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Pictured (L-R) are He Dog 8th grade graduates Jacelyn Clairmont, Savannah Standing Bear, Marilyn Whipple and Jordanna Eagle Feather.

He Dog Hosts Annual Wacipi, Sends Four Middle School Grads To High School

Family and friends attended the 31st Annual Wacipi at He Dog School to witness 4 young ladies receive their 8th grade diploma.

Jacelyn Clairmont, Savannah Standing Bear, Marilyn Whipple and Jordanna Eagle Feather are members of the first 8th grade class to finish since the school opened up enrollment to middle school students.

The graduates were also honored with a

feather tying ceremony led by Gilly Running, a local spiritual leader.

Theresa Poignee, former teacher, was the guest speaker. The young ladies will all be high school freshmen next year.

The graduates honored teacher Lynnette Murray with a bouquet of flowers. They also presented flowers to Wanda Cournoyer, Phoebe Little Thunder and Megan Chief.

The school also honored teachers who are moving on to another phase in their lives.

Lynnette Murray, Stephanie Night Pipe, Bethany Mann and Jane Mullins gave over 50 years of combined service to the students of He Dog School. All 4 ladies were honored with star quilts.

Also honored during the afternoon session of the 31st Annual Wacipi were the He Dog

Lady Bulldog Basketball team for having yet another undefeated season.

Guest speaker was Deb Boyd, former principal.

A welcome address was offered by Jody Jackson. Eyapaha was Phil Two Eagle, host drum was Red Leaf and Arena Director was William Running Horse.

Community members enjoyed a delicious traditional meal of soup, wojapi and

frybread.

A cake was served in honor of the graduates.

The evening wrapped up with several intertribal wacipi songs by the Red Left, Rockin' K and Little Thunder drum groups.

The Todd County School Board, as well as He Dog Staff and Students thank everyone for joining them in their end of the year celebration.

Sicangu Scribe — Carrying On A Rosebud Tradition *By Vi Waln*

Journalism is important in Indian Country. Journalism is writing about issues that someone doesn't want anyone to read about. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Constitution guarantees tribal citizens the right to free speech, as well as freedom of the press.

The Sicangu Scribe isn't the first tribal newspaper published on the Rosebud. The late Frank LaPointe, Sr. published our first print newspaper. The Eyapaha, or Rosebud Sioux Herald, was very popular. As a child, I looked forward to each issue and read it cover to cover.

Frank was one of the most intelligent men to ever serve Rosebud. He also published a book of short stories titled *The Sioux Today*. I read the book as a child. He was an impressive storyteller.

Frank was elected to the tribal council. He served the Rosebud Community for many years. I was fortunate to have worked with him at St. Francis Indian School in the 1980s. After being elected to the tribal council, he put his newspaper away.

However, he kept the people informed by distributing regular reports to community members. He was an example our elected leaders could look to in terms of keeping the people informed. His passing left a

great void.

The late Paul "PR" Gregg-Bear was another Sicangu journalist who worked hard to keep us informed. He founded the Sicangu Sun Times in the 1980s and faithfully published a print newspaper up until his death last fall. His passing also left a void on the Rosebud.

Of course, PR and I had our differences, as many journalists do. Yet, we respected one another because we both worked to keep tribal citizens informed. He was never afraid to print controversial topics. Many times, people voiced complaints to the tribal council over articles published in the Sun Times. I appreciate the tribal council for never stifling PR's right to freedom of speech and press.

With this newspaper, I hope to keep the pattern of Sicangu journalism alive on the Rosebud. I don't have any immediate plans to serve the other South Dakota tribes with this newspaper. I only want Rosebud to have an independent media source. The Rosebud Sioux Herald and Sicangu Sun Times set precedence for independent journalism on the Rosebud.

I've tried to give up writing many times. It's often disheartening to be a journalist in Indian Country. Our environment can

turn political in a heartbeat. Lateral violence and oppression is rampant amongst our people.

Yet, the elders of my tribe encouraged me to keep going. The late George Whirlwind Solider was one man who was very influential in helping me continue. Today, people like Ann Moran and Roger Milk inspire me to keep going. I appreciate all of my Sicangu Lakota elders, you mean more to me than you know!

