

TWIN BUTTES TIMES



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

Tashka'nito'sha Aame,

(Greetings to all)

I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season. I would like to give my condolences to the families that have lost loved ones. They always say it is difficult when there is an empty seat at the dinner table during the holidays.

About the time I am writing this it is approaching Edwin Benson Day. I think back about all the wonderful visits we have had together. He was a very pleasant man and a quiet leader. Growing up I remember him and Annette in church always in their same seats up front. Edwin shared his knowledge with me as he was raised by his grandfather. Ben Benson did not learn the English language until he was seven years old. His first language was Mandan. He told me many stories of my grandfather Lorenzo "Larry" Spotted Bear who I never met. It was always a fun and pleasant experience visiting and spending time with Edwin and to this day I think of him often. I am thankful there is a special day set aside for our tribe in his memory and his honor. I would not have knowledge of the Mandan language without him.

It is nearly the Winter Solstice which



means the shortest daylight day of the year is almost here. The Mandan people believe the sun sits still in the south for four days and then starts its journey back to the north and our people look forward to the days getting longer. They also look forward to all the beauty and warm weather the spring season has to offer. We have so many things to look forward to.

We are a developing community in Twin Buttes. Our little segment is growing and expanding in housing, services and local opportunities. Our new clinic construction is going great, the building will soon be enclosed so the contractors can keep building throughout the cold winter months. The Twin Buttes fairgrounds project is well underway. All the infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical lines and earthwork) are installed, and the structures will now begin to be built. The area will include RV parking spots,

powwow arbor, outdoor rodeo arena, Indian relay horse race track, and an indoor arena. All our rodeo and powwow events will be conveniently located in one central location sitting on about 50 acres of land. The fairgrounds will be within walking distance to the youth of our community. The vision is to keep our youth involved with horses and productive activities that will enhance our children's growth and development, and keep our young people away from drugs and alcohol. The activities at the new fairgrounds will stimulate the growth of our local economy, bringing in dollars and opportunities directly to Twin Buttes. It is a very exciting project and the project will move forward through the winter.



Twin Buttes Fairgrounds picture by Dave Hackett

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Turkeys Spotted Trotting in The Buttes



November 21, 2021

Submitted by: Sommer Cummings

Starting Location:

Twin Buttes Wellness Center

Finish: Twin Buttes Tribal Building

On November 21st, 2021 we had over 60 turkey trotters come out to the new gym and strut their stuff. The trot was just over a mile.

All youth who participated received a jacket from the South Segment Recreation Department and the TAT Fitness & Rec Dept. The Segment provided a light lunch after the event.

The goal of the new gym is to provide a walk/run each month in an effort to encourage physical fitness in an exciting fun way. Please watch your social medias for advertisements...and please information share with friends or family that do not have social media.

