OF THE CHILD

May 4th-8th

Monday – Music Tuesday – Culture Wednesday – Fashion Show Thursday – Parade in New Town (cancelled due to weather)

### TRANSITION DAY

(Head Start Graduation) Thursday, May 14th 2015 5:00 pm

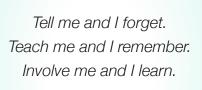
Twin Buttes Memorial Hall

There will be 5 students transitioning into kindergarten and 7 students entering into 2nd year of Head Start. The parents have been working hard on Transition Day. Thank you Parents!









Benjamin Franklin





#### **CULTURE CLUB**

THURSDAYS AT 3PM (CST)
TWIN BUTTES SCHOOL GYM

Any regalia donations would be appreciated. We are especially in need of practice shawls.





### CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: COUNCILMAN SPOTTED BEAR'S GREETINGS

My dream is to build these young men and women up with the proper skills, training, and work experience they will





Construction Crew (L-R): Joe Mossett, Johnny Perry, James Jacobs, Zach Benson, Brandon McKinney, Sam Demaray, Juan Martinez, Elijah Beaks, Juan Diaz, and Leighton Starr

(Not Pictured)
Mickey Walker, Patrick Poitra,
Devon Starr
Seth Gillette and Vince Hostler

need to oversee development projects and run their own crews and manage their own operations some day.

Since we began work in November, about six months ago now, we have created about 25 new jobs in the Twin Buttes community. About 90% of those jobs are filled by enrolled members of our tribe and local community members. A handful of those new jobs are funded by outside funding sources, in other words, our segment money will stay in the segment and not have to be spent to fund these new full-time positions. For example, when we reawakened our Twin Buttes Head Start program, it funded four full-time positions in our community out of the Fort Berthold Head Start budget. That funding did not come out of our Twin Buttes segment allocation. There are several other TAT programs that have recently extended their services to the Twin Buttes area and there are several programs that are currently advertising to hire in our community as well. As the work continues we will create more housing opportunities and more job opportunities in our area. Please continue to be patient with us as we move forward.



The SSCDC construction and carpentry crew has had the opportunity to help a few of our elders and long-standing community members, in substandard living conditions, with essential repairs and improvements on their homes. We are a small community and I don't want to see any families living in substandard living conditions. That is not acceptable

to me. If you are an elder of the Twin Buttes community and you are in dire need of home repair or feel you and your family are living in substandard living conditions please notify one of us at the Segment office, as several of you already have. Be patient with our office, as we will continually meet the needs of those who go without home repair. It is my goal that one day we can extend the home improvement initiative off the reservation as well, but as you all know there is a great and immediate need of improved living conditions here in the community.

I have been meeting with senior MHA Project manager Lon Burr, his staff,



and contractors regularly and we will continue to move our proposed Elder's Center along in a timely fashion. Lon has expressed that he would like to see the elders have a nice Elder's Center around the Christmas season. I believe Lon has a heart for the people and the community and will see that the work moves forward. Simultaneously we are planning an expansion of our Memorial Hall to include additional office space, a conference room, hanging basketball hoops, new floor, bleachers, fitness center, aerobics room, recreation room, computer lab, lobby, snack bar, and family bathrooms that will include baby changing stations. Additionally the expansion will eventually include a digital information sign outside, revamped and expanded parking lot, green areas, landscaping, and a geothermal field that will dually serve the gas station and the community center with ground source, renewable heat. We will use energy efficient LED lighting, natural lighting and other energy efficient sources that are sustainable and comply with the natural order of the Earth. It is our mission statement to incorporate green building in all our future development. We are supposed to leave the land for our kids better than we found it.

I understand there are many unmet needs in our rural community but rest easy knowing we are continuously chipping away at the workload, Albert Einstein said, "It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." When your heart is with something, like a mother raising a child, you tend to see things through. I have a heart for this place. Twin Buttes is my home and I will not settle for anything less than the best for our community. This is where I grew up and this is where my children will grow up. I plan to grow old here and maybe my children will too. I am still young enough to be a little biased and I love this place more than any place in the world. My heart is with Fort Berthold and these rolling hills here. Let us each do our small part in our small place here to see things through. The days keep getting longer now and it won't be long until we will all be heading for the lake, I know some of you polar bears already jumped in. Stay positive and good things will come.

