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Grand Opening of Sahnish Culture Center draws large crowd



Fred Fox, Vice-chairman, encourages audience to see work done by staff on new Culture Center while Austin Gillette, former tribal chairman, listens. Gillette was one of the speakers for the grand opening of Culture Center on October 8. (See story on page 4)



From the desk of Fred Fox, Vice Chairman & Councilman for White Shield

First of all I would like to send my condolences to all of our community members for the loss of their loved ones and family members that have been sick in the hospital. It's so hard to lose a family member or to see a family member sick in the hospital. It puts a great deal of stress and hardship on the whole family. I hope we all can work together as a huge family in the community to help each other when we are in mourning or struggling to take care of our loved one in the hospital.

I would like to congratulate the White Shield Cross Country team for running hard all season and competing in the State meet in Valley City. It was a beautiful day during the State meet. Each and every runner from White Shield ran their hearts out and made us all proud. I would also like to congratulate the girls volleyball team for an awesome season. Keep your heads high because the whole community is behind every game. I would also like to say "good luck" to the boys and girls basketball team. I hope to see all our community supporting and cheering our teams to victory.

We had a successful Grand Opening at the Cultural Center and I want to thank Dancing Eagle and staff for their hard work in making this happen. We also had a successful Corn Festival and I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the event due to conflicting schedules. The Tribal Business Council meeting was also scheduled at that time.

Some dates to remember is the November 11th Veterans Day festivities, Tribal Business Council meeting November 14th, Segment Update meeting November 19th and also the Energy and Economic Summit November 21st and 22nd which will be held at the Northern Lights in New Town.

The Tribal Business Council recently finished the 2014 budget. The major line items in budget were an additional \$100 million in the Peoples Fund for a total of \$200 million, \$34 million allocated to the debt reduction, \$9 million for the Home Mortgage program, \$3 million to new lagoon in White Shield, another \$3 million to White Shield home project, \$3 million for Phase I for new community building, \$2.5 million for White Shield School expansion, \$300,00 for White Shield Head Start building, \$250,000 for new Arikara Celebration Powwow Arbor, and \$150,000 for new White Shield Elder Bus. I am so thankful for the up and coming project dollars allocated to the White Shield Segment for 2014.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween. I hope to see you at the upcoming events scheduled in our community.

Ralph Wells Memorial Complex gets facelift



White Shield - If you've driven by the complex, you might have noticed a lot of activity. The complex is being painted on the outside and renovated on the inside. The segment is planning a new administration building, but they are also going to do as much repair and renovation on the complex so that it can continue to be used for the tribal college, boys and girls clubs, celebrations and meetings. The game room with new pool tables, TV s on the wall and a fully equipped weight room are nearly ready.

It has taken on a new look inside including some structural repairs and leaking problems.

Old Scouts, USS Arikara Jackets, T-shirts and caps to be sold

November 11

During the White Shield November 11, 2013, Veterans Event, Gloria Brennan and Marilyn Youngbird will be selling the last Old Scouts, USS Arikara Jackets - T-shirts and Caps.

There is a limited number of Jackets, t-shirts and caps left for sale. These items are the last of the USS Arikara merchandise.

If you want to order an item, please call Gloria [\(701\) 421-8534](tel:7014218534) or Marilyn [\(303\) 345-3139](tel:3033453139)

(Culture Center Grand Opening continued from page 1)

White Shield – Tuesday was a bright sunny day with a breeze that straighten flags, tossed long hair and fanned the flames of those roasting corn outside the earth lodge in front of the culture center.



Dancing Eagle examines rocks from Ft. Steveson to be used as replicas.



Daniel Esquibel helps carry the rock replicas for Center.

Dancing Eagle Perkins, culture center director and Whirl Wind Bull Perkins, project director, spent hours working toward this day. The fruits of their work were rewarded by a large crowd who came from all over the reservation, Bismarck, Minot and, of course, White Shield.

Artifacts had to be collected, yards and yards of photographs cut and hung on the wall high above the crowd. The photos of Sahnish ancestors looked down at the growing crowd. People were standing or sitting in the center of the earth lodge-looking building. People whisper as they recognized their relatives in photos. The buckskin dresses, war clubs and other artifacts were admired also.

Speakers included Dancing Eagle, who talked about the Culture Center; Austin Gillette, Denby Deegan and special guest Dr. Douglas Parks. Parks is an Indiana University linguist who has been studying the Sahnish people for some 30 years. He brought three students with him. One of his students, who will be completing his doctorate in studies about the Sahnish, is Brad Kroupa is Arikara. He is currently working at the Culture Center as historian.

