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**SHE WAS BORN IN 1934, AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING TO ERASE HER PEOPLE'S LANGUAGES FOREVER—SO SHE RAISED TWENTY-TWO CHILDREN, EARNED THREE DEGREES, AND SAVED BOTH LANGUAGES ANYWAY.**

**ENLIGHTENING FACTS**

## Enlightening Facts ·

Big Warm, Montana, 1934. **Minerva Crantz** was born in a log cabin, delivered by midwives Lady Goes Flying and Prisoner Wing.

Her grandfather Henry Chopwood held her up to the sun and asked for her to live a long life, to have children, to survive.

The sun kept that promise for ninety years.

By Assiniboine tradition, the first-born child was raised by grandparents. So Minerva grew up in her grandparents' care, speaking Assiniboine and Gros Ventre before she ever learned English.

Her grandparents were Sun Dance people—dancers and singers, keepers of traditional plant medicine. They taught her the ceremonies and ways that had been passed down for generations. But across America, the government was working to destroy everything they represented.

Between 1869 and the 1960s, hundreds of thousands of Native American children were forcibly removed from their families and sent to boarding schools designed to erase their cultures. Children as young as five were taken hundreds of miles from home, forbidden to speak their languages, beaten if they did, given English names, forced to cut their hair.

The goal wasn't education—it was cultural extinction. "Kill the Indian, save the man." For a century, the full weight of the federal government worked systematically to make these cultures disappear.

Minerva learned English differently. Missionaries taught her through singing—not punishment. She was brilliant, tutoring other students, mastering concepts quickly.

She attended Flandreau Indian High School in South Dakota, then continued her studies at Northern Montana College.

Then her mother, Felistis, died.

Minerva was seventeen years old. In October 1951, she married John "Boogie" Allen—"the best man in the world," she later said.

He helped her care for her three younger siblings after their mother's death.

Together, Minerva and John raised eight children of their own. Then they adopted six more. Then they took in eight others who had nowhere else to go.

Twenty-two children total—on a Montana reservation, in poverty, facing the generational trauma of boarding school policies, while Minerva's languages were dying around her.

Most people would have focused on survival. Getting everyone fed, clothed, educated. That would have been enough.

Minerva looked at those twenty-two children and saw something else. The last generation who might still learn.

She went back to school.

While raising all those children, she earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University. Then a master's degree in counseling and administration from Montana State University-Northern.

She completed additional coursework at Weber State University in Utah.

Think about that. A Native American woman on a reservation, raising twenty-two children, traveling to three states for higher education in an era when Indigenous people faced massive discrimination.

When Native women were statistically the poorest, most marginalized demographic in America. When her own people's languages were dying.

She didn't do it for herself. She understood what was at stake.

In 1969, she brought the Head Start program to Fort Belknap as a pilot project. It became a model for reservations and urban communities nationwide.

In 1975, she started the Foster Grandparent Program, bringing elders into schools to teach language, history, and culture to children and their parents.

She wrote books. *Spirits Rest* in 1981. *Stories by Our Elders* in 1983. *Inktomi and the Ducks* in 1986. *Nakoda Sky People* in 2012.

Her works included poetry, traditional stories, history, and Nakoda language guides—all designed to preserve what the government had tried to destroy.

She taught Nakota language classes twice a week, year after year, into her eighties. Not as a job—as a calling.

In 2016, the U.S. House of Representatives recognized her with an official "Tribute to Minerva Crantz Allen" for her work preserving the languages of her elders.

She served on the Fort Belknap College Board. The Head Start Board. The Senior Citizen Board. The Montana State University Council of Elders.

She helped scientists at the Bureau of Land Management restore native seeds and grasslands across Montana, using traditional knowledge of plants her grandmothers had taught her.

All while living on her ranch in Big Warm, with cattle and horses roaming the ridges she'd known since childhood.

On May 24, 2024—one month after her ninetieth birthday—Minerva Crantz Allen died, surrounded by family.

She'd lived fifty-four years after raising those twenty-two children. She'd written multiple books. She'd taught thousands of students.

She'd preserved languages, traditions, ceremonies, and knowledge that had nearly been erased.

