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**Dicaprio Wins Golden Globe For Best Actor In “*Revenant*,” a Film
With Historic Reference to the Arikara,**



Leonardo DiCaprio portrays Hugh Glass, fur trader, who is mauled by a bear and encounters the Arikara.



From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman for White Shield

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope you have a year filled with joy and good health.

We had a great turn out for the Segment/Community Christmas Party and Dinner. I would like to thank all the White Shield Segment staff and Community Board. I would also like to thank the White Shield School for an excellent concert and also congratulate the students for their awesome performance.

This past year there were four out six segments that offered free health insurance to their community members. Mandaree and White Shield not only offered it to their community members but we offered it to members who also live off the reservation that are registered voters of the segment. This year we will continue with the health insurance from the same company, Tribal Health Care Insurance. The Tribal Business Council will offer it to all enrolled members who don't have primary health care insurance coverage.

We did not come to an agreement with the Governor on the Oil & Gas Tax within the Fort Berthold Reservation. The past agreement was 50% split of Oil & Gas Tax with the State of North Dakota. North Dakota has the ability to tax within the boundaries of the reservation. This is due to a case law called Cotton Petroleum. If the Tribe does not reach an agreement with the State of North Dakota, there will be dual taxation on the reservation. That means the State will still be taxing the original 10% passed by the State Legislature this past year which was signed by the Governor that made it a law. The Tribe would also assess a tax making it the highest place in the State to drill and produce a well. Our stance is that we did not agree to lowering the tax to 10%. We believe that the tax should be 11.5% and the original agreement of 50%. So we will continue to negotiate with Governor to keep our original agreement. I will keep the community informed.

We continued working on the 2016 budget due to the declining price of oil. Williston Basin Bakken oil is currently selling around \$6 - \$8 less than Western Texas Intermediate which is the benchmark for oil. Last year we were getting \$50 - \$60 and this year we are around \$25 - \$35 a barrel. Last year the revenue for the O&G tax was \$188 million and \$94 million for the Royalties. This year should be half of what it was last year.

This year we will continue on the projects in White Shield. This month, they will be bringing the pre-cast walls for the school and the community building. The elder apartments will be complete next month and we will continue to build more housing for the White Shield community. We

still have some touch up work that needs to be completed at the Arikara pow-wow arbor and grounds. So we will have a busy year and continue and strive to make White Shield community the best ever.

I want to congratulate Loren Yellow Bird for his work on the movie "Revenant." It was an honor for the Arikara people to have one of our community members be a part of a big film production. Last but not least, I want to congratulate our White Shield student athletes this basketball season. They been taking some bumps and bruises but the boys and girls varsity team is very young and I know they are doing they very best. Keep up the good work because we all look toward to watching every game.

I would again like to wish everyone a happy and joyous New Year and God Bless. Thank you.

White Shield Segment Employees Christmas Party



Four Bears Casino – Turn-out was great, Prime Rib and lobster were fantastic, drawings brought winners joy and big smiles and Karen Lonefight presented pictures of employees and families from 2015 events.

Fred Fox, Segment Representative thanked employees for all the hard work during the year and talked a little of what is happening in the White Shield Segment, but the party was mostly for enjoying the evening and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

In addition, all employees received a carry-on bag and good wishes.



Yellow Bird Adds Language Consultant to His Growing and Expanding Career



Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, Director; Loren Yellow Bird, Arikara Language advisor; Leonardo DiCaprio, Star.

Loren Yellow Bird spent 14 weeks on the set of *Revenant* (which means “someone back from the dead”) as a consultant on the Arikara language. The Arikara language is used throughout this Golden Globes winning film with captions in English. Yellow Bird said they did a pretty good job of learning their Arikara lines. DiCaprio was particular good in pronunciation and learning Ree, he said. There were parts in the film that he thought weren’t true to the story but the director said that they needed to make a good film and so some things were changed.

One of things Yellow Bird hopes people will get out of this film, is to know who the Arikara are. Unfortunately, most of this country know little about Indians. They can use the film as something to

inspire them to learn more about the Arikara and Native Americans, Yellow Bird added.

One elder was particularly concerned about some of the words like the “f” word and the term “Tree N” used by the fur traders. Those words she said are more from contemporary vocabularies and weren’t usually used in the early 1800 when this story happened. The film was of Hugh Glass’s experiences back in the 1820s. In checking with historic writers, the terms were there, but not used as often.

