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White Shield School Graduates Seven



Gabrielle Nolan, Shyla Valenzuela, Amiriah Wilkinson, Marie Howling Wolf, Seth Wolf, Isaac Fox, Mannie Charging.

Friday, May, 27th, 2016 graduation started with a school gym filled with mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends. The gym was dark with twinkling lights that led to the stage where dignitaries and graduates sat awaiting the big moment. It was time for students to receive their diplomas.



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



I would first like to send my condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones and have loved ones in the hospital. I know it's hard on all of us as families, but we are all here to help one another. I would like to send prayers to all the families that are grieving and having a hard time.

This past month was very busy with 2 council meetings, 7 committee meetings, Segment update, staff meeting, North Dakota Petroleum Conference, MHA Education Dropout Prevention presentation, school concerts, school banquets, high school, college, and headstart graduations, along with our Memorial Day program and Old Scouts pow-wow. I would like to congratulate all of our graduating tribal member seniors in various high schools. This is only the beginning. Make sure you continue your education throughout your life. Always finish what you start.

This past month I had the opportunity to travel to Pawnee, Oklahoma with Austin Gillette. We traveled to set-up future gatherings and meetings with our Pawnee relatives. We had very good visits with their Chiefs and elected President of the Pawnee tribe. We have scheduled a meeting with the Pawnee for the up and coming Arikara Celebration. We are also planning for our elders to travel to Pawnee in September. We think this will be a good visit and many of our Arikara elders haven't been to Pawnee. So look for the details later this summer.

This coming month we are scheduling a segment update. We will have some very important topics that will be discussed. I originally scheduled it for June 21st, but we moved it to June 13th. The reason for June 13th is we will be having an informational meeting for the upcoming Secretarial Election which is in July. Everyone must mail their application in by June 20th. We will have the election committee come in and explain the process.

Well I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. Take care and God Bless.

Fred Fox

REMINDER: This Secretarial Election is being held entirely by mailout ballot. Registered voters will only be allowed to vote by US Mail. There will be no polling sites. You MUST register in order to RECEIVE a ballot. The Secretarial Election packet contains the Voter Registration Form required to register for the election. The Form must be received at the designed PO Box noted on the return envelope by CLOSE OF BUSINESS on MONDAY, June 20, 2016. The election is Friday, July 22, 2016. For information call Kayla Danks 701-627-4707 or the election board at the tribal office.

New Information Apartments for Rent



There are four (4) vacancies at the new elder's apartments. The apartments are located north of the Elder Center and across from White Shield School. They are 1 bedroom apartments. If you or someone you know is interested in one of these apartments, please contact Linda Gonzalez, Staff Manager/President of the Ree Lodge Management (701-421-5941) or Gloria Brennan, Housing Director, (701-743-4145).

Help Wanted

Housing Board is advertising a Caretaker position for the Elders Apartment. The position will be a part-time position. The caretaker will do the following tasks: vacuuming halls and common rooms, empty trash, shoveling sidewalks in winter, washing windows, bringing in mail for distribution, help with senior meals and other tasks as assigned. Salary is negotiable. For more information, called Linda Gonzalez (701-421-5941).

Please Note Information Regarding Complex Kitchen

Community members, on Sunday May 29th as we, Post 253 Auxiliary, prepared to decorate the Complex for the Memorial Day services, we found food in the kitchen. There were 2 pans of potatoes in the convection oven, a pan of hot dish in the freezer which wasn't on and food particles in the sinks. The dishes had been washed but the sink hadn't been wiped out after the water drained. This isn't the first time this has happened. Several times as we prepared for other activities like Powwows or Church activity, we have found food in the kitchen and dirty dishes. It's happened enough times that I felt compelled to say something. I am not blaming or pointing fingers at the Complex staff, any one person or organization, but asking whose responsibility is it to clean the kitchen after an event? I feel this responsibility is whoever uses the kitchen. I realize our Complex kitchen is old but Community Members we were raised to clean up after ourselves, so please let's do so. Thank you, Madonna Azure

