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Councilman Fred Fox's Greetings

Hello Elders, Community Members and Relatives,

Well Spring is slowly approaching, and we can start seeing the snow slowly disappear. I think the cold brisk wind is still going to keep the temperatures relatively low at least for the next few weeks. I would like to send my condolences to the families that lost loved ones. Also families that have loved ones in the hospital. We all struggle and mourn for our relatives that have passed on.

We had a lot of exciting events in White Shield Community the past month, the first one was the 3rd Annual Alcahthon held at the Ralph Wells Jr. Complex. The one-day conference had some excellent speakers on Drug & Alcohol abuse either as a counselor or a person in recovery. The attendance numbers were good, and I heard a lot of good words about the Conference. I would like to thank Jessie Yellow Bird, Chris Everett and Staff for their hard work in making this event a success again. The drug abuse in our communities is getting overwhelming to every single family, it's taking all our loved ones and children lives. It's breaking families apart and leaving our young babies homeless or having their grandparents, aunts, uncles or family members taking care of them. It's putting a lot of stress on the families throughout the reservation. But it's not only affecting us, its effecting everyone, no matter what color a person is, drugs have no racial or color boundaries.

I do have to mention one of the most exciting moments this month was the White Shield boys basketball District and Regional Basketball tournament. The boys finished the tournament season strong and almost knocked of the #3 team in the State of North Dakota Powers Lake. The



March 14th: MHA Tribal Business Council host working session with local County Sheriff's Departments

White Shield boys team in the post season had a no quit attitude, and the boys had stepped up to the calling. I want to congratulate each and every one of them, but I want to give a special congratulations to Anthony Hunter Felix. If there was a Mr. Hustle award in the post season, he would win it hands down. Hustle will always kept us in the games, so I want to wish our boys and girls basketball teams a great off-season and let's come back stronger next year.

Speaking of boys basketball, I would like to wish the Shiloh Christian Skyhawks boys basketball team good luck at the ND State Tournament. They have 3 enrolled members playing with them, Mabahi Baker, Atticus Wilkinson, and William Wilkinson.

This past weekend the fitness and recreation staff Glenn Lacroix, Preston DeMarce Jr. and Stacey Tsingine held a Men's and Women's basketball tournament. The tournament hosted 40 teams from all over Indian country that represented over 10 different states and many different reservations. Both the White Shield High School and Ralph Wells Community Center facilities showcased the tournament with the White Shield Community state of the art facilities. We had so many compliments of our facilities and we are very proud of them.

This week some of the TBC members had a meeting with all the County Sheriffs and ND

Highway Patrol within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation. This meeting is to set up possible agreements with the MHA Nation. To have a cooperative agreement with local law enforcement agencies just like the Tribe has with McLean County and the ND Highway State Patrol. This is to facilitate the drug trafficking and criminal activity that has been plaguing our communities. We need to work together to battle the drug epidemic.

In conclusion, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter this coming month. As Easter approaches, we all forget the reason behind the celebration. It's the symbol of new life and resurrection of Jesus at this time of year. So, with that, we all hope we can all get along with one another and help people instead of treating each other bad. Talk good to one another and talk good about one another. We all struggle, why make it more difficult in life to wish bad upon another. Take care and God Bless.

Fred Fox

White Shield East Segment Representative
MHA Nation Executive Secretary

U.S. Interior gives mineral rights under the original Missouri riverbed back to the MHA Nation

Biden solicitor swings mineral rights title back to tribes. The interior solicitor in the Biden administration says the mineral rights under the original Missouri River riverbed belong to a North Dakota tribal nation.

By DAVE KOLPACK
Associated Press
February 4, 2022, 5:15 PM

FARGO, N.D. -- The interior solicitor in the Biden administration said in an opinion released Friday that the mineral rights under the original Missouri River riverbed belong to a North Dakota tribal nation.

The 68-page memorandum posted by the U.S. Department of Interior is contrary to a May 2020 Trump administration opinion concluding that the state is legal owner of submerged lands beneath the river where it flows through the Fort Berthold Reservation. The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation had sued over that memo, which rolled back an Obama administration opinion favoring the nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes.

“My decision today upholds decades of existing precedent holding that the Missouri riverbed belongs to the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation,” Interior Solicitor Bob Anderson said in a statement. “Today’s action, based on extensive historical and legal review, underscores the Department’s commitment to upholding its trust and treaty obligations in accordance with the law.”