After the speeches, people ambled out and toured to the earth lodge which was built by the Perkins boys with the help of the community.

Eating roasted Corn



Don Yellow Bird, chief cook.

Don and Grover Yellow Bird brought their hand-made corn cookers and began roasting corn for those attending the opening. The brown roasted corn was grabbed up as quickly as it was cooked. Just as the two ran out of corn, there was a call for lunch and everyone returned to the Center.

Roasting corn is a tradition with the Sahnish people. Historically, they preserved many of their foods but corn was a staple. It was the food brought to them by Mother Corn. It is a tradition that they follow annually and with ceremonies.

Many people stayed after the formal part of the opening ended to look at exhibits and talk with friends.



Melanie Minafore and Corrine Wells like roasted corn.

Elders Bateman, Star and Reed attend and support culture event

Mary Bateman, 95



Pearl Reed, 83

Three prominent and important Sahnish elders attended opening. They are supportives of project like the Center and add history to these projects. Some of the old photos are relatives that they remember. In spite of the fact some of these elders can't travel easily, they still make an effort to be at celebrations such as the Grand Opening today, their relatives said.



Rhoda Star, 66, said it (culture Center) has been a long time coming. Star is a member of the Sahnish Culture Society formed 2000 to develop curriculum about the history of the Sahnish. "We met every day that summer," she said, "to try to pull our history together from many scattered sources." Star was one of those who did archival research at the ND State Historical Society and other outside sources. She is fluent in Sahnish.

"I miss Melvina Everett, who was the head and mentor for the Society because I could visit with her in Sahnish. I felt close to my relatives then." It was during those meetings, the Society realized how

important it was to have a formal history and, most important, a place where they could store the history and hold ceremonies. The members of the Society who conceived and promoted the idea of the Culture Center are: Yvonne Fox, Greta White Calfe, Lena Malnourie (dec), Ardie Hawkins (dec), Dorreen Yellow Bird, Duane Fox, Don & Delilah Yellow Bird, Monty Yellow Bird and there were others who provide input and support also.



Myrtle Good Left, local minister and Alva Carlson, elder. Good Left waits for Alva to finish buttering her corn.



Dr. Douglas Parks, University of Indiana, Glenda Embry, Tribal Public Relations, Rev Duane Fox, tribal elder visit with friends at Grand Opening of Culture Center.



Good Earth Woman helps with corn roasting.



Kathy Froelich and Shawna Marion, MREC

Tribal Council meeting October 10, 2013 – New Town

Tribes new enrollment figures

New Town - Savant Taft, enrollment officer, presented 49 new enrollments. The total population of the Three Affiliated Tribes is now 13,326.

Water on reservation

Maynard Demaray cautioned the TAT council new house are being awarded without consideration for things like water, electricity and roads. Water pipes, for example, can be a maximum of 2,640 ft and for domestic use only. Each house must have electricity and drain field roads.

Native Contractors

Contractors met with TAT council because they want to form a Native Contractors Association because there are issues with TERO and with larger companies. Their purpose is to work along side TERO. There are about 100 Indian contractors on the reservation, they said.

Peoples Fund

There is currently \$200 million in People Fund. The council has designated a committee, members of committee appointed from each segment, to develop By Laws and policies regarding the criteria payout. Payout is scheduled for August. The Council is searching for a Director for the Peoples Fund.

Election for new additional council person for each segment is scheduled. Primary will be September 16 and the General Election will be November 4

Tribal budget items

Debt reduction - \$34 million, Clinic Housing - \$15 million, Roads - \$12 million Refinery - \$40 million. For more budget item totals see Vice chairman Fred Fox column on page 2.



White Shield dates to remember

- Employee Christmas parties schedule:
 - Segment Employees – Friday, December 6, 2013, Arikara & Hidatsa rooms – casino
 - MHA Employees – Friday, December 20, 2013, Event Center - casino
- Other upcoming events:
 - Economic & Energy Summit – Thursday –Friday, November 21 and 22, 2013, Northern Lights

Community Progress

Home Mortgage Program Update – Linda Gonzalez

- Law Enforcement house (VCH 128) delivered
- Williston and Bakken houses delivered this past week
- Plan is to complete deliveries – 2 houses per week
- Infrastructure progressing slowly because of inclement weather
- Possible plan for 2014 is to do a rental unit – 6-plex north of Clinic

Dewey Cisneros – Security

- Reports on people misusing dump sites (after hours)
- Dumpsters not being picked up routinely
- Road construction preventing security patrols in some areas

Tim White Bear – Roads

- Received more equipment for home roads
- Walking path needs bridge (drainage issue)

Our Environment: Hawks, Hawks and Falcons



**Swainson Hawk photo by Karen Lone Fight
just as it took flight near Butte, ND.**

By Dorreen Yellow Bird, editor

White Shield – Its a spectacular fall for hawks and falcons. You can see one on nearly every telephone pole.

