

# NAhtAsuutaaka' (White Shield) Newsletter

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White Shield students win prizes for increased GPAs, being on honor roll, or having 4.0 grades



*Front row – Gabrielle Nolan, Tanner Meyers, Savannah Thomas, Sidney Hall, Sheyenne Fox, Madisyn Bearstail, Taylor Peltier – 2<sup>nd</sup> row – Clevelyn Standing Alone, Damien Kearnes, Dakota Bowen, Garden Deegan, Delphine Bird Bear, Harriet Regen, Red Eagle Woman Perkins – 3<sup>rd</sup> row- Isaac Garcia Medina, Destiny Williams, Dawn Dixon – Top row - Isaac Fox, Mannie Charging, Dakota Howling Wolf, Wyatt Felix, Jeff Hall Myah Williams (Myah won all three categories, increased GPS, honor roll and 4.0).*



*From the desk of Fred Fox, White Shield Councilman*

I would like to send my condolences to the Dorven White Bear's family. Dorven was a long time employee of the White Shield School. He touched so many people's lives while at his job as a bus driver for many years. I would like to send my blessings to the family and friends.

Christmas is around the corner and we will be spending time with our loved ones. The White Shield community will be having a community Christmas dinner Sunday, December 21st. So everyone from the White Shield community come out and have dinner with us.

I know we haven't had time to have a Segment/Community update, but we will have one on January 21st. Hopefully the Tribal Business Council will have the budget done so I can go over it with the community. I will be inviting CFO Whitney Bell. If there are any questions, we can get them answered.

The housing is still coming along and I anticipated a completion date sooner but they tell me they will be done by the end of December. We have the list of applicants. If you haven't filled out an application, please do so at the Complex with Gloria Brennan. The School, Community building, and Head Start will be constructed in the winter months and I will get a progress report from Lonnie Burr, Senior Project Manager. He will also be invited to the Community meeting. The White Shield Segment workers are continuing to work on the FBHA homes so we can get families in the homes. We have completed three units so far and will continue to work on them all so they can be all filled by next year. This is a White Shield Segment project so we are using Segment money to complete the homes.

I want to say one last thing and that is the Council has voted to approve the \$1,000 disbursement for Christmas for everyone enrolled and also a \$600 Christmas disbursement for the elders. I

## **Dates to remember, announcements and tribal council notes**

**Dates:** Wednesday, December 17 – dinner and \$600 elder’s payment will be distributed at the Four Bears Casino starting at approximately 11:00.

Friday, December 12, all tribal members payment of \$1,000 will be mailed. There will be no picking-up checks.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 16 and 17 trip to Heritage Center at Prairie Knights has been rescheduled for January. Announcement for dates will be made after elder board meeting.

MHA Employees Christmas Party – Northern Lights – Friday December 19. Start about 6 pm.

Sunday, December 21, White Shield Community Christmas Party – Complex – 2:00 pm.

Thursday, December 25, Christmas. Merry Christmas to all.

**Tribal Council** announced they will be meeting about changing the structure and polices of boards and commissions. These were some of their concerns: Boards be elected from community; elected members must be qualified and in good standing, conflict of interest such as a person who has business with the Bakken Oil should not be on the board and so on.

Housing for the White Shield Segment is slowed partly because of the cold weather and partly because the administration has changed. The changes are being resolved and things are moving forward.

The White Shield School, Complex and Headstart are moving forward and will probably start again next week or the week after. The Veterans and Elders building are with architects and moving ahead also. The tribe will hold another budget which will probably speed-up the building process.

If there are any questions about these buildings or the powwow grounds, they can be directed to Fred Fox, Segment Representative or David Blacksmith, Segment manager.

**Seventh Generation training** for iPads, computers cells and any other electronics is being scheduled. The dates that are being considered are the weeks of January 5, 12, and 19. When the date has been chosen, it will be announced at the Nishu Elders Center and put the marquee in front of the center. If you have a preference, let Dorreen Yellow Bird (701-421-2876) know as soon as possible.

