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Fox Honored at the Denver March Powwow



The honoring at Denver March Pow-wow was done during the honoring of Florence Brady. It was done by Grace Gillette, Denver March Powwow Executive Director. She wanted to honor the White Shield Councilman and Arikara people. Gillette is an Arikara and has relatives that were the chairmen and council members. She also said it was right it had taken place at the powwow because John Fox Jr, (father of Fred Fox) was the designer of the logo for the Denver March Powwow and one of the original founders with Keith Fox Sr., Fred Fox's uncle.



*From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman, East Segment, White
Shield, ND 58540*



The Easter holiday and spring season is here and summer is right around the corner. I would like to send special condolences to the family of Eric Everett. He was an employee of the Segment staff and he will be greatly missed. I also would like to send condolences to the Dragswolf and Yellow Bird families. Our prayers and thoughts will be with all the families.

This month was a busy one again. I always like to hear the talk about how our work-day is as a council representative or some of the negative talk of what we are doing or what is being done. These types of statements make me work harder and I try to do my job that much better. But I also have a family and I'm a single parent so it is demanding on my family and kids. The number of meetings with the council and all the committees is tremendous. Here is a summary: about 1-2 a week average, and the meetings with staff and boards 2-3 times a month, and all the meetings on the state and national forefront is sometimes a lot to take on but prioritizing each meeting and what our immediate needs as a Tribe takes precedence. Now this doesn't take into account the number of requests we receive, such as medical assistance, hardship assistance, educational assistance, and funeral assistance. It also doesn't take into account trying to fit in meetings concerning projects in White Shield such as the new school, White Shield 12-plex apartment building, White Shield RV Park, 9 new homes under construction, and 2 lagoons that are being reclaimed. It does turn out to be a very busy schedule.

I want to talk about a couple items that are on the forefront of our MHA Tribe, which is the Oil & Gas Tax and the Missouri River bed. Right now the State Oil and Gas Tax is a hot topic and the 2 questions that always come to mind are: (1) Why do we split the tax with the state? (2) What did the tribe do with the money?

Let me try and answer the questions. But first let me put some numbers out provided by Tribal Financial Advisor, Steve Gunderson. The total amount of O&G royalties received by the MHA Nation is \$507 million. The Tribe has given out approximately \$135 million in per capita distribution since 2008. That averages out to \$9,000 per member and \$15 million per distribution. The Tribe also has established a \$350 million People's Fund that will always be sustained by resolution and only the interest can be given as disbursements. The Tribe has also given out over \$12 million in Elder Disbursements since 2008. The Tribe also established a Tribal JTAC fund of \$93 million which was done by referendum in early 2000. This is not the JTAC PL 102-575 establishing an economic recovery fund of \$142.9 million. The Tribe has also relieved and paid off \$50 million in debt in the past six years such as the Shakopee Loan and the USDA loan. Since 2008 the Tribe established an Economic Development fund for Tribal projects. The fund has given a \$43 million loan to the 4-Bears Casino, a \$70 million loan to the Missouri River oil company to drill 10 Tribal wells, and a \$6 million loan to MEC for business development. All these loans come with a standard 6-7% interest with negotiated terms. The Tribe would receive 100% of the loan back plus interest and also receive economic distributions in terms of capital but also create jobs and Tribal business growth. The Tribe has received \$853

million in O&G Tax distributions from the ND State Tax agreement since 2008. The Tribe has done several large projects since 2008 and one of the bigger projects is road repair and upgrades in over \$150 million since 2008. Also Health Care Insurance for all Tribal members which cost \$20 million plus annually for the past couple years and over \$12 million the first year. The Tribe has also been working on several new buildings and projects that include a \$20 million school in White Shield, \$17 million Court House, \$15 million Energy/TERO building, \$2.5 million KMHA Communications building, \$5 million Assisted Living in Mandaree, \$30 million Elbowoods Health Center Housing, \$3.5 million Lagoon in White Shield, \$2.5 million Head Start in White Shield, \$40 million in home mortgages to Tribal members on and off-Reservation, \$3 million Infrastructure project on Baker Property in New Town, \$2.5 million Elder Apartments in White Shield and an estimated \$55 million in new homes and infrastructure throughout every segment. I know I probably missed over half of the past and ongoing projects but I wanted to give an answer that I know off the top of my head to what the Tribe has developed with the O&G money.