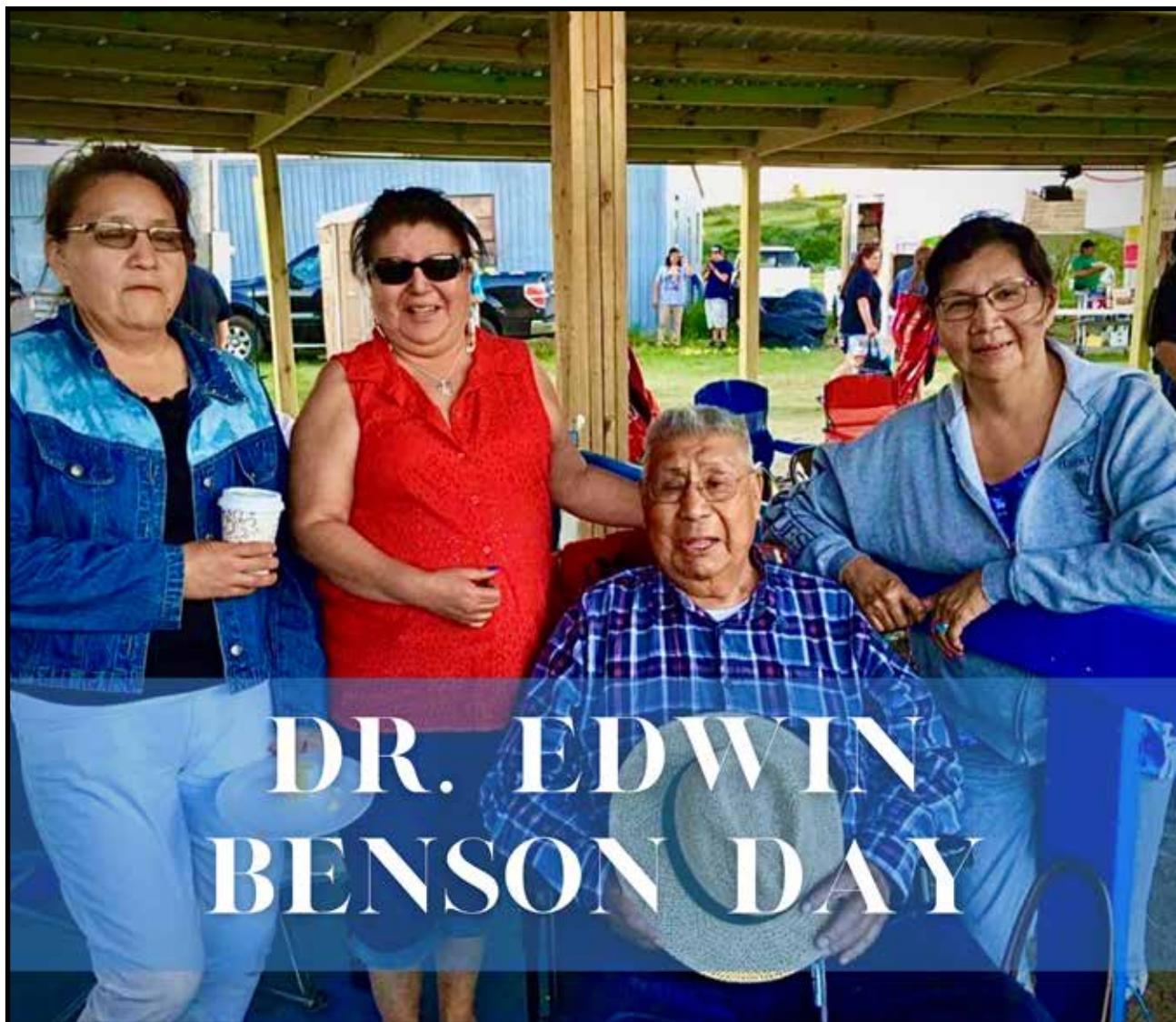


Twin Buttes Clinic

Project Development: Angie Gillette

The Twin Buttes Clinic is progressing very nicely, construction will continue throughout the winter. We are on target for completion by the Summer of 2022. We are excited to meet all of the community health needs through this clinic. We look forward to being able to service the community here in town and reduce some traveling to appointments. Keep an eye out for more details and the awesome services that we will be offering.





L-R: Heidi, Jan, Edwin & Mary Lynn
Photo Submitted By: Mary Lynn

Greetings MHA Nation, I hope everyone is doing well. I would like to take time to reflect on this Nation's holiday.

Today, December 13, is recognized and has been declared for perpetuity among our tribal Nation as *Dr. Edwin Benson Day*. Dr. Edwin Benson is recognized and remembered among his people for his contributions to the perpetuation of the Mandan language and culture, outstanding citizenship, and exemplary moral character.

Dr. Edwin Benson was born to John and Alice (Bear Ghost) Benson. His mother passed when he was very young and he was raised by his grandfather Ben Benson "Buffalo Bulls Head." Edwin grew up in his grandfather's log cabin along the riverbottom in Elbowoods. He had fond memories of his childhood and the influence of his grandfather Ben. His grandfather called him "Inumaks," which means "The Man" in the Mandan language.

Edwin's first language was Mandan and he did not begin learning or speaking the English language until the age of seven. Edwin was also a fluent Hidatsa speaker. His grandfather Ben passed when Edwin was nine. Edwin became very independent at a young age and as a young man he rode the "Big Lease" tending cattle in the Mandaree area for a dollar a day.

In 1953 after the Garrison Dam was built Edwin relocated with other Mandan people to higher ground to what we now know today as Twin Buttes.

In 1955, Edwin joined in marriage Arlene (Reddoor) Benson and together they had 4

daughters. He continued to work as a cattle-ranch hand for ranchers in the area. Later in life Edwin was remarried to Annette (Birdbear) Benson and continued to live in rural Twin Buttes. He was employed at the Twin Buttes Road Shop for a time, and then moved on to employment with the Twin Buttes Elementary School where he was a custodian and a bus driver.

Years later he was called upon to be a Mandan language instructor for the Twin Buttes Elementary School as well as the Fort Berthold Community College. Edwin became the last surviving fluent Mandan language speaker and was the consultant for a handful of linguists and other language specialists seeking to fulfill their master's thesis and doctoral dissertation studies.