I have to thank others who've helped me come this far. The late Beth Windsor, who served as an English instructor at Sinte Gleska University, was a major influence in my journalism career. Without her encouragement, I might have gone down a different career path.

I also want to acknowledge Erv & Margaret Figert, who published the Todd County Tribune for many years. Their willingness to give me space in their newspaper to bring tribal news to local readers, was the first real exposure I had as a journalist. In hindsight, I regret not pursuing the purchase of their business when it was put up for sale.

Tim Giago, who founded the Lakota Times, was also instrumental in helping me get started as a journalist. I served as a cor-

respondent for the Lakota Journal beginning in 2001 and continued up until he sold the newspaper to the Flandreau Sioux Tribe. Writing for the Lakota Journal helped me to provide news from Rosebud to countless tribal readers in South Dakota. Tim has since founded the Native Sun News.

Amanda Takes War Bonnet is another journalist I want to acknowledge. She founded the Lakota Country Times in 2004. She invited me to submit articles for the newspaper.

Avis Little Eagle continues to be an inspiration to me. She was a regular writer for the Lakota Times, which later was called Indian Country Today. Avis now publishes the Teton Times. Her paper serves as the legal publication for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Jodi Rave-Spotted Bear is also a journalist I admire. She wrote for the Lincoln Journal Star for many years. She was subsequently appointed by the MHA Nation to publish their newspaper. However, she was fired in 2015 for writing an article criticizing tribal government. Jodi is now the Executive Director of the Indigenous Media Freedom Alliance.

The inspiration for the Sicangu Scribe could

not have come without the on-going help of Connie Smith, owner/publisher of the Lakota Country Times. She hired me as her editor in 2009 and I served in that position for 5 years. Connie is an awesome Lakota lady who works very hard to keep Indian Country informed on a national level.

Also, Jenni, Brandon, Jason, Jerry, Tom, Jim, Marty, Randy and Shelly lend their individual expertise to create the top-notch, award-winning weekly newspaper you all enjoy. I plan to continue contributing to the Lakota Country Times as much as possible.

Branding myself as Sicangu Scribe was inspired by RST Councilman Michael Boltz of St. Francis. When I first started writing as an independent journalist, he called me the council scribe. Wopila Mike, for naming my newspaper.

Of course, my work would be for naught without my readers. I appreciate all of you. I hope to continue writing truthful opinions, along with accurate and balanced news from Rosebud.

Wopila for buying this first issue of the Sicangu Scribe.



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Chauncey Eagle Horn Post #125 Visits local cemeteries to offer prayers, gun salutes



Submitted by Eugene Iron Shell, Jr.

Post 125 traces its roots to World War I. When the United States entered the war in April 1917, many men of the Rosebud Reservation enlisted in the military. Native people in this country were not considered US citizens, but our grandfathers who fought in WWI were honored to fight for this country.

The American Legion, the world's largest veteran's organization, was formed in France before the end of WWI. The mission of this great organization would embrace four core values, or pillars: Veterans Affairs, National Security, Children & Youth and Americanism.

Congress granted a national charter to the American Legion on March 3, 1919. Thousands of posts were formed all over the country, including Rosebud.

A temporary charter was granted to Rosebud Post 125 on December 2, 1919. There were 35 members in 1921.

The first Commander was Stephan Spotted Tail, grandson of the famous Sicangu Lakota Chief Spotted Tail.

The membership voted to name the post after Chauncey Eagle Horn, the first Lakota soldier to be killed in action during WWI.

Chauncey Eagle Horn was born in 1874. He enlisted in the US Army in 1892, serving in Co. I of the 16th Infantry Regiment aka the All Indian Company.

He and his wife Molly lived in Okreek with their three children: Nicolas, Agnes & Annie.

After the US entered WWI, Chauncey re-enlisted in May 1917 and was eventually assigned to Company M, 167th Infantry, 42nd Infantry Division.

Chauncey was killed in action on July 29th 1918 during heavy fighting in Chateau Thierry, France.

