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Christmas comes early to White Shield elementary children



White Shield School - Christmas is Santa Claus, gifts, a warm fire and smiles and giggles. That was the recipe for the elementary students who enjoyed an early visit from Santa. They also received presents on their last day before Christmas vacation. The Santa visit was sponsored by the

White Shield community board. It was to be a "Kidz Christmas" at the (story and pictures continued on page 4)



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

Greeting Elders and Community Members.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish you happy and healthy New Year. We are approaching a very good year for all enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

In the community of White Shield, we have a lot of new and exciting developments that will be happening very soon. In January there will be a new state-of-the-art fitness center in the complex. The fitness center will have treadmills, elliptical, bikes, free weights, weight machines and a sauna room. There will be big screen televisions in front of the treadmills and elliptical connected to RTC cable for community members to watch while they workout.

We will also be having fitness classes by Brad Kroupa, a certified fitness trainer and an enrolled member. We are also working on a recreation center for the kids and for adults. The center will have three big screen televisions that will be connected to an Xbox game center with furniture for kids playing them. The center will be equipped with three regulation pool tables and also a movie area to watch and rent DVDs. There will also be Wi-Fi connections with iPads to use to check your email and surf the Internet.

The segment recently purchased a new bus for the elders, a van for the community, another pickup for the complex staff and a new vehicle for the elder worker. These new developments will be ready in January.

This spring we will get busy with phase I of the administration building and phase I of the school. They will also wrap-up the new housing development south of White Shield.

I would like to thank the Tribal Business Council for the Christmas distribution. I know all enrolled members needed that extra cash to have a bigger Christmas meal or buy that extra present for their loved ones. It was a decision that I'm proud I supported and I know the council has the same feeling.

Again, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe New Year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



TAT'S "people's fund" is scheduled to be paid July 2014. The approximate amount is \$500.

The People's Fund is invested oil money. It is currently \$200 million. The

tribe will pay eligible tribal members the interest on that principal each year.

You must update your address. If you do not have an updated address on file at the enrollment office, you risk missing out on these funds.

Contact the enrollment office to make sure you are enrolled and have a current address listed. John Charging and Sevant Taft are contacts for enrollment office.

Enrollment office telephone number: 701 627-4238

E-mail: staft@mhanation.com (include a current photo)

Send a letter or card to: Sevant Taft or John Charging, P.O. Box 100, New Town, ND 58763 (include photo)

Ralph Wells Complex, but had to be cancelled because of a funeral. The board decided to move the “Christmas for the “kidz” to the school. Presents were given to each child on Friday. The food that was planned and ordered was donated to the elders, according to board member and teacher Delilah Yellow Bird.

Below are photographs taken at the “Kidz” Christmas party. There will be more photographs on line of the children and Santa. Santa Claus is David Boner, father of Monique Kaulness, second grade teacher at the school.



Keeum Williams and Santa Claus Boner



Owen Red Fox



Angela Black Cloud



Spud Clark and Santa



Payton Finley and Santa



Cianna Rozella and Santa



Lives in Cloud Perkins



Nathan LaMeria and Kobe Hosie

Dorgan campaign contribution held start Center for Native American Youth



Bismarck - Byron Dorgan has kept a front page of the Bismarck Tribune for more than 20 years. In the shadowy photograph on the page, a single tear rolls down the face of a 5-year-old Native American girl.

That tear — and the story of how the girl and her siblings had been beaten during a drunken party at a foster home three years earlier — began a journey for Dorgan that would continue even after his congressional career ended two decades later and has fueled a passion to help make things better for Native American children and their communities.

“Her photograph was the catalyst,” Dorgan said.

When the story ran in February 1990, Dorgan had been North Dakota’s lone member of the House of Representatives since 1981. Two years later, Dorgan became a U.S. senator, a post he remained in until 2011. During those years, he became involved in committees dealing with conditions on reservations, and even post-Senate, he has remained involved in the issues through a federal advisory committee and a non-profit venture.

Dorgan came to Bismarck in November to hold a hearing of the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence, of which he is a co-chair. There, he pondered his decades-long interest in Native American issues.

After seeing the girl’s picture in the Tribune, Dorgan contacted her grandfather and tribal social workers. He learned the social worker responsible for the girl’s placement in the foster home was handling more than 100 cases and hadn’t had time to check out the foster home.

The case highlighted for Dorgan the lack of resources available to tribes and tribal officials and the ways in which the federal government had broken promises and treaties with the tribes.

