

Congratulations Class of 2023



JOESEPH HOWARD Poplar High School Poplar, MT



KALLYE FREDERICKS Killdeer High School Killdeer, ND



RED SKY STARRKilldeer High School
Killdeer, ND



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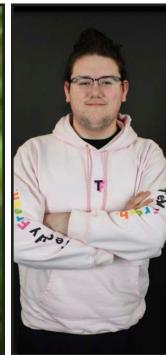
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Dickinson, ND



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Beulah High School

Beulah, ND



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Councilman Spotted Bear's Greetings

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Tashka'nito'sha Aame

Greetings to Everyone

I am writing this on June 7th and it is my wife Sierra's birthday. I want to wish her a happy birthday with many healthy and happy returns. She gets up early and works hard every day. She is a wonderful mother to our children.

I would like to offer my sincere condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones throughout the year. May you find comfort and peace as you move forward in life. I am also thinking of all those who have gone through a hard time. Some people are battling illness and others are battling addiction. It is said to be kind to everyone because we don't know what type of hardship another person might be going through right now.

As I write this, our spring season is concluding and the summer solstice, June 21st is just a few weeks away. We were blessed with some moisture this spring so the land around Twin Buttes is full of abundance and there is tall green grass everywhere. We are thankful for the blessings of the rain and I hope it continues to rain. Our farmers and ranchers will receive another high yield of hay and crops.

I enjoy being out on the land in nature and I notice all the different medicines growing naturally here and there all around us. There were many choke cherry blossoms this spring. There were so many you could smell the aroma of the flowering trees wherever you went. There should be many berries of all types in July and August.

You might have noticed I use the term "bison" as opposed to "buffalo". Growing up I always referred to them as "buffalo." As I studied and became more familiar about the "buffalo" market I found out that there are many false advertisements about Buffalo



Photo Credit: Cory Spotted Bear

meat and when some people are marketing Buffalo meat they are actually marketing Water Buffalo and Cape Buffalo from Africa. If you read the product label on some dog foods and it says, "made with Buffalo meat," if you read the ingredients on the back it might actually say, "made with Cape Buffalo or Water Buffalo meat." This is why I refer to our pasture in Twin Buttes as the "bison" pasture so there will be no confusion when we market our animals. The Mandan word for bison or Buffalo is "Pti." After beef cattle came to our country, the

Mandan people had to begin to start describing which animal it was that was being referred to. The old people might say, "Which of the two animals are you referring to, "Pti tkush," "The true buffalo" or "Mashi ta pti, "the white man's buffalo?" The word for beef cattle in the Mandan language is "mashi ta pti," meaning, "The white man's buffalo." This is a little bit of history about the Mandan language and how we described what things were.

Our community is well-kept, neat and orderly. Eight years ago when I first entered the position of "Twin Buttes council representative" it was a high priority to clean up and beautify our homelands. We began cleaning up areas where trash was previously dumped on the ground, we cleaned up old junk cars, abandoned structures and properties like old trailer house frames and rusty old fencelines that were no longer in use. We started planting trees and mowing the grass lawns and along the ditches. We started landscaping and displaying flowers as well as hanging colorful banners from our light poles. Old abandoned lagoons (three of them) were reclaimed and the land was restored. Today, where three old abandoned lagoons were at one time, there are now instead a community juneberry orchard, a softball complex, and a new roads department garage.

The new Twin Buttes roads department garage is near completion and is built right across the highway to the south from our tribal administration



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Congratulations Twin Buttes Little Champs Head Start!













OSCAR GRADY

CODY HOWLING WOLF,

PARKER HUNTS ALONG PAYTON HUNTS ALONG

CORDELL STARR

ZANDER ZEPHIER

Congratulations Twin Buttes 8th Graders!



RAVEL BARCENA Twin Buttes



MARISSA DIAZ-CORRAL Twin Buttes



BELLA WHITE TAIL Twin Buttes

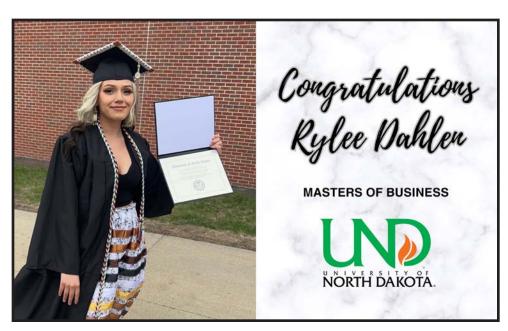


NATHAN WHITE TAIL Twin Buttes



CIARA GILLETTE Beulah

Congratulations to our Twin Buttes College Graduates!





COUNCILMAN SPOTTED BEAR'S GREETINGS

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building. The new roads garage will be opened to the roads department crew this summer.