The film, however, isn’t a documentary but taken from a book about Glass’s experiences and travel.

The film has violence and is R rated. It is also hard to follow at first, but well-worth seeing.

SPOILER ALERT: THE SUMMARY ON FOLLOWING PAGE IS FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO READ THE PLOT SO THEY CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND FILM. IF, HOWEVER, YOU DON’T WANT TO KNOW THE ENDING, DON’T READ THIS.

SUMMARY OF REVENANT THE FILM

In 1823, a quasi-military hunting party of trappers and hunters are hunting for pelts in the unsettled wilderness of the Louisiana Purchase under the command of Captain Andrew Henry. Hostility from a Native American tribe, the Arikara, leads to an ambush of the hunting party. Only about one-third of the hunters manage to escape on one of their rafts, salvaging as much as they can while still under fire from the attacking Arikara.

The escaping hunting party is led by Henry who knows that they are still being pursued by the Arikara. The party is further slowed down when Hugh Glass, one of the experienced hunters, stumbles across a mother grizzly bear and her cubs while he is separated from the rest of the party. He is mauled and seriously wounded by the enraged grizzly wildly protecting her cubs. Although Glass eventually gets off a gunshot and kills the bear with his Bowie knife, he is nearly dead himself, and the hunting party can only provide rudimentary medical care. The party takes the wounded Glass with them, but because he is on a makeshift stretcher, he slows their march. Finally one of the party, John Fitzgerald, suggests they kill him, so they can move faster. Henry initially tries to kill Glass himself but is unable to shoot him even though Glass is so wounded that he cannot even speak or move. Instead, he offers payment for two men to stay behind with Glass. When two boys (Jim Bridger and Glass's son Hawk) volunteer, Fitzgerald points out the likelihood that those boys and Glass will be killed—leading the Captain to up the reward for a third man to stay. Once both Bridger and Hawk offer their share to whoever helps them, Fitzgerald himself volunteers. Henry makes Fitzgerald promise he will stay with Glass until he dies and give him a proper burial. Once separated from the main hunting party and alone with Glass, Fitzgerald tries to kill Glass by smothering him, only to have Hawk stumble upon this murder attempt. A struggle ensues and Fitzgerald kills Hawk. When Bridger returns, Fitzgerald claims he doesn't know where Hawk is, and then concocts a story that he saw Arikara down by the river and that they need to abandon Glass.

Henry and the surviving hunting party are the first to return to their dilapidated barracks outpost, where eventually Fitzgerald and Bridger return. Fitzgerald tells Henry that, despite heroic efforts, they could not save Glass or his son from the elements. Fitzgerald receives a cash reward for his fabricated tale from the unsuspecting Henry. Meanwhile, Glass crawls and struggles to walk through the woods for days. He builds fires and eats roots. He is also tracked by hostile Arikara, whose chief is looking for his kidnapped daughter Powaga. Glass escapes a close encounter with them by floating down rapids. He then encounters a native warrior who allows him a share of meat from a dead bison. The two travel for a bit. The warrior treats Glass' wounds and builds Glass a shelter one night during a blizzard. Glass awakens to find the warrior hanging from a tree, with a group of French frontiersmen camped nearby. Glass interrupts the rape of the Arikara chief's daughter, Powaga, from a captor, allowing her the opportunity to escape on foot. Glass manages to escape alone by stealing a horse. Afterwards, he again escapes hostile Arikaras by running off a cliff, which kills the horse and wounds Glass even further. Glass keeps warm for a night inside the body of the dead horse. Back at the outpost, a desperate lone Frenchman is found carrying Glass's canteen. Most believe the hunter stole it from Hawk not far from camp, so they organize a search party to search for Hawk and instead

find Glass alive. Meanwhile, Fitzgerald decides to flee from the outpost, after first emptying the outpost's payroll safe to which he has had access and before Glass can completely discredit Fitzgerald's false heroic claims made previously to Henry.