At stake is an estimated \$100 million in unpaid royalties and future payments certain to come from oil drilling beneath the river, which was dammed by the federal government in the 1950s. That flooded more than a tenth of the 1,500-square-mile (3,885-square-kilometer) Fort Berthold Reservation to create Lake Sakakawea.

The state has argued it assumed

ownership of the riverbed when North Dakota became a state in 1889, citing cases in which the U.S. Supreme Court has held that submerged lands were not reserved by the federal government. The Three Affiliated Tribes base their premise on three previous federal opinions dating back to the 1851 Treaty of Fort Laramie that confirms their ownership of the riverbed.

Tribal officials began their campaign in 2019 by taking to social media and writing op-eds asking state leaders to back the tribes’ ownership rights, much like they did in the 2019 legislative session regarding an oil and tax agreement with the tribes.

MHA Nation Chairman Mark Fox said the new opinion corrects “a grave injustice” and the tribes look forward to working with the government to protect the tribal nation’s “historic

rights to the Missouri riverbed.”

This is the fourth time the Interior Department has addressed the issue since January 2017, when Solicitor Hilary Tompkins, an appointee of President Barack Obama, affirmed tribal ownership. Solicitor Daniel Jorjani, President Donald Trump’s appointee, ruled in favor of the state in 2020. Jorjani’s opinion was scrapped in March 2021, after President Joe Biden took office.

“This has been a long haul for my clients at MHA Nation,” said attorney Timothy Q. Purdon, of Minneapolis-based Robins Kaplan. “But, since I was brought in to help represent the tribe over two and a half years ago, the MHA Nation and its leadership have never wavered in their commitment to righting this wrong and protecting their people’s historical connection to the Missouri River.”

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Welcome Home Marine PVT Olivia Malone Wilkinson

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Young Hawk Bear Post 253, VFW Post 9061 and the Dead Grass Singers welcomed home PVT Olivia Malone Wilkinson from the United States Marine Corps Bootcamp.





thank you

To all nurses that have served the MHA Nation. You are appreciated!




ND Governor Burgum proclaimed February 13-19, 2022 as NURSES WEEK in North Dakota. We'd like to thank & acknowledge all nurses, past & present, who have served the MHA Nation.

<p>STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PROCLAMATION NURSES WEEK FEBRUARY 13-19, 2022</p> <p><small>WHEREAS, more than 3.6 million nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and</small></p> <p><small>WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and</small></p> <p><small>WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all our nation's nursing resources; and</small></p> <p><small>WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, the demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health care services; and</small></p> <p><small>WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be a critical necessity for public health, nurses are on the front lines of our fight to save lives and livelihoods, caring for patients and often risking their own health, and North Dakotans are grateful to these modern heroes whose incredible and tireless efforts are helping to keep us all safe; and</small></p> <p><small>WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by nurses will continue to be an increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future.</small></p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 13-19, 2022, NURSES WEEK in the State of North Dakota.</p> <p><i>Doug Burgum</i> GOVERNOR</p> <p><i>Alvin A. Jaeger</i> SECRETARY OF STATE</p> 	<p>Ada White Lightning Andrea "Niki" Baker Andrea Weisz Arla Muzzy Aubrey Mowery Barbara Johnson* Beatrice Charging* Bernice DuBois Beulah Bateman* Brianna Foote Callie Baker Carla Pease Carolee Allery Cody Telsrow Connie Ebach Corrine Shock Crystal Snow David Emmons Deborah Thompson</p>	<p>Deloys "Billie" Hartman* Denise Helke Elaine WhiteBear* Elizabeth Sam Fern Hand-Sitting Crow* Francis McDonald Gabrielle Hancock Georgia Foote Glenda GoodBird Glenise Bearstail Gwendolyn Davis Hattie Walker Holly Mayer-Taft Izu "Mac" Emejulu Jennie Whitman* Jessi Baker JoAnne Marcellais Josie Grady June Eagle*</p>	<p>Kari Elliot Kayla Miller Kelli Anna Karnatz Kelly McGrady Kyonia Hale Laverne Fettig Loretta Meredith* Lori Jepson Madonna Azure Margie Slocum* Marie Grady-Enney Marilyn Yellow Bird Mary Black Melinda Incognito Meranda Marcellais Mindy Preszler Nicole Beston Nicole Thomas Raina Weyrauch</p>	<p>Rebecca Dressler ReNae Merrick Roberta Bear Rose Davis Ruth Heinert Shasta Mandan Sheree Carlson* Stacey Baker Stella Berquist Sunny Hall Susie Mesteth Tamara Dickens Virginia Lunde</p>
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*Deceased | Our apologies if we missed anyone - please contact us at 701-421-8274 with edits to the list of nurses

