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Boys and Girls Club “Kick Butts” Month

By Glenda Embry, Tribal Public Information Officer

4 Bears, ND– The month of March for the Three Affiliated Tribes Boys & Girls Club was “Kick Butt” month. Workers at Mandaree and New Town/Four Bears held health fairs targeted at teens to keep them off commercial tobacco products. The club gathered at the lobby of the Tribal Administration Building on Wednesday, March 20 with educational posters and signs, alerting the public of the dangers sustained tobacco use. Programs and activities included Diabetes Health, Tribal Health, Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara traditional tobacco stories, Community Health Care, Fire Prevention and educational activities. Following the Fair, a walk across the 4 Bears Bridge was planned however, due to cold weather and alerts against frostbite, the group walked around the Administration Building. Their next Health Fair is planned for March 28 at Parshall High School.

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Part of the activities for “Kick Butts” day was a walk. Following the walk, the group posed for a photo. Left to right: Noreen Two Crow, Natural Resources, Officer Dawn White, Ashley Shardlow, 4-Bears Branch Manager, Boys and Girls Club Jacobi Jarski, Michelle White, Amber Kirk, Waheedee Smith, Anita Cummings, Melissa Young Bird, Jade Standish, Annie Vivanco, Tyler Charging, Executive Director of the Three Affiliated Tribes Boys & Girls Club Ryan Eagle, Shelby Lego, Melichi Four Bear and Mike Smith, Tribal Security.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Oil Companies Van Support
- “Kick Butts” Month
- National Boys and Girls Club Week
- Boys and Girls Club Staff Highlight– Jacobi Jarski





Oil Companies Unite to Aid

Boys & Girls Club

Written by: Jerry W. Kram, New Town News



The Fort Berthold Boys & Girls Club maintains safe places for young people to do fun and educational activities in all six segments. Often, the activities of the club involve long trips on the reservation to get to swimming pools or playing fields and even longer trips for activities like ice skating or visiting zoos and museums that aren't available locally. The club doesn't have enough vans to provide the need transportation for every club, and the vans they have are sorely in need of repair. Reba White Shirt-Bruce took on this problem as one of the first things she addressed as resource development director for the club. She approached Lynn Welker of QEP Resources to see if the oil companies working in the area would be willing to make a donation to help purchase new vans for the segment clubs. "We saw pictures of one of the vans they are currently using," Welker said. "It has cracked windows and snow inside it." So they needed a way to get kids from point A to point B. White Shirt and Welker approached six oil companies to see if they would participate in the donation. Along with QEP, JKC, EOG, Marathon, Petro-Hunt, and XTC all contributed funds to help with the first donation. "A lot of other companies have contacted me," White Shirt said. "I have some meetings set up to meet with those companies to help the Boys & Girls Club here." White Shirt said the van will be used by the Four Bears Boys & Girls Club. Jacob Jarski, Four Bears Branch manager, said that club didn't have a van, so when it wanted to arrange a trip,



it would either have to negotiate to use the community's elder transport bus of tag along on another branch's excursion. "We've never had anything this nice or new," Jarski said. "We've had a lot of time where our kids wanted to go to the Dinosaur Museum, the zoo, or the water park in Bismarck, but we didn't have any vans. So we had to borrow a van or coop with another branch. There aren't very many things kids can do around here. It's nice to know that we can take them out and explore new things." When the club co-ops with another branch, sometimes there are only a three or four seats available to Four Bears members.



"Last year we were only able to take a few kids to the Dinosaur Museum but we had a lot that wanted to go," Jarski said. "Now that we have our own van, we can take the kids that wanted to go but didn't have a chance. Now that the Roosevelt Park Zoo is re-opening in Minot, the kids want to go back and see how its changed." White Shirt said her goal was to have a new van for every segment. White Shirt believes that club could have purchased the vans without the help of the oil companies, but it would have taken a lot longer. "The community is very supportive of the Boys & Girls Club," White Shirt said. "I think our goals and objectives would have been met, but it would have taken a lot of special events." White Shirt said that in the future, the club will be starting a capital campaign to give the youth better places to meet.





NEW TOWN BGC HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY-FRIDAY

4PM-6PM

4PM-8PM TEEN CLUB

TEEN NIGHT WEDNESDAYS

4PM-9PM

TEEN CLUB LOCK-IN
MINOT AIR FORCE BASE
APRIL 26-27

WE AT THE NEW TOWN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WOULD LIKE TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW TOWN LADY EAGLES ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON!! WE AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

MARCH WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS. A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS FOLLOWED THE LADIES ON THEIR QUEST TO THE STATE B TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR.

NOW THAT OUR BASKETBALL SEASONS ARE OVER, IT'S TIME TO TURN OUR ATTENTION TO TRACK AND GOLF SEASON AND WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR PARTICIPANTS GOOD LUCK!