Initially he was buried in the Army cemetery in France but was re-interred in Calvary Episcopal Cemetery, located on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in Okreek, South Dakota in 1921.

During the 1920's the American Legion Post would visit 6 cemeteries on the Rosebud that had WWI veterans interred. During the next 90 years, the list of cemeteries grew to 20.

In 2015, a group of young veterans revitalized Post 125. There are 25 members and this year the Post was ranked at the top of District 2 for membership.



PICTURED ABOVE: Chauncey Eagle Horn Post 125 of Rosebud conduct a Memorial Day ceremony at the gravesite of SSgt. Joseph L. Waln, a WWII Army Veteran, in He Dog Community. Pictured (L-R) are: Waylon Goodrich, Ken Packard, Loren Buettner, Charles Mack, Bill Sorace, Joel Reynolds, Hehan Wicasa and Paul Flying Hawk Hardy.

PICTURED ABOVE: Eugene Iron Shell, Jr., Bugler and Post Adjutant
PICTURED AT RIGHT: Dion Reynolds, Post Commander and Eugene Iron Shell, Sr. all are members of the Chauncey Eagle Horn Legion Post 125, located on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.



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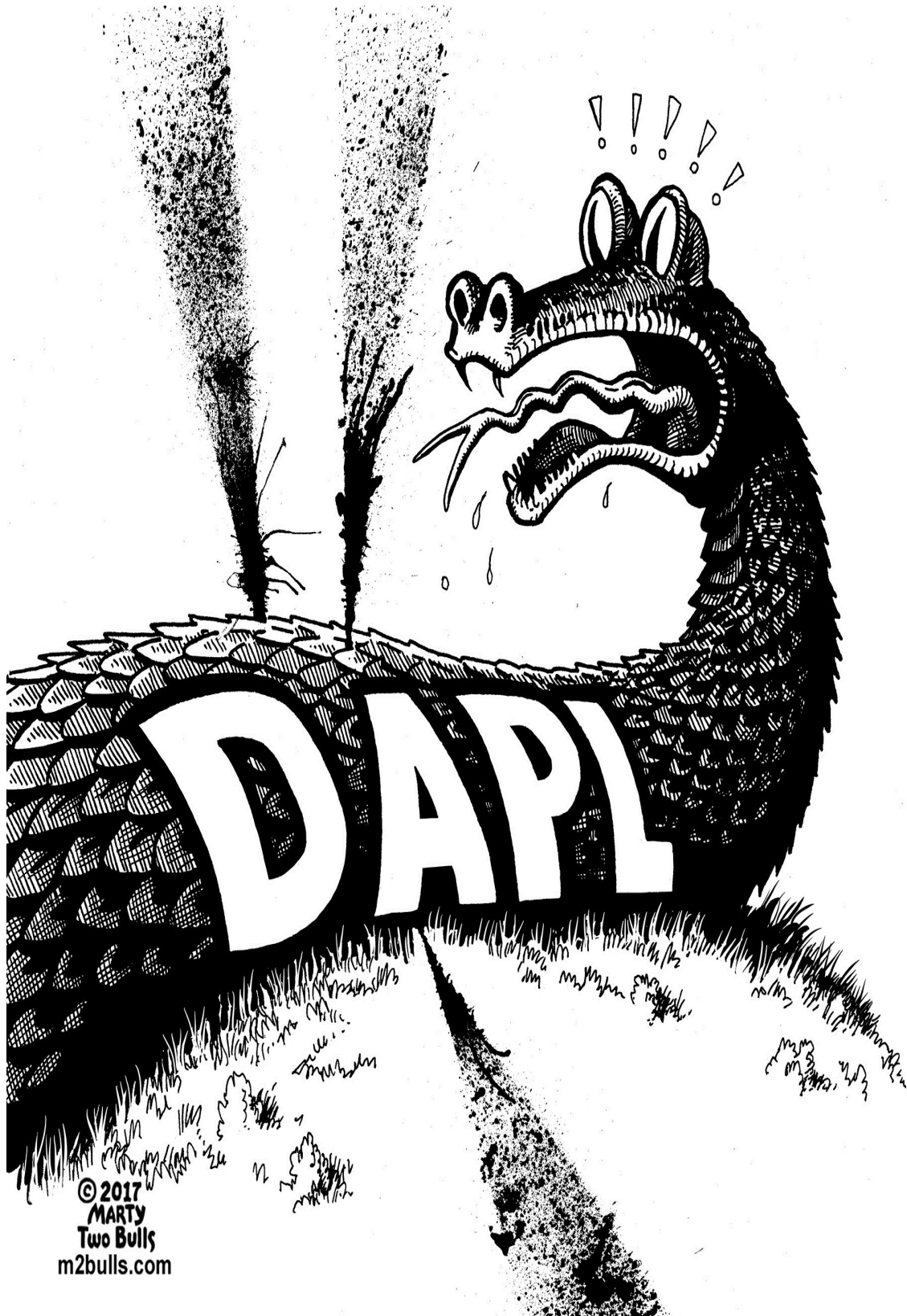
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Prolific The Rapper Acquitted