The second question is why are we splitting the Tax revenue with the State of North Dakota? First the Cotton Petroleum Case law creates the case for the State to Tax the oil and gas revenue. The Tribe entered the agreement to make oil and gas development more favorable on the reservation instead of dual taxing the oil companies in the beginning. But as time went on, we see what we use oil and gas tax for and we have invested 70% in projects and infrastructure and another 30% in programs such as Oil and Gas regulatory, Environmental Regulatory, TERO Regulatory, health care and law enforcement.

I hope that answers a few questions, but I can create a better list in my next newsletter.

I would like to wish our elders a great time on their trip to Spirit Lake Casino and good luck. I would like to plan another trip in the early fall so let's put our heads together for next time.

Thank you and God bless.

Former Tribal Council Chairmen and members will be honored in the Grand Ball Room of Four Bears Casino at 5pm to 9 pm. April 19, 2017.

Tribal Disbursement will be processed and mailed out during the week of April 17th through the 21st. If you have changed address, you should check with enrollment. Your check will be mailed to the address they have on hand for you. The check will be \$1,000.



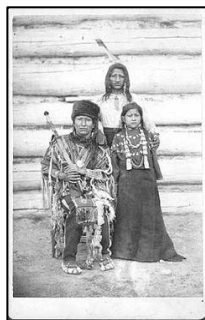
This is the Second Interview in a series provided by Alfred (Junior) Morsette. Morsette talks about the culture, the ways of the people, as it was in his time and as it was told to him by his father, Alfred and Grandfather John.

This about the Corn people of Sac and Fox in Tama, Iowa – that’s where we came from too. That’s what they say. We had different medicine bundles. They had hides hanging over them. I don’t know what kind of hides, maybe deer or otter, bear and so on. This is our medicine they said. Then they taught me all about the medicines. I plan to go back to Tama and visit with our Sac and Fox relatives after I get well. They gave me a fur cap and a whole beaded outfit while I was there.

I will tell you the story of where the headdress came from – these fur caps. I also know the story of where they got these feathers that the Mandan’s have. You know those feathered caps? The Ree’s had them too but they weren’t like that. They had feathers on them (the caps) but they were different. We never had the war bonnet until later when we met the Mandan and Hidatsa. They had the war bonnet and we had the fur caps with feathers. When you see in a lot of those pictures of Sun-of-the-Star, you see him and he has a scarf with feathers on. You don’t see him with feathers on until later on. The Mandan and Hidatsa, like my grandpa, on my mother’s side, Buffalo Punch, was one of the chiefs and he has a war bonnet on. A lot of these other chiefs that you see wore war bonnets like the Arikara in a historical picture with Sun of the Star and delegates when they were going to D.C. You see him sitting there with no war bonnet just feathers on.



Jr. Morsette



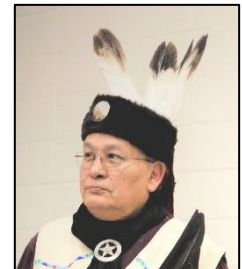
Two Crow, Son and daughter



Sun of the Star



David White Bear



Austin Gillette

I was in that earth lodge (the village near the river across from the tribal office) where the Three Tribes Tourism Department asked me where they (the tribes) came from. I said I know where they come from. They wanted me to tell stories about all of them, but they never came across. They thought I would just go over there and start telling them. I said you guys have to pay for stuff. Once you pay for it, you never forget it. All this stuff you brought for me to tell you the stories, you will never forget, he said to the writer.

I barely remember Elbowoods, he said. We used to come across the Missouri River riding the ferry boat with Victoria, Joann and Germaine, my three sisters. They used to come across because we went to school in Elbowoods and they used to ride the ferry. We used to bring them down to the Number 8 Landing. They stayed there until Friday. On Friday, we would take them back to Beaver Creek. I went to school in Elbowoods and Twin Buttes.

Bring that small pan with the cedar in it (talking to his wife, Jackie). All this stuff we are talking about is sacred. They are holy to us . . . the Bundles, Water Busters, some of the Creations stories (where we came from) - those are all sacred. We respect all those. For you to come today - you and your daughter did all this - so I am going to burn some cedar and smudge us today because I am not in good health anymore. If I get better, I can do a lot of things.