> Hahoo, a'taro'sh. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear Twin Buttes Representative

### HOLISTIC HORSE HEALTH

What's the first thing that comes to mind when hearing Horse Holistic Health class? When I first heard this was a class, I assumed it was a class that taught its students about horses. How to ride, saddle and care for them. Little did I know it was much more than that. My name is Alyssa Starr and I work for the Twin Buttes Boys and Girls Club. I've lived in Twin Buttes my whole life and love working for our youth. There is something about creating friendships with our youth and having them know they can turn to me for anything that really makes me feel good. I like being their role model and a person they can

In our positions, we hear stories about children and how they've gone down the wrong path and make bad decisions. Not because they're bad children, but sometimes kids don't feel like they have a choice. So we try to give kids a positive place to go and different activities to do, especially in a small town like Twin Buttes, rather than making bad choices.

I was introduced to Jessica White Plume when we took our teens to her horse ranch in the Badlands last summer to go horseback riding. When we learned she was moving to Twin Buttes, we jumped at the opportunity to possibly start a youth riding program here. This is when

we learned she does a Horse Holistic Health class. Sommer Cummings and I decided this would be a good class to take before starting our Horse Camp with the youth.

The first day of class was very good! Twin Buttes is a small town so we kind of knew everyone taking the class, but we still went around and introduced ourselves and explained why we're taking the class. I personally love horses and would love to own my own ranch someday. Also I look forward to working with our youth and showing them how healing horses can be.

Our instructor is an extremely smart woman. She has become someone I love learning from when it comes to horses and her beliefs. Also, someone I can call a friend. I respect her very much. She has taught us how extremely healing and encouraging a horse's friendship can be. She has showed us how horses can teach us so much about ourselves as well as teaching us important life lessons. For example, horses will walk all over us if we let them. A horse and person must first build that trust and respect before anything else. Jessica taught us that if a horse is in our personal space then we move them. Not by abuse or force but by just showing them, hey you're in my space and you need to move. That is important in life also. If someone is in your personal space and you are uncomfortable, you must be assertive and clear enough to let them know, you're not allowed in my "bubble" unless I am comfortable with it. This class is a great way of helping people understand themselves and their comfort levels. I personally am learning so much about trust, respect and responsibility.

There are many more lessons I've learned while taking this class but I wouldn't want to rant on and on about life lessons. This is something everyone must experience for themselves. The class is affecting everyone differently I assume but one thing is for sure, it will change how it's students view certain situations.

Horses are so incredibility sensitive and can feel everything your feeling. One thing I will always remember that the horses taught me is to always be true to yourself and how you're feeling. The horses can feel when you're lying to yourself and when you come to this realization too, it feels amazing.

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### TWIN BUTTES BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



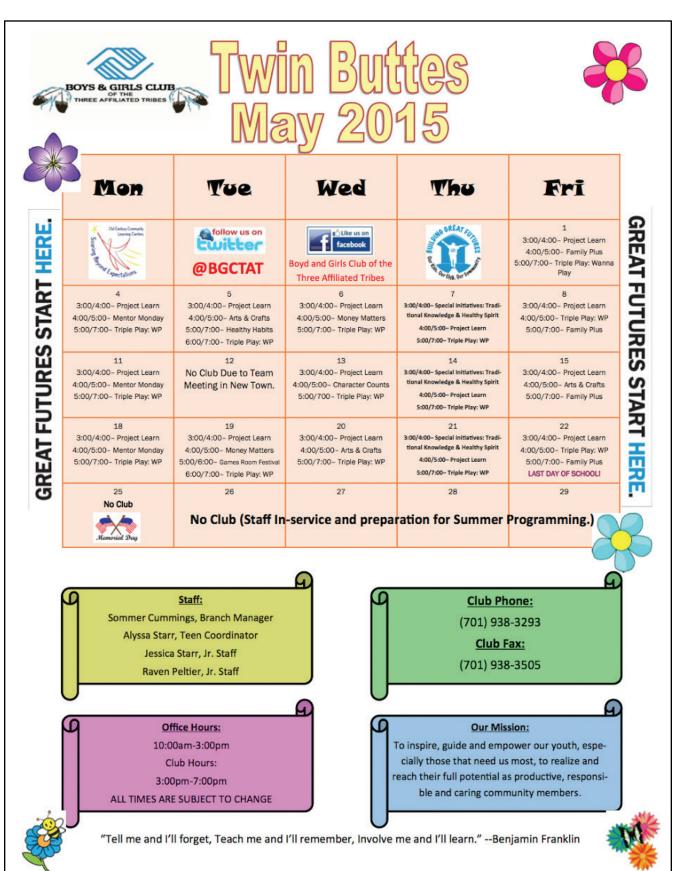
Top to Bottom (Left to Right): Janet, Wesley, Micah, Sydney, Lexi and Senotae