Aaron Sean Turgeon was acquitted in a Morton County Courtroom last week. He was facing up to 7 years in prison for a Class C felony charge of reckless endangerment.

Turgeon, who is also known as Prolific The Rapper, allegedly flew a drone too close to an aircraft operated by highway patrol officers on September 6, 2016 in North Dakota. Misdemeanor charges included reckless endangerment. He allegedly flew his drone over a large crowd of people. He also was charged with physical obstruction of a gov-

ernment function. At least 3 amateur journalist operated drones to document events organized in attempts to halt the Dakota Access Pipeline construction near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

Drone operators were based in the Oceti Sakowin, Rosebud and Sacred Stone Water Protector Camps near the Cannonball River. Footage of events led by water protectors were collected by drone operators and shared widely on social media sites.

Many videos offered a bird's eye view of the DAPL drill pad being constructed. The camps were razed by law enforcement officials last winter.



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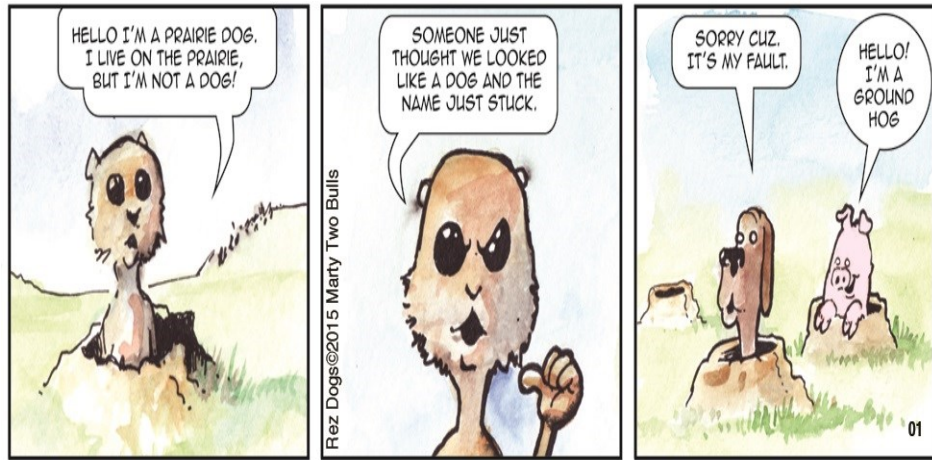
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A free spay/neuter clinic will be offered to tribal citizens and others living within the boundaries of the Rosebud Reservation.

The clinic will be held the week

of June 11 through the 17 in Mission. This service is sponsored by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and SPAYfirst.

To make an appointment, please call or send a text message to 840-9071

Rabies vaccination will be provided to all pets having surgery. Pets will also be dewormed.

The clinic

will be held at the RST Animal Care and Control Center.

The center is located in north Mission at the end of the dirt road between Rosebud Exchange and Subway. The center is located in the former Rosebud Building Products store.

Appointment scheduling will begin on June 1. Please call or send a text message to Kathleen Wooden Knife at (605) 840-9071. You may also message her on Facebook. There will be a limit of 30 appointments for this clinic.

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