They will move across the road from the old roads department to the new building. The new building will have five large garage doors with parking and service bays. There will be a wash bay and a drive-thru bay to park larger equipment. It has air hoses, water hose connections in the shop, welding machine, tire machine, auto mechanics lift, offices, break room, bathroom, and many features that will be useful to our roads department crew. The only thing Julian "One Man Show" Kruger asked for in the new facility was hot water, because the hot water heater was not working in the old out-dated facility they are currently working out of now. Ricky Gillette did not believe me when I told him he was getting a new roads garage. "They've been telling us that for 25 years," he said. And Hank Starr said he would believe it when he seen it. Hank has become a good mouse trapper in the old building. Special thank you to Ricky, Hank, and Julian, the three members of our roads department crew in Twin Buttes, and our new TAT roads director Maynard Demaray. We have a lot of paved roads now and I suspect we will have to get good at scheduled routine

maintenance on our asphalt to keep our paved roads in good shape for many years into the future.

The new Twin Buttes fair grounds is coming along nicely. The new powwow arbor is standing now. We are hoping it will be completed in time for this year's annual celebration. We are also hoping we can utilize the new facility more often throughout the year and not only during the powwow. The new arbor has a covered roof modeled after the nice covered powwow arbor built in Parshall. A special thank you to Parshall community and representative Mervin Packineau for sharing your design plans with us. The powwow "crows nest" was designed by experienced powwow officials. Our RV park near the powwow arbor is now complete and there are about 78 RV parking stalls. The primitive camp ground associated with the new powwow arbor location will be temporary this year, as we just need to get through this season and a more permanent plan will be implemented after this years powwow in August. The indoor arena is shaping up as well as completion of the outdoor rodeo arena and the Indian Relay race horse track. Our track distance is 1/2 mile long and is a preferred distance for our Indian Relay horse races.

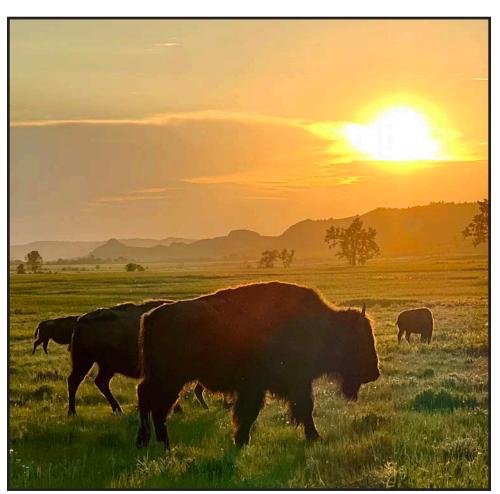


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You might notice several new construction sites where dirt work is underway in Twin Buttes, these areas are the new high school campus, the elder's assisted living campus, and a new housing subdivision called "West Hills." The high school construction site is across the road from the new community center to the East. The elders assisted living construction site is North of West Housing just North and West of the new softball complex. Just West of "West Housing," on tribal land is the construction site of the new housing subdivision. This new housing subdivision is designed for 40 or more new home sites. There is a need for more houses in Twin Buttes. With the new jobs being created for the high school and assistant living, there will be a need for even more houses for families to move to Twin Buttes. There is also a strong desire for many families that have once lived here to move back home to Twin Buttes as our community begins to grow and more

We have many healthy and positive events to look forward to this summer for our youth and everyone to enjoy in Twin Buttes. Summer Youth jobs and College Intern positions are starting up now. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming "4th of July" event which will be held on June 30th. I also look forward to seeing everyone at our powwow, rodeo, softball and Indian relay events going on in Twin Buttes this summer. Hank Starr and myself will be instructing a "Fishing 101" class at the lake for our Twin Buttes youth, planned and

jobs, services and opportunities are

organdized by our Events staff. I would like to take this time to say thank you to all of our Twin Buttes segment staff, our South Segment Community Development staff as well as all the service providers in Twin Buttes. Your service to our community is appreciated.

Also, a special thank you to all of our Tribal Business Council representatives for your continued support. I send everyone good wishes as we embark upon a new season of growth, abundance and prosperity, and good feelings all around this summer. We have many things to look forward to and our small community is slowly growing and expanding in new directions. Please continue to be patient with me as I am still and will always be learning to be the best decision maker and representative that I can be for our Twin Buttes Community. I always say, "just keep moving, we will get where we are going, in a good way."

Aho, a'taroni'to'sh, Thank you, that is all for now.