For the Twin Buttes Community and Fort Berthold people Edwin was considered a cultural treasure. I often referred to him as the "Oracle." His knowledge of our language, culture, history, heritage, teachings, and sacred medicine of our tribe was extensive. He was the responsible caretaker of some of our oldest bundles including two of the ancient Mandan Turtle Drums.

He had an exceptional memory and I remember him closing his eyes and frequently recollecting fond memories of his childhood and what it was like growing up in his grandfather's log home. He shared many great stories with me of the old timers of Twin Buttes, and of my own grandfather Lorenzo "Larry" Spotted Bear who I never got to meet.

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Recipe Swap



Low Carb Zuppa Toscana Soup

INGREDIENTS

Jimmy Dean Hot Sausage
4 slice thick cut bacon
32 oz. chicken broth
1 small diced onion
3 cloves fresh garlic, minced
2 bags of riced cauliflower
½ cup heavy whipping cream
2 cups fresh kale
Salt and pepper optional
Crush red pepper flakes, optional
Shredded parmesan for garnish

Using a large soup pot brown sausage and bacon together. Cut your bacon into bite size pieces to make it easier to cook.

Once your meat is cooked, add in broth, onions, garlic, and cauliflower. Cover and cook on medium heat for about 15minutes, until the cauliflower is tender.

Once the cauliflower is softened, add in heavy cream and kale. Cook for about 5 minutes, until kale is soft.

Serve with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese and a pinch of salt, pepper, and/or red pepper flakes. ENJOY!

COUNCILMAN SPOTTED BEAR'S GREETINGS

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A new elders assisted living continuum of care campus is nearing planning completion. The construction of the assisted living facility will soon be underway. This will allow us to assist our aging community members, as well as individuals with special needs. This will also create more job opportunities for community members. We have development dollars available for a new roads garage and we just need to pin down the right location. Our roads department employees work hard keeping our roads maintained and open in the community.



*Twin Buttes Hans Creek Bison
Photo Credit: Jessica White Plume*

The department deserves a new and updated facility. The ancient building they currently work from was moved there from the river bottom many years ago. Our goal is to provide them with a quality updated facility with adequate operating space.

One of the most exciting development projects coming to Twin Buttes is a new high school. This is an historic time for Twin Buttes as our community has never had a high school. Historically we have sent our children to Halliday, Golden Valley, Beulah, and Killdeer. We will plan and design our Twin Buttes high school this year and begin construction in the fall of 2022 or the spring of 2023. Soon our Twin Buttes youth will have the opportunity for a quality high school education at home. A new high school will also stimulate our local economy with the offering of many new employment opportunities.

We have so many new and exciting opportunities to look forward to in the South Segment. I am at the table for our community making certain we get an equal portion of the resources. We have gone without essential services for so many years. So many of our community members have been forced to relocate in the past. Today, families that have been gone for many years are making plans to return home to Twin Buttes. We will continue to work towards creating even more opportunities for Twin Buttes.

I would like to take this time to express my gratitude to all the Twin Buttes Segment employees for all their hard work and I would like to thank all those who share a kind word and encouragement to keep going in a positive direction. Your kind words and good thoughts lend me strength to continue to represent our Tribe and our area. I ask for many blessings upon each and every one of you. Stay safe and healthy as we navigate towards a bright and prosperous future.

Hahoo, a'taro'nito'sh.

(That is all for now.)

Cory Spotted Bear

Twin Buttes Representative
MHA Vice Chairman



Fitness and Rec Update

Submitted by: Danica Vincent

The after school elementary basketball program will be on break until January 4th, 2022.

Happy Holidays from Coach Danica Vincent and Coach Christian Kilwein!



Dr. Edwin Benson Day

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In 2009 Edwin received his Honorary Doctorate Degree at the University of North Dakota for his commitment to the Mandan language and his contribution to the Youth of Fort Berthold. It was expressed by his family members that this was one of the proudest moments of his life.

Please take some time today to reflect on this Nation's holiday Dr. Edwin Benson Day to recognize and celebrate the life of a hardworking, virtuous, kind, and honest hero of the Great MHA Nation.

Dr. Edwin Benson's legacy lives on through the perpetuation of the Mandan language and culture.

