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Snow Biggest Story for White Shield and State



December rolled unto the Reservation with wind, snow, ice thunder and trouble. The months leading up to December were deceptive. It was warm. Occasionally there was a dusting of snow that lulled us into thinking “warm winter.” After winds sometimes reached 50 to 60 MPH, North Dakotans knew they were in for a rough time. Storms turned into blinding blizzards making driving impossible. Most of the ND roads were closed at times. One blizzard would barely stop and another would dive in from the North or West. At

times, the state was shut down for days. In some of the rural areas, the roads became so deep on the sides that it was like driving through a tunnel. Even when the sun is shining, the wind drifted snow over roads and blocked them. *(Continued on page 10)*



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



2017 is here and hopefully everyone made some New Year's resolutions. My resolutions are: I'm hoping to be more punctual and organized. And, of course, like everyone else's resolution, exercise more and eat healthier. Hopefully I can maintain my resolutions because I know in the long run they will make me a better person. Oh and one last resolution, stay off my phone. That one will be a tough one.

This past week we had a few meetings in Bismarck, mainly with the new Legislators and with the new Governor, Doug Bergum, who is taking office. The Tribal Business Council attended the State of the Union Address to show our willingness to work with the new Governor.

We were dissatisfied with the decision of the ND Legislature to cancel the Tribal Chairman State of the Union address. We understand the past developments of the NODAPL movement and the State dissatisfaction with it, but to totally disregard the original first people of the State is an insult to our dignity and honor as a Sovereign Nation. We did address this with the new Governor explaining how we felt. He understood and said that this was a Legislative decision. He said Lt. Governor Sanford was upset with the decision also. The Council had a three hour meeting with the new administration. In that meeting we discussed topics of O&G Tax, O&G pipeline Tax, roads, alcohol & drug treatment, and education. We were very satisfied with the outcome of the meeting and we intend to keep addressing our issues with the Governor and the Legislature.

We had a couple of major storms hit our area. The amount of snow fall was overwhelming. It created a mess with everyone being snowed in at home and waiting for snow plows to come and clear their roads or drive ways. It took some time with the heavy snow amounts and the constant blowing wind made it nearly impossible to get everyone out in a timely manner. The road garage has one front-end loader and the community has an additional two loaders. We had guys working non-stop but with equipment failure and constant blowing snow, we had a tough time. We will continually keep hitting the rural roads to clear them up. Our big issue is to get the current snow fall moved before another storm hits. We are currently in the process of moving the snow in the major areas in the community and main roads so more snow fall won't result in an overload.

I have a busy schedule with Council meetings and committee meetings this month also meetings in D.C. with the new Presidential transition team. I also have a Federal partners meeting in Denver, Colorado. I will plan for a Segment update at the beginning of February and go over the plans for the spring construction schedule.

In closing I'm hoping everyone goes out and supports the White Shield Warrior boys and girls basketball teams. We have a young squad but they are very talented. With that I would like to send condolences to the family members that lost loved ones recently. Our prayers are with you. I would like everyone to be safe on the roads and take care. God bless.

Housing Opens Apartments for 55 Years and Older



There are four (4) vacancies at the new elder's apartments. The apartments are located north of the Elder Center and across from White Shield School. They are 1 bedroom apartments.

The apartments are now open to people who 55 or older. All applicants need to apply and must qualify for the apartments.

If you or someone you know is interested in one of these apartments, please contact Linda Gonzalez, Staff Manager/President of the Ree Lodge Management (701-421-5941) or Gloria Brennan, Housing Director, (701-743-4145). Applications are available at Gloria Brennan office in the Ralph Wells Complex.

Sahnish SAFE Haven and Resource Center Opens



The Sahnish Safe Haven and Resource Center officially opened its door to the Fort Berthold community. Services offered at the safe haven home including shelter, donations of clothing and food, help with applying for assistance and many more. The Safe Haven has established policies and procedures that were passed by the Tribal Council. The maximum length of stay at the home is seven days and everything after that will need to be approved by the Safe Haven Advisory Board. The home has two family rooms that sleeps four people, one single room and a couple's room. There is also a family room, living room, dining room, kitchen and laundry room. If you or someone you know is dealing with any unusual circumstances, the Safe Haven staff can be reached at: 701-421-1198 (Kelsey Peltier, Director), 701-421-6880 (White Elk Woman Dickens, Residential Aide), 701-421-6963 (Elaine YellowBird-Fox, Residential Aide).

