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Editor's Note: My computer crashed. I purchased a new one, but it wasn't until late December they were able to install software, test it and transfer what could be saved from my old computer. For this issue, I tried to write January and February newsletters. Have patience, I am still learning new software. It will be back to monthly issue next month.

Elders visit the ND State Historical Society



Joyce Kruger and Ramona Malnourie examine the cycorama room which depicts life at Double Ditch village in 1550. If you stand in the middle, it is as though you are in the village. (continued on page 12)



From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman for White Shield

I would like to offer my condolences to the family members that have lost loved ones. I also would like to send my prayers to the family members who have loved ones sick in the hospital. I hope they have a speedy recovery and good health.

We are in 2015 and have a New Year upon us. This year will be one of the busiest years ever for White Shield. With all our projects are in full swing, the community will see the development of buildings and houses.

The White Shield School is in dire need of a new school and a larger gymnasium. The past games in White Shield have been standing room only and our kids and fans deserve a nice, big gym to show off their hard work and talent. We have 16 homes that are complete in Sesame and seven that will be done at Awahu Village at the end of the month. We will have an additional 17 homes that we will start building this spring.

The Tribal Council is still working on the Tribal Budget and will be putting the finishing touches on it this week. The drop in oil prices and the cut in our Tribal Oil & Gas Tax have brought about some difficulties. We have a conservative revenue projection so we have a budget that will not be in the red. As soon as it is complete, I will bring it back to White Shield for a meeting. I will also bring all the resolutions and minutes of the Tribal Business Council meetings.

I hope everyone is coming out and supporting our kids this basketball season. Both the girls and boys are having a great season. They are young but have a lot of talent. White Shield has a bright future ahead.

Our Elders recently had went on a trip to the North Dakota State Historical Society building last week. They also went to Standing Rock and enjoyed an evening at Prairie Knights. This was a request from the Elders and I wanted to make sure it happened. Our Elders deserved it and I will start working on another one late spring.

Take care and God Bless.

Helen Gough, Arikara, spends oil royalties on people of Ft Berthold that benefit people today

Note: Elders trip to the ND St Historical Society in January included seeing the memorial to Helen Gough.



Helen Gough, full-blood Arikara, (Three Affiliated Tribes), was a modest, kind and generous woman. Helen was very active as a honorary member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Joseph Young Hawk, WWI, who the Post was named after in the late 1920s, was her uncle.

Gough died February 1963 and the Ladies Auxiliary honored her by having a headstone erected for her. They recognized her for her most generous contributions to the education of all enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes who wanted an college education. As of 1965, the Helen Gough Scholarship funded over 640 students. The amount ranged from \$500 to \$10,000. This Scholarship Fund still funds 30 to 40 students annually.

Another contribution Gough made was helping establish the Three Affiliated Tribes Museum. For years the Museum was called the Helen Gough Museum, but the council changed the name several years ago. A good percentage of her monies went toward construction of

the Museum. After the Museum was completed, Helen's oil royalties went and still go toward helping with upkeep of the Museum.

In addition to the Scholarships and building the Museum, she contributed the following: \$5,000 to New Town Development Corporation; \$5,000 to the Joseph Young Hawk-Elmer Bear Post 253; and \$5,000 to the White Shield Congregation Church.

Gough, whose Arikara Indian name was "Young Otter Woman" was born to John B. Gough and Nettie Young Hawk in the Armstrong or Nishu District. She was raised and received her elementary education there. She lived with her uncle Alfred Bear, NW of Evadna Gillette's place.

People stopped at their place when they returned from the bottom land with wood. Bill Deane and Robert "Shorty" Bear looked after them. Alfred would shine a mirror on a mound not to far from his house. The kids would tell their father. That meant Helen wanted go to Elbowoods or Rauab for groceries. ***(Excerpts provided by ND State Historical Society)***

Elders receive \$600 elder payment from tribe and New Town



Wade, Louis "Blackie" and Dana Howard enjoy the day with elders and their each other. They are brothers.



Aldine and Leonard Hosie and Cornelious Hopkins.