(Left to Right): Senotae, Sydney, Maurissa, Jada, Orlando, Janet, Ciara and Micah



Avery having a blast with the hula hoop



### TWIN BUTTES COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Wednesday May 13th

Kid participants will earn their bracelets for the Minot State Fair Solid waste is sending an extra roll off down, so if any community members have larger items for garbage, they are to set them at the curb. Our CDC crew will haul them to the roll off.

T-shirts will be given to all participants!

### TWIN BUTTES FIELD CLINIC

The Twin Buttes Field Clinic will be closed Monday, May 25th in honor of Memorial Day.

WIC will be available at the Twin Buttes Field Clinic Tuesday, May 12th from 11-2pm CST and Tuesday, June 16th from 11-2pm CST. Stop by to pick up your WIC checks!

Women's Way will be available Wednesday, June 10th from 11-2pm CST at the Twin Buttes Field Clinic to answer any questions and enroll eligible women in the program. Women's Way is a breast and cervical cancer detection program that provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings for eligible North Dakota women.

### AMERICAN STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

May is American Stroke Awareness Month:

Despite the tremendous toll stroke takes, the vast majority of Americans do not think of stroke as a major health concern. And one in three Americans is unable to identify all the F.A.S.T. stroke warning signs.

We need to make more people aware that stroke threatens millions of American lives, young and old, male and female, from every background. At the same time, stroke is largely preventable, treatable and beatable. American Stroke Month is an annual opportunity to get the word out. Each May, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association recognizes American Stroke Month by rallying the nation around the cause because together we can end stroke.

The focus of this year's American Stroke Month effort is making sure there are plenty of stroke heroes ready to save lives — and quality of life — from stroke.

We hope you'll join in by learning the F.A.S.T. signs and sharing them with as many people as possible. Teach your family, friends and coworkers to spot a stroke F.A.S.T. and call 9-1-1 immediately. Remember: the sooner stroke is treated, the better the odds of survival and a full recovery.

STROKE HEROES KNOW WHAT THE ACRONYM F.A.S.T. STANDS FOR.

FACE DROOPING WEAKNESS SPEECH CALL 911

Be ready to spot stroke signs and act quickly by calling 9-1-1. They might help make the difference between life and death or between full recovery and permanent disability. Be the heroes we all want around us, to help if we need them. Be the heroes we all want to be.

You can become a stroke hero just by knowing the stroke warning signs and being prepared to use them!

Article credits to www.strokeassociation.org

#### **CLINIC HOURS**

8:00AM - 4:30PM CST Monday - Friday Main Phone Number 701-938-4540



Dr. Orlan Jackson, D.O.

Monday
9:00AM - 4:30PM
Friday
12:00PM - 4:30PM CST



Andrea Richter, FNP-C Tue / Wed / Thur 9:00AM - 4:30PM

### WHY AMERICAN STROKE MONTH MATTERS



EVERY 40 SECONDS someone has a stroke



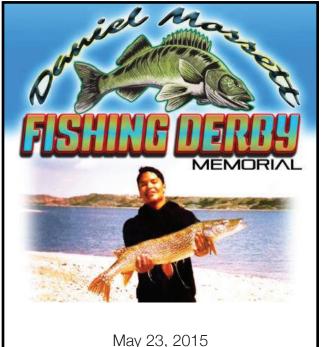
STROKE IS THE leading cause of disability in the U.S.



one out of six people will suffer a stroke in his or her lifetime



No. 5 cause of death in the U.S.