White Shield Clinic

HOURS
8:00AM - 4:00PM CST
Monday - Friday
Main Phone Number
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White Shield's 3rd Annual Alcathon

Update from Jessie Yellow Bird

Pictures also provided by Jessie Yellow Bird

We had a very good turnout. The Yellow Bird and White Bear families provided lunch and dinner. There was a Remembrance of Marlon Yellow Bird and a Remembrance of Elmer White Bear (Spider).

A lot of White Shield community members came and supported the tribute.

Councilman Fred Fox provided blankets to show appreciation to our speakers.

White Shield's Sahnish Healing Lodge and Resource Center along with White Shield's Alcohol's Anonymous Group was also recognized.



NISHU Lodge & Arikara Cultural Center PRESENT

WS Elder's St. Patrick's Day Bingo

Thursday March 17, 2022
12:00pm - 4:00pm
Arikara Cultural Center

POTLUCK at 12:00pm with PRIZE BINGO to follow.

Everyone please bring a Side and a Small Prize.

The Main Dish of Corned Beef and Creamed Cabbage will be provided by Glenise Bearstail and the ACC staff, as well as the Big Prizes.

*** THIS EVENT IS FOR EAST SEGMENT ELDERS ONLY***

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<p><u>New Town</u> Northern Lights Center Wednesday 9th 2:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p><u>White Shield</u> Thursday 24th New Comm. Center 1:30pm - 3:30pm</p>
<p><u>Mandaree</u> High School Gym Thursday 10th 2:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p><u>Twin Buttes</u> Friday 25th New Comm. Center 12:00pm - 1:30pm</p>
<p><u>Parshall</u> American Legion Thursday 17th 2:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	

Questions Please call 701-627-7921, 1923

MHA Nation 6th Annual Ice Warrior Plunge

By Grace Kraemer

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NEW TOWN, N.D. – Dozens of people jumped into frozen Lake Sakakawea Monday morning to raise money and show support for cancer survivors on the Fort Berthold Reservation for the 6th Annual Ice Warrior Challenge.

For breast cancer survivor Kelly McGrady, this year's Ice Warrior Challenge is about a lot more than just jumping into a frozen lake.

“Just went through breast cancer in August of 2021, lost both breasts. They did a bilateral mastectomy and at the same time, the day after, my dad died, so I didn't have time to mourn any of my body parts. And I know that cancer strikes a lot of people and I know that cancer awareness is huge,” said Kelly McGrady, a breast cancer survivor and first-time participant in the Ice Warrior Challenge.

Dressed in all pink, McGrady and her friend raised more than \$2,000 and took the plunge to give back to other survivors and to raise awareness about prevention.

“I just want everybody to get out with their primary care doctor, make that appointment, and don't be scared about what you are going to find out,” said McGrady.

More than 65 others joined in on the challenge and, like McGrady, some have personal ties to the cause.

“I started doing this when my grandpa got cancer back in 2014

and then he lost his battle in 2016 and that's the year I started polar plunging was in honor of him. And my grandma also had cancer and she went into remission in 2016, so they're why I started jumping,” said Ayla Salamanca, a participant in the Ice Warrior Challenge.

Each participant raised money for the challenge that will go to the American Indian Cancer Foundation and other local reservation programs.

“Native Americans suffer cancer rates far greater than the general public does and so we are bringing a lot of awareness, a lot of prevention and do a lot of things that when our members and our families have to travel down to Rochester, Minnesota, we try to help them and do things of that nature,” said Mark Fox, chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation.

While challengers may have been cold as they braved the plunge, their dedication and generosity of raising thousands of dollars will warm the hearts of many on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

The MHA Nation is calculating their final total of money raised through this year's event.