Glass requests that Henry assign him, and only him, to bring back Fitzgerald dead or alive, and Henry agrees but goes with Glass. Fitzgerald ambushes Henry and kills him when they and Glass separate moments earlier. Glass returns to find a deceased Henry after hearing gunshots. He knows Fitzgerald is close. Glass sets an ingenious trap for Fitzgerald by placing Henry upright as a mock heavily-clad dummy rider on a traveling horse dressed in Glass's coat, while simultaneously hiding himself with a loaded gun under the pack blankets on a companion pack horse trailing directly behind acting as the dead Henry. In the wilderness now, Fitzgerald takes the bait and shoots Henry posing as Glass off the horse from a distance. Fitzgerald goes down and checks the body, only to discover it is Henry, not Glass. Glass suddenly drops out of the pack horse blankets to shoot Fitzgerald, hitting him in the shoulder. Fitzgerald flees with Glass in close pursuit, and the two face off on a river bank. Glass fights with and nearly kills Fitzgerald, and pushes the heavily wounded Fitzgerald downstream and into the hands of the approaching Arikara. The Chief, now accompanied by his daughter Powaga, scalps and kills Fitzgerald. As the film ends, Glass continues to have flashbacks about his deceased wife and his deceased son, which have haunted him throughout the film, even after his culminating revenge on Fitzgerald has been completed. *(Taken from Wikipedia)*

The real Hugh Glass was not married to an Arikara woman so didn't have a son (Hawk as he is named in the film). That was an edit by the directors and editors of the film.



Loren Yellow Bird and Tyler, Samuel, Gabriel, his triplets

2015 Highlights at White Shield

The White Shield community was buzzing with construction in 2015. There are houses (rentals and mortgages), a “Safe Haven” home being built and is now in the community. The first floor is finished and they are waiting for the approval of their policies and procedures to occupy it, said Marilyn Young Bird, who is in charge of getting it built. They have been using it as emergency housing for the community but as soon as the paperwork is done, they should be ready to move in. Next on her agenda is “Safe Haven” homes for Mandaree and New Town.

Major construction on a community building and White Shield School is being done. Cold weather held things up but they will start again as weather warms. Elder apartments, powwow arena and changes to the Nishu Convenience store are complete. The store now has new pumps with more gas nozzles and a canopy to keep snow and rain off while filling your tank. Funding was also provided for improvements on older houses that needed new window, roof and house repairs and etc.



- Nine elder scatter houses are occupied with some changes or updates needed.
- Elder apartments, located near the Nishu Elder Center are ready for move. Four people will move in within the next few weeks. The apartments have garages and storage rooms. There are three – 2 bedroom and six 1-bedroom.
- There are 16 rentals located at Sesame. All of those units are filled and most of the people have moved in.
- In Awahu Village there are seven units. These are rent-to-own and they are all filled.



New Headstart building

The Headstart building is ready, but it will not be opened until community center and school are near completion.

It was decided the traffic in the area would be a hazard for the youngsters. They are planning a move-in late August or early September.

Construction Continues on the New White Shield School and the Community Complex.



School and Community Center under construction



Nishu Store's new look

Elders Tour New Apartments



On November 23, White Shield elders were given a tour of the new Elder Apartments and served Thanksgiving dinner by a class of White Shield students. The meal was funded by Fred Fox. The elders were impressed by the young men and women who served the dinner. They also made pies and were dressed in serving uniforms.



New Elder Apartments are complete and ready for move-in. The building sits next to the Nishu Senior Center (where they can have lunch each day) and the White Shield Clinic. There is parking, family gathering rooms and nice apartments. The apartments have been inspected by professionals and the elders have toured them and said they like them.

New White Shield Powwow Arena was completed in time for the 2015 Celebration



The White Shield Powwow arena is complete and was used for the 2015 Powwow. It is much bigger than the previous arena, has permanent seating, cover over seating area, a new announcer building with a room behind it for giveaways and other uses. Next year the plan is to do more work on the roads, finish sodding the arena and a few other things.



Pictures are: **Top Left:** Veterans raising the flags at dawn. **Top right:** dancers who seem to be dancing in air. **Bottom left:** Traditional dancer, Anita Howard Dean. **Bottom Right:** TAT Detective Gracie Her Many Horses, is fancy dancer winner.



Elders Take in the ND Historical Museum's Native American Exhibit



Elders visited the North Dakota Historical Museum in Bismarck where an exhibition of Native American artifacts were on exhibit. After the museum, the group had dinner then went to Prairie Knights to enjoy themselves with a little gambling. Elders are given opportunities to travel, see educational and culture events and gamble. It is a way of getting elders involved in the community, Fox said.



front row, L to R: Greta White Calfe, Joyce Kruger, Elva Knutson, Bonnie Fox, Sylvia Spotted Horse, Gerald White, Denby Deegan. Back row: Ramona Malnouri, Gloria Brennan, Theodore "Lucky" Everett, Hans Young Bird, Tooksie Eagle, Don Yellow Bird, June Eagle, Grover Yellow Bird, Duane Fox, Myrtle Good Left, Connie Radke, Alice Everett, Jean Red Hawk, Karen Mulluck, Bob Mulluck, Blanche White Eagle, and Kay Belle.

