

# TWIN BUTTES TIMES

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## COUNCILMAN SPOTTED BEAR'S GREETINGS

**Hau, Numakaki  
Aame, Mihapmak  
hamp o'shi  
waakaare minik  
huuronito'sh.**

*Greetings to all and I ask many good days ahead for everyone.*

First, I would like to give my condolences to those that have lost loved ones, and my best wishes for a full recovery for those that are battling sickness. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer as the new school year gets underway. How many of you witnessed the solar eclipse that happened on Tuesday August 21st? What a rare and amazing event. It is nothing less than a miracle that the sun and moon could appear as though they are nearly the same size and sync up to cast a shadow on the earth. There is a lot of interesting phenomenon associated with a total solar eclipse. What about berries, anybody get out there and harvest juneberries, raspberries, chokecherries, or plums this summer? If you have not had a chance, the wild plums are super thick this year and ripe and ready to fall off the trees. The chokecherries, like most years, seem to be in abundance here in Twin Buttes.

I had a special guest in the Twin Buttes tribal office this week. Unfortunately I was not able to visit in person, but I was able to "FaceTime" with Devoe Furr, (age 8) one of our youth from Twin Buttes. He is the son of Lisa and Nate Furr, brother of Chloe,

grandson of the late Gilbert "Nork" Starr Jr., and Cleo Holen. Devoe was dressed pretty sharp with a vest and tie and wanted to visit with me about his concerns for our environment. He said he watches the news a lot and had seen a sea turtle that was suffering from some plastic litter that it had been entangled in. Devoe said he wanted to know if we could do some recycling in Twin Buttes. I have taken his concerns and requests seriously and would like to see a modest recycling initiative in our community. We have ordered recycling bins at our Twin Buttes tribal office, as well as a large roll off type recycling container at our solid waste transfer station. I would like to thank Devoe and his parents for the courage that I witnessed. Devoe's actions inspire me. In Twin Buttes we want to be the good change we wish to see in the world. Live how you want your people to live, they say.



The expanded Twin Buttes water distribution line construction is in full swing. Crews are hard at work and every time I drive east on BIA 22 I see them moving at an efficient pace towards the southeast corner of our South Segment. The plan is to get the main line installed and then hook up home sites as they go. The water pipeline installation is expected to be completed by the middle of October, but possibly some finishing touches next Spring in April. The new \$8M Twin Buttes water treatment plant project has been released for bid. The bid will be advertised for 45 days total and the contract will be awarded and work is expected to begin late this fall and wrap up the end of next summer or so. I will have a more detailed timeline as time goes on. Again, the new treatment plant will provide ultrafiltration, high quality drinking water with an increased plant capacity capable of treating up to 600 gallons of water per



*FaceTime Interview with Devoe Furr regarding recycling efforts in the Twin Buttes Community.*

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# ELDER INTERVIEW WITH LORETTA EAGLE

HISTORY OF MHA - WRITTEN BY  
TIFFANY RAVE

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**Loretta Eagle -Interviewed  
by Tiffany Rave, May 3,  
2017**

Today I interviewed Miss Loretta Eagle. Loretta was born on February 9, 1933 at Nish'uu. Nish'uu was an area around Elbowoods, North Dakota. She said she was born at her Aunt Alice White Bear's house. Her mother's name is Martina Eagle Ross. Loretta said her Grandma Annie Eagle raised her, and four other siblings. I asked Loretta of her earliest memories before Twin Buttes came about. She said she lived in the Charging Eagle area. She described it as a little community area about 10 miles south of Elbowoods. She also said how there were a lot of community's around Elbowoods such as Independence, Shell Creek, Lucky Mound, Beaver Creek, Red Butte, Charging Eagle, and Short River. Loretta said almost each community had a "Day School" which was an elementary school. She said Elbowoods had the Middle School and High School. A school bus would come pick her up and take her to Middle school, she was in the 7th grade at the time. She remembers the bridge she had to cross which eventually got transferred for

the bridge in New Town. She would stay at the dormitory during the week and go home on the weekends. One side of the dorm was for the boys and the other side was for the girls. The matrons for the dorms were Martha White for the girls, and Annie Chase was the matron for the boys. She described the building as an old brick building and all the teachers were White. The teachers were pleasant and the food was good. The cook was Elizabeth Packineau and she served regular food to the students, and when Loretta would go home on weekends she had traditional meals.

