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White Shield Women get their deer



Megan Blacksmith



Helen Krueger

Megan Blacksmith, Fitness Center, shot a 10-point buck, with 17 inch spread. She is getting it shoulder mounted. Helen Krueger, Director of Elder Programs, shot a doe on the first day of hunting season. She is a seasoned hunter who usually gets her deer.



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



Hello, Sahnish Community Members, Elders and Veterans. I would like to begin by sending my condolences and prayers to the community members that have lost loved ones or have loved ones in the hospital. I would like to send some special prayers for Wilber Howard as he battles his sickness and also special prayers for the Lone Bear family as they continue their search for Olivia.

This past month the White Shield Segment and Community had a successful Thanksgiving dinner. We had a packed complex and had some very informational updates from the speakers. On Veterans Day, the Ladies Auxiliary had a nice dinner for all the veterans. The Dead Grass Society once again had a great turnout for their annual pow-wow. Also, from what I heard the fundraiser for Wilber Howard, turned out awesome.

This past month we had a couple of work sessions on the 2018 Tribal budget. Some of the notable items were \$67 million for General Operating, \$22 million on disbursements, \$33 million on Health Insurance Cards, \$10 million to the People's Fund, Tribal JTAC, Education Trust Fund, and Economic Development Fund. Some the projects the Tribe is working on are the allocated \$16 million for a Drug Treatment Center, \$12 million for the White Shield School, \$6 million for a water park in Four Bears and \$15 million for road maintenance. As soon as we get it fully approved, I will have the Tribal CEO give a presentation to the community. Some of the projects we will be doing in the community will be the construction of a \$2.3 million 12-plex apartment building, \$700,000 for two duplex 3-bedroom homes, and \$2 million for ten 3-bedroom homes. We will also be building an ambulance garage and buying two ambulances for the new ambulance department in White Shield. We hope to have this started up before spring of 2018. Of course, we will continue work on the White Shield School. The completion date will be next August 2018.

I received a call the other morning from a community member because they had trouble finding suitable housing for some of their family. They had said the Ree

Lodge Management keeps losing their applications and they need emergency housing. For the past five years, the White Shield segment has built 16 rental homes in Sesame, four rent-to-own and five regular rental homes in Awahu/White Shield, 11 Elder Scattered homes, 9-Plex Elder Apartment, two Law Enforcement Homes. Six Rental Trailers for a total of 60 new units. By the end of next fall, we will have a total 86 new units. So within the six years I been in office, we have put a total of \$9 million towards housing. I will continue building homes for White Shield, and I will always help the ones who are homeless.

Some of the up and coming events for White Shield and the Tribe are Segment/Community Christmas Party on December 11th, and the White Shield Segment Staff Christmas Party is set for December 18th. The Elder Christmas party is set for December 19th, and the Tribal Christmas Party is set for December 21st. The Tribal Council meeting is set for December 14th, with an Executive Committee set for December 5th.

We will have a busy sports schedule ahead for our boys and girls basketball seasons. The girls finished a tournament in Wilton, and the boys have the Stanley Holiday Tournament set for December 13-16. To assist the school activities this winter, the Segment has purchased a new charter bus with the school logo. Not only will they be safe when the temperatures are below zero, but they will also look fierce coming to play on the road.

With that, I would like to announce that we will be buying the White Shield School children and Headstart through 8th grade, winter jackets, snow boots, hats, and gloves. I know all of our families have a hard time with making ends meet, especially around the holidays.

With that, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



Holiday Schedule December 8th through December 24th

<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
Elder Christmas party	Nishu Lodge	noon	Dec. 8
Ladies Auxiliary Vets party	Complex	noon	Dec.10
White Shield Com. Christmas Party	Complex	6 pm	Dec. 11
TAT Tribal Council Meeting	Council Chamber	10 am	Dec. 14
Disbursements (ALL)	New Town	In mail	Dec. 15
Staff Christmas party	Casino	6 pm	Dec 18
Elder Disbursements (dinner)	New Town	11-2pm	Dec 19
TAT Christmas party	New Town	6pm	Dec 21
Admin. Leave			Dec 22
Christmas			Dec 25

MEETING NOTICE

Governor Doug Burgum has called a meeting of the **TRIBAL TAXATION ISSUES COMMITTEE**.