## Winners from essay contest for a trip to Washington D.C.



*Madisyn Bird Bear, 5<sup>th</sup> place; Harriet Regen 1<sup>st</sup> place; Taylor Peltier 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Delphine Bird Bear 2<sup>nd</sup> place, (Shania White Bear 4<sup>th</sup> also won trip to Washington D.C. but didn't attend announcement for winners because her father Donven, who she wrote about, passed way); Laurel Frickie, NCNAS*

According to Frickie, all five of the winners for the paid trip to Washington D.C. were from White Shield although the contest was promoted reservation-wide. If you would like to see other essays, you can contact Frickie at the White Shield School.

Shania's essay is published here in tribute for her father, Dorven White Bear, a life-long member of the Veterans association, employed by the White Shield School for many years and an elder who promoted the Arikara culture to the community and his family.

### Veteran Essay



My father, Dorven White Bear, served in the Korean War (also known as the "forgotten war"). When my father was seventeen years old, he knew that there was more to see in the world, and traveling was one of his favorite hobbies. At eighteen he had enough courage to tell his family that he wanted to be in the military and help serve his country, of course he was also influenced by his older brothers who had served in the military before him. Even though, being in the military was not what he had planned during his teenage years, then and today my father is not regretful of his educational experience in the navy.

Dorven said that he always had a passion for helping others and exploring new places. He had got his start in the military by enlisting in Fargo ND. After he enlisted into the Navy, he spent nine weeks training in Great Lakes, Illinois. After he had past his courses in training, Dorven was stationed in Chicago. A year later he was transferred to New York, from there he was stationed in Rhode Island. This became his home base.

The first ship he was on was a “Destroyer”. His duties on the ship were as gunner’s mate. The responsibilities of the gunners mate was to manage a five inch thirty-eight caliber gun, another responsibility he had was a sightseer for landing aircrafts on the ship. Dorven had gone on leave a year later for a week to visit his family before he began his four year deployment; without knowing, one of his navy friends had volunteered him to be on another ship called the “USS Hickox” with them. The USS Hickox traveled overseas. The ship was meant to help in Korea. But it stayed on the shores of the Mediterranean for medical assistance.

Every time the ship docked, the Navy crew would wake up in a different location every other day. Dorven was very adventurous and explored as much as he could whenever the ship docked. One of his favorite things to do when they were on leave was to eat at different places and try new meals. He recalls his first time trying Lasagna in Italy. Dorven said that it was very delicious and cheesy, nothing like he ever had before. Being from a small reservation, there were not much new things to try. Dorven barely got the chance to travel anywhere at a young age. As soon as he got an opportunity to go on a road trip. He was satisfied with anywhere he was going.

When I asked him about the places he’s been to when he was in the navy, he told me he remembered very well where he went because everywhere he went he made it memorable. He remembers visiting The Aqueduct of Segovia in Spain. In Israel, he remembers swimming in the Dead Sea. In the Navy he not only got experience and exposer to new locations and foods, but learned quite a lot. In the four years that he served in the navy, my dad learned a lot of life lessons like overcoming some of his fears, teamwork, accountability, and most importantly he learned who he was.

He told me that being a Native American in the military meant and still means a lot to the Native American Culture, You should never be ashamed of where you come from. My Dad is proud of his culture and heritage. Being his youngest daughter, I was taught so many lessons from him, for instance at a young age I was taught how to make a bed the way he did in the navy, clean like he had to and fix small objects. I also learned culture related traditions from him. To me, this is a great conjunction of lessons to learn from a very optimistic father, and also makes me proud to be Native American. From doing this interview with him I had learned a lot more than I had expected and I got to know more my father better. For that, I am thankful and happy that he had shared his military experience with me and very appreciative for what he did for the country of the United States.



WHITE SHIELD — Dorven White Bear Sr. 78, White Shield, died Dec. 5, 2014, at Trinity Hospital, Minot. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at White Shield School, White Shield, ND.

## Three outstanding citizens honored at White Shield School's Mother Corn Festival



At the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Mother Corn Festival, three Arikara tribal members were honored for their contributions to the community. They are: Brad Kroupa, historian at the culture center; Deborah Painte, Director of Native American Training Institute; and Don Charging, County Sheriff.

*Brad Kroupa, Deb's daughter, Whirl Wind Perkins, Deb Painte, Don Charging*

Kroupa is honored for his contributions to the language restoration project currently underway. Kroupa, who is Sahnish and the son of Linda and Kent Kroupa, studied the language and culture of the Sahnish at the Indian University, Bloomington, then returned home to White Shield. He helped develop and implement the language programs at White Shield including the new computer language available to all tribal members. He works with the community on several cultural projects in addition to the language.