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, OUR TEEN PROGRAM HAS A SCHEDULED LOCK-IN FOR APRIL 26, AND RETURNING ON THE 27TH. WE WILL HAVE PERMISSION SLIPS AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE LOCK-IN. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE STOP BY THE TEEN ROOM AND GRAB THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

WE AT THE CLUB ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR TEENS TO MAKE A STRONG FINISH TO END THE SCHOOL YEAR. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY, PLEASE STOP BY AND LET THE STAFF MEMBERS AT THE CLUB HELP YOU ALONG THE WAY!

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH US AT (701) 627-4415



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Happy spring!!!

Immersion Mentoring is going strong, we have now branched out to all the segments and doing awesome!

The students pictured are from the Four Bears club. They are performing an experiment from the Nautilus Live curriculum.

Nautilus Live is based off of the actual ship “The Nautilus” where most of the studies and experiments for the Immersion Curriculum are conducted. In this curriculum the students will be learning ways to track, how to test buoyancy of different objects and other skills that involve ocean life.

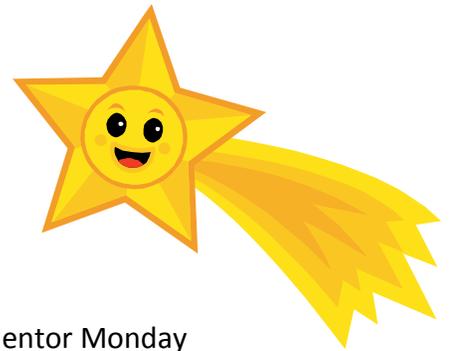
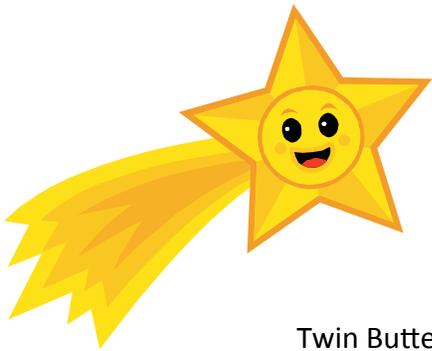
We look forward to the warm weather so we can start conducting some of these experiments outside. We are also looking forward to sending 2 students and a Mentor to Mystic Connecticut for a week to experience the Immersion Mentoring hands on with some of the people who wrote the curriculum.

The Immersion Program and Boys and Girls Club are looking for mentors to help the students in each segment. If anyone is interested feel free to contact us!!

MENTORS CORNER

The Mentoring Program has been busy with activities and of course our recruitment of Mentors for our youth. We have some fun activities planned for the month of April and May, stop by any of our clubs and check us out

The benefits from mentoring are priceless, if you are interested or would like to know more about the Mentoring Program please stop by your local Boys & Girls Club and grab an application the door is always open!



Twin Buttes Mentor and Mentee Match: Four Bears Club Mentor Monday

BE a MENTOR!

Renew your membership!!



Become a Member!!

Parshall Boys & Girls Club

Open: Monday—Friday

Hours: 3:15 PM—7:15 PM

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Staff

Lexi Taft—Branch Manager
Mikki Bidosky—Activity Coordinator
Patricia Dixon—Junior Staff
Averyl Taft—Junior Staff

PARSHALL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWSLETTER



Mentoring NYC Easter Egg Hunt Winners!!!

As always, Parshall Boys and Girls Club has been implementing regular club activities throughout the month of March. We have our Power hour/Project Learn program to reinforce education through fun activities and tutoring. We have also had Arts & Crafts activities to expand creativity through projects many specific to the holiday season, also including Fish tanks, dying paper flowers, and Spring Outdoor Healthy Activity tree. One of our main focuses has been our SMART Moves program, where we have activities specific to education and prevention efforts against substance abuse. We have reinforced this through activities such as TACT Presentation/Making Signs on tobacco prevention, Health Fair, and Kick Butts Day! The Health Fair was a huge success and our youth learned so many new things about the hazards of tobacco and other drugs! This month we also continued to run our T.R.A.I.L. program which involved a activity to better understand contagious versus non-contagious disease through a germ activity which the youth had a blast participating in. Mentoring Monday activities have continued this month with activities including Float Your Boat, Exploring the Blue Unknown. NATIVE Youth Council generously held an Easter Egg Hunt for youth, which we have displayed on our wonderful Mentoring bulletin within our club. The NATIVE Youth Council not only helped all of our youth dye and decorate eggs, but hid them as well! Our youth were beaming with excitement as they ran around in search of their eggs! We are also very proud to say our NATIVE Youth Council for Parshall was chosen to represent The Boys and Girls Club to cater the Donor Reception Dinner held in New Town. It was a great honor to be chosen and our NATIVE Youth Council was thrilled to be able to participate in such a wonderful event.