Date: **Friday, December 15, 2017**

Time: **9:00 a.m.**

Place: **MHA Rooms, 4 Bears Casino & Lodge**, 202 Frontage Road, New Town, North Dakota

Agenda: Presentation of information, testimony, and committee discussion regarding tribal-state tax agreements of other states; tribal-state tax agreement best practices; federal and state funding to tribes; and taxation issues of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation

WHITE SHIELD HOUSING

Nine-Plex at White Shield Will be Ready in the Spring



Apartment picture shows most of the outside work completed.

Marita Abe, Project Director, who has been working on a nine-plex for more than a year, is beginning to see the final project take shape. The apartments are scheduled to be complete February 2018. If interested in renting an apartment, contact Tina Malnouri @701-743-4145.

Marita said civil site work and fine grading is wrapping up and they have completed the concrete scope of the work. First-floor rough framing will be complete this week. The project will pick up some momentum next week with plumbing, electrical, and mechanical subcontractors beginning work on the first floor. Framing will transfer to the second floor next week, and the various trades will follow as framing is complete.

Guide to Housing Programs at Ft Berthold Reservation and White Shield

Ft. Berthold Housing Authority – New Town, ND

Carrie Red Fox, Director

Operates on HUD or Tax Credit funding

Linda Gonzales, Representative from White Shield to that Board

Housing Counselor – Clemens Perkins

The program responsible for old housing units on the reservation.

Responsible for Tax Credit Homes at Awahu.

If it is an old house, probably belongs to Ft. Berthold Authority.

Ree Lodge Management

Linda Gonzales, Director

Under White Shield Segment Office.

Houses built with Segment money

Staff: Tina Malnouri, director. Former director, Gloria Brennan is now the manager of Nishu Store.

Tribal Mortgage Program

Valery Mayer, director

The program is open to all tribal members who qualify. It is a loan up to \$150,000. If the costs exceeds this amount, the new amount must be approved by the tribal council. Probably will be approved if you prove you can pay the loan back.

Work on these houses will be done by individuals. This means repairs and changes to the house, must be done by the individual.

Tribal Housing Program

Lawrence Baker, Director

It is Federally funded. They manage some elder homes but don't have any more money.

There are Housing Programs at Elbowoods, Mandaree, Four Bears and Twin Buttes.

White Shield School has some homes for their teachers and staff.

Ree Apartments will be managed by Ree Lodge Management

<p>White Shield Board of Directors is: Linda Gonzales, president; Dorreen Yellow Bird, vice-president; Larry Trujillo, Treasurer; Clemens Perkins, Secretary and John Tschaeoffske, member.</p>
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Delilah Yellow Bird Elected President of the Elder Program



Delilah Yellow Bird has taught at the White Shield School for more than 43 years. She is a speaker of the Sahnish (Arikara) language and taught classes at White Shield School.

The Sahnish culture is closely tied to understanding the language. The language helped students become more confident, learn to present in front of an audience and learn about the culture and language, Yellow Bird said.

White Shield School and Yellow Bird made an effort to help the community revive the language. The success of the culture and language restoration is, in part, due to Yellow Bird's tenacious efforts to teach the language to students and the community. She

is one of the resources the community looks to when they have questions.

It was in the classroom that she first heard Arikara spoken regularly. It was from elders who visited the classroom like Ella Waters, Fannie Whiteman, and Alfred Morsette.

The walls of her bilingual classroom are decorated with dried ears of corn, central to Arikara culture, and old, black-and-white photographs of chiefs, including Bears Belly, Sitting Bear and Son of Star.

Yellow Bird and the members of the School Board hope the interactive approach of multimedia lessons will help entice students into learning the language.

Yellow Bird initiated the Mother Corn Ceremony that brought the community together to celebrate Mother Corn. Part of the feast was corn soup with corn roasted and prepared by the students.

Her work with the elders and language, gives her the experience and understanding of the elder program. She became an elder a few years ago, so when asked to run for presidency she decided to take on the responsibility. The Elder Program had problems with organization and development. Her first meeting was Monday, December 4.