Hawks and eagles are members of the Buteo or soaring hawk genus. Most commonly observed in ND are red-tailed hawk, Swainson’s hawk, ferruginous hawk, rough-legged hawk and broad-winged hawk.

I write this column about birds because I am an avid bird watcher and photographer, but an amature compared to Karen Lone Fight, my daughter. The photos in this column are hers. She is an expert in identifying them too.

I find bird watching difficult yet so mind expanding and exhilarating. It is thrilling for me to be able identify a bird flying high in the blue sky and recognize it as a red-tailed hawk or Swainson hawk or a small prairie falcon. They are majestic and beautiful with wide spread wings, some with speed

enough to catch a car, and their sharp talons and powerful beaks make them skillful killing machines.

Hawks refuse to eat anything but fresh kill unlike eagles, do not eat carrion or roadkill.

Falcons are mostly medium sized but that varies from the large peregrine falcon to the small American kestrel. Falcons are fast-flying birds of open country (topograpy like our Plains) and are famous for attaining high sppeds as they dive from high altitudes to knock birds out of the air.

They will eat small birds, as well as voles, (their favorite). Voles are small mice looking creatures that live in and near fields usually. You will see a hawk sitting on a bale of hay waiting for a vole to come out from beneath the bale and they dive make short work of them.

Identifiying male and female hawks can be difficult because, unlike other species, the female is by far the largest of the two. They also change colors and dress as they age.



Red -Tailed Hawk



Rough-Legged Hawk



Broad-winged Hawk



Peregrine falcon



Prairie Falcon

*All photos taken recently by Karen Lone Fight
in area or nearby.*

Obituary



Beverly Jean Wilkinson-Ebarb (Ahsa' Hishe)

(Red All Over) was born in Elbowoods to Helen (Wolf) and John Wilkinson Sr. on January 14, 1943. Her Hidatsa name was (All Red) on her dad's side, she was a decendent of Custer's Scout, Bloody Knife. Beverly was very fluent in Hidatsa. She had many siblings: John Wilksinson Jr., Richardf Wilkinson, Gerald White Sr., Howard Wilkinson Sr., Arnold Wilkinson, Timer Wilkinson, Teresa Price, Gloria Wilkinson, Bernice Morning Star and Barbra Price, and Mona Bear. She was a member of the Water Buster Clan.

She attended elementary school at Elbowoods and later attended Stephen Indian School, SD. After graduation, she went home to help at the family ranch. She moved to Ft. Worth, Texas and married Texas Ranger Kellyt Adams Jr. They had a son name Elly Adams III. She then moved to California. There she attended Pasadena City College and studied art and philosohty and was a nurses aid. While living in Monte Bello and Bel Air she was Elvis Presley's neighbor. She acquired his lemon chicken recipe. During this time she was a Go Go Dancer at Hollywood A-Go-Go and the Whiskey A-GO-Go. She lived in Beverly Hills,

Bel-Air, Whittier and West Hollywood. She was commended for defending the troops during the Vietnam War when no one else would. She worked as a cashier, cleaner and was always on the move. Beverly was one of the first female roughnecks working in the oild fields in NW North Dakota in gthe late 70's and early 80's. Beverly also was a heavy equipment operator and truck driver and belonged to the Teamsters. She was also a welder and attended FBCC welding program when she fell ill with cancer.

Beverly, in later years, traveled and worked with her children as far as New York to build Ethonal plans. There she was a fire watch, holewatch and pipefitter helper. In the 90s Beverly worked Northern Improvement and she helped build the Interstate from Mandan to Bismarck. She braved the heath throughout the summer as young were dropping like flies from the heat and walking off the job. She bought herself a new truck. She showed her sons and daughters with hardwork and determination, you can drive anything you want. Her greatest accomplishment was raising children to prosperous people. She has 5 Marines, two Army members, Many attended professions in law enforcement, pursued careers in construction, were welders and pipefitters, and graduated with degrees in culinary arts, business management and one is currently a professor at FBCC.

Her children are: Douglas, Cedrick Sr., Della, Manford EBarb Sr., Kyle Sr., William Shang Ebarb, Louie, Malone, Delancy and adopted Children Lorenzo Many Ribs, Karen Many Ribs, and Daniel Gozales Torres of Cuba.