All Three Affiliated tribal Elders, who were 60 by October, received \$600. Prior to this year, they received \$500. Usually the elders also receive a payment in July at a dinner. Randy Phelan, Mandaree Segment Representative, said at a recent council meeting that the elder payout was raised to \$600 is appropriate because some of the elders might not be alive to receive their money next year. The council passed the increase with a majority vote.



Diga helps serve elders.



Sara Bradley, Marilyn Young Bird, Greta Hosie (sisters) and Cleo Charging enjoyed a meal with family and friends.



Izetta Hopkins; granddaughter, Kaylor McGrady; daughter, Kelly McGrady

Turn-out for the Elders payment was outstanding with elders coming from all segments. A meal of prime ribs and all the fixin' was served. Each elder received a fruit basket, tribal coffee cup, and a gift bag. It isn't the gifts or even the money, said one elder, but it is a good time to see all of their old friends. They see people from their own communities but sometimes don't see their old classmates or friends but once a year, she said with a big smile.

It's true another woman said and you can tell by all the teasing, hugging and laughing they're glad to be together. They both wanted to remain anonymous because it is what they are all thinking, they said with big smiles.

Mark Fox, Chairman, spoke to the group giving them some up-date on tribal happenings.

Up-date on construction, new projects and budgets



New houses in Sesame east of powwow grounds

Housing up-date at White Shield

Currently, there are two housing projects: one north of highway 1804 and south of the powwow grounds in the Sesame Street area.

The second one (Awahu Village) is on a rise about a mile south of White Shield. It is clearly visible from Highway 1804.

Two White Shield people have moved into houses at Sesame. About 7 will move in next week. There will be a total 24 affordable houses for rent at White Shield late summer. Four homes ready at Awahu Village and for a total of 7 new homes.

There is also an elder apartment near the Elder Center with six one-bedroom apartments and two 2 bedroom apartments. Planning is in the process.

Everyone who gets a house to rent or mortgage must take a home buyers class. The class can be taken on line at ehomeamerica.org/ndhfa. There is a \$40 coupon for the class. Class costs \$50. Lorrie Fredericks said she would come to White Shield to teach a class if there are 10 or more people who want to take the classes.

The Lagoon bid letting hopefully will start by spring.

IMPORTANT In order to be on the list for a home, you need: an income statement that indicates you can pay rent; something that indicates you don't own a house on reservation or anywhere else; have a completed application on file at the Housing Office in White Shield; and have all the documents needed that are listed on application.

There is another mortgage program in New Town. That mortgage program allows each applicant \$10,000 for furniture. It is a loan and must be paid back.

If you have questions, call Gloria Brennan 701 743-4145,

Culture Center



They started Sahnish language classes in January said Dancing Eagle Perkins, director of the Culture Center. They are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 3 pm for 4 hours each week. They will be held continuously depending on attendance.

The Culture Center also holds singing classes again this year, said Whirl Wind Perkins, Program Coordinator. These sessions will be Wednesday at 6:30 held during the winter.

Whirl Wind said culture centers language AP is being used in a new film call “The Reverant” according to Loren Yellow Bird, Interpretive guide, Ft Bufford National Park Service. He said the film makers are using the Sahnish language Ap in the film.

According to Dancing Eagle they are adding more tables at the center for people who want to come in for coffee, do search or use the language aps. Tables have been ordered, he said.

The Recreation Center is planning another Cross Fit competition, but there are no date. They are in the planning stage.

Wendy Murray, North Dakota State Historical Society, is collaborating with the culture center on a history project. It will include interviews and what people recall – personal stories. You can also bring old videos. The interview sessions will start in February but there isn’t an exact starting date. That will be announced later.

The information will be used and stored at the Culture Center and the Historical Society will have access. Said Brad Kroupa, Historian, who is working on the project with Murray.

Construction has made the earth lodge at the Center almost impossible because of the mud and dirt. Driving into the area is not possible right now. Dancing Eagle said until the construction has slowed down, they will restrict the use of the earth lodge.

They are in the process of getting more artifacts and will have more information at a later date.