Cory Spotled Bear

Twin Buttes Representative MHA Nation Vice Chairman





INDIAN RELAYS — SUNDAY

GRAND ENTRIES

FRI: 7pm SAT: 1 & 7pm SUN: 1pm (All Times CST)

HOST DRUMS (LOCAL)

Yellow Wolf Singers (FRI) Shell Creek Singers (SAT) Oakdale Singers (SUN)

POWWOW STAFF

ANNOUNCER - Charlie Moran **DIRECTOR** - Angle Gillette **FLAG BEARER** - Duane Bowen **DRUM KEEPER - Niibwin Davis ARENA DIRECTOR - Rusty Gillette HEAD DANCE JUDGE - Donovan Abbey SOUND** - RC Sounds - Red Lake, MN **COLOR GUARD - Young Hawk Bear Post 253**

VENDORS

\$600/Food • \$400/Craft

RV HOOKUPS

\$100/Weekend (Limited)

FOR MORE INFO Angie Gillette: 701) 421-2705

ANNOUNCER - Ruben Little Head

Myron Johnson/Nathan Good Iron Post 271 Fort Berthold VFW Post 9061

COUNCILMAN CORY SPOTTED BEAR FEED - SAT Noon

MATTIE (NAGEL) GRINNELL HONORING - SAT

SINGING CONTEST

1ST \$15,000 2ND \$10,000 3RD \$7,000 4TH \$3,000 5TH \$2,000

SPECIALS / EVENTS

2023 CHASE FAMILY REUNION

Memorial Ride (Store to Powwow) - THU Noon Tipi Challenge (Powwow Grounds) - FRI 4pm

Rules: Teams of FOUR. (men or women)

Tipi will be provided by the family. 1ST \$4,000 2ND \$3,000 3RD \$2,000

FORT BERTHOLD DIABETES SCREENING

New Powwow Grounds FRI - 3pm-6pm

MHA CHAIRMAN, MARK N. FOX FEED - FRI 5pm

Tiny Tot Giveaway - SAT Evening

ALL VETERAN DANCE SPECIAL - SUN Sponsored by Flag Bearer, Duane Bowen

Twin Buttes Celebration Committee is not responsible for accidents, theft, vandalism, or lack of travel funds. No drugs, alcohol, or firearms allowed! Poster subject to change

PRIZE MONEY

Men's Golden Age (55+) Combined Women's Golden Age (55+) Combined

1ST \$1,000 2ND \$1,000 3RD \$1,000 4TH \$1,000 5TH \$1,000

1ST \$1,000

2ND \$1,000

10TH \$1,000

Men's Categories (18-54) Traditional, Grass, Fancy, Chicken

Women's Categories (18-54) Traditional, Jingle, Fancy

3RD \$1,000 4TH \$1,000 5TH \$1,000 6TH \$1,000 7TH \$1,000 8TH \$1,000 9TH \$1,000

Teen Categories (13-17):

Traditional, Grass, Jingle, Fancy 1ST \$400 2ND \$400 3RD \$400 4TH \$400

> Junior Categories (6-12): Traditional, Grass, Jingle, Fancy

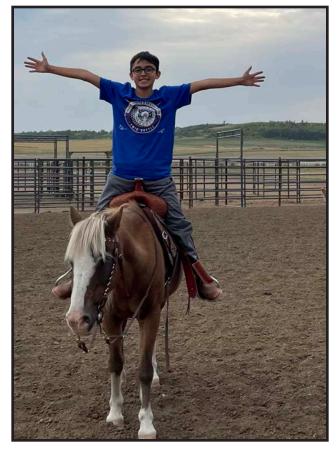
1ST \$200 2ND \$200 3RD \$200 4TH \$200

Twin Buttes Horse Culture



South Segment Horse Culture Program is excited for this summer. Our Twin Buttes Fairground outdoor riding and rodeo arena and racetrack are completed and ready for riding, and our indoor arena is nearly complete. Our summer Kickoff event is planned for June 8, 2023, after which time we will begin regular weekly riding lessons, which will continue throughout the summer. Riders who have completed at least six lessons will be featured in our Future Champions Horsemanship Showcase, and will have the opportunity to participate in destination trail rides. For more information contact Jessica White Plume at 701-421-0420 or Alyssa Starr 701-421-4346.





















JODY FOX ALTRINGER January 28, 1964 - May 4, 2023

Jody Rae Fox Altringer, 59, of Twin Buttes, ND passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, in Bismarck, ND at Sanford Hospital. The wake will begin at 5 pm CDT on Monday May 8th, 2023 at the Twin Buttes Wellness Center, Twin Buttes.