I asked Loretta to describe Elbowoods and she said besides the school, there was a bus garage, bank, hospital with employee houses, a jail, post office, a grocery store and a clothing store. Elbowoods also had a Tribal Office where all the business was conducted. Elbowoods was about 1 mile from the river. Right next to the river was called the "Fair Grounds". The nick-name was called the "Big top". This is where all the activities happened such as Rodeo's and the Pow-wow, Church events were also held here. Loretta said Annie Eagle



*L-R: Annie Eagle, Loretta Eagle and Jim Eagle*



*Bottom L-R: Mary Sitting Crow, Annie Eagle, Matti Grinnel and Outter Sage  
Top L-R: Viola Wilson, Helen Grinnel, Dora Hurts, Missionary and Tillie Little Soldier,*

had a huge garden down at the bottom, by the river. She said Annie would get up at five in the morning to work in her garden, "she was a very hard worker".

When Loretta was a junior in high school she married Eugene Jacobs and he took her to Hawaii with him. Just before she left for Hawaii she heard a councilman saying "the dam was coming through, everyone had to move to the top of the hills. She said the Government came in and removed the bridge which isolated the families from the south side of Elbowoods. She said the families that lived around her and her Grandma Annie were about 4 -5 miles away from the bridge. She remembers riding down to the river on a wagon and catching a ferry across the river into Elbowoods to visit Evan Burr. Before the Garrison Dam was built the Government built the town "Riverdale" for the workers to build the Dam. She remembers how they slowly removed all the buildings from Elbowoods and how the Natives were very upset. She said George Gillette cried when the Dam was going to go through.

Loretta mentioned a few of the families (that she remembered) that moved to Twin Buttes, for example Spotted

Bears, Lincolns, Little Soldiers, Bensons, Crows Hearts, Nagels, Wilsons, and Whitmans. She said they moved the Catholic and Congregational Churches to Twin Buttes. This is where all the activities were. The Churches even had potlucks, rummage sales, and a quilting club. She remembers all the ladies wore dresses. Loretta said she is very sad that the churches never got taken care of and none of them are in use now. The Congregational Church is a historical sight. It was a great pleasure interviewing Loretta Eagle, she took me back into time and I could envision the little town of Elbowoods. When I left her house, I was so impressed how good her memory of Elbowoods was. How she remembered all the names of her teachers, cooks, matrons, and all her neighbors. I could envision the little town and how I wished I could have been there to see it for my own eyes.



*Congregational Church Quilting Club*

# NU'ETA LANGUAGE INITIATIVE

## MANDAN CLANS

Before the smallpox epidemic of 1837, there were 13 Mandan clans that were divided into two groups, the **East Side** and the **West Side**.

The West Side, which was established by Lone Man, comprised six clans. The West Side clans were symbolically associated with the **buffalo** and represented **peace**.

The East Side comprised seven clans. It was symbolically associated with **corn** and represented **war**.

All thirteen clans participated in the construction of the ceremonial lodge. The East Side clans erected the east side of the lodge and placed yellow corn in each posthole. The West Side clans erected the west side of the lodge and placed small mats of buffalo hair in the central postholes of their side.



The **Waxíkina** clan of the West Side was in the dominant leadership position, because Lone Man, while he was living in the tribe, had announced that he belonged to the Waxíkina. The Waxíkina clan also held the rites to the **Okíipe'** ceremony that had been established by Lone Man.

Other clans also had right to specific ceremonies and each clan was the custodian of a specific variety of corn.

A person was born into his/her mother's clan. Marriage within the clan was disapproved but not unheard of.

It was the duty of the clan to assist its own members. Hunters were expected to offer meat to old people of the same clan. Old people were fed, clothed, and provided with daily necessities by younger clan members. Orphans and childless old people were likewise supported and cared for by the clan. Although a person during his/her lifetime was most intimately associated with

their mother's clan, the final rites and funeral arrangements were the responsibility of one's father's clan.