White Shield Warriors Anticipating Good Season



Back L to R: Chase Perkins, Trey Everette, Clevlyn Standing Alone, Quinton Felix, Parker Bearstail, Gardener Deegan. Front L to R: Devin Benson, Frederick Fox, Jesse White, Chontay LaCroix, Jonah Perkins

Boys High Basketball Schedule



December 8th – Home – Watford City @ 7 pm

December 9th – Away – Williston Trinity (JH – 4 pm, JV 5:45 – Varsity 7 PM)

December 11, 12, 14, 15, **Stanley Lions Tournament** – TBD

January 2nd – Away – Watford City, 7 pm

January 5th Away – Washburn 7:15 pm

January 6 – Underwood 1 pm @ Washburn

January 9th Home – Mandaree 3:15 (JV only)

January 11th – Away – Parshall – 7 pm
January 15th – Home - Garrison (JV 4:15 – Varsity 7 pm)
January 16th – Home - New Town, (JV 4:15 – Varsity 7)
January 23rd – Home North Shore/Plaza – 7 pm
January 26th – Home Alexander (JH 5 pm – Varsity 7 pm)
January 27 – Away – Trenton 4:30
February 2nd Away Mandaree – (JV 5 pm – Varsity 7:45)
February 6th Home Solen (JV 4 pm – Varsity 7:45)
February 12th – Home- Bowbells 5:45
February 13th – Home Wilton (JV5:45 – JV only)
February 17th – Away – Max (JV 4 pm – Varsity 5:30)

White Shield Girls' Varsity Basketball Schedule



Back: Treann Standing Alone, Eahtosh Fox, Brooklyn Howling Wolf, Hutowi Baxter, Aiyanna White Bull. Front: Lexus Fox, Rhieannen Everett, Isley Price, Sylvia Stranger Horse.



December 7th Home – Alexander (JV only - 5 pm)

December 8th Home – Watford City 5:30 pm

December 9th Away - @ Legacy HS 4 & 5:30

December 15th Away @ Mandan HS 6pm @ Ft Lincoln Elementary

December 16th Home – Trinity Christian 1 pm

December 21st Away @ Mandan HS @ 6:30pm

January 2nd Away Watford City 5:30

January 5th Away @ Alexander (JV only)

January 9th Home – Mandaree 5:30 pm

January 11th Away @ Parshall 5:30 pm

January 15th Home – Garrison 5:30 pm

January 16th Home – New Town 5:30 pm

January 18th Away @ Trinity Christian 5:30 pm

January 23 Home – North Shore Plaza 4:30 & 5:45 pm

January 25th Away @ Legacy High School 6pm & 7:30pm

January 27th – Away @ Trenton 3 pm

February 2nd Away @ Mandaree 6:30 pm

February 6th Home – Solen 5:30 pm

Kroupa Introduces New Program to the tribal council



Quinton Felix, Dr. Brad Kroupa, and Gardener Deegan talk with the tribal council about the Youth Development and Leadership Program

After spending a couple of years working with students on leadership and development, Dr. Kroupa decided to bring the program to the community. The students are successful, Kroupa said, and they have been able to raise funds through grants and other fund raising activities that are showing amazing success in helping students be more successful in life.

The program is wide-range and reaches all types of students who might be budding writers, sports stars in the making, artists and other areas that help students become leaders.

Dr. Kroupa is committed to the projects and many times uses his own money to fund supplies for project, gas and lunch money to name a few things.

Kroupa brought two students, Quinton Felix and Gardener Deegan, to the tribal council meeting to talk about their successes and their programs.

Cory Spotted Bear, Councilman from Twin Buttes, said he was very interested in the program for his community. That is something, Kroupa hopes will happen reservation-wide. He wants the project for any Native American who needs help developing his life-skills.

Kroupa outlines the projet below. It is to provide White Shield High School students with paid internships and out-of-school services supporting jobs, academics, community, culture, and sport.

Here are some of the specifics:

This program will provide internships and out-of-school services to White Shield School students grades 9-12 and nearby youth on Fort Berthold Reservation.

This Program creates 20 spring-summer paid internships, with student teams of four or five working with one director/teacher in five areas of study: 1) Career Exploration and Job Shadowing; 2) College Access and Preparation; 3) Cultural and Historical Research, including extension of the 2016-17 student-made community mural depicting Arikara history; 4) Business Development; 5) Youth Leadership Through Sport; 6) and a Creative Writing Program.