Some of the things that I know my dad (Alfred Morsette) were never recorded - John (Fox); Melphine (Everett), those guys. Those were the guys who taught me. Sometimes, Uncle Dan (Hopkins) my dad's first cousin, would talk to me, but he couldn't talk English very good. Uncle Dan's mother and my grandpa Fred, they were brother and sister. That's how I am related to Dan Hopkins, Dora Bear, Kate Star, Sara Hopkins, Rose Hand, Phyllis Hand, They're all related to me, Alfreda Good Bird, she was married John Sitting Crow.

They talk about this eagle staff. A lot of people don't know where that comes from, where it originated, or how we got the Staff. And the drum, nobody know where that comes from or how we got it. I have the drum ceremony. I am getting old so I passed it on to my son. I passed on to my son, McKenzie, Fred Fox, & Chuck Hunter. I passed it on to those guys because they are younger than me. They were passed to me when I was young because I never drank and never smoked or ran around. I quit all this stuff when I was 24 years old. I went to the service and came back traveled around, partied around and stuff. One day my dad said to me, "sonny boy" I am old now. I want you to take this (the drum) from me. I got this from Snowbird. Snowbird passed this ceremony to my dad. My dad took it and passed it on to me. He gave it to me and Jim Rosellie and Frank Reed. So now I passed it to my son, McKenzie, Fred Fox and Chuck Hunter. Now all I have to do is teach them "the alter" and what to do and the song that you sing. McKenzie is singing that stuff. The only one who kind of has a hard time singing is Fred, but all you have to do is sing the song. You don't have to sing it like a powwow songs. Just the tune is all you have to know. Snowbird took my dad because he was his nephew. He said my dad was a good singer. He could hear the song once and learn it. A lot of guys take a while. That's why he picked my dad to learn all this stuff.

It is good that it goes all over (the reservation) everyone will learn. Hardly any of us are just one tribe any more. We are mixed tribes.

About the Staff. Before there was no grand entry. There was no Staff. I start singing with my uncles. I used to go with my uncles across the river to White Shield at the Old Antelope Society Hall. There was no Staff, just the flag and flag song. That's it. They bring the flag in and set it up and sing the song and start the dance.

The Whip is the first one on the floor dancing. All the society members were there. The Whip was the first one. It is from long time ago. They got the Whip from when they started the

Societies because they had to have rules and that was one of the rules they made for the members. It is like if you and I are Dead Grass dancers and the Whip would come in and make rounds, we all have to get up. We all have to respect the Whip. That's where it originated. Do you know who has the Whip now? Freddie Fox. He got it from my grandpa, Fred. Fred used to use it. When he got older, he quit dancing. One time Donald, Ralphie they called him danced. He was dancing when he was a little boy. He said grandpa do you have anything I can carry? All I got is a Whip, he told him. Can I use it, he asked? Grandpa Fred said you can use it, but just dance with it. So he did. He took it and used it dancing. Right there at the powwow in White Shield, he took it out and gave it to Ralphie and sang that song. So he was the next Dead Grass Whip. There is a song that goes with everything. When they put, Sable Coffey, as a singer for Dead Grass, they sang that same song. It is for when you put someone in, its the same song. When he got older and he never used it so, Grandpa Don went after him way down in Oklahoma and brought the Whip back to White Shield and they gave it to Freddie (Fox) to carry. Freddie is the Whip. Freddie also has the Legion Whistle which means he starts the dance.

Then there's the Drum Stick. David Rippley had it. He lives in Belcourt. He never did come back. So they went after that and brought the Drum Stick back. Clair Fox has that. They wanted everything to stay here. That's what happened to those. Those were societies.

I will do one on how we got the Hat, Headdress, and Feather Cap and why and how we use it. There are reasons why and how come we use them. You don't just take them and put them on like they do now a days. There were no traditional dancers way back when I start singing. I started singing in the 60s and there was no traditional dancers at all. Now a days they have a lot of traditional dancers.



Fred Fox

Sahnish Listen to Meteorologist Talk Severe Summer Weather



White Shield community listen to John Paul Martin, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, talk about tornadoes, lightning, severe storms, floods and severe weather conditions.

Quick Tornado Facts



A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible.