Tribal Elections Brought New Representatives to the Reservation



A new council took their place in November 2015. Cory Spotted Bear assumed Berry Benson position in Twin Buttes, Frank Grady assumed retiring council woman Judi Brugh and Mark Fox was elected tribal chairman.



L to R: Councilmen and Chairman dance at 2015 White Shield powwow. They are Mark Fox, Chairman; Fred Fox, White Shield Representative; Randy Phelan, Mandaree Representative and Frank Grady, Four Bears Representative.



Catholic cemetery gets a face lift. Maggie Yellow Bird put her family and friends together to fix up, clean up and give the cemetery a new look. 2015 was a good year for what has become a beautiful resting place for families and loved ones.



Delores Wilkinson put wreaths on the gate to the Old Scouts cemetery where Howard her husband was laid to rest in November. The wreaths add to the beauty of the cemetery and elders said they are thankful for her thoughtfulness.

Some were Honored in 2015

Mary Fox Bateman is honored with gifts and a plaque for work and support she has given the White Shield Elders Organization.



Front to back L to R: Greta White Calfe, Theresa Danks, Connie Howling Wolf, Mary Fox Bateman, Gloria Brennan, Alice Harwood, Dorreen Yellow Bird, unidentified, Hans Young Bird, John Howard, Isaiah Dickens, Wade Howard, Kaye Bell, Autum Blacksmith, Joyce Kruger, Denby Deegan, Cleo Charging, and Richard Hosie.

Isaac Fox, Aaliyah and Rodney Howling Wolf receive 2015 Outstanding students and Elder award from the Mother Corn Festival sponsored by the White Shield School.



Adjutant General David Sprynczynatyk Makes Presentation to Bear and Heart families at the 2015 Memorial Day celebration



Robert Bear, Robert Bear Jr., Grayden Bear and Loretta Meredith receive metals and awards for Cpl. Elmer Bear

Bear was born in 1927 and would have been 88 on June 13. Bear was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. He was serving in Korea in the Army with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, and 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing after a battle with Chinese forces in the area of Kunu, North Korea, near Chongchan River. Authorities say his unit was attacked by Chinese forces on Nov. 25, 1950, at the international boundary between the Korea and China.



Kermit Heart accepts congratulations from Adjutant General David Sprynczynatyk for contributions and support for White Shield in 2015

2015 Officers are Elected for Ladies Auxiliary and Veterans of Post 253



Women Auxiliary help with Veteran's program in 2015. Officers sworn in for 2015 are: Madonna Azure, President; Gerilyn Yellow Bird, Vice President, Jennifer Dickens White Bear and Magen White Bear, Secretaries; Cheryl Danks, Treasurer; Loretta Meredith, Chaplin, Denile Henry, Historian; and Chasmin Yellow Bird, Sargent-at-arms.



White Shield Post 253 Veterans



Community Christmas filled the Ralph Wells Complex to overflowing. There were songs from the grade school and high school, prime rib dinner, a special cake, drawings and a grand saranade by Joann Bird, who sang to the children and she danced to drums.



2015 Community Christmas Party a Success



Young dancer loved the music.



Joann Bird sings and mesmerizes crowd especially the youngsters.

Upgrade Your Winter Driving Skills

Winter is a tough time to be a driver.

Snow and ice are responsible for around 540,000 accidents and 140,000 injuries every year, according to a U.S. Department of Transportation survey of 10 years of weather-related accident statistics.

“[Winter driving] can be a challenge for people who aren’t prepared for it,” says Kurt Spitzner, operations manager of the Bridgestone Winter Driving School in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. “You need the right tools for the job.”

With that in mind, here are six ways you can avoid a winter fender bender, courtesy of Spitzner and Bridgestone.

Be prepared for the worst

Snow, ice and freezing rain can turn a short trip to the in-laws into a day-long odyssey. So before you hit the road, be ready for the worst. Make sure you bring along warm jackets, winter boots, hats and gloves. Your car should also be stocked with a shovel, flashlight (with extra batteries), tow strap and jumper cables.