Notice to Interested Persons

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS FOR
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR SERVICES
White Shield Apartments

Project

Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation Three Affiliated Tribes- White Shield Segment
Owner

The Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT) - White Shield Segment is seeking Request for Proposals/Qualifications from licensed and qualified general contractors for the development of new affordable multi-family housing for Tribal members. The work includes the construction of a two story apartment building with eight two-bedroom units and four one-bedroom units. Site work includes sanitary sewer, storm sewer, potable water and uncovered parking, paving and sidewalks. The building consists of slab on grade foundation, Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) for the exterior walls, and prefabricated wood trusses for the roof structure. The mechanical, electrical, fire protection systems are to be bidder designed. The Contractor will be responsible for submitting fully engineered mechanical, electrical and fire protection system drawings for permit and construction.

Project Location

The White Shield Apartments Project will be developed in White Shield, North Dakota on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, approximately 2000 feet northeast of intersection of NW 61st Ave (BIA Rd 1) and Perimeter Rd.

Interested persons wishing to receive a copy of the Request for Proposals/Qualifications please send an electronic request for a RFP/Q packet to: Marita Abe, marita@mhanation.com.

A **mandatory** Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled at **1:00 pm, Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 at #3 Central Main Street, Rose Glen, North Dakota 58775**

Sealed proposals must be received at the White Shield Segment office at the TAT Tribal Administration Building located at 404 Frontage Road, New Town, ND 58763 before **4:00 pm Friday, February 17, 2017.**

Additional information regarding this request may be obtained by submitting electronic written requests to Marita Abe, marita@mhanation.com, or by calling (701) 421-6884. Questions and answers will be e-mailed to all proposers.

(January 11, 2017)

Elders Christmas Party and Employees Party



Elva Karlson and Deloris Wilkinson enjoy good laugh

Elders from the community walked carefully through the heavy snow to the White Shield School gym for the annual Elders Christmas sponsored by Fred Fox and the staff.

Students for the school acted as waiter for the elders. One elder said she loved seeing her grandson serving food like a professional. They had a wonderful meal of turkey and roast, mash potatoes, corn, rolls and dessert.

The Entertainer and Comedian Tatanka Means, told jokes, which caused a flurry of laughter throughout the evening.

Elementary and old students got together and sang songs for the elders. The elders also were given gift boxes of excellent fruit and were eligible for drawings throughout the evening.

The program/event filled the school gym to capacity.



Pete and Deb Coffey. Pete is Director of Tribe's Repatriation program & chairman of the Communication Enterprise Board of Directors.



Beverly White Bear listens to youngsters sing Christmas songs.



Diana Patria enjoys elders dinner.



Wayne and Martha Hunter



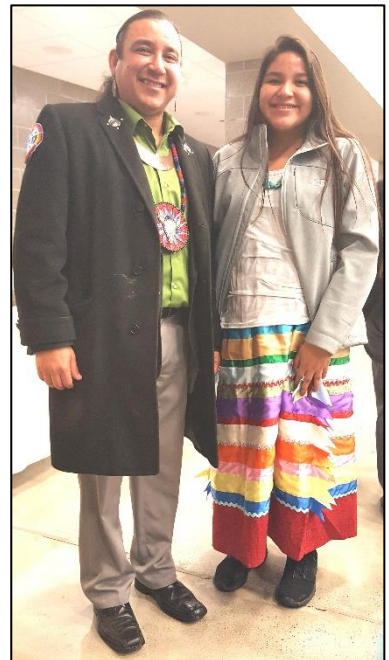
Tooksie (Thomas) and June Eagle.



Christmas carols from youngest children



Eldene Rush dresses in latest Christmas outfit at the Employees Christmas Party.



Alan Demaray with daughter Nahish

In this area, All Cars Should Have Survival Kits

In an emergency, a Kit could save your life and the lives of your passengers.

Here is what you may need:

- a shovel
- windshield scraper and small broom
- flashlight with extra batteries
- battery powered radio
- water
- snack food including energy bars
- raisins and mini candy bars
- matches and small candles
- extra hats, socks and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- blankets or sleeping bag
- tow chain or rope
- road salt, sand, or cat litter for traction
- booster cables
- emergency flares and reflectors
- fluorescent distress flag and whistle to attract attention
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter



Kit tips:

- Reverse batteries in flashlight to avoid accidental switching and burnout.
- Store items in the passenger compartment in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut.
- Choose small packages of food that you can eat hot or cold

911 tips:

- If possible, call 911 on your cell phone. Provide your location, condition of everyone in the vehicle and the problem you're experiencing.
 - Follow instructions: you may be told to stay where you are until help arrives.
 - Do not hang up until you know who you have spoken with and what will happen next.
 - If you must leave the vehicle, write down your name, address, phone number and destination.
- Place the piece of paper inside the front windshield for someone to see