Jody was born on January 28, 1964, in Minot, ND to John Fox, Jr. and Reva Boepple (Burr). She spent much of her life in Twin Buttes being raised by her daddy, Victor Boepple, and her mother. She attended school and graduated from Halliday High School in 1982. Following high school, she had two sons from her first marriage to Barry Benson. On November 24, 2004, she married the love of her life, Jeff Altringer. Together they blended their two families. The family was completed with the birth of their daughter. Jody attended college at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, ND and earned her degree in Early Childhood Development. In her adult life she relocated to Red Wing, MN with Jeff, and their children. She worked various jobs while in Minnesota before returning home to Twin Buttes, ND to be closer to her daddy.

Jody loved gardening, even to the point where she won, "Yard of the Month – June 2022," in Twin Buttes. She also enjoyed spending time at her dad's house working outside. Jody could never pass up a rummage sale sign, no matter how many miles it took you to get there. You could always find her at home drinking lemon water and watching her favorite shows on TV. In the recent years she could spend hours doing diamond art. However, her greatest joy in life was spending time with her grandchildren. Jody is survived by her husband, Jeff, and their children, Trevor (Megan) Benson, Cassandra (Javad Khan) Altringer, Chawna (Dustin) Voegele, Chris (Taylor) Altringer, Michelle Altringer, and Awnah (Matthew Jones) Fox-Altringer, daughter-in-law, Brittany Benson; grandchildren, Cameron, Mia, Devin, Kellen, Elijah, Paxton, Takoda, Lily, Willow, Alia, Fire, Echo, Kayce, Laylah; her father, Victor Boepple; brothers, John Jay Fox, Wayne (Shauna) Fox, Fred (Kim) Fox; sisters, Nina Crowsbreast, Jackie (Marvin) Danks, Jolene (Clifton) Whitman, Stacey (David) Blacksmith; stepsister, Mariah (Paul) Meyers; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, godchildren, and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father, John Fox Jr.; mother, Reva Boepple (Burr); son, Zachary Benson; 2 brothers-in-law, Elgin Crowsbreast and Daniel Altringer; sister-in-law, LaBell Fox; nephews, Darrell Danks, Lyle Danks; maternal grandparents, Evan (Gertrude Jacobs) Burr Sr.; paternal grandparents, John (Agnes) Fox, uncles, Dennis (Joyce) Burr, Roger (Verna) Old Mouse; aunts, Marlene Ward (Burr), Joy Burr (Sorensen).



IRA FOXJune 15, 1951 - April 2, 2023

Ira Jane Fox, 71, New Town, ND passed away Sunday, April 2, 2023 at Sanford Medical Center, Fargo, ND. Services will be held at 10:00 AM CDT on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at the Twin Buttes Wellness Center, Twin Buttes, ND with Jon "Poncho" Brady officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Buttes Congregational Cemetery. Wake Services will begin at 5 PM CDT at the Twin Buttes Wellness Center.

Ira was born to Delbert (Bud) Wilson and Viola Benson at Elbowoods, ND on June 15, 1951. She began school at Twin Buttes Elementary School in 1957 and attended High School in Lowville, NY and Halliday High School. Following high school she completed Administrative Assistant Training in Aberdeen, SD and began as an Administrative Assistant, where she worked at various companies before returning to Twin Buttes.

Upon returning home she worked at Northwestern Bell in Bismarck in the late 60s, and Twin Buttes School in the 70s. The 80s brought a change of careers from administrative work, as she began a career with Meyer's Trucking in Dickinson as a truck driver. During her time driving truck, hauling asphalt for road construction projects, she was part of the Teamsters Union.

Ira married Angus Fox on April 18, 1981, and out of that union come daughter, Bethany, on November 20, 1981.

After driving truck, she began one of two extensive stints with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1983. By the late 90s, she was working in the Accounting Department of Four Bears Casino. She then was a clerk for the USDA in Valley City, and then transferred to Minot and held the same position, before moving back to New Town in the early 2000s.

She worked 12 years in the office of the Special Trustee during the beginning stages of the oil boom on Fort Berthold. She was extremely dedicated to her work there. In 2007, she would work until 9 or 10 at night without getting paid and no overtime just to make sure all the royalties got out to over 5,000 tribal royalty owners. When she retired in 2018, the office she worked in had processed over \$3 billion in royalties.

Ira always loved having a busy home, with lots of laughs and good times. Many of her children's friends became Ira's adopted children because "when she said you were hers, you were hers," and they referred to her as Mom. Pat Packineau, Jay Hale, Max Dickens, Shannon Hale, Twyla Baker, Sheridan St. Cyr, Autumn Jarski, and Basil Hunts Along, Jr. were just of few of her other children. She was everyone's grandma for all the New Town Eagles Boys Basketball Teams from 2010 to 2015, always inviting them and feeding them at home. The Wollschlagger Boys, Hettich Boys, Jeremiah Wells and Wes Aubol were also considered her grandchildren. Once her children and their friends all had families of their own, the laughter continued with the joy of all her grandchildren.