Four Bears Marina
Registration: 8AM - 10AM
Weigh-Ins: 4PM
Prayer and Supper: 5PM
For more information call:
Jill Hall 701-421-8749
Cedar Henry 701-421-0112

### WRITER'S CONFERENCE

It was the first time the Fort Berthold Community
College fully embraced professional filmmakers,
artists and the like. It was memorable by default with
presenters such as; Chris Eyre, Georgina Lightning,
J. Carlos Peinado and many more great guests that
came, respectively. Each guest humbly presented
ideas and lessons they've learned from their career and

feedback from elders or anyone who doesn't approve your message. Indeed it's true we do get held back by the authority elders give whether it's for better or worse, storytelling has no leisure and no boundaries. Another great lesson he gave was the insight that went beyond his story about Elbowoods and his ancestors that once lived there. A story that was told many times here on the Fort Berthold Reservation but not quite thoroughly researched until his documentary shed light

upon it. Unfortunately I didn't get to see the rest of the presenters as time ran out and by that evidence is the goodness of native extensive storytelling, and it will only grow unless we don't progress into to. As a writer and soon-to-be filmmaker, there is nothing more satisfying to see than watching successful native filmmakers sharing their stories to us aspiring artists.





#### their personal lives. One of the things Chris Eyre said about film making, or art for that matter is; "Storytelling is expansive, art is expansive." Georgina Lightning stressed the idea for diversity in the film industry with a passion. Hearing stories from her was unforgettable. Carlos Peinado revisits and tells his journey on making the documentary: Waterbuster, an eye-opening documentary about his investigation of the flooding of Elbowoods. Each story and presentation laid valuable lessons for students about the dire need for indigenous storytelling to be told. "Everyone has this innate ability to tell a story. It's whether you practice it or not." said by Chris Eyre in an opening sequence to the program followed by lessons given by the presenters for each class. He goes on to present his "trick" as to how he finds his inspiration for making a film; "I look for endings. I always look for endings, so when I read 'Smoke Signals' it says 'Victor gives half of his father to Thomas' and I said to my self, 'What!?', I read the ending and I said, 'Wow!' Skins I read the ending, I said, 'Wow.' So I really look at those endings to make a movie and my trick is to work backwards. I can always find the beginning if I know what the end is going to be. I think the ending is the hardest part." Georgina Lightning shared her story of struggling her way through acting in the industry and made a vital point to never give in to discrimination and racism. Two things Native Americans experience in the industry heavily. She made presentations for her future projects and shared an excellent piece from her acting reel from the TV show: "Blackstone". J. Carlos Peinado also made arguable points to students to share stories at whatever cost, even by negative

# TWIN BUTTES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OPERATING BUDGET - FY 2015

Category	Budget Amount	Comments
MEDICAL		
In State - Same Day	\$7,000.00	\$75.00 per trip. One per family per week.  Must provide appointment sheet and confirmation of attendance.
In State - Overnight	\$2,750.00	\$150.00 for up to 2 nights. \$200.00 maximum per week. One per family. Must provide admittance sheet.
Out of State	\$4,000.00	Up to \$300.00 per member. Must provide camp registration form with cost and confirmation of attendance.
Eye Glasses	\$1,250.00	Up to \$125.00 per member per year. Must provide eye glasses purchase receipt or check made payable to optometrist.
YOUTH		
Camps / Programs	\$3,000.00	Up to \$300.00 per member. Must provide camp registration form with cost and confirmation of attendance. Check payable directly to camp.
College Fund	\$4,000.00	Up to \$600.00 per member. (\$200-Fall / \$100-Christmas / \$100-Spring Break/ \$200-Final) Must provide college acceptance/enrollment/transcript.
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	Up to \$500.00 per member. Must provide documentation and written request for funds to include event cost, budget, etc.
ODEDATING		
OPERATING  Magathly Magatings	Ф2 000 00	Up to \$250.00 per month for meeting expenses to include food, beverage,
Monthly Meetings	\$3,000.00	etc.  To be utilized to assist Tribal office in maintenance of community building as
Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00	necessary.
Office Supplies	\$500.00	Estimated cost for paper, printing supplies, etc.
FUNERAL		
Wake Fund	\$3,000.00	\$500.00 per family.
MISCELLANEOUS		
Holidays	\$3,500.00	Includes elder Christmas gift of \$25.00. Other costs include community event participation.
Churches	\$2,000.00	\$500.00 per church for Christmas and Easter celebrations.
Elder Birthdays	\$2,500.00	Elder gift for birthday.
Pow Wow	\$3,500.00	Community contribution. Must provide written request with budget and final report.
Event Memorials	\$1,500.00	Up to \$300.00 per year per family for memorial event.
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	Meeting prayer gifts, miscellaneous gifts, flowers, etc.
Emergency	\$1,000.00	Up to \$150.00 per family per year for emergency not categorized elsewhere.
TOTAL	\$50,000.00	
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### In Loving Memory