Deborah Painte, daughter of Afreda Goodbird, is the director of the Native American Training Institute in Bismarck, ND. NATI is an inter-tribal child welfare training organization created and governed by the four ND Tribal Child Welfare agencies serving the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation; Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Spirit Lake Tribe and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Previously, Painte served as the Executive Director for the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission for seven years. She has over thirty years of experience working in or with tribal communities. Painte daughter accompanied her. Her photo is below.



Don Charging is a country sheriff for McLean County. He lives in Washburn. He was elected to office in 1998 and re-elected in 2002, 2006, and 2010.

The Sheriff's Department employs 22 full- and part-time deputies and 15 full- and part-time dispatchers throughout the county.

Charging has been an excellent liaison between the tribes and the state. The tribe's history with law enforcement, at times, has been strained.

**White Shield children sing Mother Corn song in Sahnish**



**Front:** Meleah Felix, Mya Marshall, Delphine BirdBear, Arden Hawkins, Sweet Cedar, Lexus Fox, Sybert Yellow Bear, Storm Malnourie

**Back:** John BirdBear, Primberly BirdBear, Lives In The Clouds, Little Hail, Cutie Trevino

Words to the mother corn song  
 at na nee šu      **Mother Corn**  
 at na nee šu  
 at na  
 ši ta taa sištA      **we love you**  
 ši ta taa sištA  
 at na nee šu  
 at na  
 aa nii ka taat swaatlt na sah niš      **we**  
 remember the Arikara ways



Each year Delilah Yellow Bird, works toward providing a festival for Mother Corn. Mother Corn, not unlike the non-Native Virgin Mary, is a teacher for the people, bringing knowledge of how the Sahnish should live and how they should treat each other. Sometimes these important, historic lessons are forgotten. They are at a time in their history when those lessons need to be remembered and taught to our children, she would say. Yellow Bird, who is a fluent speaker, teaches the children how to sing and speak in Sahnish.

The children learned an appropriate song for the Festival, and with Yellow Bird’s help, sang it to the people at the Corn Festival including the elders who were very impressed.

For 23 years Delilah Yellow Bird taught the language and culture at White Shield School. Before she began her career as a White Shield teacher, she was a paraprofessional at the school then decided to become a full-time teacher. She attended UND and received her degree in teaching. Each year she searches for Native and/or Sahnish people who have contributed to the community or are outstanding in some way and honors them.

She spends months preparing for the Festival including drying corn for the meal. (Her husband Don is in charge of drying the corn). All the “pot luck” food for the Festival are made with a corn theme. Lloyd White, chief cook for the schools always makes the meat for the meal. The children prepare posters and show what they have learned about the lessons brought to them by Mother Corn. All of this has been with the guidance of Delilah.

Yellow Bird is a person certainly deserving of the same honor that she gives to the community. Her contributions to language restoration, culture and honoring of Mother Corn are remarkable. She is also a long-time teacher and advocate for the Sahnish ways, language and culture.



The drum for the festival is provided by (left to right), John Malnourie, Whirlwind Bull Perkins, Sybert Yellow Bear, Dancing Eagle Perkins, Storm Malnourie. Whirl Wind and Dancing Eagle Perkins teach drumming and the language to students and also anyone else would like to learn.

They are on call and called upon many times to drum for groups and the school. They organized a drum group that usually meets on Wednesday evenings.

### Artifacts belonging to Sahnish Culture Society elders



## Arikara elders ask for historic artifacts for ancient homeland



**White Shield Culture Center** – The Corps of Engineers has a collection of artifacts forwarded to them for cataloguing. The artifacts were confiscated when “collectors” who were arrested and are now serving time in prison for disturbing and collecting artifacts from the Grand River and Pollock, SD historic sites, were arrested. According historians and the oral history of the Sahnish, the sites were historical places where the Arikara lived.

The Corps contacted Pete Coffey, MHA Preservation Officer, about the disposition of the artifacts. The Corps said they wanted the Arikara to identify items in the collection that could be returned to White Shield.