Safe Haven to open in White Shield



The White Shield Safe Haven home currently site in front of Nishu Store. The house will be moved when muddy conditions change. The house will be located on at 4th Street in White Shield. Decisions on how homes will be managed is up to council Representatives from each segment. It is temporary housing for juveniles. The house will be managed, a person/caretaker will be hired to live at the house. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Young Bird at the Tribal Office, 701-627-4781

Elders classes for learning iPads, computers, cell phones and other technical equipment will be held at the Culture Center Wednesday and Thursday, February 4 and 5th. Lunch will be served. For more information, call Dorreen Yellow Bird (701-421-2876)

Announcements:

According to Whitney Bell, CFO, for Three Affiliated, the \$1,000 bonus received by all tribal members is tax-free. If you need specifics, you can call the finance office of the tribe.

Elders: Helen Kruger, Elder Director, will be on hand to do vitals for any elder who would like those tests such blood pressure or diabetes. You can call her and she will come out to your house or you can come to Elder's Center. Kruger said if there are elders in need of some light housekeeping, call her and she will come out to your house. Her phone number is 701-898-8609

Tribal –Care Insurance Open Enrollment

East Segment enrolled members eligible

Health Care Insurance coverage offered with minimal to zero deductibles or co-payments

Stop in to inquire and sign up at: Ralph Wells Complex

Tuesday – Friday, February 10 – 13, 2015

10:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily

Application checklist:

Must have a White Shield Physical address

Verification of tribal enrollment

Name & birthdate of all immediate family members listed on application

Social Security numbers for all members

Phone number of primary applicant

In Memory of our Loving Mother Marcella White (Cedar)

January 9, 2014- January 9, 2015

Mother's Hands

Hands that held all eight of us kids, from the moment of their birth,
Their tender touch remembered by those still here on Earth.
Soft as silk those hands that taught me how to pray,
Comforted childhood fears, they soothed each one away.
When I grew much older and troubles came my way,
Those hands caressing mine did more than words could say.
Mother's hands were gentle, they're missed so very much,
I'd give the world to feel once more their warm and tender touch.
Those hands were full of comfort now they lie at rest,
But memories hold them close to the ones they served the best.

Love you forever & miss you Momma, Leone, Diga, Sonny, Bernard, Marilyn, Cheryl, Yvonne & Danile



Heitkamp Announces \$2.2 Million in Federal Funding to Help ND Seniors, Families & Tribes Heat their Homes

In October, Senator Announced More Than \$23 Million in Federal Heating Assistance, Bringing the 2015 Total to More \$25.4 Million

BISMARCK, N.D. – U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp today announced more than \$2.2 million in federal assistance to help low-income North Dakota families, seniors, and Native American tribes heat their homes this winter season.

Specifically, North Dakota families and seniors living in low-income households will receive more than \$1.7 million in federal assistance to help offset heat and energy costs during the state’s coldest months. Additionally, more than \$540,000 in federal funds is available for North Dakota’s Native American tribes. This federal [support follows more than \\$23 million](#) that North Dakota’s low income families, seniors and Native American tribes received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) [at Heitkamp’s request in October](#), for a total of more than \$25.4 million for 2015.

“We live in a state where frigid temperatures aren’t just a possibility – they’re a guarantee. Too often seniors, low-income families, and tribes have to make the choice between necessities like heat for their homes and getting medication for their kids or putting food on the table. Today’s funds will help prevent many families from having to make that choice,” said Heitkamp. “In these winter months, North Dakotans show our true stripes by coming together wherever we can – we pitch in at our local schools and community centers, help neighbors shovel snow, and plow our streets – and we’re counting on our federal partners to do their part to help struggling families, seniors, and tribes stay safe.”

The funding is made available through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Eligible families outside Indian reservations must apply directly to the State of North Dakota to receive LIHEAP funding. For eligible families living on Indian reservations, their tribes need to directly apply to the State of North Dakota to receive LIHEAP funding, which is then distributed to those on the reservation who qualify.

North Dakotans can learn more about home heating assistance eligibility and apply for assistance by [clicking here](#). To ask questions or to receive help filling out an application, individuals not living on Indian reservations can contact their [local County Social Service Office](#). Individuals living on Indian reservations can contact their [local tribal offices](#).