She was also a big fan of Alan Jackson, and a diehard Kansas City Chief.

Ira is survived by her son, Scott (Jennifer), Bismarck, ND; daughter, Kerri, New Town, ND; daughter, Bethany (Enos), New Town, ND; sons, Monte (Pam) Phoenix, AZ; Mark, Dickinson ND; Bernie (Christine), New Town; daughter, Kimberly, Omaha, NE; Grandchildren, Amanda Wilson, Scott Wilson Jr., Mallory Wilson, Taylen Wilson, Tacen Wilson, Myles Young Wolf, Cruz (Kass) Young Wolf, Garrett (Ceara) Young Wolf, Jaelee Young Wolf, Kylee Young Wolf, Viola (Kailub) Lewis, Sophia Knight, Eva Knight, Clarky Knight, Warren Chase, Hope (Tyler) Baker, Alex Baker, Joe (Symbria) Baker, Michael (Lexi) Baker, Natalie (Janae) Fox, Natasha (Sean) Fox, Allison Flott, Natalie Flott-Harkey, Tanner Fox, Cody Fox, Joelle Fox, Wyatte Chapin, Cindra Fox, Devin Fox, Curtis Fox, Bronc Fox, MaeKaye Fox; Brother, Jim (Deb) Wilson, Grand Forks, ND; Delmar (Colleen) Wilson, Twin Buttes, ND; sister, Cheryl Elaine Simpson, New Town, ND; and sister, Pamela "Pebbles" (Rob) Snider, Lincoln, ND. Ira was also blessed with 25 great-grandchildren. Ira was preceded in death by her husband Angus, parents Delbert (Bud) and Viola (Benson) Wilson; Brothers Robert Wilson, Ben Benson; Sister Karen Wilson Aylor, Niece Kelli Driver and Grandson Jai Wilkie. Senior Pallbearer is Maynard Demaray. Active Pallbearers are her nephews, Jason Todd Wilson, Bryan Selle, Nick Snider, Monroe Driver, Preston Snider, DeCee Simpson, Robert Wilson, R.J. Snider, Luke Simpson, Ben (Lexi) Benson and Ethan Benson.

Honorary Pallbearers are Gloria Fastdog, June Schettler, Kitty Wells, Austin Gillette, Kayla Danks, Marlys Jetty, Sharlene Baker, Adeline Brunsell, Beatrice and Gabe Fettig, Clarine DeGroot, Kathy Felix, Tom and Dorothy Wells, Darrick Bell, Viola Grant, Trista Marsette, Sherry Locken, Alvina Levings, Renita Howling Wolf, Reneta Mandan, Susan Hall, Noreen Two Crow, Danette Kappes, Vicki Alberts, Fahtima Hood, Jeremy Young Wolf, Elders Program, North Segment Staff, New Town Boys Basketball Teams from 2010-2015, South Segment Staff and Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, Nona Demaray and all her many friends and family.



WILFRED "WIMPY" SNOW October 20, 1951 - May 20, 2023

Wilfred Snow, 71, Bismarck, formerly Twin Buttes, ND, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2023, peacefully at his home. Graveside Service will be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, May 26, 2023, at the Congregational Cemetery in Cannonball, ND. Wilfred was born October 20, 1951, at Fort Yates, ND, to Charles and Josephine (Running Bear) Snow. He was raised and educated in Standing Rock, ND. He attended United Tribes for Business.

He is survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Grandchildren: Zade River Skye Morsette, Bailey Anne Morsette(Jonah Taken Alive), Chad Blaine Morsette Jr(Madilyn Nunberg), Taylor Marie Morsette, Heaven Altanna Morsette. Great Grandchildren: Paisen Jean Morsette, River Jai Morsette. Wilfred was preceded in death by his parents; Charles Snow, Josephine Snow. His sister: Maryann Morsette. His nephew: Chad Blaine Morsette Sr. Along with numerous siblings. Wilfred enjoyed volunteering at the Lil Champs Head Start in Twin Buttes, ND, for over 20 years. After volunteering he enjoyed spending his time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He loved traveling with his family. Wilfred also loved attending Pow wows, community events in Twin Buttes, ND, and going to the casino. **Honorary Bearers**

Mr.& Mrs. Dennis Howling Wolf Sierra Oster Mr.& Mrs. Douglas Sorensen Madilyn Nunberg Mr.& Mrs. Bruce Darcy Rhonda PayPay Mr.& Mrs. Darcy Medicine Stone Brandy Tiger Mr.& Mrs. Ricky Gillette Stephanie Tiger Alice Benson Raven Heart Blanche Hunts Along Heidi Benson-Hernandez

We apologize to anyone we may have forgotten Wilfred had lots of friends and family whom he loved dearly.