Fox said he was confident they raised more than their goal of \$50,000.



Polar Plunge | Photo Credit: Karen Lone Fight



Polar Plunge | Photo Credit: Karen Lone Fight



White Shield Veterans work with DSGW

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Members of the Young Hawk Bear Post 253 and Ladies Auxilliary Post 253 are working with architect Mike Laverdure on the design of a new 10,250 square foot veteran's center, located just east of the new Nishu Lodge.

It will include offices, ample gathering space, a kitchen, an armory and rooms for the multiple

veteran societies in the White Shield community.

The tribe intends to have a Construction Manager selected by mid-April 2022, who will then work together to establish a master schedule for the project.

Construction will commence in Spring of 2023.

MHA Nation COVID-19 Rapid Testing Sites



WHITE SHIELD NHSC SITE

Pre-Register at: www.testreg.nd.gov

Updated as of 1/27/22 MHA EOC

WHITE SHIELD SEGMENT Public Safety Building 401 Son Of Star Avenue White Shield, ND	
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Tests Available	Rapid Antigen

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MHA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER 603 1 st Street N New Town, ND	
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<i>No Appointment Necessary</i>	
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FOUR BEARS SEGMENT Johnny Bird Memorial Building 2000 Chief Four Bears Avenue New Town, ND	
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NORTH SEGMENT Northern Lights Wellness Center 710 East Avenue New Town, ND	
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We are now accepting applications for our Summer 2022 and Fall 2022 semesters! Summer Applications will be accepted until April 30th with documents due no later than May 10th. Fall applications will be accepted until July 30th with documents due no later than August 10th.

Upcoming College Events:

- College Talk on Facebook live – March 8th
- Midterms Week – March 7th – 11th
- Spring Break – March 14th – 18th – Campus closed
- College Talk on Facebook live – March 22nd
- Corn Mortar Workshop – March 27th- March 29th from 9am-4:30pm at Northern Lights cafeteria
- Lunch and Learn – How to Shop on a Budget – March 29th 11am in the Student Success Center

Are you a former NHSC or FBCC student and want to join our Alumni group? Reach out to our Alumni team at alumni@nhsc.edu for additional information.

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SPORTS SECTION

MARCH 2022



CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON WARRIORS!

Boys & Girls District Tournament | Photo Credit: Karen Lone Fight



SPORTS SECTION

MARCH 2022

SAHNISH CLASSIC 2022 1ST-3RD PLACE TEAMS



Men's 1st Place: "Stray Nation"



Women's 1st Place: "X-Factor"



Men's 2nd Place: "Omaha Racers"



Women's 2nd Place: "Burning Feathers"



Men's 3rd Place: "Plainzmen"



Women's 3rd Place: "Da Aunties"

CONGRATULATIONS

IVY FOX

REGION 8 SENIOR
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

PARSHAL BRAVES

A celebratory graphic with a purple background. It features a basketball player in a purple jersey jumping to shoot a ball. The text 'CONGRATULATIONS' is in a white box at the top. Below it, 'IVY FOX' is written in large, white, stylized letters. At the bottom, 'REGION 8 SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR' is written in a white box, with an arrow pointing to 'IVY FOX'. The name 'PARSHAL BRAVES' is at the very bottom. There are confetti and a basketball icon in the top right.

CONGRATULATIONS

SWEET CEDAR PERKINS

REGION 5 SENIOR
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

GARRISON TROOPERS

A celebratory graphic with a blue background. It features a basketball player in a white jersey with a pink blanket draped over her shoulders. The text 'CONGRATULATIONS' is in a white box at the top. Below it, 'SWEET CEDAR PERKINS' is written in large, white, stylized letters. At the bottom, 'REGION 5 SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR' is written in a white box, with an arrow pointing to 'SWEET CEDAR PERKINS'. The name 'GARRISON TROOPERS' is at the very bottom. There are confetti and a basketball icon in the top right.