FRANK TITUS BENSON
"lidagi Raawiish" (Three Rabbits)
AUGUST 4, 1935 - MAY 3, 2015



Titus was born to Frank Benson, Sr. and Fanny Birdsbill at Elbowoods High School. Following high school, he spent many years attending rodeos and ranching. Titus loved horses and rode when he was hunting, working or just enjoying the day. He married Olivia "Ollie" Spotted Bear and from this union, three children were born, Rhonda, Marty and Barry. Several years later, Titus met the love of his life, Sharlie, and the two were together for 30 years before her passing in 2013.

Titus loved music and greatly enjoyed singing and playing guitar. He was very involved in his church and loved spending time with those from his congregation. Titus also cherished time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter, Rhonda (Dave) Schettler of Bismarck, ND; two sons, Marty Benson of Killdeer, ND and Barry Benson of Bismarck; 13 grandchildren; numerous greatgrandchildren; two sisters, Eunice (Raymond) Guimont of Killdeer and Elizabeth Lengyel of Arizona; two brothers, Edwin Benson of Twin Buttes and Dooney Birdsbill of Wolf Point, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Titus was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Sharlie, and three sisters, Christine, Lois and Adele.



TAYLOR GRACE JOHNSON

Good Garden

DECEMBER 27, 1999 - APRIL 18, 2015



Taylor Grace Johnson was born
December 27, 1999 in Minot, North
Dakota to Cedar Henry and Bennie
Johnson. She departed this life on
Saturday morning, April 18, 2015. Taylor
was a Mandan Hidatsa Arikara member
of the Waterbuster Clan and a child
of the Knife Clan. She was given her
traditional Hidatsa name "Good Garden"
by the late Goldie Fox. Taylor received
grace through the sacraments of
Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist
at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Twin
Buttes.

Taylor attended elementary school at New Town, Twin Buttes and Bismarck. After completing middle school at Simle in Bismarck, Taylor spent the summer in Parshall, working at the Little Brave's Day Care Center through Councilman Mervin Packineau's summer youth initiative. In August 2014, Taylor enrolled as a freshman at Parshall High School where she enthusiastically cheered on the Parshall Braves basketball teams. She was overjoyed when the Braves and Lady Braves won the regional championships and advanced to the State Class B tournaments in March.

Taylor's favorite sport was basketball and the Oklahoma City Thunder was her favorite team. After playing two seasons of girls basketball at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School in Bismarck, Taylor joined two traveling teams and enjoyed special friendships with her team members and coaches of Maza Winyan "Iron Girl" and the "Sioux" from Porcupine at Standing Rock.

Taylor traveled with her family to many special places along the Missouri River from western Montana to southern Nebraska. When she was only five, she hiked the hills along the Upper Missouri River near Great Falls and cruised through the Gates of the Mountains near Helena. She enjoyed her visits to Grandpa Ivan's ranch near Mandaree, the Knife River Indian Villages in Stanton, On-a-Slant Village in Mandan, and the Heritage Center in Bismarck. Her family excursions took her through many National Parks and historic sites around the country but hiking in the badlands west of Twin Buttes and boating on the Little Missouri River was always a special summer pastime for her. Taylor enjoyed family vacations from Disneyland in California to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando, Florida. She was most delighted that her travels always included at least a day or two of shopping at the malls before returning home. Taylor celebrated Christmas and her 15th birthday snowboarding and tubing with her family at Bottineau Winter Park in the Turtle Mountains.

Being the first-born grandchild on both sides of her family, Taylor was showered with love and special attention by all her grandparents. Spending time and sharing her love with her greatgrandparents was a special blessing for Taylor. As an eldest child, Taylor graciously took on the role of big sister to her siblings and they always appreciated her expert advice on electronics, social media and fashion. Taylor had many schoolmates whose company she enjoyed, but the strongest bonds of love and true friendship were those she shared with her cousins who she called her sisters. Taylor had a radiant personality, a beautiful smile, a generous heart, and a carefree spirit. She loved music, movies, shopping, fashion, make-up, and social media. Taylor loved being a teenager and according to her Facebook page, her favorite number was 15.