Casket Bearers Justice Howling Wolf Jacob Weigel Azdon Crows Breast Jake Bosley Hank Starr Tyray Cadotte



THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

5:00PM - 7:00PM • ALL MHA SEGMENTS

FIRST 50 FATHERS WILL RECEIVE A GIFT

SEGMENT REC SPECIALISTS INFO:

NORTH SEGMENT: CHRISTINE DROSDAL (701) 421-3874
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MANDAREE: TIA MANDAN (701) 421-0239
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FOUR BEARS: TYRELL SMITH (701) 421-2374



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

2023

Come join us for a full day of fun events

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

TWIN BUTTES SPLASH PARK, TWIN BUTTES, ND

REGISTRATION: 4:00PM + STARTING TIME: 5:00PM

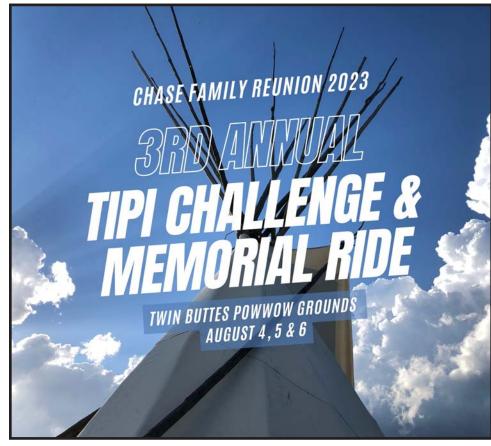
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- * 3 LEGGED RACE

- * KICKBALL
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- * WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT BLANCHE HUNTS ALONG AT (701) 421-0351

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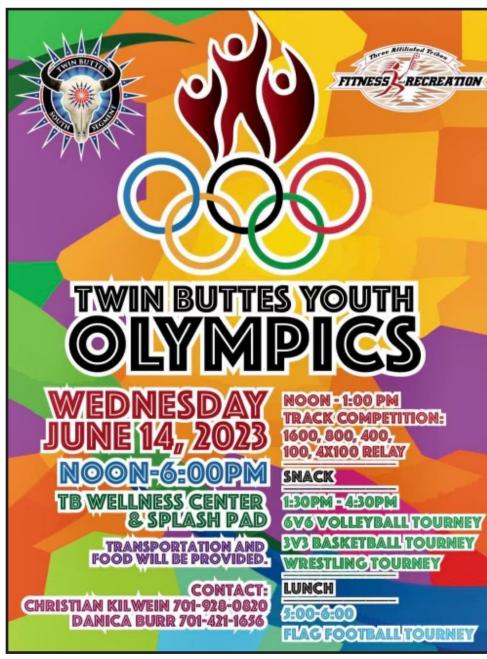


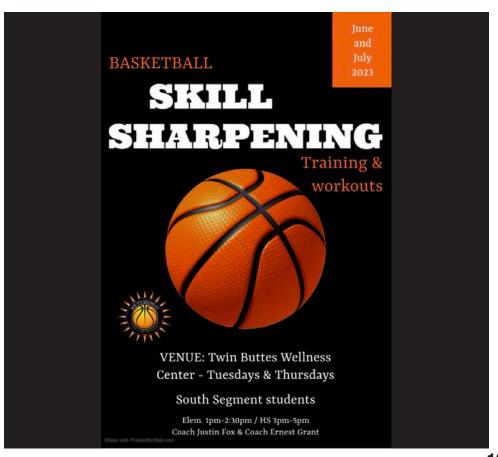




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Basketball court to pow-wow: the multifaceted life of Killdeer's 'Starr' athlete

KILLDEER, N.D. - What does it really mean to be a multifaceted person? Just ask graduating senior RedSky Starr, who not only was a standout athlete on the basketball court for the Killdeer Cowboys the last two years, but also is a regionally recognized Tribal Dancer for the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan. Hidatsa and Arikara nations here in southwestern North Dakota. He also played in numerous Native American basketball tournaments in many states around the Midwest.

It's hard to tell which he excels at more, but it's easy to see that both hold a special place in his heart by the passion he puts into both endeavors. After polishing off his 2022-23 basketball season with honors as a member of the All-Region-7 Team for Class B at the recent tournament in Hazen, you will soon be able to find Starr – whose birth-name is Hank RedSky Starr, Jr. – at various MHA Nation events throughout the spring and summer.

"It feels awesome to have such a great last year (in high school), as compared to the other three, and I'd say (Killdeer head basketball) Coach Pruitt pushing us and having a great program for us to adapt to made the difference," RedSky said. "And the younger players stepping up for us in the games was important."