In Memory of



DANTE BEZPALETZ

APRIL 13, 1991 - JANUARY 25, 2022

A beautiful baby boy named Dante James was born after 2 days of labor to Joy and the late Eugene Charles Little Jr. on April 13th, 1991, in Sioux Falls, SD. He was born with a high fever and spent the first two weeks of his life in the hospital. Dante's life started out a little rough. He and his mother moved to Flandreau after he got out of the hospital. They lived with his uncle Darryl and aunt Theresa, along with his cousins, Eric, Jay, Lea and Naomi. They provided a stable home to them. Dante was a little traveler. Whenever his mother uprooted them they went. Living place to place in which ever city they went seemed exciting. Dante's mother tried the best she knew how to raise her tiny baby. She didn't always have it easy but tried to provide the best she could. Dante's mother struggled with addiction and was in and out of jail and treatments centers. She loved her baby very much but didn't always make the right decision for them. After getting into some trouble she and Dante were off on yet another adventure. After some time and being tired of living a care-free lifestyle and knowing she was in more trouble than she could handle, she asked her friend to keep Dante, with every intention of coming back for him. She left and her addiction grew, along with guilt and shame, and days, weeks, turned into months and then years, until she woke up in jail yet again and wanted a change.

By that time Dante's grandmother took custody of him. During this time Dante got a good and stable environment. He was definitely loved and cared for. His mother tried to reconnect, but always felt she was intruding and felt uncomfortable. She talked herself into believing he was better off without her. A struggle with her own demons today. At a tender age of 8 Dante was placed into state custody over theft of school property, a rubber chicken. The state of SD gave him a sentence of 18 to 21. A sudden anger awoke in his mother. For a long three years she fought the system and won. On November 5, 2005, Dante's mother won full custody of

her child! He lived with his brother and sister in Lake Andes. His mother thought her world would be perfect, but it was hard learned.

Dante was addicted to almost everything he came into contact with. Dante's mother was yet to become his mother, but she was his friend instead. She made still more hard mistakes, but she had her son, that's all that mattered. Dante was always laughing and could crack some jokes, was funny and kind. Once his mother took him to a relative's funeral and he couldn't believe all the food. Since then when people would ask what his favorite food was, he would reply, "funeral." Now he will get his favorite meal one last time. Dante was a very good artist, and he could draw from memory. He liked cards, chess and he liked to bead. Dante spent the majority of his life incarcerated, but always found the good in a bad place. He did make an impact in life whether good or bad. His mother would often be angry at him because he would get in trouble, while being in trouble! He would laugh and say, "leave me be, I'll be alright!"

Dante often talked to his mother about her shortcomings and would say to her, "you did the best you could with what you had." He told her he forgave her and not too hard on herself. That she is doing good, and that she's come along way. Whether she believes that or not, Dante believed in her. Although she loved her son very much, she couldn't protect and save him.

Dante James died in a double homicide shooting in Billings, MT on January 25, 2022. His mother had spoken to him a few hours before that. She encouraged him to turn himself in. She pleaded and begged him to get help. Dante had returned to his addiction and said he would be alright and let him be. She prayed for his safety and then said, God help my son, whatever happens it's in your hands. But God must have already had a plan and took her son from his demons. There was no beauty in his death. He wasn't surrounded by loving family or friends. His mother's only hope is that the creator-God, made sure he didn't feel anything. Her baby is no longer suffering or in pain of any kind. A mother's worst nightmare is now her reality.

The broken hearted he leaves behind an angry and hurt mother, Joy, step dad, Cary Roy, White Shield, brothers, Wicahpl Gonzales (Sara), Marquis White Bear, step brother, Keith Cournoyer, sister Taniesha Gonzales, nephews, Tajae, Mahpiya, niece, Hazelyn, grandchildren, Nathaniel, Francisco, Gabe, grandma Lenora, grandma Roberta Bear, grandma Diana Howling Wolf, grandpa, Godwin Weston, uncles, Wayne "Tex" White Bear, Chief Richard White Bear, aunt, Madonna (Roy) Azure, uncle Rayla Little, Laverne Little, aunt Colleen Fox, Aunt Breda Aungie, uncle Darrel Dion, and many wives-too many to mention. But they are bringing salads!

Welcoming committee: grandma Pauline White Bear, grandma Delma, grandma Loretta, grandma Johanna Weston, grandpa Jim, Grandpa Eugene Little Sr., Chief Bobby Bear, grandpa Grayden, grandpa Rodney Howling Wolf, auntie Elaine White Bear, Loie White Bear, Marciline Little, uncles Elmer White Bear, Cletus Little.