Signs of Danger

- Dark, often greenish sky
- Large hail
- A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
- Loud roar, similar to a freight train

Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

Depending on the expected severity of a storm, the National Weather Service may issue one or more of the following:

- **Severe thunderstorm watch:** Conditions are conducive to the development of severe thunderstorms in and around the watch area. These storms produce hail of $\hat{A}^{\frac{3}{4}}$ inch in diameter and/or wind gusts of at least 58 mph.
- **Severe thunderstorm warning:** Issued when a severe thunderstorm has been observed by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or imminent in the warning area. These warnings usually last for a period of 30 to 60 minutes.
- **Tornado watch:** Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms and multiple tornadoes in and around the watch area. People in the affected areas are encouraged to be vigilant in preparation for severe weather.
- **Tornado warning:** Spotters have sighted a tornado or one has been indicated on radar, and is occurring or imminent in the warning area. When a tornado warning has been issued, people in the affected area are strongly encouraged to take cover immediately.

When Tornadoes Happen

- They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.
- Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May; in the northern states, it is late spring through early summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 pm and 9 pm, but can occur at any time.

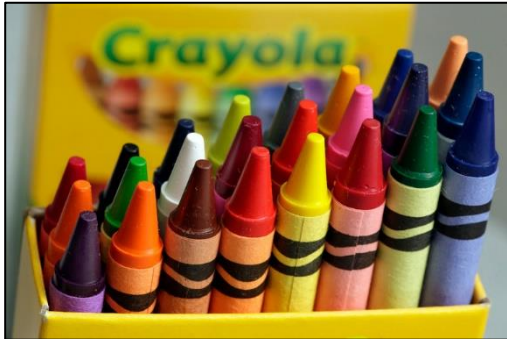
If You're in a Building

- Make sure you have a portable radio, preferably a NOAA Weather Radio, for weather alerts and updates.
- Seek shelter in the lowest level of your home, such as a basement or storm cellar. If you don't have a basement, go to an inner hallway, a smaller inner room or a closet.
- Keep away from all windows and glass doorways.
- If you're in a building such as a church, hospital, school or office building, go to the innermost part of the building on the lowest floor.
- Do not use elevators because the power may fail, leaving you trapped.
- You can cushion yourself with a mattress, but don't cover yourself with one.
- Cover your head and eyes with a blanket or jacket to protect against flying debris and broken glass.
- Don't waste time moving mattresses around.
- Keep pets on a leash or in a crate or carrier.
- Stay inside until you're certain the storm has passed, as multiple tornadoes can emerge from the same storm.
- Do not leave a building to attempt to "escape" a tornado.

If You're Outside

- Try to get inside a building as quickly as possible and find a small, protected space away from windows.
- Avoid buildings with long-span roof areas such as a school gymnasium, arena or shopping mall, as these structures are usually supported only by outside walls. When hit by a tornado, buildings like these can collapse, because they cannot withstand the pressure of the storm.
- If you cannot find a place to go inside, crouch for protection next to a strong structure or lie flat in a ditch or other low-lying area. Cover your head and neck with your arms or a jacket, if you have one.

Just a short note to our children who love colors and making beautiful artwork.



After 27 years, the crayon color dandelion is taking a retirement, making way for an upstart in the blue family, officials with the crayon company Crayola said on Friday.

Left is a 24-count box of Crayola crayons. Dandelion, the yellow hue being retired, is in the back row, behind the pink one.

Check your next new box crayon for new color.



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Annual Spring Dance and Powwow Celebration April 28 through the 29th



The Minot State University Native American Cultural Awareness Club selected a student to design a buffalo hide painting depicting the coming together of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. The hide will be presented to Mark Fox, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, April 28 during the Annual Spring Dance and Powwow Celebration. The powwow runs April 28-29 in the Dome.

Shantelle Carey, a painting major, is currently working on the buffalo hide painting as part of

her senior capstone project.

Carey has worked extensively with acrylic on rabbit hides.

Working with buffalo hide presented a number of challenges for Carey. Buffalo hide is much thicker than rabbit hide. In order to puncture the hide to stretch it over the frame, Carey used a hammer and ice pick. The frame was constructed with rope and six large tree branches.

"The hide is nine feet tall," said Carey. The hide will be painted left to right in story format showing the three tribes coming together. The painting will include the Souris River as a main theme, as all three tribes used to camp along it.