Eagles Nest Daycare

Submitted by:
Angie Gillette & Annie Meyers

I am very excited to be a part of the re-opening of The Eagles Nest Daycare. We are working hard to create a professional, safe and educational environment. As of now we will be offering services to 6 months to 5 years of age. We hope to extend those ages as we become more established. We are asking parents who will be utilizing the service to apply with the 477 program immediately and also start the application process with us. Bessie Monogram from the New Town office is currently taking applications for our daycare. If you need an application you may stop in the daycare or email myself, Angie Gillette at agillette@mhanation.com and I will email you one and answer any questions you may have. Please be patient with us, getting all the necessary licenses, staff training and building repairs is taking some time.

I would like to introduce Annie Neva Verle Meyers as our Daycare Manager. Annie resides in Halliday and was raised in White Shield. "I am so excited that the daycare is going to be up and running soon.....I am looking forward to working with the families and their children....together we can work on building a great relationship and make sure that their child is reaching all of their milestones," says Annie.

A few words from Annie:

Greetings Everyone!!

We are happy to announce that our Twin Buttes Community will soon have a Daycare fully staffed and ready to serve our community. We understand that this is a great need in our community, and you have been waiting for us to open our doors but before we can do this, we want all everything done correctly. So, we have been busy working on policies and procedures as well as cleaning and sanitizing everything. We want to make

sure that your child/children are in a safe and friendly environment so just bear with us a little longer. Once we get everything in place our doors will be opening!!

We plan on having an Open House so that you can come and check out the Daycare, meet our staff and start the enrolling your little ones. So, watch for our fliers and Facebook page for upcoming information.



Annie joins our team equipped with a Masters degree in Education and almost 30 years of experience working in the education and childcare field. We are thankful to have her experience here in Twin Buttes and appreciate her passion and dedication to the children.

We are excited that all staff will complete the training modules for childcare, be certified in CPR and food programs.



Twin Buttes Horsemanship Program

Submitted by: Jessica White Plume
Photo Credit: Elijah Benson

South Segment now has a horsemanship program open to community youth and families! Indigenous tribes have a strong and deep relationship with our relatives, the horses.

With the support of Councilman Spotted Bear and a SEDS grant from the DHHS Administration for Native Americans, we are excited to be able to promote community health through our horse culture. Weekly lessons are available for beginning to advanced riders, with a focus on relationship and communication with the horse.

In addition to horsemanship lessons, participants will be able to take in educational sessions on topics such as specialized disciplines (e.g. roping or barrel racing) and horse health, and showcase their skills at community events. Participants will also have the chance to visit the Equine Studies program at NHSC in New Town, which is the only one of it's kind in the country!

Limited winter sessions are available with some travel to a nearby heated indoor arena. However, in 2022, Twin Buttes will open a fully operational equestrian complex, including indoor and outdoor arenas, and a race track. We can't wait to see you there!



COUNTING COUP SECTION

DECEMBER 2021

Spud Webb Basketball Camp

July 12, 2021

New Town, North Dakota

Photos Courtesy: Coach Damon Brady

Micheal Anthony Jerome “Spud” Webb is an American former professional basketball player who played in the National Basketball Association, is known for winning a Slam Dunk Contest despite being one of the shortest players in NBA history, being listed at 5’6” tall.

Several Twin Buttes area youth traveled long hours for 3 days to attend a basketball camp hosted by the NHSC. Chaperones and youth had a good time learning fundamentals taught local basketball stars. On the last day of camp Spud Webb gave an inspirational speech about hard work and the importance of education.

Thank you for your dedication to our youth goes out to our chaperones; Cory Spotted Bear, Sierra Spotted Bear, Sommer Cummings and Blanche Hunts Along. We appreciate all you do.



Twin Buttes Takes Home the Gold

Submitted by: Sommer Cummings

The Three Affiliated Tribes Fitness and Recreation Department held an inaugural “Segment vs. Segment” miles challenge. Twin Buttes took home the gold by the narrowest of margins.

In order to qualify for the team, each participant was to walk or run 50 miles. We had 15 participants complete this task, one of which was our very own Segment Representative, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear. Mr. Spotted Bear worked hard to qualify for his 50 miles because of mobility limitations. In the end, he was an inspiration to all other challenge participants for his hard work and leadership.

Congratulations to all the South Segment miles challenge champs!!



COUNTING COUP SECTION

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Saddle Bronc Finalist Marty Young Bear Indian National Finals 2021 Rodeo

*Marty Young Bear - Third place in Saddle Bronc at INFR.
Representing Great Plains Indian Rodeo Association*

Marty Young Bear *Werok Pehe* (Snorting Bull) Twin Buttes cowboy covers all four head in the saddle bronc competition at the Indian National Finals Rodeo and finishes in the top three. Way to represent the Home of the Champions!