Put winter tires on your car

In snow and ice, traction is key. And nothing grips the road better in cold temperatures than winter tires. They give you more control and help you stop your car much faster than their all-season counterparts, which can be the difference between a near miss and an expensive collision.

Keep your eyes peeled

About 80 percent of collisions could be prevented if drivers had an extra second to react to a difficult situation, according to Spitzner. So don’t fall into the habit of staring at your hood. Look as far down the road as possible and try to spot potential hazards—such as a car on the shoulder or a wayward moose—before they become a problem.

Don’t rely on four-wheel drive

Many people think that if they have four-wheel drive, they’re in the clear. But that’s not necessarily true. While the system can provide you with more traction on snow and ice, it doesn’t give you more braking power and cornering can still be tricky. So take it easy on slippery surfaces and don’t rely exclusively on four-wheel drive to get you out of a sticky situation.

Keep a “safety bubble” around your car It takes up to 10 times longer to stop on snow and ice than it does on dry pavement, says Spitzner, so stay far behind the car in front of you. If someone is on your tail, safely change lanes and let them pass. You don’t want to fall victim to another driver’s mistake.

Read the terrain like a rally car driver

Ice is a winter driver’s worst enemy, so try to identify slippery patches before you hit them. Ice often lurks in the shadows of trees, buildings and billboards. It also forms quickly on bridges and overpasses, so tread carefully when approaching those structures.

Driving is a privilege that comes with an important set of responsibilities. Help your teen prepare for the road with our free resources at geicoteendriving.com.

Those who left us in 2015



Howard Wilkinson, Sr. (Matse Nuuba) 70, was a husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, born April 13, 1945.



Grayden O. Bear Sr. (Standing Soldier) peacefully left this world on November 1, 2015, at Sanford Health in Bismarck, ND at the age of 75. Grayden was born on September 7, 1940, to Robert and Dora Hopkins Bear Sr. on the Bear family ranch located near the 6 Mile Creek in the Elbowoods/Nishu area of the Ft. Berthold reservation.



Renee Joy (Red Berries Macu-hishish) Mayer was born on April 13, 1963, the third of three sisters to Ervin Mayer and Avis Baker Mayer, in Stanley. She passed from this world November 11, 2015.



Nicole Tamara Rush (August 12, 1976 – August 10, 2015) was born at Ft. Dix, New Jersey to Aldine Rush.

Kaylyn "Kay-Kay" Marsette was known by all for her smile, laughter and sense of humor. She was born in Garrison, ND on October 13, 1962. She was raised in White Shield, ND by her parents Matthew and Gloria Marsette.



Norma Jean Staples Born: August 20, 1940 Died September 18, 2015 Norma Jean Staples (Husika mihe ~ Assiniboine Woman).



Helen Yvonne Wells White Swaaruxti' Tiwakaraan" Wakiyan Wocekiye Winyan" Helen "Yvonne" Wells White, died March 10, 2015 at WaltHill, Nebraska. She was born October 17, 1939 to Ralph Jr. and Olive Sherwood Wells at Elbowoods, ND.

Estelle Hodges was born January 11, 1944, in Elbowoods, ND to John White Sr. and Florence Badger White. She was raised in Elbowoods and began her primary education at Like-A-Fishhook Village, Ft. Berthold District 1, and Elbowoods.



Bernadine Yellow Wolf (Good Medicine) 72, was born March 2, 1943 at Elbowoods and died at Bull Head City, Az. March 13, 2015. Her parents were Fred and Anna (Mandan) Morsette.

Terry Lynn St John (Tate Gaga Koksina , Wind Maker), 45, began his journey to the spirit world on April 5, 2015 in St. Paul, Minn. St John was born in Garrison, ND where he lived with his mother, Cheryl Yellowbird; father, Phil St John and their children Sabrina (Caleb) Warren, Justin St John, Phillip Daren St John, Statten Cleveland, Oaklyn St John, Danen and Terry St John Jr. Nathan Mountain was born January 27, 1983 and died April 11, 2015 at White Shield, ND. He was 32 years old. His mother was Antoinette Mountain.

Beloved sister, mother, aunt, grandma and friend, **Pearl Spotted Horse (Paa Tsapisu)**, Moon Beam, was born September 26, 1930, in Nishu to Phillip and Mamie (White) Spotted Horse. Beloved sister, mother, aunt, grandma and friend, Pearl Spotted Horse (Paa Tsapisu), Moon Beam, was born September 26, 1930, in Nishu to Phillip and Mamie (White) Spotted Horse.