After the smallpox epidemic of 1837 only four clans survived: **Waxíkina** and **Tamíisike** from the West Side, and **Sípushka'** (Prairie Chicken) and **Xtaxtáhe** (Spotted Eagle) from the East Side. These four clans survived well into the 20th century; however, after smallpox there were simply too few people left to maintain the costly ceremonies associated with each clan. The solution to the problem was to join forces with the Hidatsa, some of whose clans were considered to be the equivalents of Mandan clans.

Thus the Mandan Prairie Chickens (**Sípushka'**) and Hidatsa Prairie Chickens (**Ciicgá**) were considered to be the same; the Mandan **Tamíisike** was equated with the Hidatsa **Mé'chiirooga** (Knife Clan); the **Waxíkina** clan was equated with the Hidatsa **Maxóòxadi** (Alkali Lodge), and the Speckled Eagles (**Xtaxtáhe**) were regarded as minor branch of the Prairie Chicken clan.

As of the present day, the surviving Mandan clans have become fully integrated with and indistinguishable from the Hidatsa clans. Certain individuals may still remember which Mandan clan they belong to and even possess some of the rights and medicines associated with that clan, yet, for the time being, an organization separate from the Hidatsa remains dormant.

*The information in this article is based on the interviews with Dr. Edwin Benson, and the published materials by Alfred Bowers, Edward Curtis, and Raymond Wood.*

## FIRST CREATOR AND A YOUNG MAN

*Told by Chief Bears Arm*

There was once a young man living in the village who always criticized First Creator whenever the people talked about him and his accomplishments. This young man doubted everything the people said about First Creator. One day this young man went hunting far away from the village. He travelled until he came to a ravine at the foot of a hill in which he found a buffalo trail. The young man followed the trail and came to a place where the buffaloes frequently rolled. There, he found a shallow hole made when the buffaloes pawed the earth when rolling. He lay down in one of these holes, looking around for game. Soon, the young man saw a coyote walking towards him. The young man picked a bunch of grass,



*Chief Bears Arm*

He tied it to his forehead and stuck his head out of the hole carefully so the coyote could not see him. He took his arrows out and selected the straightest one. He looked the arrow over and put it between his teeth to straighten. When he looked out again, he saw that the coyote had come still nearer; he drew his bow and got ready to shoot. The next time he looked up, the coyote was almost past him. The young man raised; the coyote saw him. It jumped to one side and turned to run but could not avoid the arrow. After shooting the coyote, the young man laid his bow and arrows down, took his knife out, and skinned the animal carefully.

Just as he finished, First Creator came along and said, "Hello, young man. What are you doing here?" The young man told First Creator how he saw the coyote coming and how he shot him. First Creator asked, "What are you going to do with the meat?" The young man said, "I cannot make any use of that meat so I am going to let it lay where it is."

First Creator said, "I see young man, that you do not know the value of this animal. You should take those eyes out, fix them up, tie them onto the end of a stick and go back to the village singing your victory songs. You should go through the village singing because the people will flock all around you. They will do this because they will want those coyote eyes. The people will bid on those eyes, and the highest bidder will take them because they belonged to a coyotes and are valuable things to have. Were you going to leave them behind?" The young man said, "I will take them if you will fix them up for me. I will make good use of them."

First Creator took the eyes out of the coyote's head and said, "Cut me a straight

cherry shoot with a fork so that one eye will hang on one fork and the other on eye on the other fork. However, before I will fix up these things, you must pay me or I will not go on with this task." The young man said, "Sure; I will pay you for your work. What do you want in payment?" First Creator said, "I want to take all the things you have here, your bow and arrows, elk robe, leggings, moccasins and knife. I will take everything except your breechcloth."

The young man said, "I will give you all these things if you will fix up the eyes for me." He took his clothing off and laid them on the ground for First Creator to take. Then First Creator removed the eyes from the coyote, made a little fire, held the eyes over the fire, and cooked them slightly on the outside. First Creator said, "By doing this, the eyes will last for a long time. Bring me the stick." The young man brought him the stick. First Creator also pulled out some of coyote's fur and tied this on the stick along with the eyes.

First Creator said, "You must take this back with you; you might think you have lost all of your clothing, bow and arrows, everything that you have, but you will receive many times as much property when you get back to the village; you will get everything that you need."

The young man took the stick and started for the village. When he got to the outskirts of the village, he began to sing and dance. The people of the village saw him coming, and rushed up to him; nearly everyone in the village was there. They surrounded the young man as he sang his victory song four times. Then one of the men said, "Stop; tell us where you were and what this means."