In Memory of



CLEO MORGAN

NOVEMBER 2, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 2022

Cleo Morgan, 71, Dickinson, formerly of White Shield, died on Monday, January 31, 2022, at a Cooperstown, ND hospital. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 11:00 am at the White Shield Community Center in White Shield. Visitation will be held from 9 to 10:00 am at Thompson Funeral Home in Garrison. Precession to White Shield will leave Garrison at 10:00 am. Burial will be held at the Congregational Cemetery in White Shield following services.

Grandma Mitzi (My sweetheart)

Cleo Kay Morgan was born November 2nd, 1950, to Melvina Fox-Everett and Lloyd Everett on the way (in the car) to Garrison, North Dakota. Cleo's family relocated to Los Angeles, California where she attended school. Cleo's bond with her sister Juliette (Rollie), made for fast friends with the Andrade family (Pat and Alice). She enjoyed spending much of her time around her friends and family.

In 1967, she gave birth to her first daughter Stephanie. Following several years later birth to her daughter, Valerie in the spring of 1972 in West Covina, California. Cleo was then blessed with her firstborn son, Travis (Beaver) in 1974. On September 11, 1976, she married Jason Morgan. A year later they gave birth to their daughter Carol (Crittter) and in 1980 to their son James (Tater). In the summer of 1983, the whole family migrated back to North Dakota. Cleo was a certified nursing assistant for years which inspired her to go back and pursue her nursing degree. Cleo then started her nursing journey at the Trinity Nursing School in Minot, ND and graduated in 1986. She loved her job as a nurse for many years. Jason decided to get back to his Oklahoma roots and relocated their little family back down south and moved to Shawnee. Tragedy struck in 1991, when the family was in a hit-

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CLEO MORGAN OBITUARY CONTINUED

and-run accident. This caused Cleo to be paralyzed from the waist down. After months of hospitalization and rehabilitation Cleo was released and able to continue her life at home. She adapted to her new lifestyle quickly by being as independent as she could. Cleo divorced and moved back to North Dakota to be closer to her parents. Cleo lived in Garrison with her sister Juliette (Rollie) and then moved to White Shield with her father Lloyd, after the passing of her mother Melvina. In 2005, Cleo moved to Dickinson, North Dakota and was taken care of by her daughter Valerie and her daughters. She enjoyed going for walks and long rides in her wheelchair to get ice cream or to get her nails done. Cleo loved having company and always made sure she had enough seating in the house to seat all her guests. If you didn't catch her riding around in her wheelchair, she spent much of her time watching movies and listening to her oldie's music. Cleo enjoyed long conversations on the phone with her family and sightseeing around southwest North Dakota.

The last few years of Cleo's life were spent battling hospitalizations and complications due to being paraplegic. If you knew Cleo, you know how resilient and strong of a person she was. Due to these life events, Cleo's faith grew stronger, and her thought life was prayerful.

In Memory of



BABY SERENITY HOSIE/ROEHR

FEBRUARY 11, 2022 - FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Baby Serenity Hosie/Roehr, baby of Vincent Roehr and Claire Hosie, was born and passed away on Friday, February 11, 2022 at a Bismarck hospital. Private family services were held on February 16, 2022. Burial was at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetary in White Shield, North Dakota.

Grandparents are Jerome Dancing Bull and Kathy Felix of New Town and Crystal Hosie of Four Bears.

In Memory of



VINA M. WELLS MCDONALD

**"WOCEKIYE WINYAN"
(PRAYER WOMAN)**

APRIL 13, 1991 - JANUARY 25, 2022

Vina Mae Wells, "Wocekiye Winyan" (Prayer Woman) was born on March 25th, 1941 in Elbowoods, North Dakota to Ralph Wells Jr and Olive Sherwood Wells. Mom was the last of her generation. She was raised in Nishu and Elbowoods. After the 1953 flooding from the Garrison Dam, her family made their home far west of White Shield. Vina was born into the Water Buster clan through her mother. She taught her children what she remembered and the importance of acknowledging our history and way of life. Our mother was a believer. She was strong in her faith and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ. She attended Congregational Church as a young girl and she shared so many memories of how great grandpa Ralph Wells Sr. would have prayer services in their home every week. Mom joined the Catholic Church when she met and married Tony McDonald. On May 20th, 1959, our parents married and in 2021, they celebrated 62 years of marriage and love, 43 years of sobriety and 39 years of service to the Lord. They lived in the Whiteshield area and then at Spirit Lake. They raised 10 children and have a legacy of 35 grandchildren, 59 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. Our Dad, Tony, became the 1st Native American Deacon in North Dakota in 1983. Mom attended classes with him, supporting him every step of the way and served the Lord right alongside Dad. They began a ministry to provide comfort, healing and prayer to those in need, especially those in mourning. Our parents and our sister Ardell sang gospel songs in English and Dakota. Mom played the guitar and had a beautiful singing voice. Our parents served tribal communities throughout the United States and Canada. They attended the national Tekakwitha conferences many years, leading healing prayer groups. On February 17th, 2006, our family was devastated by the tragic passing