Today, courses in Gros Ventre and Assiniboine are taught at Aaniiih Nakoda College—the school where she served on the board of directors.

Her books are still used in classrooms. Students she taught are now teaching their own children and grandchildren.

The federal boarding school policy failed to kill these languages because people like Minerva refused to let them die.

When asked about her work, she kept it simple. "We keep our history and culture alive by telling of our ancestors and legends to young people."

That's what she did. Every class. Every book. Every conversation with students who are now elders themselves.

Minerva Crantz Allen spoke two languages the government tried to erase. She saved them both.

For those who've watched something precious almost disappear, who've carried knowledge forward when no one else would, who've understood that some things are worth every sacrifice to preserve—her story asks something worth reflecting on.

**What would you dedicate ninety years of your life to protecting, and who would carry it forward after you're gone?**

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**Jack Malotte**

**We need to tell our own story**



[Native American Indians](#)

The Mormon church has a long strange relationship with Natives in the Southwest. The mormon bible talks about a lost tribe of Israel, who 600 years before the life of Jesus, came to North America and they became the Indigenous people who the first Europeans explorers met when they arrived. Then it says Jesus himself came to America and had a long talk with the Natives, and then he headed home. Which is weird because you would think there would be at least one tribe that had "the messiah came by and we had a nice talk story". There are more than a few problems with their theory, because we now know that Indigenous people have been living here for at least 20 thousand years, over seventeen thousand years before those lost Israelis supposedly had arrived. Not to mention Native dna does not match with anyone elses dna around the world, but everyone elses does match. People have been trying to claim that we came here from somewhere else, but that's not true. Our Elders have always known that we are living where the Creator wanted us to be. No one wants to talk about it, but Natives did not come from a mysterious Garden of Eden, no matter how badly people want to believe that we did.

## Court battle looms over Snake and Columbia Rivers dam operations

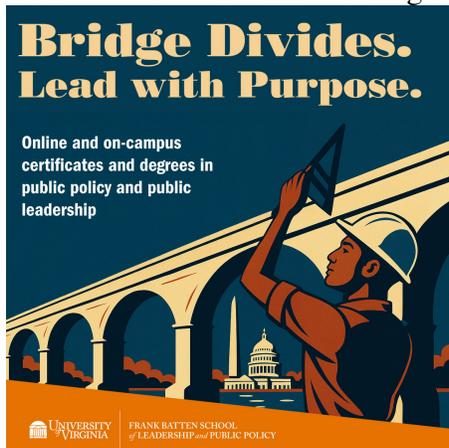
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*The speculative-fiction writer Octavia Butler once said: 'To try to foretell the future without studying history is like trying to learn to read without bothering to learn the alphabet.'*

**High-impact outreach earns acclaim:** UNR received re-designation for the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement, recognizing its work in the community. It is among 100 institutions worldwide holding both R1 and community engagement designations -- [read the full story](#).

**Volunteer spotlights and local happenings:** NDVS is accepting nominations for veterans awards. Salute to Veterans Patients Town Hall and Resource Fair is today at the Reno VA Hospital, and a charity poker tournament March 14 -- [get details on awards and events](#).

[This Is Reno](https://thisisreno.com)

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*“When I discovered Libraries, it was like having Christmas every day”—Jean Fritz*  
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**Building Futures: Career Pathways in Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC)**

*March 7th*

The Nevada AEC Speaker Series launches March 7 with an inspiring, hands-on seminar designed for students, career-changers, and individuals re-entering the workforce. Hear directly from women leaders in architecture, engineering, and construction, explore real career pathways, and discover what’s possible next.


**[Register Today!](#)**

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*“The pursuit of knowing was freedom to me, the right to declare your own curiosities and follow them through all manner of books. I was made for the librry, not the classroom. The classroom was a jaoil of other people’s interests. The library was open, unending, free. Slowly I was discovering myself.”*  
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# WHO HAS BABIES RIGHT NOW?