Taylor Grace will be deeply missed by the loving family she leaves behind: her parents, Cedar Henry (Russell Thomas), Bennie Johnson (Angela Stiff Arm), sisters Tierra & Tianna Kinden, Gentry, Cleary & Dawn Johnson, Savannah Whitman & Bella Poitra, brothers Teagan Kinden, Cooper, Timber & Jyles Johnson, aunts Nicole Henry Poitra (Bandy Poitra) Jenna Henry, Georgia Johnson, & Elizabeth Albers, Uncles Myron, Brandon, & Chance Johnson, Joseph Albers and Joseph Henry, Jr., maternal grandparents Amy Mossett and

Joe Henry, paternal grandparents Kathy Albers, Ivan & Lisa Johnson, paternal great-grandparents Solly & Georgianna Danks, godparents Tessa Fox and Myron Johnson, many aunts and uncles, cousins, friends and a remarkable extended Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara family. Welcoming Taylor into the spirit world are her great-grandparents John and Grace (Charging) Henry, Cliff and Celina (Young Bear) Mossett, and Melvin and Eloise (Mandan) Johnson.

Wake and funeral services for Taylor Grace Johnson were held on April 21 and 22, 2015 at the Johnny Bird Veteran's Memorial Hall at Four Bears Community, New Town North Dakota with Father Roger Synek and Deacon Jim Baker officiating. Her Senior Pallbearer was Arvella White of the Knife Clan. Taylor Grace, "Good Garden" was laid to rest at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery at Packineau Dam, near White Shield, ND.



As I walk, as I walk
The universe is walking with me
In beauty it walks before me
In beauty it walks behind me
In beauty it walks below me
In beauty it walks above me
Beauty is on every side
As I walk, I walk with Beauty.

A Traditional Navajo Prayer



### **NU'ETA LANGUAGE INITIATIVE**

### 'MANDAN' IN Other Languages

The designation Mandan has been borrowed into English from the languages of the eastern tribes who first provided second-hand information about a powerful tribe living in large towns on the banks of the Missouri. The Lakota and Yanktonai miwatani, Yankton and Omaha-Ponca mawatani, and Assiniboine mayatani is an ancient term whose exact meaning is forgotten, but it is likely that it may have meant 'the people of the river bank.'

The Hidatsa name for Mandan is aroxbagua or aroxbagua ruxbaaga.

There are two interpretations of the word aroxbagua.

The first interpretation is fairly straightforward and means 'people at the confluence.' Since a confluence is a place where two rivers join to become

one, it clearly refers to the area around the mouth of the Heart River where the different subdivision of the Mandan people used to live. These towns were abandoned after the smallpox epidemic of 1781 when the survivors moved upriver to the Knife River.

The original territory of the Mandan around the Heart River has been overtaken by the urban sprawl of Bismarck and Mandan (the city), but the remains of the original Mandan towns are still clearly visible in the area.

The second interpretation of the term aroxbagua refers to the Hidatsa migration story.

Carol Ann Fredericks Newman heard the story from her grandfather Charlie Snow. According to Charlie Snow, a long time ago the Hidatsa and Mandan were one people who lived in the south. At some point the people started migrating northwards. During this process, which took hundreds of years, small groups

finally started arriving in their presentday location in North Dakota. When the last groups arrived, they said that they were aru'axbi, or 'all that remains'. Over the centuries, their way of speaking had diverged to the point that one group of dialects became known as the Hidatsa and the second group as the Mandan.

The Pawnee name for Mandan is piitakariitu', literally 'stone men'. The Arikara have shortened this name to kanit 'stone'.

In many other languages the name that designates the Mandan refers to the earthlodges that set them apart from the nomadic tribes. The Blackfoot, Cheyenne, and Chippewa all call the Mandan 'earthlodge dwellers'. The Crow and the Kiowa designation is 'lodges at the end'.

There are several ways to describe the Mandan in the Plains sign language. It is possible that the different signs originally referred to the various subdivisions of

the Mandan people.