Survival tips:

- Prepare your vehicle: Make sure you keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Be easy to find: Tell someone where you are going and the route you will take.
- If stuck: Tie a florescent flag (from your kit) on your antenna or hang it out the window. At night, keep your dome light on. Rescue crews can see a small glow at a distance. To reduce battery drain, use emergency flashers only if you hear approaching vehicles. If you're with someone else, make sure at least one person is awake and keeping watch for help at all times.
- Stay in your vehicle: Walking in a storm can be very dangerous. You might become lost or exhausted. Your vehicle is a good shelter.
- Avoid Overexertion: Shoveling snow or pushing your car takes a lot of effort in storm conditions. Don't risk a heart attack or injury. That work can also make you hot and sweaty. Wet clothing loses insulation value, making you susceptible to hypothermia.
- Fresh Air: It's better to be cold and awake than comfortably warm and sleepy. Snow can plug your vehicle's exhaust system and cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to enter your car. Only run the engine for 10 minutes an hour and make sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow. Keeping a window open a crack while running the engine is also a good idea.
- Don't expect to be comfortable: You want to survive until you're found.



Three Affiliated Tribes

Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation

Office of Tribal Enrollment

P.O. Box 100 Phone: (701) 627-4238

New Town, ND 58763 Fax: (701) 627-4252

Office of Enrollment Director Sevant S. Taft

2016 Enrollment Summary

December 30, 2016

<u>2016 Applications</u>	
Eligible	623
Incomplete	51
Ineligible – LESS than 1/8 TAT	90
Ineligible – Dual Enrollment	8
TOTAL	772

<u>2016 Enrollments (Gender, Ages)</u>	
Male	324
Female	343
TOTAL	667
Youngest	26 Days
Oldest	72 Years
Average	10.67 Years

<u>2016 Enrollments</u>		
Date	Resolution	# of Enrollees
01/19/2016	16-014-LKH	37
02/11/2016	16-025-CSB	36
03/10/2016	16-042-LKH	101
03/30/2016	16-062-LKH	36
04/14/2016	16-073-LKH	31
05/12/2016	16-091-LKH	62
06/09/2016	16-119-CSB	32
07/13/2016	16-131-LKH	67
08/11/2016	16-173-LKH	53
09/22/2016	16-216-LKH	73
10/19/2016	16-254-LKH	51
11/22/2016	16-275-FWF	49
12/14/2016	16-302-FWF	39
	TOTAL	667

2016 Enrollments TAT Blood Degree		
1/8 – Less than 1/4	363	54.42%
1/4 – Less than 1/2	237	35.53%
1/2 – Less than 3/4	63	9.45%
3/4 – Less than 4/4	4	0.6%
4/4	0	0.0%
TOTAL	667	100.00%

Age Categories			
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
0-17	2,582	2,540	5,122
18-59	4,348	4,659	9,007
60+	500	751	1,251
TOTAL	7,430	7,950	15,380

2016 Reported Deaths			
<u>Month</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	3	0	3
February	3	7	10
March	2	5	7
April	7	5	12
May	5	4	9
June	6	6	12
July	3	4	7
August	6	5	11
September	3	3	6
October	6	3	9
November	2	5	7
December	7	3	10
TOTAL	53	50	103
2016 Life Expectancy	50.96	57.68	54.22

2016 Address Updates by Month	
January	232
February	209
March	387
April	602
May	195
June	291
July	417
August	520
September	256
October	212
November	504
December	634
TOTAL	4,459

Segment Populations	
New Town/4 Bears	3,065
Parshall	716
Mandaree	710
Twin Buttes	299
White Shield	664
SUBTOTAL	5,454
OFF Reservation	9,926
TOTAL	15,380

2016 Enrollment Reports	
BIA 4432 (Indian Preference)	53
Blood Culture Detailed (Tree)	830
Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)	3,798
Five Generation Family Tree	1,102
Kinship Reports	123
TOTAL	5,906

FY 2016 Enrollment Budget	
1105 – Aid to Tribal Government (Federal 638)	\$112,487.00
1290 – Tribal Enrollment (Federal 638)	\$34,877.00
0043 – Tribal Enrollment Supplement (Tribal)	\$22,500.00
TOTAL	\$169,864.00

Animals and Bird Suffer During Strong Winters



Animals, including pets, and birds suffer and can die during winters such as this winter.