Coffey asked help from the Sahnish Culture Society, elders and those who were interested or had some historic knowledge, if they would discuss what the disposition of the artifacts might be. With only a short notice, more than 17 elders from the community were at the center to discuss the artifacts and the disposition of the items.

Three catalogs were send to Coffey and he passed the books around for all to examine. Many of the items were difficult to identify because they were small chards of pottery or other broken items.

After much discussion, the elders and those attending said all the items should be returned to the Sahnish for disposition. They were found in the area and belong to the people. Some are unidentifiable but need to stay together.

They agreed that these were probably the remnants of fernery items. Items placed in the graves of relatives or loved ones. Some were broken and placed in grave or placed on top of the grave. Delores Wilkinson, Sahnish elder, said she thought they should be buried again. These items, she said, were to go with the deceased so they should be placed back in the ground.

A letter will be written to the Corps asking that the items be returned to the Sahnish for disposition. Coffey agreed. He thought, historically, collections like this should stay intact. The collection could be housed at the Culture Center in White Shield, ND until disposition.

## The White House Tribal Nations Conference



**Washington DC** – On Wednesday, the White House will host the White House Tribal Nations Conference. Leaders from the 566 federally-recognized Native nations engaged with the President, Cabinet Officials, and the White House Council on Native American Affairs on key issues facing tribes including, respecting tribal sovereignty and upholding treaty and trust responsibilities, lack of access to capital and credit, and protecting Native women and youth.

This year's Conference builds on the President's visit in June of this year to the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, where he reaffirmed his commitment to education and economic development. Nearly half of Native American people (42 percent) are under the age of 24; more than one-third of Native children live in poverty; and Native youth have the lowest high school graduation rate of students across all schools. As part of the Conference, the White House will release a new Native Youth Report that explores the challenges facing Native youth and makes recommendations for a path forward. For the first time in these Conferences, the voice of Native youth will be represented by 36 White House Youth Ambassadors, who will join tribal leaders in the breakout sessions and panels, and participating in leadership development programming.

President Obama will also announce the launch of Generation Indigenous (Gen I), a Native youth initiative focused on removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed. This initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth and will include:

- . New Native Youth Community Projects, administered by the Department of Education (ED) through the existing Demonstration Grants Program to provide funding in a select number of Native communities to support culturally relevant coordinated strategies designed to improve the college-and-career readiness of Native children and youth.
- . New National Tribal Youth Network program in partnership with the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth. The Youth Network will support leadership development, provide peer support through an interactive online portal that links resources and tools, and empowers youth to become leaders within their communities. The

White House, in cooperation with the Aspen Institute, will also host a high-level convening on challenges facing Native youth in February 2015.

- The release of the White House Native Youth Report that acknowledges past failures of federal policy on the education of Native students, explores the breadth of the challenges facing Native children, and makes recommendations for a path forward.
- The launch of the Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour, which will begin next year as part of the President's call to hear directly from Native youth on how to bolster federal policies to improve youth outcomes. In addition, the Administration will expand federal outreach on youth internships and employment opportunities across the federal agencies.
- The first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering to engage hundreds of Native youth in a day-long convening in the summer of 2015. This gathering builds on the November 2014 Native Youth Conference hosted by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the tribal youth visit with President Obama.

In addition to these efforts, the Department of the Interior (DOI) is making progress to transform the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Since Secretary Jewell's Secretarial Order (<http://www.doi.gov/news/upload/BIEsecOrder.pdf>) directing Indian Affairs to restructure the BIE to serve as a support network to schools rather than a direct education provider, DOI, along with ED has made steady progress towards implementing the Administration's vision of high-achieving tribally-controlled schools.

Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response Team released a report titled Improving Federal Agency Response to Sexual Violence in Tribal Nations: Issues and Recommendations.

#### SUPPORTING HEALTHY, STRONG NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

Expanding Access to Health Care. HHS plans to announce the publication of a proposed rule for Medicare like rates for Indian Health Service (IHS) payments for purchased/referred care for non-hospital based and provider services. Additionally, HHS/CMS and Treasury/IRS have developed a new streamlined process for American Indian and Alaska Native citizens and family members who are eligible for health services from an Indian health-care provider to claim an exemption from the Affordable Care Act's individual shared responsibility payment through the tax filing process. CMS also issued approximately \$4 million for Connecting Kids to Coverage American Indian and Alaska Native Grants to increase participation in Medicaid and CHIP. In November, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced new flexibility concerning the participation of tribal employers that will make it easier for them to enroll their employees in the FEHB Program (<http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/tribal-employers/>).