The young man stopped singing and told the people, "I killed a coyote and a man came to me. He fixed the eyes and hung them on a stick. This man told me I should do this and that the people would look at the eyes and want them, because they are valuable. When he finished telling his story, the people laughed at him and said, "This is what you get for criticizing First Creator and making fun of him. Those eyes are not good for anything. They cannot be used for anything and they are no good to anyone." All the people laughed at him and went back to their homes.

*Submitted by  
Indrek Park  
Nueta Language Initiative*

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Turning of the Earth for the New Elder's Center

Photo Credit: Elijah Benson

minute. Our current plant is capable of treating up to 60 gallons of water per minute. The new water plant is eagerly anticipated. I would like to thank our water treatment plant operators for working hard putting in many hours as we have had plenty of water outages this summer, as we hook up the waterline.

The West Housing neighborhood improvements project is in full swing. The Elder's Center over-excavation has been performed to address soil types and the foundation is being poured. The building is expected to be buttoned up before the snow flies so crews can continue to work on the inside of the building throughout the winter. The Elder's building will be completed in the Spring of 2018. The softball field, multi-purpose sports field, splash pad, frisbee golf course, horse shoe pits, skate spot, warming house, ice skating rink, center streets, new homes, picnic shelter, outdoor basketball court, parking lots, sidewalks, are all being built now. I will keep you all posted on the progress as summer turns into fall.

I have been very active keeping a Twin Buttes paving initiative going. Thanks to a great team of folks (too numerous to name) we hope to see many of our paving needs addressed in the

Twin Buttes community this fall before it gets too cold to lay the asphalt. This will be another nice community improvement with contributions from the MHA Nation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Whiting Oil Company/RimRock Oil and Gas. The heavy truck traffic is hard on our roads, and it seems the roads with all the truck traffic are either too wet or too dusty so the lead operator in Twin Buttes has stepped up and agreed to cost sharing on our paving needs. This is precedence setting on Fort Berthold.

In closing there are many positive improvements taking



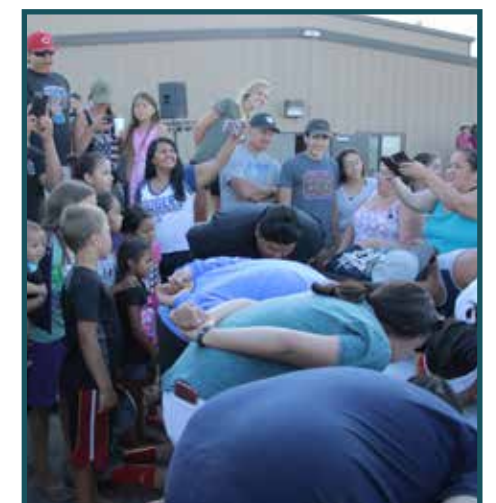
Councilman Spotted Bear addressing the crowd at the Elder Center Ground Blessing

place in the South Segment. Elder's home improvement continues to take place, Fort Berthold Housing Authority homes are receiving care and needed renovation. Special thanks to the great communication of Terrance Red Fox, FBHA housing director as well as the FBHA board of directors. The bison fence is going up nice, 140-acre pasture is being fenced to receive a small heard of buffalo. The MHA nation and TBC gave another generous grant to the Twin Buttes community to reclaim another abandoned lagoon. The lagoon will be reclaimed with dirt work and turned into a large juneberry and fruit tree orchard for the community. I am working with the Mercer County NRCS and Kerry Hartman from the NHSC tribal college to design and build the orchard in a successful manner. Maybe someday Twin Buttes will be the juneberry capital of North Dakota! The community is looking good and all community members of Twin Buttes have taken great pride in the beautification of our beloved land. Thank you to all our summer youth workers who worked so hard. I hope you had a good summer and enjoyed your end of summer trip to Valley Fair and the Mall of America!