## Late February Update

### ✓ ALREADY BORN:



• Owl chicks – 3-5 days old



• Squirrel babies – emerging



• Eagle chicks – southern states  
• Early cottontails – just starting

### 👩 PREGNANT:



• Red Fox – 2 weeks



• Skunk – 8-9 weeks



• Raccoon – 6-7 weeks



• Coyote – 5-6 weeks

### 🥚 EGGS:



• Bald Eagles – incubating



• Great Blue Herons – active



• Hawks – starting soon

**Baby season isn't coming. Baby season is HERE.**

I've studied over 200 kids—the happiest ones have parents who do 6 things with them before bedtime

[https://www.cnbc.com/2026/02/08/child-psychologist-the-happiest-ones-have-parents-who-do-6-things-with-them-every-evening.html?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://www.cnbc.com/2026/02/08/child-psychologist-the-happiest-ones-have-parents-who-do-6-things-with-them-every-evening.html?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

**XXXXX**I'm curious if anyone else has raised their kids without screens. I mean, zero TVs, cell phones, iPads, or laptop/computer access for kids. Has anyone else done that for young alpha generation kids? Has anyone done this for their now grown Gen Z children?

### **Answers**

**XXXXX**: While it's a nice in theory, I'd say it's pretty crippling for life and living in modern society.

**XXXXXX**: i've already started, and so far it's worked out pretty nicely. I actually have a TV in my home. No cable, but a few streaming channels. I know people who have raised their children without having a television in the home. For my child television is only allowed on the weekends. this practice has already been in place since last year and has worked out pretty nicely. I haven't even plugged in his video game console since we've moved last year as in the last six months he has had no video game except when playing a specific mission with friends, on a private server, on the weekends and it has to be Minecraft education nothing that cost money.

**XXXXX**: We didn't allow video game consoles in the house ever or downloading games on laptops (especially Minecraft). It wasn't because we were necessarily against them, but, as a stay at home mom, I didn't want to have to be nagging about time limits all the time and stuff. It's not my strong point. They were allowed to play at a friend's. Daughter is now 28 (born 1997) and son is now 21 (born 2004). Daughter bought a Switch console a few years ago and plays some now. Son doesn't have one and hasn't asked for a console, but does play some video games on his laptop, but more when he's on vacation. Both found SO, SO, SO MANY other interests! (Also, both kids always had to charge their phones at bedtime in the kitchen until having graduated from high school. It was just a regular habit for them.)

**XXXXX**: Minecraft is the decent one, I figured. They can only chat if they have a code to join each other's world so only people we know IRL.

**XXXXXX**: Raising mine with no screen time whatsoever, under age of 2 especially no screen time. When they get older, an hour is okay.

**XXXXXX**: No. We went without cable TV for maybe 15 years, while the kids were growing up, and never permitted gaming systems, (Nintendo etc.), but did allow VCR usage (remember those?). We also allowed PC games, starting with Math Rescue\* and Word Rescue, from an early age so they'd have keyboard/mouse skills. \*Math Rescue - our then 3 y.o. taught himself to use a calculator just so he could do the sums needed to level up.

**sdc**: *When we finally got a tv, it was limited to 1.5 hours a day, so Mickey Mouse Club + other*

*that had to be selected on Sunday. Otherwise it was outdoors or read a book.*

## **An Attempt to Write an Abecedarian Poem in Praise of the Dictionary**

An unfaltering ability to  
Bring clarity to the English language  
Constitutes your  
Defining quality.  
Ever since the day we  
First met and I  
Giggled at the rude words  
Hidden amongst your pages,  
I adored you,  
Jubilant in the  
Knowledge that things were  
Looking up. You offered me the  
Meaning of life,  
Not to mention the meaning of all those  
Other words, too.  
Perfect at settling Scrabble board  
Quarrels, your judgement  
Reigns supreme. I  
Sift you daily, panning for words in  
The hope of penning the  
Ultimate – the greatest poem this  
Vast world has ever seen, but  
Whoa, here comes the  
X, and oh, alphabet, how could you, I knew  
You'd get the better of me  
Zooner or later.