Danica Vincent Completes 70.3 Iron Man Indian Wells La Quinta 2021

*Palm Springs, California
Submitted by: Tracy Burr*

On December 5, 2021 Danica Burr Vincent competed in and completed the 70.3 mile Indian Wells La Quinta Ironman.

There were approximately 2000 entries and 1585 finishers.

The event consists of a 1.25 miles swim a 56 mile bike ride and a half marathon, 13.1 miles.

Danica has run 8 full marathons over the years including Honolulu, Twin Cities, Fargo and others, 26.2 miles but this was her first Ironman.

Danica is dedicated to personal health and exercise and always

strives to be a positive example and influence to her family and the Twin Buttes community.

Danica was involved in sports in high school in Minnesota. As a freshman she was named to the District all conference golf team.

Her love of running had her choosing track her sophomore year. She was named all conference in track winning several meets in the mile and two mile event.

She was a varsity starter in basketball her sophomore, junior and senior years and honorable mention all conference.

Danica enjoys her job in MHA Fitness and Rec for Twin Buttes.

IRONMAN 70.3 INDIAN WELLS LA QUINTA		DECEMBER 5TH 2021
DANICA VINCENT		
SWIM	00:44:39	FINISH 06:40:21
BIKE	04:20:00	
RUN	02:14:40	

The Mac

Angie Gillette

We would like to introduce The Mac. The Mac is owned and operated by Angie Gillette and Delvin Wolf. The Mac is located in Bismarck where they run fundamental basketball training sessions.

We are excited to have entered into a contract with them where they will be conducting basketball sessions right here in Twin Buttes at the Community Center. Also per the agreement all participants will be invited to attend sessions at their gym in Bismarck as well, free of charge. Below are the times available to children age Kindergarten thru High School. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the skill building sessions! The child must attend the Twin Buttes sessions to be eligible for the Bismarck sessions. All sessions in Twin Buttes will be held at The Community Center. Bismarck sessions will be held at The Mac Gym, 3007 Morrison Ave Ste. 3.

If you plan to attend a session in Bismarck you must call or text by noon the day of the session to reserve your space. Delvin handles the Bismarck schedule, you may reach him at 701-421-4420.

Feel free to reach out to Delvin or Angie (701-421-2705) with any questions about The Mac.

JANUARY 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 THE MAC 4:30PM - 7:30PM	4	5 THE MAC 4:30PM - 7:30PM	6	7	8
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Maaskuhe ("something sweet" in Nuqueta)



Did you know? According to Mayo Clinic, research shows that honey can help with:

- Cardiovascular disease. Antioxidants in honey might be associated with reduced risk of heart disease.
- Cough. Studies suggest that eucalyptus honey, citrus honey and labiatae honey can act as a reliable cough suppressant for some people with upper respiratory infections and acute nighttime cough.
- Gastrointestinal disease. Evidence suggests honey might help relieve gastrointestinal tract conditions such as diarrhea associated with gastroenteritis. Honey might also be effective as part of oral rehydration therapy.
- Neurological disease. Studies suggest that honey might offer antidepressant, anticonvulsant and anti-anxiety benefits. In some studies, honey has been shown to help prevent memory disorders.
- Wound care. Topical use of medical-grade honey has been shown to promote wound healing, particularly in burns.

Raw organic honey is the best, and our very own locally produced Twin Buttes raw, organic, artisan, Maaskuhe ("something sweet" in Nuqueta) Honey is available at the South Shore C-Store. Come pick up yours today!

Twin Buttes Field Clinic

Seasons Greetings from the
Twin Buttes Field Clinic.

We are happy to offer rapid COVID testing, COVID vaccine for all ages, and the influenza vaccine.

Please call the clinic at 701-938-4540 to make an appointment.
Have a safe and happy holiday.

HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00am to 12:00pm
and
1:00pm to 4:30pm

701-938-4540

South Segment

Christmas Curbside Boxed Dinner

5PM AT THE WELLNESS CENTER

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DECEMBER

HOME DELIVERY FOR
ELDERS 60+ WHO RESIDE
WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

GIFT CARD DISTRIBUTION - **ONE PER HOUSEHOLD**
 HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD **MUST BE PRESENT** TO RECEIVE GIFT CARDS.
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CONTACT BLANCHE FOR MORE INFORMATION
(701) 421-0351



Twin Buttes Elementary School

Submitted By:
Troy Walters & Danielle Donnell

Twin Buttes Elementary has had a very busy November with the holidays just around the corner. On November 17th, we had an early out for our Professional Development Day. Teachers learned more about the process and requirements for students who are entering the Special Education Program. On November 22nd, each grade participated in the MHA online Diabetes Clinic and worked on an activity in class. On November 23rd we had our Twin Buttes Elementary Picture Day and the 8th Grade class went on a field trip to the Dinosaur Museum in Dickinson, ND. We had our Thanksgiving Break from November 24th-November 28th. On November 29, Twin Buttes Elementary kids and teachers celebrated being together again by decorating the halls and classrooms for the up-coming holiday. December 8th was also an early out for our students as the teachers had a Professional Development Day. We had Marie Pflugrad come and train teachers and staff about giving our children a voice when it comes to their safety.

December will be a shorter month with our Christmas Break starting December 20th and ending January 2nd. Even though it is going to be a shorter month, it is jam packed with Holiday fun! December 15th is the Twin Buttes Elementary Holiday Celebration. We are kicking off the celebration with a meal at 11:30 am, the children's holiday program will be from 1-2pm. We will end the day with Santa at 2pm and an early out! December 16th the Twin Buttes Elementary School will be taking all the students to the Hazen movie theater for a Movie Day and pizza! December 17th will be the last day before our big Christmas Break and we will look forward to seeing our students back again on January 3rd! We would like to wish the Twin Buttes Community a Happy Holiday and a wonderful New Year!

OPERATIONAL PERIOD #110			
COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATES AS OF DECEMBER 13, 2021			
COVID-19 CASES IN NORTH DAKOTA	TOTAL POSITIVES: 167,147 ACTIVE CASES: 2,325 RECOVERED: 162,874 DEATHS: 1,948 POSITIVITY RATE: 5.84%	COVID-19 ACTIVE CASES BY COUNTIES	WARD: 151 MOUNTRAIL: 37 MCKENZIE: 52 MCLEAN: 35 DUNN: 14 MERCER: 22
ROUTES OF EXPOSURE: 1. COMMUNITY 2. HOUSEHOLD 3. CLOSE CONTACT 4. TRAVEL			
MHA NATION COVID-19 CASES	TOTAL TESTED: 22,187 TOTAL POSITIVES: 1,337 RECOVERED: 1,288 CURRENT ACTIVE: 24 HOSPITALIZED: 1 DEATHS: 25	MHA NATION COVID-19 VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION (12/23/2021-12/13/2021)	TOTAL VACCINATED: 9,984 MHA ENROLLED: 5,743 NON-ENROLLED: 4,241



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701-938-3594

HOURS OF OPERATION:

**WEEKDAYS
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**WEEKENDS
9:00AM - 8:00PM**

*Located in
Twin Buttes, ND*

**TWIN
BUTTES**



HOW TO GET STARTED

- Create an account at ged.com
- Fill out NHSC GED application
- Set up study schedule with mentor
- Cost of exams:
 - \$6.00 for practice exams
 - \$30.00 for official exams
- Must be at least 16 years old

WHAT IS ON THE GED?

The GED exam provides students with the opportunity to earn a certificate or diploma that is recognized as the equivalent of a high school diploma. The GED includes 4 sections.

LANGUAGE ARTS 150 minutes

MATH 115 minutes

SOCIAL STUDIES 70 minutes

SCIENCE 90 minutes

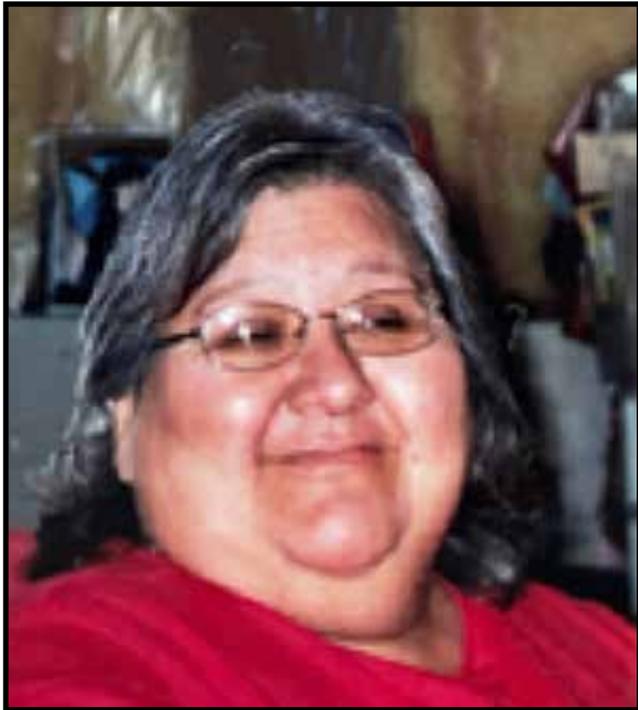
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In Loving Memory