White Shield Woman Honored at the MSU Celebration Powwow



Nelrene Yellow Bird, who earned a B. S. Business Education from Minot State University and M.S.W. Social Work from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, and she will be honored at the Powwow also. She taught at the University for more than 30 years.

Yellow Bird is the daughter of Maggie and Willard (dec.) Yellow Bird. The family home is in White Shield where she will retire to spend more time with her mother and family. She comes from a large family, many have earned their Doctorate degrees and other graduate work.

A more in depth article about Yellow Bird will follow in the May Journal.

Young White Shield Woman is On Course for Career with NASA



Chantel Ranee Andrade

Chantel Andrade, 21, reaches for the stars. Currently, a student at Bismarck College, she was selected to move up the career ladder to the space and NASA.

In December, while in Bismarck College, she wrote a paper about why she wanted to experience NASA and got selected to participate in the 5 week online program. The last week of the online portion they start working on their projects. She sent in “My Mars Campaign” and got selected to go to Stennis space center. Her next move will be to transfer from Bismarck College to the University of North Dakota and the Aero Space program.

She was a part of the Navy team. They created a company called the “Naviators.” They are pioneering the way to Mars. They competed with three other companies for funding from NASA Headquarters and won. Their Navy team received a special message from Astronaut Peggy Whitson who is aboard the ISS right now.

She said she got very lucky to experience Stennis. Stennis is a unique work city in the middle of a swampy forest. “I got an inside look of NASA rocket engine test stands to the Navy's warfare research center and other government work buildings.

“I am very inspired to continue working towards a career with NASA,” she said.



Navy Team



Andrade Certificate of Achievement

OBITUARIES



Sherwin Paul Swift Eagle was born July 17, 1946 in Elbowoods, ND to Reuben J. and Genevieve P. (White Bear) Swift Eagle. His early years were spend growing up in North Dakota and Montana, graduating from Brockton High School in Montana in 1956. On August 31, 1965, Sherwin enlisted in the US Marine Corp and spent the next six years in Vietnam, service 4 tours in the country. He was a decorated veteran and earned two Purple Hearts and a rack of every other ribbon there is to earn. He was a hero to his country and his people.

Sherwin was a very kind, generous person and was always willing to help anyone who needed it.

He is survived by his life-partner and wife, Marita Ann Swift Eagle; son, Kirk Swift Eagle; both of Long Beach, CA; sister, LaVonne Swift Eagle; brother, Thomas Loans Arrow, both of Parshall, ND; and many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Lorna Loans Arrow and brother, Reuben J. Swift Eagle Jr.



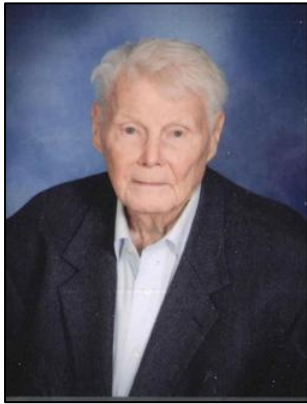
Clarinda Young Bird, 67, Bismarck, formerly of White Shield died on Saturday in a Bismarck hospital. Wake services were held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 5:00pm at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 30th, 2017 at 11:00am at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield.

Clarinda was born in Elbowoods on March 8th 1950 to Neola Spotted Horse. She attended school in Elbowoods, White Shield and Fargo ND where she received her General Equivalence Degree. She also pursued her nursing degree in New Town and Grand forks ND. Her life may have seemed to have been simple but her life was so magnificently spectacular because she was so magnificently spectacular. She has five million different kinds of smiles and her laugh. Her laugh was felt so deep down in your soul that you just felt loved and cherished.

In 1970 she married the love of her life, Hans Young Bird. During their 48 years together they raised 4 daughters Colette Laverne, Mandan, ND; her oldest daughters, Priscilla, New Town, ND; Camille, White Shield, ND; and Storm (Brandon) Cruz, Macon, GA. Aside from her daughters anyone who knew Clarinda knew how much love she held for her 8 grandchildren: Chyna Leigh, New Town, ND, Mychel J. (Sally), Bismarck, Chloe Jess, New Town, ND, Twins, Charlotte Dee and Claudia Rae, Prince Albert, Sask., Cora Grace, White Shield, and Star Cruz, Macon, GA.