Bonnie June (Heart) Yellow Bear, Steesagnu Naakaakux (Chief Woman In The House) was born on April 1, 1954 in Garrison, ND to Benedict and Ramona (Baker) Heart.

Gail Frances Ross was born May 30, 1960 in Garrison, ND to the late Lee and Regina Ross. She was raised and educated in White Shield, ND. She graduated in 1977 and was valedictorian of her class.

Michael James Roanhorse, beloved son, father, nephew, brother and friend, was born May 29, 1960 in Ganado, Arizona. He was the son of Gail Yellow Bird Roanhorse Valenzuela and James Roanhorse Sr.

Marcella White (Cedar) January 9, 2014- January 9, 2015

Janice White Body, 65, (May 28, 1949 – October 26, 2014).

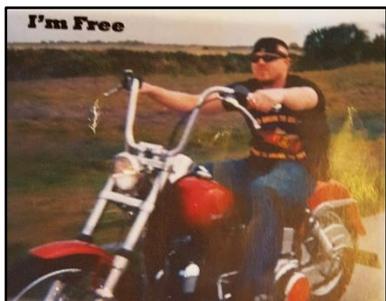


GRACE FLUTE, 85, White Shield, died Saturday in her home. Funeral was 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at the Ralph Wells Memorial Complex, White Shield, ND. WHITE SHIELD —

Antoinette “Toni” Mountain, 53, White Shield, died April 19, 2015, at Trinity Hospital, Minot, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident south of White Shield. Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 23, at Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex, White Shield. She died 8 days after her son Nathan Mountain.



December 2015 Obituaries and Memorials

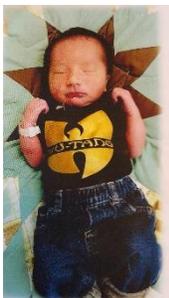


Chauncey was born to Eugene and Connie (Karlson) Radke, March 9, 1979 in Minot, ND. He died November 17, 2015. Chauncey was raised and educated in Underwood, graduating from Underwood High School in 1997. He then went on to attend college in Wahpeton at the NDSCS, graduating with a welding degree. He started his career in welding at Melroe in Bismarck and put his expertise to work on many jobs throughout the area.

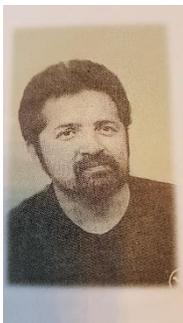
It was during this time of his life he became a member of the Dakota Riders Motorcycle Club. He was very active in the lives of his brothers and his numerous friends. His home was open to anyone who needed a place to stay or a bite to eat. Growing up, Chauncey was always active riding motorcycle, fishing, hunting and music; these interests did not wane as he grew older. He loved attending the rallies at Sturgis, SD, bike runs and club gatherings, and he really loved playing guitar and writing songs. He didn't always show it, but his family really did mean a lot to him, even though he had a hard time expressing his emotions. His laughter was infectious and his bright personality will truly be missed by so many.

Chauncey is survived by his sons, Layne Scheid (10) of Bismarck and Zachary Vannurden (8) of Mandan; a sister, Corrie Kuntz of Garrison, his father and step-mother, Eugene and Michelle Radke of Mandan his mother Connie Radki of Underwood; his grandparents, Norman and Elva Karlson of Garrison; his step-sister, Heather (Paul) Heinle; his step-brother, Bruce Hohbein; his nephews, Seth Kuntz of Washington state and Darby, MT and many aunts, uncle, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Carl and Esther Radke.



Kayson Tate' Gage' (Tah-Tay-Gah-Kay) passed away peacefully in the arms of his loving parents Kolt and Melissa Tiger. During his short ten days on earth, he touched many lives, especially his sisters, Cheryl Kaizley and Lenaya who loved him very much. His life was a brief gift to us that will live on in our hearts forever. He was born December 16, 2015 and died December 26, 2015.



Royce "Beaver" Yellow Bird (Xah-Day-It Skah-Nah) "Horse Stands Alone" born October 6, 1957 and died December 29, 2015. He was born in Inglewood, CA to Harold and Alvina (Krueger) YellowBird. He was raised in California and attended school in Bell Gardens, CA.

In 1993 Royce suffered severe head injuries and was hospitalized in California for an extended period of time. After recovering to a point that he could be released from the hospital, he removed back to his native land in ND to live with his father.