Concluding our updates, we hope everyone has a wonderful beginning of Spring! See you next month!



Tobacco Prevention Health Fair

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Youth of the Month

Teen of the Month



Mireya Mancera

Maria Two Shields



TRAIL—Understanding Health

(Left)



Oobleck Experiment

(Right)



TACT Presentation to Youth



Van Donation (Left)



NYC (Right)

Four Bears Boys & Girls Club



Mentoring Keychains

Upcoming Events

7-13: National BGC Week

22: Earth Day

26: Minot AFB Lock-in



Hours of Operation:

Monday– Friday:

4:00 pm -8:00 pm

Wednesday:

3:00 pm– 8:00 pm



Hello from Four Bears Boys & Girls Club! This was a great month for us. This month our kids have participated in many activities, including, making key chains, making signs for Kick Butts Day, movie days, and game tournaments. We're beginning to fall into a routine with our activities and it is making Club run very smoothly. On the 7th, we were presented with a new van. Six companies in the area contributed to help purchase the van. Our staff and kids are very grateful for the van and plan to take many trips this summer. April 7th-13th is National Boys & Girls Club Week. The week will be filled with fun, educational activities and presentations that the community is welcome to attend.



Playing Bingo



Making Cards



Our kids with our new van

Active Kid



Nina St. Cyr

Active Teen



Illiana Thongphet

Fours Bears Staff

Jacobi Jarski– Branch Manager

Michelle White– Jr. Staff





White Shield Club News

Read All About it!



Greetings! First off, We hope everyone had a Happy Easter! We would like to give a very big THANK YOU to Pam Esquibel for donating her fridge to our club! :) It was greatly appreciated! Our club this month has been attending evening story telling put on at the Cultural Center stories being told by the elders. Also our club has been doing Easter activities including making their own Easter baskets. On 26th of April we plan on taking our Teen Club members to a lock in at the Minot Air Force Base. As always, we continue to running regular direct service hours and nightly tutoring from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Boys and Girls Club is always looking for mentors and volunteers. Feel free to stop in and check out our club. Thanks!

-WS BGC STAFF



Youth of the Month



Aiyana Vivver

Teen of the Month



Quinton H.W

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White Shield Boys & Girls Club

Open -Monday - Friday

Hours- 3:30 PM -7:30 PM

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-Jeffrey Bearstail

-Neva Meyers

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New Town Boys & Girls Club



Newsletter

April 2013

This month at the New Town branch of the Boys & Girls Club the children experienced many new things, as staff wanted the month to be full of new and exiting activities. The club kids all participated in research on reptiles, after obtaining their knowledge live snakes were brought in to see and to be held. The children were very patient and took turns feeling the snake slither across their hands. Everyone loved seeing the snakes!!!!

Our kids participated in a new way of egg coloring with shaving cream and food coloring, An Easter coloring contest, and STEM science experiments were then the aftermath of the colored hardboiled eggs. Science is one the club kids favorite things to do. The youth were amazed at the number of fun activities that can be done with eggs.



The club kids say they love *Play-Doh*, so this month the children made their very own edible Play-Dough in various colors and flavors. Some of the children's Play-Dough turned out so well that they didn't even get a chance to play with it as they proceeded to eat the dough through the process of constructing it!

New Town Staff

- Branch Manager
- Melichi Four Bear
- Activity Coordinators
- Ashley Shardlow
- Shelby Lego
- Kayla Lone Bear
- Lucy Grady
- Adrian Johnson
- Junior Staff
- Baylee Thomas
- Dylan Bear
- Jake Baker





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Club Staff:

- Jade Standish– Branch Manager
- Jarin Robertson– Activities Coordinator
- Donovan Abbey —Activities Coordinator
- Sierra Flying Horse—Junior Staff

Mandaree Boys and Girls Club

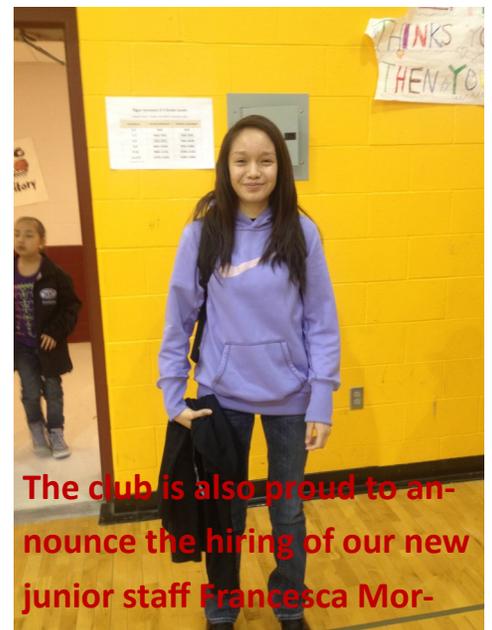


Last month for our club we had our Kick Butts day health fair, club staff came down to the school here in Mandaree and shared various facts and activities with the kids. It was a fun time and learned a lot. Boys and Girls Club of Mandaree would like to thank the school for allowing us some time for the day and also the staff that came down and assisted us to make it a success. Included are some of the pictures from the health fair and also we have pictures of our monthly lock in held at our community cen-