Birds look for any area where the ground is swept by the wind so they can find seeds. Many of birds have migrated South and are safe, but those winter birds such as the ones in the picture stay for the duration. Even Artic birds like the beautiful Snowy Owl can run in

trouble when temperatures dip as low as North Dakota is having now. Leave seeds or suet out for them if you can.

Pets (dogs and cats) are vulnerable when the temperatures reach below zero. Pets should not be left outdoors or if they are, they should be in some kind of warmed or sheltered place like a garage. They can to be fed foods to carry them through a winter as tough as this one.

(Continued from front page) Snow measured 24 inches near Van Hook Park and in the Black Hills it was measured at three feet. North Dakota isn't through with winter. It is a wait and see.

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JOIN US FOR**

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 12th

EXTENDED SPRING REGISTRATION

JANUARY 9th-12th

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

**You will not be able to register for classes,
until we have received the following documents:**

- High School Transcripts or Proof of GED
- Transcript(s) from previous college(s)
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)
- Social Security Card

**New students should apply online before coming to register for
classes. New students need to be admitted before they can
register for the spring semester!**

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ATTN: NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

NEW STUDENTS: CONTACT DR. JEN JANECEK-HARTMAN @ 701.627.8049

RETURNING STUDENTS: CONTACT ALICIA P. REED @ 701.627.8047

ADVISORS SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS.

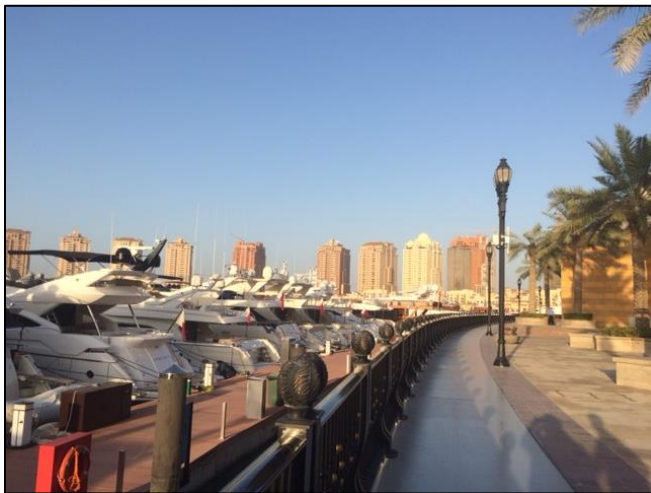
Yellow Bird is Speaker in International Conference in Qatar



Walter Echo Hawk, Attorney, tribal judge, author, Activist and Law Professor; Loren Yellow Bird, Mark Vandeloigt. History professor, A&M University, Qatar.

Doha, Qatar - Loren Yellow Bird, Arikara Historian/Cultural Resources Liaison, returns to Doha, Qatar as speaker of the International Ethics Summit held December 4 – 6. Theme of the conference was Morality in Global Era, Theory, Policy and Praxis.

Yellow Bird returned to Doha, Qatar for the 2nd time. During his first 10 day visit, he shared the Arikara culture with the people of Qatar. Qatar is not like visiting one of the 566 Indian tribes in the US. They are, however, an English speaking country.



Doha, Qatar

Qatar is an oil-rich country in the Middle East near Saudi Arabia just below Iran. It is a sovereign Arab state. Islam is the predominant religion and the government uses Sunni Law as the basis of its criminal and civil regulations.

Yellow Bird was a panel speaker as well as a speaker in classrooms of Texas A & M University, Qatar. The classroom, set up for questions, had him busy with some of the same questions he might receive from anyone of his lectures in the United States.

Revanant, a film that included Arikara culture and language, was the subject of several questions asked of him. He talked about the history of the fur trade of the Arikara and Pawnee. Yellow Bird was there with Walter Echo Hawk, Pawnee, who is a Native American Attorney, Tribal Judge, Author, Activist, and Law Professor. He answered questions about the Pawnees, cousins of the Arikara.



University Security, friend of Mark Van de Logst, Loren

A Doha student asked Yellow Bird if he was a Veteran and how he felt about serving in the military for a country that treated his people so poorly. “We had to protect ourselves against not only the government but we had to protect ourselves against other tribes that might have been waring with us. I had to step forward and joined the military to protect our ways,” he said.

He went on to say because he has a strong resume’ his education gives him a voice and voice for people who cannot or do not speak up.

Yellow Bird talked about the “Ree Scouts” who were the Arikara military. He talked about their role in the lives of the Arikara.

View of the military wasn’t most Native people. For example, Native American Judge from the Northwest said in order to join the military a person had to ask permission from the elders. Tribes have different cultures and ways, Yellow Bird said. There is one organization, however, Yellow Bird said, that was put in place to unify tribes. It is call the National Congress of American Indians.