Royce did not let his disabilities discourage him. He lived in a number of different places, where he was always eager to help out. He was acknowledged several different times for his volunteer work, most notably, at the Ruth Meier's Hospitality House and Stone Soup Kitchen. He gave countless hours to organizations to help those who were helping him. He was also nominated for the Golden Rule Award. The person that nominated him said, "he shines like a beacon in this storm called life!" When he wasn't volunteering his time, Royce was an avid Nascar fan, his favorite driver being Mark Martin. He also loved classic cars and trucks, owning several over his lifetime. Royce was an avid bingo player and enjoyed playing horseshoes and darts. He was also very proud of his native heritage.

Royce's last days were spent at the Dunseith Community Nursing Home in Dunseith, ND. His family is forever grateful for the wonderful care he received and was greatly loved by all that lived and worked there.

He is survived by his children, Kyle Kota Yellow Bird and Virginia Rose Yellow Bird-Anton; mother Alvina Marquez, brother Kenton (Yvonne) Yellow Bird; sisters, Lesalie (Juan) Orozco and Rhonda (Rich) Hollesen; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Yellow Bird.



Bryan David James was born April 2, 1958 at Garrison Memorial Hospital to Max and Ella (Thompson) James. He died December 31, 2015. He was an enrolled member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. Bryan was baptized at St. Albans Episcopal Church in Fort Hale and confirmed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in White Shield. His Godparents are Patricia and late Arlan Thompson.

Bryan attended elementary school at Lower Brule, SD Garrison, ND and Riverdale, ND. He attended and finished high school in White Shield, ND graduating in 1976. After high school, he enlisted in the United States and completed his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He served in the Army for three years and was stationed at various places including Germany. Following his discharge from Fort Sill, OK, he attended the Wahpeton School of Science. He then returned to White Shield and was employed at Northrup Grumman. Over the years, he was also employed with Lower Brule Rural Water, Geometrics Seismographing, and J & J Rental.

Bryan was the father of two boys Brytan Kade and Beau KADEN. He worked and raised his son Brytan and enjoyed every minute of being a single father. Although Bryan was a stern disciplinarian, he always did it with a loving touch.

Bryan enjoyed activities such as camping, fishing, roping, playing poker, bowling and the Wii and drinking his favorite beverage (BEER). Bryan enjoyed nothing more than spending time and with friends and family. He was a teaser. If he teased and tormented you, that meant he

loved you, and included you in his life forever. Bryan had a smile and a laugh, that if you heard it, you never ever forgot it. We are so glad that we never will.

Bryan is survived by his loving family: son, Brytan Kade of New Town; parents, Max and Ella James of New Town; sisters Marti James of New Town, Anita Green of Bismarck, Crystal (Kevin) Bruce and Kim (Royce) Hettich of Beulah; brother, Jay (Ashley) James of New Town; adopted brother Gary (Paula) Snow of New Town; aunt/mom, Jean Bolman; aunts, Carla (Bill) Kurtz and Phyllis (Mac) LaDue; and uncles, Kim (Mary) Thompson, Lewis White, James (Edith) White, and Donald (Dolly) White; godchild Justyce James (Queenie), and all his nieces and nephews. Bryan was preceded in death by his infant son, Beau; paternal grandparents Anna James and Eugene White Sr., maternal grandparents, Wilbert and Lucille Thomas; uncles Arlen Thompson, Alvin Thompson, Joe James, Eugene (Marcella) White Jr., Robert (Martha) White, Tryone White, Elmer White, Loren White and Ted Bolman; aunts Kathy Samuels and Birdie Chase, Joseph Thompson and John Thompson and nephew/godson, Jordy James.

(This list includes those that were sent to the News Journal or were printed in local papers. If there is a memorial or funeral announcement you would like in paper, please call (701) 741-2876 or e-mail: sahnish65@gmail.com and it will be published in this paper. Thank you.)



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3	4 Elder Regular Meeting noon @ Center	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King	19	20	21 TAT Council Meeting 10:00 am	22	23
24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28	29	30
31	Notes:					

Elder birthdays for January 2016:

Winogene Blacksmith 1-28
 Gary Dickens 1-23
 Martle Good Left 1-29
 Cheryl Yellow Bird 1-02
 Dorreen Yellow Bird 1-03
 Estelle White 1-11
 Maggie Yellow Bird 1-05