MAVIS MARIE MEDICINE STONE

Mia waadi'heesh, Ishkoochid Daappiish

"She Kills"

July 6, 1950 - November 30, 2021

Heaven gained an angel early November 30, 2021 when Mavis Marie Medicine Stone ("She Kills" - Mia waadi'heesh, Ishkoochid Daappiish), 71, of Bismarck, ND formerly of Twin Buttes, ND, a genuine member of the Low Cap clan and child of a Knife, journeyed to the spirit world at Augusta Place. Services will be held at 10:00 AM CST on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Twin Buttes New Memorial Hall with Fr. Joseph Evinger officiating. Burial will follow at Medicine Stone II Cemetery, Twin Buttes.

A wake will begin at 5:00 PM CST on Friday, December 3, 2021 at the Twin Buttes New Memorial Hall, Twin Buttes. The family will be processing to the Memorial Hall from Barbot Funeral Home at 3:30 PM CST.

Mavis was born July 6, 1950 at Elbowwoods Hospital. Mavis grew up in the bottomlands until her family had to move up from Elbowwoods to rural Twin Buttes. Mavis loved the country and loved what it had to offer. Mavis went to elementary school in Twin Buttes and attended High school at Marty Indian Mission in Marty SD.

After high school Mavis and her sister moved to Bismarck where she worked as a daycare provider at UTTC. While in Bismarck she met her husband to be Dennis Howling Wolf Sr they were later on married on September 1973 and from this marriage they had two children Mary Ellen who was named after her grandma that she loved Mary Lone fight and her favorite uncle Allen Medicine Stone and Dennis Jr. The light of her life. Mavis was a very devoted mother she loved her children with all her heart.

Mavis eventually moved back to Twin Buttes where she started working at Headstart as an assistant then eventually was the head teacher. Mavis was very dedicated into making sure that all her students understood the basics before going to the BIG school. My mom used to say you can memorize colors and ABC's but do you know the meaning of them. She always wanted to make sure all her students understood the meaning of things. My mom used to always say you have to LOVE being a teacher because it is a thankless job. But she loved teaching and all her students. Mavis eventually received her A.A from Fort Berthold Community College with a degree in Early childhood Education.

Mavis was also involved with the school board at Twin Buttes School and was also on the Board at Fort Berthold Community College. Mom was a dedicated worker and knew the meaning of hard work and getting an education.

Not only did Mavis work she also took care of her mumma and daddy. She loved her parents but her mom was also her best friend. The boys Calvin and Benny were also around the house to help out.

Mavis always made holidays, birthdays, and any special occasion extra special with her cooking and baking skills. Mom was such an amazing cook. She also made sure you never left hungry at any event especially during Twin Buttes pow-wow she always made sure you were fed.

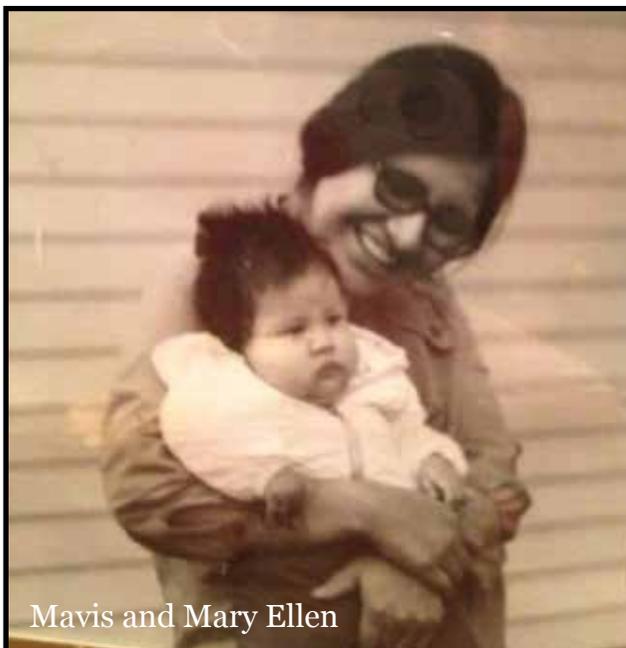
When anyone needed help with anything like war bonnet dances or pow-wow committees' mom never hesitated to help when asked because that's how she was raised. "Never refuse" that is what she would say to her children.