ter on March 28th. We are also looking towards having a lock in April 27. The week of April 8-12 is national Boys & Girls club week; we will be having activities all week with a open house on Thursday April 11th. So come on down and have some family fun, eats, drinks and games and also can do the club kids membership renewal.



The teen of the month for March is Kylee Dawes and our youth of the month is Kateri Hill.



The club is also proud to announce the hiring of our new junior staff Francesca Mor-

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Boys and Girls Club-Twin Buttes

Puzzle Day!!!

On this particular day the kids were really excited to put together puzzles! We had just gotten a giant puzzle that was over 4ft long!! The puzzle had over 100 pieces too!



(From left to right) Ian Gloria, Jimmy Mossett, Jada Appel, Mia Benson, Brandyn Shervan, Coulee Mossett, Thomas Appel, and Malachi Appel

April 2013

Special points of interest:

- Twin Buttes get crazy for puzzles
- Jada Appel named Club Kid of the Month
- Linda Starr named Teen of the Month

Teen of the Month

Congratulations to Linda Starr named Twin Buttes Teen of the month! Linda loves to have sports leadership club and cheer on the Killdeer Cowboy's!! Linda is in the 6th grade and is a very talented basketball player. Her favorite Boys and Girls club program is Triple Play. Congratulations to Linda and keep up the great work!

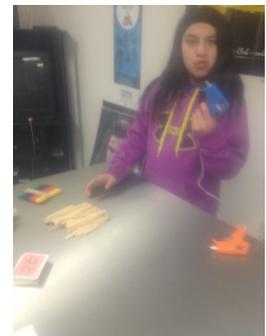


Club Kid of the Month

Congratulations to Jada Appel named Club kid of the Month for Twin Buttes. Jada is a great asset to our club she always is willing to help out with anything! At such a young age Jada is already showing characteris-

tics of being a leader. Jada's favorite program is Project Learn. Congratulations to Jada for all the great things you do!!!

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National Boys & Girls Club Week Celebrated at the New Town Club

Open the Door. Take A Tour!

National Boys & Girls Club Week is Celebrated every year during the month of April. The purpose is to invite new people to come in and tour the clubs and see just how much fun everyone is having at your local B&GC.

The New Town Club chose the Five Key Elements to base their daily programs off of for the week. Unfortunately on Monday all Clubs were called off and closed due to terrible weather. However on Tuesday deputies from the MHA Nation Police Department came in to talk to the youth about Stranger Danger. The kids were all ears as

the officers spoke about the growing community and what to do in the event danger arises.

On Wednesday New Town Club was visited by the Community Health Resources team (CHR), who did a hand washing demonstration with the youth. The kids learned how important it was to wash properly and for how long. They were also able to look at their unwashed germs on their hands under a black light to show what they missed while washing.

On Thursday all club kids were recognized with fun awards for all of their amazing and unique attrib-

utes. We all had a fun time sitting together and talking about the silly things we all were good at and taking turns saying something nice to a neighbor.

FUN is a very important aspect of Boys & Girls Club! Everyday the staff strive to make the activities, projects, and learning FUN!! Friday was just that. The kids built swing sets, four wheelers, and wind mills with staff out of FiddleStix. They painted pictures, did fun science and watched movies. In the evening family was invited in to tour our club and see just how much fun their child has everyday!!!

National BGC Week:

- Monday - Supportive Relationships
- Tuesday-Safe & Positive Environment
- Wednesday -Opportunities & Expectations
- Thursday -Recognition
- Friday -FUN!



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Our Vision: To strengthen the lives of our youth by providing a consistent and safe educational environment that incorporates ethical and traditional values to positively impact their lives.

- Boys & Girls Club Staff highlight -



Jacobi Jarski

Four Bears Branch Manager

Jacobi has worked for BGC-TAT for almost 2 years. Her office is located at the Four Bears Boys & Girls Club across from the Four Bears Community Center. Her job entails planning, implementing activities and programs, and creating a safe, positive environment for kids. Her favorite part of her job is getting to see the kids everyday and when the kids have fun and feel safe. Jacobi has lived in New Town her whole life and believes working with our youth is one of the most rewarding things anyone could ever do.

Board of Directors

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