Dorgan later joined the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and served as its vice chairman and chairman. Through that, he had numerous other opportunities to visit reservations.

“You see things that just create a passion,” he said.

Over the years, he tackled issues based on what he saw, including the epidemics related to suicide and diabetes on reservations. He wrote the Tribal Law and Order Act to address longstanding tribal justice issues and urged funding for Indian Country programs.

North Dakota Indian Affairs Commissioner Scott Davis said Dorgan’s chairmanship of the Indian Affairs committee was “a big step” for North Dakota tribes. Both of North Dakota’s current senators, John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp, serve on the committee.

“Obviously, Dorgan has set that path for our senators to follow ... regardless of party,” Davis said.

Davis said Dorgan has brought attention to many issues that, while well known to Native Americans, were surprising and disturbing to the general public. Davis said Dorgan pushed for an investigation into the operation of Indian Health Services that revealed a numerous problems in the Aberdeen, S.D., division of IHS, which includes the North Dakota tribes.

He said that while solutions too many problems facing tribes need to originate with tribes, the attention brought by such investigations can provide opportunities for government entities to communicate better about the problems and work together to address them.

After his retirement from the Senate, Dorgan used \$1 million in leftover campaign contributions to help start the Center for Native American Youth, a policy program dedicated to improving the health, safety and overall well-being of Native American youth through communication, policy development and advocacy. The particular focus of the center is on reducing suicides.

Dorgan said the CNAY has allowed him to see more of “the other side” of reservation life from the tragedy and misery that he often tried to call attention to while in Congress. Through youth summits and other activities, Dorgan said he’s met “teenage kids who are unbelievably intelligent” and who are making a difference in their communities.

CNAY created “Champions for Change” to focus on inspiring and hopeful stories among Native American youth. The 2013 winners include young people with involvements including peer-to-peer academic mentoring, health, language preservation and leadership.

Dorgan now is working with an advisory committee that includes practitioners, child and family advocates, academic experts and licensed clinicians to write a report on how exposure to violence effects tribal youth and come up with a plan of action for addressing the problems highlighted. Attorney General Eric Holder asked Dorgan to co-chair the committee, along with Joanne Shenandoah, an Iroquois composer and musical artist.

“That was not a hard request to say yes to,” Dorgan said of Holder asking for his participation on the committee.

At the committee’s first meeting, in Bismarck on Dec. 9, Associate Attorney General Tony West promised that “the recommendations of the Advisory Committee will not sit on some shelf collecting dust.”

Article from the Bismarck Tribune

Woman rescue by segment staff after nine hours stranded in 20 below zero weather

By Dorreen Yellow Bird, Editor

I tell this story because I believe there is a lesson to be learned. It turned out to be a good lesson thanks to White Shield security and staff. Those involved are: Tim White Bear, Gary Dickens, Dewey Cisneros, Jay Felix, Duffy Krueger segment staff. From Game and Fish are Charlie Wilkinson and Blaine Dixon; Duane Bowen, patrol officer for White Shield and others who rescued my daughter, Karen Lone Fight, who was stranded in deep snow for nine hours. The temperature was about 20 below.

Here is what led up to the rescue. On Sunday, December 15, we spotted a moose in the prairie below our house. Karen, who is an avid photographer, ran out the door to get photos of the moose. She left her cell phone and her winter survival supplies were still in Grand Forks yet to be moved to White Shield.

I thought she would be gone only an hour or so, but wasn't too worried because I thought she might have spotted the male, all white, Snowy Owl she had seen a few days before and followed it. It would be a rare picture.

Around 4:00 pm, I began to worry seriously. I called the emergency number we were given at one of the monthly meetings. Dustin Krueger answered. He said he would get someone on it. It was getting dark so I called him again at 4:30. He said you know I am in Twin Buttes but I called Dawn White, officer for White Shield, and Charlie Wilkinson. I said OK and hung up and immediately called David Blacksmith. I told him what was happening and that I hadn't seen Karen for 5 hours and was worried. Within minutes, David had security notified and they came to the house. They got all the information I had and left. In another hour, Wilkinson and Bowen came to the door and got information about where she was last seen.

After about nine hours, she called from one of the rescue pickups and said she was okay. What a relief.

She said she got stuck turning around in a ravine. There was a large snow bank so she thought she better just turn around and come home. She started to turn around in the field. As soon as she got into the field, the car dropped into deep snow. (Wilkinson said fields are very deceptive. They look like there is little snow there because of the wheat or sunflowers that look like they are just above the ground.)