**Hahoo, A'taro'sh.**

*(Thank you, that's all for now.)*

**Councilman Cory Spotted Bear  
Twin Buttes Representative**



*Riding is not required,  
but those interested can advance in  
Horsemanship Skills*



*Many say it's fun and relaxing,  
just to be near the horses and pet them*

## HORSE NATION PROGRAM

partners with



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF TWIN BUTTES**



*On very hot summer days,  
we enjoyed bathing the horses*



*The Horse Nation Program is grateful to the  
Twin Buttes Boys and Girls Club Staff  
and Horsemanship Mentors  
Lexi Starr & Jada Appel  
for all the team work.*

# Twin Buttes Summer Youth Program

Thanks to Councilman Cory Spotted Bear and the Tribal Business Council for allocating money for all segments for summer youth. Our youth worked hard and were taught accountability. I was fortunate enough to be their Supervisor, along with Jessica.

We had a BBQ, where the kids cooked and prepared the entire meal. It was fun, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The great thing about this year's summer youth was that they had actual job placements in the community: Do It Best Hardware Store, South Shore C-Store and CDC. I want to thank John Starr, Lupe Sanchez, and Kris Burr for allowing the kids to work at their business establishments.

At the closing of the summer, Councilman Spotted Bear sent the kids to Minnesota, to go to Valley Fair and the Mall of America. We left on August 8th and arrived in Minnesota that evening. 17 kids chose to go and had a great time. On Wednesday at Valley Fair it was slightly raining all day, but that didn't stop us from having fun. They even go me to go on a roller coaster (never again, though). We definitely have some daredevils. We got home Thursday night. I want to personally like to extend to the parents, that your children were very respectful, polite and well mannered. I thoroughly enjoyed working with them this summer. Also, to wish them the best in their upcoming school year.

*Melissa and Jessica Starr*

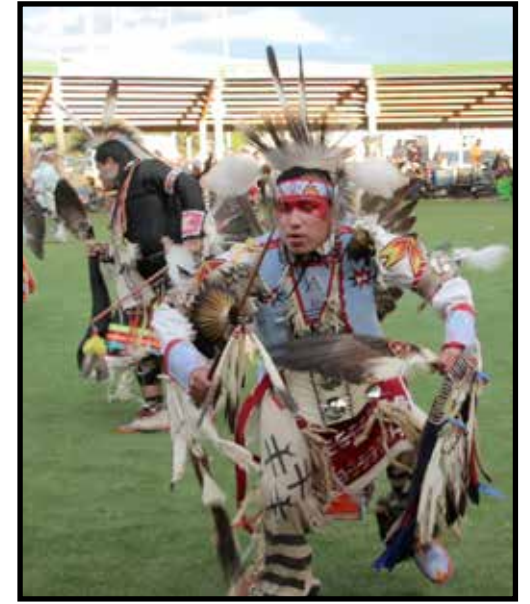




Red Sky Starr  
Photo Credit: Geneva & Hank



# at a glance



Men's Traditional  
Photo Credit: Elijah Benson



Announcer Charlie Moran  
Photo Credit: Elijah Benson



Drum Group  
Photo Credit: Jurnee Murray



Shina & Janet  
Photo Credit: Jess White Plume



L-R: Mia, Avery and Brooklyn  
Photo Credit: Jurnee Murray



Women's Golden Age  
Photo Credit: Jurnee Murray



Boy's Traditional Tiny Tot  
Photo Credit: Jurnee Murray



L-R: Silas, Eli, Kellen & Brylee  
Photo Credit: Erica Deserly



Grand Entry  
Photo Credit: Jurnee Murray



Grand Entry - Councilmen Randy Phelan, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear and Councilman Fred Fox  
Photo Credit: Jurnee Murray

# powwow pictures continued



Welcome Home Loren Burr



Arial View of Twin Buttes Celebration Grounds  
Photo Credit: Makche



Morning Grace and Wind Spirit



Twin Buttes Segment Community Meal  
L-R: Darcy and Clarice Medicine Stone & Ed Lone Fight