Improving Behavioral Health. In November, HHS's SAMHSA hosted a Native Youth Conference focused on improving the health and well-being of Native youth. At the conference, youth shared their views on federal policies, programs, and activities; contributed to the national tribal behavioral health agenda; and learned about best practices supported by SAMHSA's tribal grants. In August, SAMHSA also announced the creation of a new Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy (<http://www.usetinc.org/news/samhsa-office-of-tribal-affairs-and-policy-otap/>) to serve as the point of contact on behavioral health issues and to support policies and innovative practices.

#### PROMOTING CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Technical Assistance for Tribal Renewable Energy Projects. Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy announced a new round of competition for the Alaska Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team Program

(START), a technical assistance program that supports the development of clean energy, energy efficiency projects, capacity building and energy planning efforts for rural Alaska Native villages and corporations.

#### ADVANCING THE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP

Restoring Tribal Homelands in Trust for Tribes.

DOI continues to prioritize placing tribal homelands in trust for tribes, and has placed more than 280,400 acres of land into trust since 2009. Interior Secretary Jewell's goal for DOI is to place at least 500,000 acres of land into trust by the end of the Obama Administration. In May of this year, DOI issued a proposed rule that would allow the Department to consider fee-to-trust applications from tribes in Alaska. Additionally, under DOI's Land Buy-Back Program (<http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/index.cfm>) for Tribal Nations, the Department is paying fair-market value to individuals who choose to sell fractional interests in trust or restricted land. Purchased interests are immediately transferred to tribal trust ownership, ensuring that land stays in trust.

Resolving Longstanding Disputes. Since President Obama took office, the Administration has established a new relationship with Native nations, increasing consultation with tribes on matters across the federal government that affect their interests, and the fair and expeditious settlement of litigation. The Administration settled the protracted Cobell litigation, several significant water rights cases, and lawsuits or claims brought by 80 Indian tribes, over the management of monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States, for a total of \$2.5 billion. These settlements mark an important milestone in the Obama Administration's commitment to upholding the federal trust responsibility and strengthening our partnerships with tribal nations.

## UTTC gets new president



The new president of United Tribes Technical College noticed something off when the school hosted a welcome event in his honor earlier this month. Faculty members were sitting in front nearest the speakers, with students behind them. President Leander "Russ" McDonald would prefer to have students up front, with faculty surrounding them. "None of us would be here without them," he said. McDonald is the newest face on campus, taking the reins from the vice president of Academic, Career and Technical Education Phil Baird, who served as interim president for eight months. David Gipp, who led the college for 37 years, was named chancellor in January, a role created to focus on the school's growth and development. One of Donald's top priorities is to make sure students' Native American culture continues to thrive while they receive an

education.

“Those who are more knowledgeable in their culture are more likely to succeed academically,” he said.

That can be challenging when Native Americans make up less than 45 percent of the UTTC faculty.

McDonald said he wants to help non-Native employees become culturally competent so they can do a better job educating the students they teach.

He pointed to events, such as the school’s annual international powwow, as a way to educate about Native American culture. A good master of ceremonies, who explains the history and meaning of dances and songs, can make all the difference, he said.

“We are not here to make white men out of our students,” he said. “We are here to help make educated American Indians and for them to retain and be proud of their culture as they move forward in regard to their education.”

The school could lose “Technical” from its name under his watch. Though McDonald admits that may not be an option if it means the school’s federal funding eligibility would change, it’s an avenue he wants to explore.

He recently attended an event with officials at Bismarck State College and had expected to see “Bismarck Junior College” — the school’s former name — on their nametags. That got him thinking.

“We’re offering bachelor’s programs here now,” he said. “What’s wrong with ‘United Tribes College?’”

He said a “junior” or “technical” college suggests that a school provides certificates or associate’s degrees. UTTC has offered bachelor’s degrees in several subjects for six years. Some students transfer to UTTC to complete one of those bachelor’s programs, but McDonald says he wants more students to take up that option. He aims to partner with tribal colleges that have only two-year programs to establish a feeder system.