of Mike and it was a very difficult time for our parents. Our family drew closer to the Lord. As a result, our parents traditionally adopted Justin McDonald, Neal Hale, Darren Bruce, Renita Shaw, Nancy Boushey, Sam McKay, Ivan and Bernice Chartrand into our family. Many years ago, our parents adopted Jackie Jackson Morsette as a daughter. And it was a good day when tibdo Elliott Ward adopted Dad as his Ate'. Whenever someone lost their parent, Mom was willing to serve as their mother. Most recently, she took Wayne Jr. and David Trottier as her sons. Vina attended school in Elbowoods and then Flandreau boarding school. She also attended nursing school at Lake Region State College. Vina worked at Early Childhood and then side by side with her husband in setting up his security and cleaning business. They provided these services for Sioux Manufacturing for many years. Mom was happiest at home, babysitting her grandchildren so her daughters could work. She began making star quilts and is known for her quality work. She made many quilts throughout the years and she passed her talent and skills down to daughters and grandchildren. She taught several family members how to make bread. Mom had many talents. She treasured all her relatives and reminded us to watch out for each other and to help others. Mom was a generous person and helped out others. Vina was especially supportive of Veterans, VFW and Auxiliary organizations, as many of her family had served in various branches of service. We cannot find the words to express how much we are going to miss our mother. She kept in daily contact with us. Please pray for our Dad, Tony, as he has to go forward without Mom. Vina will be greatly missed by so many; husband of 62 years, Tony McDonald, brother Frank & Bessie Sherwood, sister Mamie Sherwood, sister in law Dinah Aceveda, children; Elliott & Shelly Ward, Neal & Kim Hale, Darren Bruce, Justin McDonald, Antoinette "Swadeau" & Terry Halsey, Leander Russell & Francine McDonald, Ardell & Clayton Blueshield, Mary & Ron Lohnes, Mervel & Karen McDonald, Molly & Marshall DeMarce, Myra & Clayton DuBois, Frances McDonald, daughter/nieces Evie McDonald, Nola & Carlos Lopez, 35 grandchildren, 59 great grandchildren and 1 on the way, 2 great great grandchildren; God children Tanya Kazena Jetty, Jaret Longie, Sonny White, Lea Whiteshield, Lisa Peoples, many nieces, nephews and relatives in the Wells, HowlingWolf, Bear, White Bear, Sherwood, Wolf, Snow, White Body, Youngbird families. Mom had the greatest love for each of her grandbabies and relatives. Mom talked about the great reunion when we pass onto be with our loved ones and the Lord. Welcoming her to paradise is her son and our brother Mike, grandchildren Nelvette, Angel, Marcus, great grandson Evan Michaelson, her parents Ralph & Olive Sherwood Wells, grandparents Ralph Sr. & Polly Plenty Fox Wells, Pete & Molly Wolf Sherwood, sister Helen Yvonne White, brothers Thomas Sr., Ralph "Dutch", Alvin "Nibbs", Frank, Billy, Reginald "Mickey", Emanuel "Santa", and Vernon "Paddy" Wells.