She tried to dig the car out with the ice scraper but it just couldn't do it. She thought she could walk to the road and started out but the snow was too deep. She said all that exertion made her clothes wet with sweat so she returned to the car to try to dry her clothes and remembered her survival training and stayed with the car. She had some printing paper in the back of the SUV and put pages of the paper inside her clothes to keep warm. She said she could see cars go by but they didn't stop. She flashed SOS with her lights but nothing.

Then she saw a pick-up coming toward her. She said she ran to a high point and waved and yelled but it turned around and left. She came back to the car scared, cold and worried. She took an assessment of what she had and tried to assess if she could make it through the night. Then she saw lights again. The pickup had spotted her but couldn't get through the snow so they came around another route and stopped. She got out and ran toward them. Gary Dickens got out and made a path for her. She made it to car and they brought her home cold and hungry but thankful to the guys who searched.

Charlie Wilkinson came in to the house. He told her to eat something warm and change to some warm, dry clothes. Then he said he was going to scold her. Don't go off road, your SUV is too light. Don't go into fields. The snow is deep even though it doesn't look like it. Tell people where you are going and always take your cell phone. Then he turned to me and said why I didn't call him sooner. I told him I called the emergency number at 4:00, then again at 4:30. Then I called David Blacksmith and he got everyone going.

All turned out well, but it might have been not so good if our people here didn't go after her. Again I am most grateful to them. I know it was really cold and rescuing someone at night in subzero weather isn't fun.

I am proud to be a part of this community because we have such good people here.

The information on page 9 is to provide information about survival kits that should be in all cars in our area. The winter weather can be a killer.

How to Make a Winter Survival Kit

Everyone should carry a Winter Survival Kit in their car. In an emergency, it could save your life and the lives of your passengers. Here is what you 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 or tribal security. 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.

JANUARY 2014

~ January 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year 	2	3	4
5	6 Monthly Elders meeting - noon McLean Co. Shoot out – girls 3 pm Watford City Boys JV/Girls Var/Boys Var 4:15/5:45/7:15	7	8	9 Regular Tribal Business Council Meeting – 10:30	10	11 Lewis & Clark-NSP Boys JV/Girls Var/Boys Var 4:15/5:45/7:15
12	13 Mandree Girls Jr. High/Girls Var/Boys Var 4:15/5:45/7:15	14 Community Board Meeting 6:30	15 Celebration for all elders born in January noon	16 Parshall Boys Jr. High/Girls Var/Boys Var. 4:15/5:45/7:15	17	18
19	20 New Town Girls Varsity TBA	21	22	23 Community Board Meeting 7pm	24 Burke County Boys JV/Varsity 5:45/7:15	25 Lewis & Clark NSP @ Plaza Girls Jr. High/Varsity 3:00/4:30
26	27	28 Turtle Lake Boys Jr. High 6:00	29	30 Powers Lake Boys Jr. High/Varsity 5:45/7:15	31	Notes:





Nicole Thomas

It was a night of fun, prizes with hors d' oeuvres, prime rib, lobster and chocolate desert. Williams and Ree headlined the event with a local band providing dance music throughout the night. Prizes were huge and greatly appreciated. Jack Rabbit Head won the big prize - a pontoon boat. Congratulations to all the winners.



Shawnee Edge, daughter of Grover & Carol Yellow Bird

Elders annual Christmas party and and payout well attended

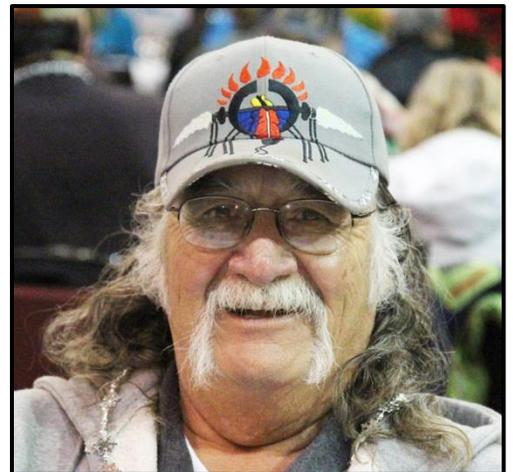
New Town – Elders find the annual Christmas party and payout important for some extra money but more important for a good time to see old friends and visit.

The 2013 Christmas Party and Elders Fund payout was bigger than ever with more people and increased number of elders attending. It is an event that has grown from about \$250 per year to the current \$600 in July and August. The meal and gift were added to the event also. The payments for the elders began some 15 or 20 years ago.