Camels are common in this dessert country. Yellow Bird rode them.

In this land so far away, there were questions about DAPLE (Dakota Access Pipeline), and the protest happening at Standing Rock. Yellow Bird explain that Native people all over the nation as well as the Lakota Sioux from Standing Rock were camped in places near and around the Cannon Ball River protecting the water from a pipeline that is scheduled to cross under the Missouri River at that point. He sang a sacred song about the water given to him by his relative, Terry Howling Wolf.

This fight is different, he said. Historically, the government took all our land and we didn’t have any say nor did we have any support from other tribal nations like the Protests at Standing Rock. Finally, throughout the conference and lectures to classrooms there was an under lying theme about President-elect Trump.

New Trump Administration Favors Pipeline

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With the clock winding down on the Obama administration, government attorneys are calling on a federal judge to reject efforts to complete the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The controversial project sits in limbo because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has refused to grant an easement for the final portion of the costly pipeline. Concerns raised by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and its many allies are leading to a more complete environmental review of the crossing at Lake Oahe in North Dakota.

But Dakota Access and its wealthy backers insist they have already been granted the easement. As proof, they have repeatedly pointed to a finding of no significant impact that was issued by the Army Corps on July 25, 2016.

Court papers filed by the Department of Justice paint a far different picture of the situation. A letter that was sent to key members of Congress confirms an easement was being considered.

In the September 2015 letter, the Army Corps informed lawmakers that Dakota Access had "applied" for an easement to drill under the Missouri River, at a site less than a half-mile from Standing Rock. But a final decision was never made, government attorneys said.

Backed by the letter and a slew of other documents -- more than 400 pages were filed late Friday afternoon -- the Department of Justice is calling on Judge James Boasberg to dismiss a cross-claim lodged by Dakota Access, a move that would keep the pipeline in limbo indefinitely while the Army Corps engages in the new environmental review.

"Neither the Army nor the Corps issued a final decision on the application for an easement at any time, including on July 25, 2016," government attorneys wrote in a 39-page memorandum. "Nor have they signed a document conveying to Dakota Access an easement to construct a pipeline under Corps-managed federal lands at Lake Oahe."

Boasberg has indicated he will convene a hearing in Washington, D.C., in early February to consider the cross-claim. It could take him weeks or even longer to issue a decision regarding the easement.

Energy Transfer Partners, the parent company of the pipeline, has decried the delays, accusing the outgoing Obama administration of engaging in "political interference" by withholding the easement. The firm -- whose top executive is worth \$4.5 billion, according to Forbes -- has claimed it is losing \$20 million a week.

While the project remains in limbo, Republican president-elect Donald Trump could try to change course once he takes control of the federal government in two weeks. He supports completion of the pipeline, according to a spokesperson for the greatagain.gov transition team. Former Texas governor Rick Perry, Trump's nominee to head up the Department of Energy, sat on the board for Energy Transfer as the pipeline was making its way through the Army Corps. While he would have no authority over the project if he is confirmed by the Senate, his presence on the Cabinet would keep the firm's interests at the table.

Neither the Army nor the Army Corps have officially started the process for a new environmental review of the crossing at Lake Oahe. The longer the agency waits before January 20, the date of Trump's inauguration, the easier it will be for the new administration to unravel the work.

"With a new administration coming to Washington, the time is NOW to ensure a full EIS is conducted," the tribe said in a call to action that began circulating on Thursday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 Council Meets with ND Governor Bergum. Ree Management Board Meeting 4:30	6	7
8	9 FBCE Board Meeting - noon	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King 	17	18	19 TAT Council Meeting	20 Inauguration Day 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes:			

More Calendars with US Holidays: [2017](#), [2018](#), [PDF Calendar](#)

Elder's Birthdays

Winogene Blacksmith	1-28
Gary Dickens	1-23
Myrtle Goodleft	1-29
Cheryl Yellow Bird	1-2
Dorreen Yellow Bird	1-3
Janice Yellow Bird	1-3
Estelle White	1-11
Maggie Yellow Bird	1-5



In June 8, 1869, 500 Dakotas attacked Fort Berthold. The Three Tribes were badly outnumbered. During a lull in the battle, Chief White Shield rode out between the hostile lines and said "I am old. My teeth are bad. I can't eat corn. I am ready to die. Will my enemy meet me—will my enemy come?" His challenge was unanswered and the old chief returned to his men. The fighting began again and after a savage battle, the Sioux broke and scattered. **Chief White Shield**



Ralph Wells Complex parking lot on west side during December blizzard.