Ralph Wells Community Center Hours

WEEKDAYS		WEEKENDS	
ARIKARA FITNESS CENTER	6:00AM - 10:00PM	ARIKARA FITNESS CENTER	8:00AM - 10:00PM
ARIKARA NUTRITION	6:00AM - 5:00PM	ARIKARA NUTRITION	CLOSED
POOL	12:00PM - 8:00PM	POOL	12:00PM - 8:00PM
GYMNASIUM	6:00AM - 10:00PM	GYMNASIUM	8:00AM - 10:00PM
REC ROOM	10:00AM - 8:00PM	REC ROOM	10:00AM - 6:00PM
MOVIE THEATER	FRIDAY AT 7:00PM	MOVIE THEATER	10:00AM - 10:00PM



ARIKARA FITNESS POOL

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MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 12:00PM
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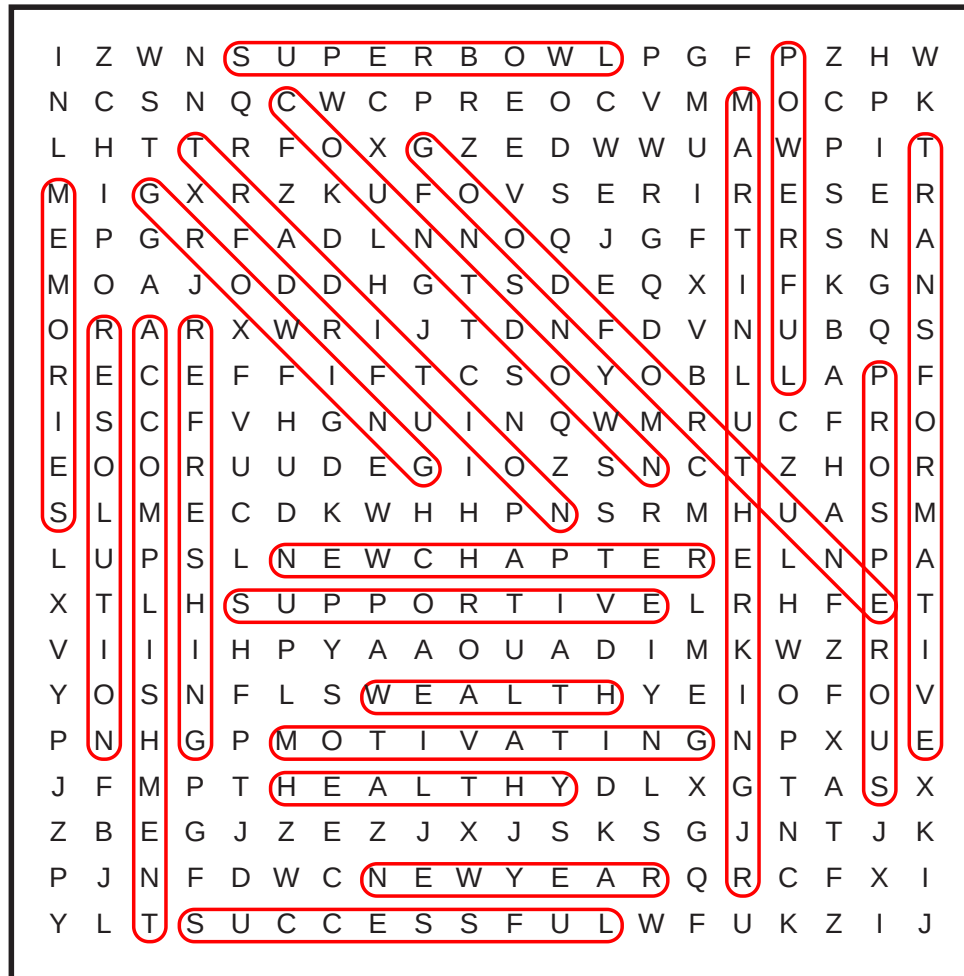
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WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

Happy
Birthday
to our
Elders

February Birthdays

- Leone White (2/6)
- Connie Bennett (2/8)
- Grover Yellow Bird, Jr. (2/14)
- Nelrene Yellow Bird (2/16)
- Kaye Bell (2/16)
- Elva Karlson (2/21)

March Birthdays

- Gerard Hosie (3/2)
- Delilah Yellow Bird (3/10)
- Bernadette White Bear-Hall (3/11)
- Lavonne Snyder (3/13)
- Thomas Eagle, Jr. (3/15)
- Delvin Rogers, Sr. (3/16)
- Byron Howard (3/21)
- Leonard Hosie (3/24)
- Gloria Brennan (3/25)
- Martha Hunter (3/25)
- Darcy DeHaven (3/30)

*Apologies if we missed anyone
It was not our intention*

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