~ February 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Elders monthly board meeting	3 Language classes 2 – 4, Culture Center	4 Community Update with architects – pow wow arbor and other construction. 6:30 - Complex	5 Language classes 2-4 Culture Center	6	7
8	9 Community Update	10 Language classes 2 – 4 Culture Center	11 tribal business council meeting – 10 am 	12 Lincoln's Birthday Pot Luck for elders Who have birthday in February – noon at Elder Center Language classes 2-4 culture Center	13	14 St. Valentine's Day 
15	16 Presidents Day	17 Language classes 2-4 Culture Center	18 Ash Wednesday 	19 Language Classes 2-4 Culture Center	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

More Calendars: [Mar 2015](#), [Apr 2015](#), [May 2015](#)



January Birthdays

Cheryl Yellow Bird	1-2
Dorreen Yellow Bird	1-3
Estell White	1-11
Gary Dickens	1-23
Winogene Blacksmith	1-28
Myrtle Goodleft	1-29
Dewey Hosie	1-29

February Birthdays

Delores Wilkinson	2-2
Connie Fix	2-8
Theodore Everett	2-8
Grover Yellow Bird	2-14
Kaye Bell	2-16
Elva Karlson	2-21
Carol Yellow Bird	2-26

Elders tour the ND State Historical Society museum (Native American Exhibition) in Bismarck, before playing at Prairie Knights casino



Front row L – R, Greta Hosie, Joyce Kruger, Elva Knutson, Bonnie Fox, Sylvia Spotted Horse, Karen Mulluck, Blanche White Eagle, Jerry White, Kaye Bell, Denby Deegan. Back row, Ramona Malnourie, Gloria Brennan, Lucky Everett, Hans Youngbird, toosie Eagle, Don Yellow Bird, June Eagle, Grover Yellow Bird, Duane Fox, Myrtle GoodLeft, Connie Radke, Alice Everett, Jeanie Red Hawk, John Red Hawk, Bob Mulluck.



Don Yellow Bird holds door for elders who enter exhibition



Artifacts of Sahnish and other tribes in North Dakota. There are many cases with exhibitions like this.



Mastodon *Mammot americanum*

This mastodon is: Height: 8 feet at the shoulders; Weight 8,000 pounds; Sex: male; Age 40-45 years old; Tusk length 7 feet; Died about 10,500 years ago.

In 1890 workmen excavated this mastodon skeleton near Highgate, Ontario, Canada. For the next eight years, the bones were on tour in Canada, North Dakota and Minnesota.

The owner donated the bones to the University of North Dakota in 1902. The State Historical Society of North Dakota took possession of the skeleton in 1947.

Mastodons were large mammals that looked and acted much like today's elephants. Thick, long hair covered their bodies. They lived in North America at the end of the last Ice Age, about 10,000 to 20,000 years ago. Mastodons lived millions of years after dinosaurs had become extinct.

Photos from Christmas Celebrations in December



Headstart youngsters come to Elder Center and sing Christmas song to them.

2014 White Shield Community Christmas Party



The Christmas party at White Shield was a huge success, due in large part to awesome decoration, dinner, entertainment and drawings.

Covered tables and chairs; colored balloons, streamers, stars and bursts of color over the room was magic. The tables had large and beautiful candles and wreaths, tall, large vases filled with bursting strips of wood in different colors and presents that glowed white. The Gordon Bird band and family entertained with both traditional and contemporary music. The Complex was filled with little space left for latecomers. A dinner of prime rib and

drawings were part of the evening.

Guests comments about the Christmas party were “best they’ve had.”



Photo looking south near White Shield

White Shield – December was in a deep freeze with winds that blew light snow above the ground leaving the cropland dusted like a giant broom swept the area clean.

Cold? Sundogs circled the sun for several days. They are a well-known indicator of freezing temperatures and Artic nights.

But there was a reprieve with the coming of January and the typical “January thaw.” It was as if that cold December was just a passing thought.

Canada geese hung around way past their usually flying time in October and November. Ornithologist thought they stayed because of the open water in places.

December was a good ice fishing time while January was dicey. There were whole areas on Lake Sakakawea that were open water. Reports of cars and trucks through the ice popped up in the daily media.

Is it global warming or just ND weather?