His parents, Hank Starr, Sr. and Geneva Kazena have such an honest, heart-felt, abundance of pride for him that it's obviously hard to contain, and Mr. Starr added that RedSky has his own personal song that he dances to that was composed just for him by John Rouse of the Ihanktowan Nation, Yankton Sioux (Dakota) Tribes in South Dakota..

"He's our only son, and my sister named him RedSky," Kazena said. "We always knew that he was going to be big, because when he was first born his hands were so big, and we're just so proud of him since the day he was born, honestly, and we always called him 'Big Man,' which was his nickname growing up."

There are seven clans in the MHA Nations in North Dakota, and RedSky is a member of the Prairie Chicken Clan through his mother, while he also is a child of the Knife Clan through his father. Another interesting fact about RedSky is that he is barely 17, young for a senior in high school, as he heads out into his future efforts.

For his senior season on the basketball court, RedSky finished off with an impressive 13.7 points per game to go along with an average of 4.1 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 1.5 steals per game. His 40 blocks and 51 field goals from beyond the 3-point line were among the highest on the team as well. But having an external outlet for his background and creativity also is intriguing for coaches, teammates, fans and opponents alike.

"Growing up, I've had lots of Native-American friends, so I knew the traditional side of their experience," Pruitt said. "It's just that having coached a player like RedSky, it was just an awesome experience to see how he brought his heritage into the game of basketball.

"It was cool to see just how much pride he takes in his Traditional Dancing and all the effort and hard work that goes into it."



And while his exploits on the basketball court were a thrill for Cowboys fans, his tribal-dance acumen is gaining a massive following from his people as well. In fact, he has been featured numerous times in pow-wows across the Midwest and the region. He was given the Native-American name Sacred Bear by a Hidatsa grandmother and the words to his personal song translate to, "I dance for my relatives and my people."

The translation of the song is:

"We are powwowing and having a good time at the ceremonial gatherings.

They come dancing accordingly with all the protocols and respect to that drum.

I Am Sacred Bear, My Dakota ways are encouraging me!"

RedSky was born in Dickinson, but he was raised in the Twin Buttes segment of Fort Berthold Reservation, where he still resides with his family. From Kindergarten through eighthgrade he went to school in Twin Buttes, and then moved on to Killdeer for his prep education and athletic career.

"Even when he played seventhand eighth-grade basketball, he had to go to school in Twin Buttes and practice in Killdeer during the morning and evening practices and get home late," Hank, Sr. said. "He left at 7:30 in the morning and didn't get home until 7:30 at night after practices, and those are like 12-hour days he's been putting in ever since he was a seventh-grader."

He was given encouragement to begin dancing by his grandfather, a longtime Dickinson resident named Aaron Abbey, Sr. – who also was a firm believer in holding onto his Native-American heritage as a member of the Coushatta Tribe of the Louisiana/Texas area— and he wanted Hank, Sr. to get RedSky involved at an early age. He started out as a Junior Boys Traditional dancer when he was 5, and is now dances in the teen boys Traditional category.

"You should get RedSky to dance,' he said, and I didn't know where to get feathers and things like that, but (Abbey) said he would make him a bustle, and he made him one and his Mom did all the

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other things that he needed for the regalia and then he just got started from there," Hank, Sr. said. "He was 5 years old or 6 years old or something like that."

And the people around RedSky are familiar with that level of family devotion. His dancing has taken him throughout North and South Dakota, as well as Montana and other areas around the Midwest.

"Coach Pruitt got to know me this year, and if you know me, I back RedSky and his family backs RedSky 100-percent," Hank, Sr. said. "When he was a young kid like that and they got into the junior categories (of Tribal Dancing) sometimes they would get dressed at around noon or 1 o'clock and wouldn't get undressed sometimes until 10 or 11 at night because he had to wait for his contest and on 90-degree days, sometimes, that's hard."

Between his discipline on the basketball court and the efforts involved with his Tribal Dancing, it's clearly been a challenge, but being part of tribal events was "just how I grew up," RedSky said.

The Cowboys nearly upended top-ranked Bowman County in the second round of the Region 7 Tournament on March 6, 2023, and RedSky played a major role in that 88-82 game, although Killdeer came up short. But it was just that kind of game that made his senior season so thrilling and satisfying.

"That was a great game to end on," he said. "The community means everything to me, and it's awesome because when I was younger I would watch people around me play basketball and that's what made me want to do it."

He also works with young people in his community, who have looked up to him and his talents for many years. He tries to mentor them in sports and life experience as much as possible. "I try to lead by example, more than anything," he said.