Mom knew her ways when her dad, brothers, and son would catch their deer she never hesitated to butcher. She would just say bring it in and start butchering.

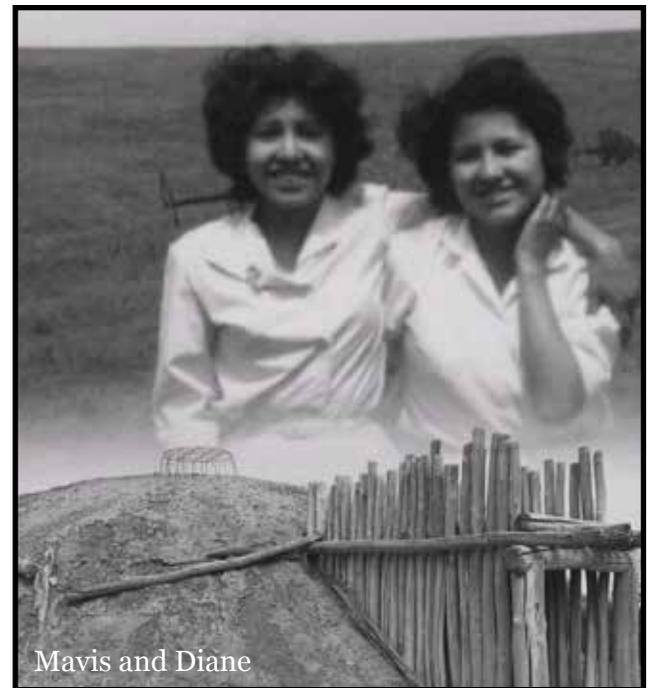
Mom loved to read and loved reading to her grandkids. You always got a book from mom for any special occasion.

Mom always had a smile for everyone and a kind word.

Mom loved her children but her grandchildren were extra special to her. That was especially when her grandson Justice Calvin came into



Mavis and Mary Ellen



Mavis and Diane

her life she raised him like her own since 2002. He was her side kick and they went everywhere together.

Mom was an angel on earth she dedicated her life to her family and cared for anyone that walked into her life.

We her family are honored to have had learned from an amazing woman that showed you what hard work meant and to never forget your ways or your people.

Mavis is Survived by her children Dennis (Jessica) Howling Wolf Jr, Mary Ellen (Clarence) Sun, Vivian Hurkes and Ernie (Christina) Medicine Stone, Brothers: Darcy (Clarice) Medicine Stone, Anthony Rubia, Sisters: Anna Rubia, Marilyn Medicine Stone, and Svea Holen

Nephews: Craig Hurkes, and Terran Jay Medicine Stone, Grandchildren: Sierra Rain Sun, Justice Howling Wolf, Sheridan Paige Sun, Persephone Eastman, Azdon Crowsbreast, Ophelia, Omeara, Olivia and Benny Eugene Howling Wolf, Dallas Reynolds, Breyana Brave Bull, Ernest, Jerrod Jr., Donny, Freddy, and Cedar Diana Mavis Grant, Deltin Arrow, Craig Jr, and Aiden Hurkes, Great-grandchildren Sebastian Isaiah Reynolds, Fallon Hall and Calvin Cedar Sun.

Preceded in death are her parents Ernest and Vivan (Lone Fight) Medicine Stone her brothers Calvin and Benny Medicine Stone and sister Diane Medicine Stone her niece Stephanie Medicine Stone her granddaughter Samantha Hurkes and her great-grandson Tuff Hall. Maternal grandparents Theodore Lone Fight Sr and Mary (Young Bird) Lone Fight paternal grandparents Medicine Stone and Bessie High Eagle. Uncles Allen, Wilfred, John Sr., Stone, Andrew, Eugene, Stephen, Martin, and Michael Medicine Stone, Theodore Jr., Roderick, Matthew, and Frederick Lone Fight, Aunts Virginia Wells, Agnes Holen, Catherine Fredericks, Miriah Lincoln, Clementine Medicine Stone, Agnes Rubia, Martha Hale, Mabel Henry, Katherine Rosario, and Eunice Lone Fight.

Senior pallbearer: Kelly Bradfield

Arrangements are conducted by Barbot Funeral Home, Beulah and Hazen.

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

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