Clarinda is survived by her husband, Hans, sisters, Sylvia (Bitsy) Spotted Horse, Garrison, ND; Aldina Rush, White Shield, ND; Glenise (Kevin) Bearstail, Garrison, ND; Vonna Duro, Coahcella Valley, CA; Lori (Mike) Hendricks, Mesa, AZ; Doveta (Dane) Cavanaugh, Fort Totten, ND; and her faithful companions, Woof and Wau'shoo.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Neola Spotted Horse Rush; grandmother, Winnie Seminole; brother, Orville Wayne Spotted Horse, and sister, Jillayne Rush, and her loving companions, Buster, Doc, Daisy, Jake, Heidi and Sebastian the Crab.



Ardell K. Moe, 90, Bismarck, formerly of New Town, died Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at his home in Bismarck. His funeral service will be Monday, April 3, 2017 at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, New Town. Visitation is Sunday, April 2 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Springan Funeral Home, Stanley, followed by a wake service at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery in Mandan.

He was born August 9, 1926, at his grandparent's home in Battleview, N.D., to Edwin and Helen Moe. He attended school in Ross and Stanley and graduated from Stanley High School in 1944. He worked on his grandparent's farm until he was drafted into the Army. Ardell was deployed to Japan in October of 1946 on a troop ship. He was a T

50 grade radio transmitter in Japan until December of 1947. He returned to Stanley and worked at Dakota Drug Store before he utilized his G.I. Bill to attend pharmacy school at NDSU in Fargo, graduating in 1951. During the time he attended pharmacy school, he ran movie projectors at a movie theater to subsidize his college education. He worked as a pharmacist until he was 90 years old.

He was a member of the North Dakota Pharmaceutical Association and was a recipient of the Al Doerr Service Award in 2014. Ardell was a lifetime member of New Town American Legion Post 290 and the Watford City VFW.

He married Mavis Jackson in Stanley in 1948 and they had 3 sons and 1 daughter. Ardell owned New Town Drug in New Town, ND from February 1954 until November 1997. He then worked for Indian Health Service for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mavis, Bismarck; sons, Tim (Arless), Bismarck and Todd (Janelle), Williston; daughter, Teri Lee, Phoenix, AZ; daughter-in-law, Marlene Moe, Bismarck; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Helen; son, Thomas; sister, Laverne; brother, Donald; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry and Irma Jackson.



Bennett Yellow Bird, Sr. died April 3rd, 2017 in Arizona. Wake services will be held on Saturday, April 8th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, April 9th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield, North Dakota. Bennett Cyril Yellow Bird, Sr. was born on March 6, 1948 in Fort Yates, North Dakota to Lane Iron Necklace and Darlene Yellow Bird. He was raised by his grandmother Nellie Yellow Bird.

He graduated from White Shield High School. Many of his high school academic achievements and sports trophies were lost in a house fire in 1962. After high school, he attended Bottineau Junior College in Bottineau, North Dakota where he earned his Associate's Degree. He later transferred to Bismarck, North Dakota where he earned his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Social Science at the University of Mary. Education was very important to Bennett and he always encouraged his family to pursue their educational goals as well.

In 1986, he began his career at Fort Berthold Community College (FBCC) in New Town, North Dakota as President. He remained with FBCC for 12 years before transferring to United Tribes

Technical College in Bismarck, North Dakota where he served as Dean of Student Services. Bennett worked at UTTC for 16 years, where he was mentor to many students. Bennett was the first to arrive and the last to leave his workplace.

In 2002, he relocated to Mesa, Arizona where he worked for the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) as the Learning Center Director and later retired as the SRPMIC Apprenticeship Program Manager.

Bennett was a loving father, grandfather, a devoted brother and uncle. Bennett was blessed with three children: Farah J. Yellow Bird, Bennett C. Yellow Bird, Jr. (Carrie), and Andrew D. Yellow Bird. Bennett loved sports, and was a big supporter of his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was an avid “Minnesota Vikings” fan and loved to watch all of his nieces’ and nephews’ games. He looked forward to family gatherings, sports games, powwows and tribal festivals. Another favorite pastime was going to the casino with his buddies. Bennett’s trademark smile will never be forgotten by his family and friends.