The most common sign, which is made by scratching motion from the lower lip to the chin, as if painting vertical stripes there, may have originally been a designation reserved for the Istope, or Tattooed Faces subdivision of the Mandan people.

Both the Arikara and Mandan are often described by a sign that indicates shelling corn. This is not surprising considering that prior to the smallpox epidemic of 1781, the southernmost Mandan and northernmost Arikara lived in close proximity to each other, were heavily intermarried, and shared many cultural practices.

Another sign, which is exclusively used by the Crow, also suggests a historical and cultural affinity between the Mandan and the Arikara. The Crow name for the Arikara is ahparroopise 'big ear holes', but in the sign language they use the sign 'big holes in the ears made for wearing earrings' for the Mandan.

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# THE USES OF PRICKLY PEAR AND BALL CACTUS

There are three species of cacti growing on Fort Berthold, which fall into two categories.

The ball cactus (Escobaria vivipara), also known as the pincushion cactus, looks like a little ball that is covered with needles. In the spring and early summer it bears several pink flowers on top that become berries in the fall.

There are also two kinds of prickly pear cacti – the plains prickly pear (Opuntia polyacantha) and the brittle prickly pear (Opuntia fragilis). The flowers of the prickly pear are usually yellow.

Both the ball cactus and the prickly pear are edible.

Buffalo Bird Woman reported in 1916 that the ball cactus "was eaten but only by warriors or hunters when they were out of food. Warriors dug the cactus





up by the roots and laid them upon the coals until the spines were burned off. The charred outside portions were then removed or cut off and the fleshy inside of the plant could be eaten."

Buffalo Bird Woman's brother Wolf Chief demonstrated how the fleshy bodies, which were laden with spines, were rolled about on the coals with a stick. When they were cooked, Wolf Chief cut off the charred spines and burnt rind with his knife. "Sometimes," he said, "we ate cactus raw." He added that for war parties, cactus was kind of last-resort food that was eaten when gunpowder was scarce and had to be saved in case the warriors met an enemy.

Wolf Chief described a protracted war party where "we had food with us when we started out but coming back ate cactus as we got clear out of other food for three days and a half. Those last three days we had only cactus to eat." He adds that "this cactus could be eaten in early spring and all summer and fall. We also ate prairie turnips on war parties, but after the prairie turnips bloomed the plants broke off close the

ground and we could not find the roots."

The cactus berries, called bacgiria o'gi ("cactus head-ornaments") in Hidatsa, were a favorite food that taste like figs. In fact, because of the similarity, the nonnative figs are now also called bacgiria o'gi.

The cactus berries were gathered by children and young women. The berries were eaten raw as soon as they were brought back to the village. In the old times, the berries were never cooked or preserved.

#### Eating the prickly pear

Before consuming the edible parts of the prickly pear, it is important to make sure that they are physically safe to eat. The larger spines can be removed with a knife. However, all parts of the cactus are also covered with tiny, almost invisible, needle-like spines called glochids, which detach easily when touched. The easiest way to remove the glochids is either by scraping with a serrated knife or by roasting the cactus pad over a flame. The latter method also cooks the flesh inside the pad.

Most people prefer cooked pads over raw ones because the uncooked flesh has somewhat slimy texture. The mucilaginous texture is greatly reduced by cooking.

When the pads are cut into strips or chunks, they can be fried with vegetables or served in soups.

The prickly pear berries are usually eaten raw but they can also be easily juiced.



Since the berries can also be covered with glochids, it is best to picky them with tongs or gloves.

After cleaning the berries of glochids, you can simply cut them in half and scoop out the juice insides.

Alternatively, you can mash the berries and strain the pulp using a fine cloth to catch the glochids.

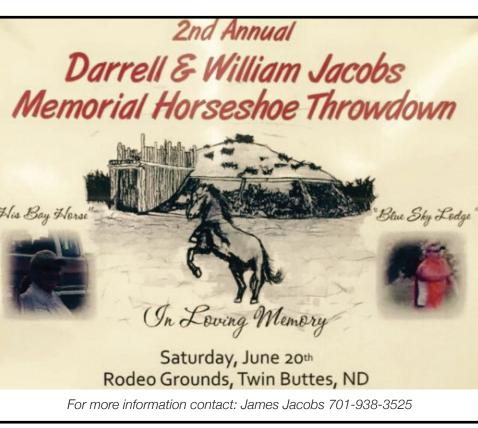
The prickly pear is called bacgiria agushuhga in Hidatsa and na'aatkatox in Arikara – both mean "flat cactus".