Tom Fredericks Honoring



Three Affiliated Tribes Police



Grand Entry



Grand Entry



Grand Entry



Arial View of Twin Buttes Celebration Grounds  
Photo Credit: Makche

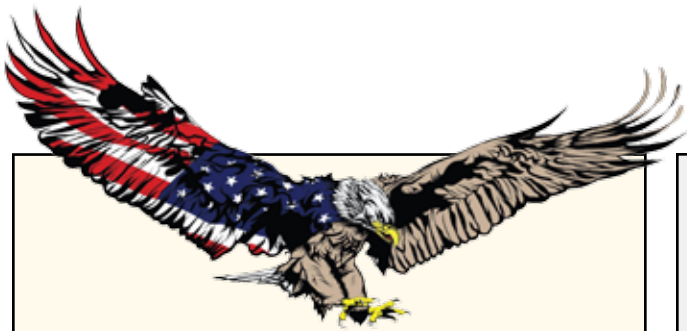


Flag Raising



Men's Chicken Dance Category  
Photo Credit: Jurnee Murray

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Three Affiliated Tribes Police Department

I would first like to thank the community for letting us be a part of the community and allowing us to serve and protect the home of the Champions.

The last few months have been great, we had numerous trainings that the Offices have attended. Sergeant Krueger attended the School Resource officer basic training in Fargo. Officer Alvarez attended crime scene investigation training in Artesia, NM. Officer/K9 Smith attended canine training. Smith also received a new Canine Officer whose name is Nero. Officer Luna was retired due to age and medical reasons. She is going back with her original handler in South Dakota to spend the rest of her years in a safe and carefree environment.

School is starting soon, so please be cautious and slow down in the school zones. We will be watching for speeders and careless drivers in and around the school zones.

Emergency response plans are being worked on by Sergeant Krueger. Should you have any input, feel free to call (701) 421-7827. These plans are needed if there is extreme emergency in the community such as power outages, storms, and any other extreme emergency that would call for a community emergency management response.

*Submitted by  
Sergeant Dustin Krueger*

## TWIN BUTTES FIELD CLINIC

### CLINIC HOURS

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



*Dr. Orlan Jackson, D.O.*  
Monday - Friday  
9:00AM - 3:30PM



*Andrea Richter, FNP-C*  
Tue / Wed / Thur  
9:00AM - 3:30PM



## health and wellness

To all community members:

Please be advised that "The 2018 Open Enrollment period runs from November 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017."

My office is open Mon-Fri (8:00am – 4:30pm) to anybody that would like to come in and apply for Health Care Insurance. There are several types of insurance you can apply for (example: North Dakota Medicaid, Marketplace Health Insurance, Tribal-Care Insurance – enrolled members only)

I would also like to inform the public of the specialty clinics that come once a month. They are as follows: Mental Health with Dr. Taylor on August 25th and September 1st from 10am-3pm. Diabetic Clinic – please contact Diane Tomlin at (701) 938-4540 to schedule an appointment.

My contact information is: (701) 421-3550 (cell) or (701) 938-4403 ext: 105 (office).

*From Anita Gegelman, Health  
Benefit Coordinator for  
South Segment*

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Twin Buttes Community Halloween Event**

## TENTATIVELY OCTOBER 26





# CONGRATULATIONS

*Kirby & Delores*



**Vow Renewal  
July 17, 2017**

*Heavenly Father,  
Please bless us on this holiday day of  
new beginnings.  
Teach us to love purely and faithfully  
with a love like Yours.  
With each new dawn, may we draw closer  
to each other as we draw closer to You.  
Amen.*

*Barry & Emily*



**Pastor Barry Laine Zietz  
& Emily Mae Kriebs**

**Married August 12, 2017  
Twin Buttes, ND**

*Tanner & Nancy*



**Tanner Reinhardt  
& Nancy Hart**

**Married August 5, 2017  
Halliday, ND**

## Condolences

*to Former Paster Vivian  
Bradwich and family  
on the loss of your son  
**Donnie Bradwich***



## CONGRATULATIONS

*Danica Burr Vincent  
on the birth of your daughter!!*

**Francine Grace**  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017  
8lbs 2oz



## CONGRATULATIONS

*Krystal Bell & Noe Borja  
on the birth of your son!!*

**Arturo Noe Borja**  
Monday, July 3, 2017  
7lbs 12oz



# Congratulations Raven Peltier



*Associates of Arts Cum Laude from Turtle Mountain Community College, Raven will continue to pursue her college goals, she plans on attending TMCC year and then she will head to Bemidji State where she will become a nurse. Thank you Cory Spotted Bear and staff for your encouragement and support along the way.*