Below are photos of some of the elders attending the payout. For more pictures see the MHA website at MHAnation.com.



Thomas and June Eagle



Wade Howard



Gloria Brennen



Winogene Blacksmith & Linda Gonzales

Our Environment: Moose on the prairie



Many of us in this area have seen moose in fields on road-side. They wander where they want, from fields to nosing around your mail box.

Sometimes they look in windows but mostly stay clear of people.

According to the tribal game and fish, there are about 17 moose in our area. They are not part of hunting groups and are "gamey" tasting. So shooting them is neither sporting nor good eating.

Moose is a species in the deer family. They are distinguished by the palmate antlers of the males; other members of the family have antlers with a dendritic ("twig-like") configuration. Moose used to have a much wider range but hunting and other human activities greatly reduced them over the years. Their diet consists of both terrestrial and aquatic vegetation. The most common moose predators are wolves, bears, and humans. Unlike most other deer species, moose are solitary animals and do not form herds. Although generally slow-moving and sedentary, moose can become aggressive and move surprisingly quickly if angered or startled. Their mating season in the autumn can lead to spectacular fights between males competing for a female.

Moose lack upper front teeth, but have eight sharp incisors on the lower jaw. They also have a tough tongue, lips and gums, which aid in the eating of woody vegetation. A moose's upper lip is very sensitive, to help distinguish between fresh shoots and harder twigs, and the lip is prehensile, for grasping their food. In the summer, moose may use this prehensile lip for grabbing branches and pulling, stripping the entire branch of leaves in a single mouthful, or for pulling forbs, like dandelions, or aquatic plants up by the base, roots and all.

A moose's diet often depends on its location, but they seem to prefer the new growths from deciduous trees such as white birch, trembling aspen and striped maple, among many others. Moose are excellent swimmers and are the only deer that are capable of feeding underwater.

(Some information in article taken from Wikipedia)

Dayton Bird looks at future as football star



Brookings, SD – Sixteen-year old Dayton Bird, member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, was invited to the prestigious Under Armour National High School Combine in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is one of the top 150 8th through 12th graders chosen from throughout the nation to meet and play in front of top coaches and schools around the nation. They may be the next NFL stars.

Bird is a member of the Brookings Bobcats and is one of their outstanding football players. He also participates in track.

He has chalked up the following awards: All Conference AA 2013 (Receiver) 2012 (Punt/ Kick Returner) Taco Johns Player of the Game 2012, 2013; 2013 All Register Sporting News Team. Invited to National Under Armour All-American HS Combine. Member of Prestigious Elite Football University. Placed 9th in SD State Track Meet 2012, 2013 (Long Jump).

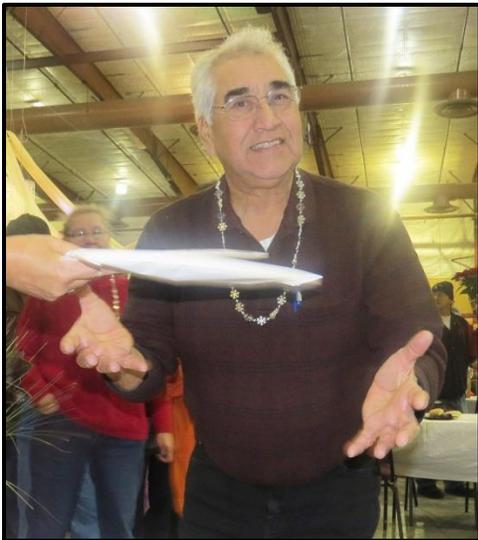
“I don’t feel the need to do outside activities and I don’t want to worry mom. I stay focused on athletics,” said Dayton. Bird said “don’t give up until you get there and stay away from those bad things.”

Dale Moss, coach and trainer, said Bird is a good athlete. More important he is a good guy and very humble. He won’t have any problem getting into any Division I school. He just needs to work hard and stay focused. Moss, an NFL player, is a free agent right now.

His parents are Lori Bird, mother; Jacy Rabbit Head, father.
Grandparents: Gordon and JoAnne Bird and great grandmother, Pansy Parshall.



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According Grover Yellow Bird and Duane Fox happiness is getting your elder payout and the tribal bonus right before Christmas.



White Shield won second in the decoration contest held at the village near New Town. Each community was to decorate their individual lodge. Those who provided cultural decorations and decorated were: Duane and Bonnie Fox; Birdie Fox; Kaye Bell, Denby Deegan; Carla Accosta and Everett Hosie.