Designed with input from students, teachers, parents, and community leaders, the Program is designed to increase youth confidence, leadership skills, creative outlets, and prepare the next generation of leaders, workers, and citizens. Program beneficiaries are students, their families, and the entire community. While we aim to increase high school graduation and college attendance rates, the initial focus is on the job/career exploration and personal enrichment, with the ultimate goal of cultivating young Native leaders.

Dr. Kroupa can be reached at 701-460-9040. White Shield School. His title I Executive Director, Arikara Community Action Group, culture, and Language Consultant.

Employee

Christmas Party

Thursday

DECEMBER 21ST

Four Bears Casino Event Center

4:30pm

Social Hour | Door Prize Sign Up

5:30pm

Prime Rib Dinner

7:30pm

Entertainment: Hairball



70's & 80's
Theme

Contests:

Best Dressed 70's Individual	Best Dressed 80's Individual
1st Place	1st Place
2nd Place	2nd Place
3rd Place	3rd Place

\$25 Gift Cards to Each
Individual Who Dresses Up

For more information please contact: Lovell Overlie at 701-421-1927



North Dakota Outdoors - Winter Feeders

Not all of our fine feathered friends fly south in the fall. Many of our smallest winged residents stick around and tough it out through the harsh North Dakota winter.



Bright, vivid birds like the House Finch.

The Goldfinch

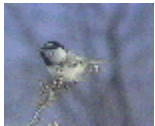


The Pine Siskin



The Evening Grosbeak

The Downy Woodpecker



Or the Black-Capped Chickadee

These tiny, enterprising animals can provide hours of wonderful, wintertime entertainment.

But they can use a little help, too. Chris Grondal of the Game and Fish Department tells us how to look after these winter birds.

(Chris) Once you start feeding birds, you want to make sure you keep feeding all winter until spring thaw. Probably one of the best foods for winter birds is black-oiled sunflowers. Now black-oiled sunflowers are good because they are small. They provide a lot of protein and fat for birds that are trying to keep their body temperatures up over the winter months.

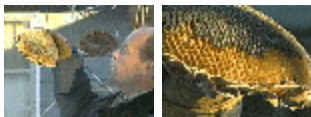
Feeders



You can make a platform feeder like this -- just a simple piece of wood and fill it up with black-oiled sunflowers, millet or thistle seed and this will probably attract the biggest variety of birds you can find which is probably between 12 and 15 species.



This type of bird feeder is called a thistle feeder and will attract different species of birds such as finches (purple or house) and pine siskin.



Here is a black-oiled sunflower head hung from a wire to keep the squirrels from bothering it and this provides a natural type of setting.

Water



Food isn't the only important item. This is a water source, and it is simply a heater which is bought commercially and hooked up to an electric source from your house. The reason I say commercial is because of safety purposes. These heaters run from \$30-40. Believe it or not, a water source will probably bring in as many birds as a food source.



Winter feeders bring a great return for a small investment. For blueprints and designs call Chris Grondahl at Game & Fish - 701-328-6612. (An e-mail message to grabe@plains.nodak.edu will be forwarded to Chris)

This is Lex Hames for the North Dakota Game and Fish, out among the great North Dakota outdoors -- some of which is very close to home.

For additional information about bird feeding and birding. [Feed Birds](#)



Elder Birthdays

December 2017

<i>Robert Bear</i>	<i>12/12</i>
<i>Bobbette Bruce</i>	<i>12/4</i>
<i>Ardith Esquibel</i>	<i>12/29</i>
<i>Nancy Fox</i>	<i>12/24</i>
<i>Wayne Hunter</i>	<i>12/27</i>
<i>Neal Karlson</i>	<i>12/15</i>
<i>Janice Star</i>	<i>12/12</i>

January 2018

<i>Winogene Blacksmith</i>	<i>1/28</i>
<i>Gary Dickens</i>	<i>1/23</i>
<i>Dewey Hosie</i>	<i>1/28</i>
<i>Debbie LaCroix</i>	<i>1/29</i>
<i>Cheryl Yellow Bird</i>	<i>1/2</i>
<i>Dorreen Yellow Bird</i>	<i>1/3</i>
<i>Magalen Yellow Bird</i>	<i>1/5</i>