Krokodil, a new drug, threatens and alarms communities

(Story from MHA Times website and Internet)

Krokodil originated in Russia but has spread across the world at an alarming rate. It has become so popular because it is three times cheaper to produce and buy than heroin and the intense high lasts for an hour and a half.

Dubbed 'the drug that eats junkies', it rots from the inside, causing such severe damage to tissue that users suffer from gangrenous sores which open all the way to the bone.

Continual use of Krokodil causes blood vessels to burst, leaving skin green and scaly among addicts eventually causing gangrene and their flesh to begin to rot. Rabid use in Russia has caused up to 2.5 million people to register and seek treatment as addicts and the average life span for a user is only two to three years.

The condition can lead to limbs being amputated, but life expectancy for addicts is at the most two to three years, with the majority dying within a year.

The drug, whose name means 'crocodile' - reportedly a reference to the way it turns users' skin scaly - also rots their brains.

Krokodil is a sickening cocktail of over the counter painkillers, paint thinner, acid and phosphorus. In some cases, petrol is also added.

The resulting mixture is called desomorphine - a derivative of morphine - and is extremely addictive.



Seminole and Archuleta are honored at Corn Festival

Ralph Well Complex – Delilah Yellow Bird, gathered people for the annual corn festival on Tuesday evening. It was well-attended with good food and many friends. An important part of the festival is the honoring of a young Sahnish woman and man who excel in their careers and lives. This year the honoring went to Prairie Rose Seminole and Tim Archuleta.



Prairie Rose Seminole

As North Dakota’s Native Vote director, Prairie Rose works around the country with the Native American Leadership Program, Wellstone Action to train and empower leaders, activists, campaign workers, and those seeking elected office.

Prairie Rose has served as a District 45 delegate to the North Dakota Democratic Convention since 2008 and as the Native American liaison to the DEM-NPL Executive Committee. In 2010 she ran for State Representative in North Dakota’s 45th legislative district.

Prairie Rose believes in and emphasizes the interconnected nature of humanity and faith and the responsibility we all have to ensuring social accountability in communities of respect and opportunity – an understanding that lies at the core of her being. She brings her personal experience, as well as the perspectives of a wide range of social thinkers to her work, and believes that knowing personal truth, and building relationships based on values is fundamental to change work.

She is Northern Cheyenne and Arikara. Her father was Delbert Seminole. She is German Russian.

She also taught primary students at the Police Primary School in Kampala Uganda, Ntinda area to singing the Arikara Mother Corn Song.

Nick Archuleta is honored at corn festival



Pemina Yellow Bird accepts honor for her brother, Nick.

Nick Archuleta's mother is the late Celeste Hall. His grandmother is Ina (Beauchamp) Hall. Ina's sister Margaret Breuer taught at White Shield for many years. Nick's great grandfather is Pete Beauchamp then further back is Pierre Beauchamp.

Archuleta is currently the president of the North Dakota United (NDU), an organization created by the merging of the North Dakota Education Association (NDEA) and the North Dakota Public Employees Association (NDPEA).

In 2000 he was hired at Century High School in Bismarck where he taught Spanish I and II. In addition to his teaching duties, Archuleta served on the NDEA Board of Directors and was Vice Chairman of the

Education Standards and Practices Board. He was appointed by former Governors John Hoeven and Jack Dalrymple.

Archuleta graduated from Valley City State University after earning a double major in History and Spanish. He received his Master's Degree in Education from UND. Archuleta immediately began his involvement in the NDEA/Bismarck Education Association (BEA) by volunteering as a building representative in the BEA. He was the lead negotiator for the BEA.

At the state level, in addition to serving as NDEA Southwest Board Representative, Archuleta has served on the Ethnic Minority Affairs Commission and the NDEA Budget Committee. He has also served on numerous local and state-wide candidate interview teams as well as on committees charged with hiring NDEA Executive Directors and UniServ Directors.

Archuleta is married to Mary Pat Archuleta, the Director of Choral Music at Century High School. They have three daughters: Bridget, Rachel and Allison, and one son, Christian. Nick and Mary also have five grandsons and one granddaughter.

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White Shield School – High School Principal, Greg Johnson, reported they are starting the second quarter at White Shield. They have completed tests that indicate how students are doing. Results pending.

Myah Williams, daughter of Dorothy Deegan, earned straight “A” for this quarter. In track, Johnson said, Cameron Howling Wolf, son of Silas Howling Wolf came in 44th among 200 runners in the North Dakota state track meet in Vally City.

Scott Demond, math teacher, is bringing Tom Wall, Knife River, to help students identify prairie plants. This will give students a better understanding of the environment in this area, he said.