# Happy Birthday to our Elders

- VIC BOEPPLE
- VIRGIL EAGLE
- JOSH SAGE
- LILLIAN HOLEN
- BESSIE STARR
- DIANA TOMLIN
- PETE FREDERICKS
- ROSELLA LITTLE SOLDIER
- BRUCE GILLETTE
- KAREN SMITH
- PHYLLIS STEEN
- MICHAEL WALKER
- WANDA MOSSETT

*apologies if we missed anyone - it was not our intention*

# Congratulations Breyleigh Gegelman!



*Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and a Minor in Chemistry from the University of North Dakota. His Grandmother is Loretta Eagle and the son of Anita Gegelman and step-son of Orville Martinez. Breyleigh has one brother Blaize Gegelman, who he encourages education upon as much as possible. Breyleigh is on his way to completing his Doctorate Degree as a Chiropractor at the Northwestern Health and Sciences University in Bloomington Minnesota this fall. Thank you to Councilman Cory Spotted Bear and the rest of the Three Affiliated Tribes Chairman and Council Representatives and Higher Education Dept., along with the Twin Buttes Community Board for all the support they have provided and continue to provide through his College Education.*

TWIN BUTTES GED SITE

# OPENING

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017



## GED UPDATE

**PLEASE COME BY THE OFFICE FOR STUDY SESSIONS AND GED RESOURCES. STAY UPDATED WITH CHANGES TO OUR PROGRAM.**

AZTEC pre and post testing is now mandatory. There will be no more Civics or TABE testing. GED students must fill out applications for each new semester.

We look forward to assisting you in achieving your educational goals!

## Poet's Corner

### “While Mist of Morning Dew Begins its Stratospheric Circle”

By: Wá'hkupe (NuuÉtaare)  
Abhúhgawigaa (Hidatsa)  
for Blanche Mae Benson

Today before the swallows  
had their chance to chirp  
my defeat, I sat so still  
at the altar of hooper's deity  
and hatched hustle to beat  
the light around which heavy turtle  
treks and spins; tilts and skips.

In front of some of the Moon-eyed  
who rest at lake's point, I flexed  
on the gully and hit the highest  
butte to welcome home  
the brightest star and dance silly  
like old men as I became a trophy's  
silhouette.

While mist of morning dew begins  
its stratospheric circle, I listen  
to the low hum of machinery  
and bring myself back down  
to beating pulse on rope  
made from deer's spine,  
collected back when the pale  
moonlight was strong enough  
to show us all the way back Home.

# Have a Great School Year Twin Buttes Eagles!



## TWIN BUTTES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 4	Labor Day/No School
October 19-20	Teacher Conv./No School
October 27	End of 1st quarter
November 1-2	P/T Conf. 2PM-5:30PM
November 3	P/T Comp Day/No School
November 10	Veteran's Day/No School
November 23-24	Thanksgiving/No School
December 21	Christmas Break Begins
January 3	School Resumes
January 15	PD Day/No School
January 18	End of 2nd quarter
February 19	President's Day/No School
March 16	Spring Break (Storm Day)
March 26	End of 3rd quarter
March 28-29	P/T Conf. 2PM-5:30PM
March 30	Good Friday/No School
April 2	Easter Monday (Storm Day)
April 3	P/T Comp Day/No School
May 24	Last Day of School
May 25	Storm Day (if needed)

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[twinbuttestimes@gmail.com](mailto:twinbuttestimes@gmail.com)

**48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL** UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
**INTERNATIONAL POWWOW**  
**SEPTEMBER 8-10 2017**  
**“COMMUNITIES - STRONGER TOGETHER”**

# What did you do this summer?



*"I was busy with work and home life. Any free time I had, I spent on the lake with my family."*

*Joe Mossett  
Adult Twin Buttes  
Community Member*



*"Having the opportunity to be in a program that helped me as a young man to take responsibility & learn work ethics."*

*Blaize Gegelman  
Teen Twin Buttes  
Community Member*



*"This summer I learned how to drive a golf cart. I learned about honey bees, did some reading... My Grandma took me to the State Fair. I did basketball and wrestling camp. I spent some time on my Uncle Trevor's boat and played with my cousins. I flew to Minnesota to see my Nana and Papa for a week. Oh, and I watched my brother and sister a lot and spent lots of time with my Grandma - helping her weed her garden."*

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