At the time of his passing, Bennett leaves behind his companion, Delores “Dee” McGrett. He will be greatly missed by his children, and his siblings: Bonita Red Fox, Birdina Fox, Jonelle (Tom) Abe, Doreen (Ken, Sr.) Duncan, Annie Meyers, and Darren (Candace) Meyers, Sr. Also grandchildren: Cyril, Elena, Bennett III., Emma, Braylen and Tala – and many nieces and nephews.

Welcoming Bennett into the Spirit World are his grandmother Nellie, father Lane, mother Darlene, brothers Charles “Chuck” Yellow Bird, Samuel “Boysie” Meyers Jr., Royce “Beaver” Yellow Bird, and uncles Willard Yellow Bird Sr., and Leroy Yellow Bird.



Jewel Amanda Felix (Squash Bloom) was born to Frank M. Felix and Jewel Ruth (Mountain) Felix on January 24, 1981 at the Garrison Hospital, in Garrison, ND. Jewel Amanda Felix lived in White Shield all of her life. She attended White Shield School from Kindergarten to her senior year and graduated in 2000. Her God-Mothers were Denise Lambert and Rhoda Star-Crawford. After graduation, she met Daniel Esquibel and together they had two beautiful children, Daniel Shane and Cheri Oriana Rose.

Her hobbies were baking, cooking, Facebooking, texting and listening to music while she was still able to enjoyed doing many things in the community of White Shield. She also participated in community and school events throughout her life. She was an active member but she was also known for planning, cooking and organizing St. Paul’s Episcopal Church events and fundraiser. She was an avid board game and dice player. Amanda’s favorite thing to do was hanging at the lake, fishing, enjoying a good bonfire and visiting with her family and friends.

Amanda children are: daughter, Cheri Rose; sons, Daniel Shane and J. Jay. Her parents are Frank and Jewel “Bon” Felix. Her beloved companion is Jessie “Punky” Andrade; brothers Jay (Holly) Felix; Anthony Felix and Cody Felix all of White Shield. Sisters, Angelita Felix and Brandy Mountain of Bismarck, ND. Nephews Wyatt Quintin, Hunter, Oscar, Landen, Adam, Andre and Frankie. Nieces, Josie, Angel, Samara, Kiara and Promise, Granddaughters Esme and God Children, Red Star and Raven Rose.

WHITE SHIELD -- **Eric Everett**, 32, White Shield, died April 17, 2017, unexpectedly at his home. Thursday wake and Friday Funeral at Ralph Wells Complex, White Shield, ND.

April 2017 May ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fools Day  Twin Buttes War bonnet Dance
2	3	4	5 Bingo Arikara UCC fundraiser 6 PM 	6 Elders Monthly Meeting – noon at Elder Center. Legion Meeting – Conference Room 6:30	7 Basketball Camp – Brad K 4Pm to 6:30pm	8
9 Palm Sunday 	10	11	12	13 Elder's Update Meeting with Fred Fox – noon. Elder Center. Easter Dinner 6pm White Shield Complex	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15 Children Easter 2 to 6pm 
16 EASTER SUNDAY 	17	18	19 TAT Tribal Council Meeting 10 Am Former Tribal Council honoring 6:00 pm Grand Ball Room of casino	20 Santee Lucky Mound War Bonnet Powwow TAT Tribal Council Meeting 10 AM	21 INMED Board Meeting – Grand Forks TIME OUT POWWOW	22 TIME OUT POWWOW
23 TIME OUT POWWOW	24	25	26	27 Minot State University Honor and Powwow celebration	28 Minot State University Honor Powwow and Celebration	29
30	Notes: Up Coming: Thursday, May 4, is the <u>Aging Services Annual Elder Fair</u> at the Northern Lights Building. Registration is at 10:00 am. There will be booths, games, bingo and other activities. Info call: 701-627-4547.					

Elders Birthdays

- Dolly Hopkins 4-12
- Constance Howling Wolf. 4-12
- Karen Mulluk. 4-28
- Gerald White. 4-25





***Randy Phelan, Mandaree Councilman,
Ernest L. Stevens, Jr. Chairman, National Indian
Gaming Association, (an organization since 1985),
Fred Fox, Segment Representative of White Shield.***



***Barbara Roy, Aurelia Gillette, Grace Gillette, Florence Brady hold
robe for Fred Fox, at Denver March Powwow.***