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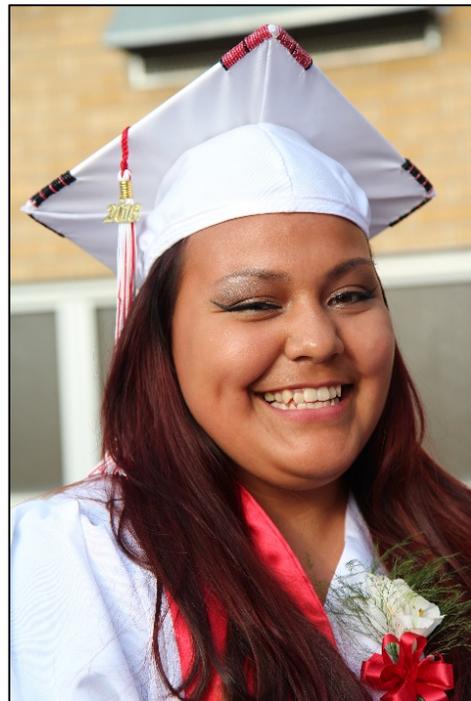
Gabriella Nolan, daughter of Tammy Scott and Mark Nolan



Mannie Charging, Grandson of Birdena Fox



Isaac Fox, Grandson of Birdena Fox



Shyla Valenzuela, daughter of Avis Ball



Seth Wolf, son of Tina Malnourie



Marie Howling Wolf, daughter of Dwight and Tennille Howling Wolf



Amirah Wilkinson, daughter of Faith and Cedrick Wilkinson



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Yellow Bird Keynote Speaker for 2016 White Shield Graduation



Loren Yellow Bird Sr., cultural resource interpreter and park ranger at Fort Union National Historic Site southwest of Williston, and technical adviser for the movie that stars Leonardo DiCaprio called “The Revenant,” was keynote speaker for the 2016 graduating class at White Shield on May 27th.

Yellow Bird’s journey through his elementary and secondary education had its ups and downs, but he met his goals and more. He is a historian and anthropology (educational fields he loves) and has had extraordinary opportunities to travel to foreign countries, speak to many different organizations and yet stay within his cultural beliefs.

He is Sahnish.

Yellow Bird was chosen for work with the Academy Award winning film, “The Revenant” because he knew the Arikara language and had frontier skills. The film makers flew him to Calgary, Alberta, to the movie filming site and he was hired as a technical adviser. In this capacity, he spent time with “The Revenant” director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, DiCaprio and others working with them on the film.

He also was chosen to go to Doha Qatra in the Middle East to speak about the culture. Yellow Bird was at this Middle East Country, half-way around the world, for ten days. He talked with the Qatari people about Sahnish cultural changes in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the stresses of assimilation experienced by the tribe that resulted in a nearly total loss of language, history and cultural practices, he said.

Speaking to communities around the country and state, is something Yellow Bird does regularly, but the opportunity to return home to White Shield was a rewarding experience for students and community of White Shield.



Waiting to shake hands with White Shield graduates.





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SECRETARIAL ELECTION NOTICE

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes are hereby advised that a Secretarial Election has been authorized and the date of the Secretarial Election will be **Friday, July 22, 2016**. The purpose the Secretarial Election is to vote on proposed changes to Article III Section 2 of the Constitution, and Article III Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

The proposed amendments would change the Constitution to:

1. Decrease the number of Tribal Business council Representatives from thirteen (13) to seven (7) by reducing the number of Council Representatives to one (1) representative for each of the six (6) Reservation Segments;
2. Deleting the language in Article III Section 2 regarding an increase for additional Council representatives for any one segment should the population reach at least 700 qualified voters;
3. Correspondingly amend Article III of the By-laws changing the Quorum Requirement for a Tribal Business Council meeting from seven (7) members to five (5) members if the proposed amendment to Article III Section 2 of the Constitution is approved.

The Fort Berthold Agency is hereby authorized to call and conduct an election consistent with the Secretary's election regulations found in 25 C.F.R Part 81. These regulations require that absent a requirement in the tribal constitution that requires the use of polling places, the election must be conducted by mail-out ballots. See 25 C.F.R. § 81.35. Given that the Tribal Constitution does not require polling places this election would be done entirely by mail-out ballots. The amendments would not be effective until adopted as part of a properly conducted Secretarial Election and approved.

THIS SECRETARIAL ELECTION IS BEING HELD ENTIRELY BY MAILOUT BALLOT.
REGISTERED VOTERS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO VOTE BY U.S. MAIL.
THERE WILL BE NO POLLING SITES.

You MUST register in order to RECEIVE a ballot. This Secretarial Election Notice Packet contains the Voter Registration Form required to register for the election. Any eligible adult Tribal Member who does not receive a Voter Registration Form should request one from the Secretarial Election Board Chair, Kayla Danks 701-627-4707

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE:

The Voter Registration Form must be received at the designated P.O. Box noted on the return envelope in the Secretarial Election Notice Packet BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON **MONDAY, June 20, 2016.**

IF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE, YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE PLACED ON THE REGISTERED VOTERS LIST, AND YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT.