He is considering a number of colleges that have expressed interest in him, but has made no concrete decisions yet. His father added that no matter what he decides, they will stand behind him

"He's always been good at what he did, whether it was football or basketball or whatever he did he was pretty natural at it," Hank, Sr. said. "But this was an awesome year, because they kind of put the scare into a lot of teams, and just sitting there talking to other teams' fans, they would say, 'Well, we've got to play Killdeer and the main guy we've got to watch is RedSky Starr."

RedSky also has five sisters, Aliyah Gwin, 26, AyannaRae Gwin, 23, Linda Starr, 21, Lexi Starr, 19 and younger sister Jennie Starr, 13. He is the only son in the family and he has two nieces and five nephews, Zakiyah, Lunah, Zander, Ason, Wylex, Dracen and Hoksina. His family means a great deal to him and he spends a lot of time with them when he is not busy with his many other activities.

"We all support him," Hank, Sr. said. "And his family has been a big support system for him."

RedSky agreed with those sentiments, and added that two years ago he lost his brother – Malachi James Appel – which motivated him to live honorably and live properly in his memory.

"He passed away when he was 17, and my Dad was his godfather, so we were really close," RedSky said. "Now that basketball is done – and even when it was going on – if I'm not at home I'm at his (Malachi's) Mom's house, my auntie, hanging out with her family and he had two brothers

around my age and I'm with them all the time."

"Malachi was RedSky's big brother," said Kazena, who also was Malachi's godmother. "In our culture, my sister's children are all like my own. So our kids, instead of being brought up like they are cousins, are brought up like they are siblings. That is how RedSky grew so close to my sister's boys, they are all his brothers.

"I am the eldest of my siblings and Charlotte is the second oldest. There were eight of us growing up so we have always been pretty close to one another in our family. Auntie Charlotte (Kazena) Smith is her name ... and Auntie Blanche HuntsAlong (Geneva's sister) is the one who named RedSky."

That level of brotherhood and family involvement has always been a major part of his life, RedSky dedicated one of thisseason's games to Malachi – with Coach Pruitt's approval and help - and RedSky's sisters all danced and he's been motivated by having so many friends who participate in the tradition, as well.

"We were a Pow-Wow family, and we would go to the Pow-Wows in the summertime and we would tease him a lot too, because he was a cowboy in the winter and an Indian in the summertime," Kazena said with a laugh. "We don't have too many dancers in our community, it's really small, so everyone from town knew him and all the kids who dance and they're proud of him."

And it's that family atmosphere that stands out for RedSky and all his experiences.

"For me, I feel like (having a large family) helped me understand people more," RedSky said. "And all my friends were dancers, too, at the time and even after dancing we would go have fun at the Pow-Wow and walk around, talk to people ... and eat."

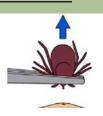


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TICK REMOVAL





- 1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
- 2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick, as this can cause the mouth parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth parts with clean tweezers.
- 3. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water, and wash your hands.
- 4. Dispose of a live tick by submersing it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/container, wrapping it tightly in tape, or flushing it down the toilet. Never crush a tick with your fingers.

Do not use folklore remedies such as heat or "painting" the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly to make the tick detach. Your goal is to remove the tick as quickly as possible—do not wait for it to detach!

For more information, please contact the **Division of Disease Control** at 800.472.2180

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- Use repellent that contains picaridin, IR3535, or at least 20% DEET on exposed skin and clothing. Always
- Use products that contain permethrin to treat clothing and gear, such as boots, pants, socks and tents. Do not
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and high boots to keep ticks away from exposed skin.
- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with tall grass and leaf litter.
- Walk in the center of trails.
- Thoroughly inspect your entire body upon returning from tick-infested areas. If you find a tick, remove it
- Tumble dry clothes on high heat for at least 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors.
- Inspect children at least twice daily. In heavily infested areas, inspect them every three to four hours.
- Check pets for ticks daily and promptly
- Talk with a veterinarian about using tick preventives on pets.

PREVENTION

- follow product instructions.
- use permethrin on skin.

- immediately.
- Examine clothing and gear for ticks.
- Remove tall grass and brush at the edge of lawns and mow frequently.
- remove ticks from pets.



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Maynard Demaray (5/24)
Evalon Bachmeier (5/27)
Trudy Chase (5/27)

June Birthdays

Connie Stone (6/4)

Cliff Mossett (6/7)

Coya Walker (6/8)

Don Tomlin (6/9)

Debbie Chase (6/12)

Pete Garcia (6/12)

Janet Benson (6/22)

Delmar Wilson (6/27)

Ardith Whitman (6/27)

July Birthdays

Margaret Pfeifer (7/8)

William Incognito (7/10)

Marco Pfeifer (7/14)

Evan Burr (7/20)

Cindy Lincoln (7/24)

Phyllis Steen (7/27)

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