*Brian Bilston*

## Scholarships (L-Z) with March 15, with (A-T) March 16 and March 17 Deadlines

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <a href="#"><u>Leonard M. Perryman Scholarship for Minorities</u></a>                  | \$2,500      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Lewis Cenker Scholarship</u></a>                                        | \$500        | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Lex Mathews Scholarship</u></a>                                         | \$2,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Lincoln AMA Emerging Marketer Scholarship</u></a>                       | \$1,500      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Louis T. Fiore Electronic Communications Scholarship</u></a>            | \$2,500      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>M. Verna Butterer Educational Trust</u></a>                             | \$16,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Mark Kilroy Foundation Scholarships</u></a>                             | \$4,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Medical Professional Student Scholarship</u></a>                        | \$10,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Michael Burke Sr. Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                          | \$5,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>NATAS Chicago/Midwest High School Scholarships</u></a>                  | \$2,500      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>National Housing Endowment Scholarships</u></a>                         | Varies       | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Navy League of the United States Scholarships</u></a>                   | \$10,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Next Swell Scholarship</u></a>                                          | \$5,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Norman and Ruth Good Educational Scholarships</u></a>                   | \$2,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>NRAEF Academic Scholarships for Undergraduate Students</u></a>          | \$10,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship</u></a>                     | Varies       | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>PPEF Chairman's College Scholarships</u></a>                            | \$9,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Protect American River Canyons Essay Contest</u></a>                    | \$500        | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Ralph and Jean Cuca Scholarship</u></a>                                 | \$20,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>RMA Foundation Scholarship</u></a>                                      | \$15,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Saab Family Foundation Scholarship</u></a>                              | Full-Tuition | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Scholarship for Perseverance</u></a>                                    | Varies       | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Sid Richardson Memorial Scholarship Fund</u></a>                        | \$1,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Single Parent Degree Program Scholarships of Northwest Arkansas</u></a> | \$2,500      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Sofia Blanco Scholarship for Childhood Cancer Survivors</u></a>         | \$8,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Stephen T. Marchello Scholarship Foundation</u></a>                     | \$10,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Stimson Bullitt Civic Courage Scholarship</u></a>                       | \$5,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Stoody-West Graduate Fellowship</u></a>                                 | \$6,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>SWIEF Scholarships</u></a>                                              | \$7,500      | March 15, 2026 |

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| <a href="#"><u>Tennessee Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship Program</u></a>    | \$500        | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>The Winston-Salem Foundation Scholarships</u></a>                     | \$2,914      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Thomas C. Woods, Jr. Scholarship</u></a>                              | \$5,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Tom and Mary Lou Friesen Scholarship</u></a>                          | \$10,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>TREE Fund Scholarships</u></a>                                        | \$5,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship</u></a>                               | \$10,000     | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Yankton Medical Clinic Scholarships</u></a>                           | \$5,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Zonta Club of Jamestown Scholarships</u></a>                          | \$1,000      | March 15, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs</u></a>                           | \$5,000      | March 15, 2026 |
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| <a href="#"><u>Austin J. Hart Entrepreneurial Scholarship</u></a>                    | \$4,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Becky Burrows Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                            | \$2,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Children's Cancer Cause College Scholars Program</u></a>              | \$5,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Community Foundation of the Ozarks Scholarship Program</u></a>        | \$1,789      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>CSWE Carl A. Scott Memorial Fund</u></a>                              | \$500        | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>DMP Servant's Heart Christian Scholarship</u></a>                     | \$2,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Eastern Colorado Scholarship</u></a>                                  | \$2,500      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Ecolab Scholarship</u></a>                                            | \$2,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Greater St. Louis Artists Scholarship</u></a>                         | \$2,500      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Karen Mashburn Environmental Scholars Program</u></a>                 | \$10,000     | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Linda Norton Good Neighbor Scholarship</u></a>                        | \$2,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Livingston County Spartans Textbook Scholarship</u></a>               | \$1,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                       | \$2,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>ROTC National Scholarship</u></a>                                     | Full-Tuition | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                             | \$2,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Stephen J. Roy Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                           | \$3,000      | March 16, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>The Michael O. D. Brown Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                  | \$3,000      | March 16, 2026 |
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| <a href="#"><u>NINA Journalism Scholarship</u></a>                                   | \$1,000      | March 17, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship for Public Service</u></a>           | \$50,000     | March 17, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools Scholarship</u></a> | \$5,000      | March 17, 2026 |