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS







It was a successful indian taco fundraising event! Your continued support is much appreciated - Thank You!





### HOLISTIC HORSE HEALTH CONTINUED

I've witnessed a horse connect with a person the second they've centered themselves and will always be blown away by it. On occasion I go down and just brush the horses because it makes me feel better. Horses can help and can heal more than any person can. Horse Holistic Health and the horses can help and heal someone if their open to it. I wish I could explain better how horses can change a person's. All I can do is be thankful for Jessica White Plume for her knowledge and beliefs. Also, I'm very thankful for the horses for allowing me to be a part of their life.



Thank You, Alyssa Starr

# TWIN BUTTES MEMORIAL HALL BUILDING NEWS

As usual, lots of positive things happening in our area. Twin Buttes residents know how much of need it is to have things for our people of all ages to have something constructive and healthy to do on the weekly. Our evening schedule will have some changes in it for Summer hours. There are a few more treadmills and elipticals now available for use in the weightroom/sauna. Also, we now have a dumbbell set with wieghts from 10-50lbs. Things to look foward to; the Memorial Building will soon have an addition, adding 4-6 more rooms for various uses for example a meeting room, Zumba/Yoga room, play area for children and weights only room. Those are only examples of some of the ideas we have to look foward to and to work with. Once again our hours are 6am-9pm! Come and get your workout on! Lets all help eachother promote fitness and health conscience communities.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### CONGRATULATIONS

Kathy Johnson was named vice president of Student Services and has been at UTTC since 2004. She served as director of Enrollment Services, supervising admissions, financial aid, registration, recruitment and career development. She served as associate vice president of Student and Campus Services and interim vice president of that division in 2014. Her work now focuses on providing direct services through more than one dozen departments to United Tribes students who come from tribal communities across the United States. Johnson's higher education training includes an associate degree in business administration and accounting from Fort Berthold Community College. Her bachelor's degree in social work is from Minot State University and her MBA is from the University of Mary. She is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/ Hidatsa/Arikara Nation. Her mother is Judy White Bear Fredericks and her late father is John "Buzz" Fredericks Jr.



### ZUMBAI

Jess Grinnell
Monday - Friday
4:30PM
Twin Buttes School Gym

### HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY BILL & ELAINE!





### MEMORIAL HALL HOURS

MON-FRI	5-7PM CST	OPEN TO KIDS
MON	7-9PM CST	TEEN NIGHT
TUES	7-9PM CST	VBALL NIGHT
WED	7-9PM CST	MEN'S NIGHT
THUR	7-9PM CST	WOMEN'S NIGHT
FRI	7-9PM CST	OPEN GYM

#### **UPCOMING POWWOWS**

Twin Buttes	June 18, 19, 20 & 22
Parshall	June 25, 26, 27 & 28
White Shield	July 9, 10, 11 & 12
Mandaree	July 16, 17, 18 & 19
Little Shell	Aug 6, 7, 8 & 9
Four Bears	Sept 3, 4, 5 & 6

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

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**ELDER'S ORGANIZATION** 

MEETING TIMES: EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY 10AM (CST)

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD**

MEETING TIMES: EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY 6PM (CST)

#### SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING TIMES: EVERY 2ND TUESDAY 4PM (CST)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR ELDERS

#### April Birthdays:

- Roy Morsette (4/9)
- Maryann Morsette (4/13)
- Diana Spotted Bear (4/20)

#### May Birthdays:

- Ivetta Spotted Bear (5/7)
- Sylvia Fredericks (5/13)
- Lonnie Spotted Bear (5/25)
- Evalon Bachmeier (5/27)

#### June Birthdays:

- Connie Stone (6/4)
- Joy Burr (6/5)
- Elaine Incognito (6/7)
- Don Tomlin (6/9)
- Tom Young Bird (6/10)
- Arleen Benson (6/18)
- Ardith Whitman (6/27)
- Delmer Wilson (6/27)

Sorry if we missed anyone's birthday, it was not our intention.



### PUPPIES FOR GIVEAWAYI







ONLY 6 LEFT (ALL FEMALE)

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