McDonald, who is a product of one of those schools, Cankdeska Cikana Community College in Fort Totten, also served there as vice president for academic affairs before spending over a year as Spirit Lake tribal chairman.

Cynthia Lindquist, president of Cankdeska Cikana, said McDonald’s research background was a boon to her school. He has a doctorate in educational foundations and research from the University of North Dakota and has published research on Native American health care.

“Russ was able to take us to a whole different level in terms of research capacity,” she said.

He helped the community understand the importance of research data to decision-making and planning, she said. He also listened to others in the community, which is important for a school leader, she said.

McDonald plans to do the same here by reaching out to Bismarck civic groups.

“There are people who have seen this place all these years but have never been on campus,” he said.

Already, he’s feeling welcome in Bismarck. In late October after his first day on the job, he attended a masquerade powwow at UTTC. He saw a few people he knew singing and drumming and decided to join in.

“I didn’t feel like I was some place strange,” he said. “I felt like I was at home.”

## Obituaries

Lisa Gayle White Bear Wilkinson (White Buffalo Calf Path) was born October 14, 1978 in Garrison, ND, to Mari White Bear and Neal Hale. She passed away November 11, 2014.

Lisa spent her early years in the company of her great grandfather, William J. Deane Jr. She could often be seen riding shotgun.

Lisa attended elementary school and junior high and junior high at White Shield. Her high school years were spent White Shield High School, Kaleaho High School in Oahu, Hawaii and Poway High School in Poway, California. Lisa attended and received an Associate's Degree from United Tribes Technical College.

She joined the Army National Guard and received an Honorable Discharge.

Lisa loved to ride horses and was a member of the White Shield Spirit Riders. Lisa's grandfather Howard Wilkinson Sr. encouraged her to continue learning about her culture. Lisa was a princess for the White Shield Celebration in 1990. She had also attended tap dance academy in Minot when she was little. She and her brother Joey were no strangers to the lake south of White Shield where they learned to swim.

She spoke her mind. Lisa was quick to defend those who could not defend themselves. She often helped out friends and acquaintances when they had no place to live. Friends of her family were friends of hers. Lisa loved to hang out with friends and she had many. Lisa had a big heart for kids and loved to throw birthday parties. Most of all, Lisa loved her children and her family.

If you listen, you can hear Lisa laugh, see her beautiful smile and see her big smiling eyes.

Lisa is survived by her children: Houston White Bear, Tuff Wilkinson, George Wilkinson, Louie Wilkinson and Chasmin Wilkinson; her parents Marti (Terry) Stevenson and Neal Hale; her brothers, Wilbur Stevenson, Sean Stevenson, Mick Stevenson, Christian Hale, Joshua Solis, Isiah Hale, Orrin Hill; sisters, Adrienne Stevenson, Whitney Hale, Ashley Hale; and her grandparents, Delores and Howard Wilkinson Sr., and Bill Hale Sr., and all her many, many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

She was very fortunate and blessed to have more than one mother and one father who raised and took care of her. Lisa is preceded in death by her grandfather Myron White Bear Sr., grandmother, Irene Hale and uncles, Myron D. White Bear Jr., Michael White Bear and her aunt Lori Hale.

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◀ November						January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Inauguration of Fox, Spotted Bear, Packineau, Grady	5 TAT tribal Council Meeting 10 am	6
7 Veterans Christmas Party – Complex - NOON	8	9	10	11	12 \$1,000 payout to be mailed out on this date.	13
14	15 KMHA & MHA Times Christmas Party Casino	16	17 Elders Christmas dinner and \$600 payout.	18	19 TAT Christmas	20
21 White Shield Community Christmas Party 2 PM at Ralph Wells Complex	22	23	24	25  Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31	Notes:		

**Elder Birthdays for December**



**Bobby Bear - 12 -2**

**Bobbette Bruce 12-4**

**Janice Star – 12-12**

**Nancy Fox – 12-24**



**Winter comes to White Shield on a roller coaster. One day, there's wind and birds, like the one above, are desperate for shelter. Then comes a South wind. It blows through, just skipping and humming along like its Spring. That's our North Dakota, changing, but beautiful and wild. I am happy for this season even though I enjoy the South wind when it visits.**

**Nawah, Creator, and thank you for allowing me to live here.**