The Registered Voter's list will be posted on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at:

Bureau of Indian Affairs	Three Affiliated Tribes
Fort Berthold Agency	Tribal Office
202 Main Street	404 Frontage Road
New Town, North Dakota 58763	New Town, North Dakota 58763

DEADLINE FOR FILING CHALLENGES TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS LIST:

The deadline for filing challenges to the Registered Voters List is 4:30 p.m., **Thursday, June 23, 2016.** Challenges must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Secretarial Election Board, Kayla Danks, at the Fort Berthold Agency address listed above.

REMEMBER IF YOU DONT REGISTER, YOU CANNOT VOTE.



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The purpose of this proposed amendment is to decrease the number of representatives from thirteen (13) to seven (7) by reducing the number of Council Representatives to one representative for each of the six (6) Reservation Segments. To delete the language in Article III Section 2 regarding an increase for additional Council representatives for any one segment should the population reach at least 700 qualified voters. And correspondingly, amend Article III of the By-laws changing the quorum requirement for a Tribal Council Meeting from seven (7) members to five (5) members if the proposed amendment to Article III Section 2 of the Constitution is approved.

**ARTICLE III SECTION 2
 As it appears now**

ARTICLE III-Governing Body Section 2

Tribal Business Council shall consist of a minimum of thirteen (13) members. The Chairman of the Tribal Business Council shall be elected at large by a majority of all of the votes cast for the Office of Chairman. The other Council members shall be elected from segments, with a minimum of two Council members to be elected from each of the segments by a majority of all of the votes cast for the office of council representative from that respective segment. In the event any one of the six segments should reach an initial population of at least 700 qualified voters residing within such segment, then an additional Tribal Council Business representative shall be added to represent said segment at the next general election for that segment. An additional segment representative shall be added for each additional multiple of 700 qualified voters residing within a segment. Segment populations shall be based on the number of qualified voters residing in the segment. The minimum number of segment representatives is as follows:

- White Shield 2 representatives
- Twin Buttes 2 representatives
- New Town/Little Shell 2 representatives
- Mandaree 2 representatives
- Four Bears 2 representatives
- Parshall/Lucky Mound ... 2 representatives

The Election for new representatives added pursuant to this amendment shall be during the next regularly scheduled general election. New representatives added after the initial election following this amendment shall be staggered evenly for an even number of total representatives in a segment. For an odd number of total representatives, the final newly-added representative shall be elected for a full term. Those new representatives receiving the highest number of votes shall receive the open slots designated for the full terms.

Bylaws Article III - Meeting of Council Section 3

Two-thirds of the total number of members on the Tribal Business Council rounded to the nearest whole number shall constitute a legal quorum of the Tribal Business Council.

**ARTICLE III SECTION 2
 Shall be amended as follows:**

ARTICLE III-Governing Body Section 2

The Tribal Business Council shall consist of seven (7) members. The Chairman of the Tribal Business Council shall be elected at large by a majority of all of the votes cast for the office of Chairman. The six (6) other Council members shall be elected from segments, one council member to be elected from each of the following segments by a majority of all the votes cast for the office of Council representative from that respective segment:

- White Shield 1 representative
- Twin Buttes 1 representative
- New Town/Little Shell 1 representative
- Mandaree 1 representative
- Four Bears 1 representative
- Parshall/Lucky Mound ... 1 representative

Also, the language in Article III Section 2 regarding the increase for additional Council Representatives for any one segment should the population reach at least 700 qualified voters will be removed.

Bylaws Article III - Meeting of Council Section 3.

SECTION 3. Five (5) members shall constitute a legal quorum of the Tribal Business Council.

2016 Memorial Day Celebration



As it does some years, Memorial Day was filled with rain that lasted most of the day and into the next. As it happens each year, Joseph Young Hawk/Elmer Bear American Legion Post 253 and the Veterans went to all of the cemeteries in the White Shield area and honored the Veterans in spite of the rain.

The rain was heavy and the wind strong so time out at the cemeteries was shorten. After each and every Veteran was honored, the group retired to the Ralph Wells Complex for the indoor part of the ceremony.

There was drum songs by the Dead Grass Society Drum who honored and celebrated each branch of the military – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. In this celebration of those who served or perhaps died in battle,

there is always a somber cast to the “doings.” It is, after all, for those who have lost loved ones or a family member and it’s a time when memories fill the men and women who come to the celebration.

Some who are remembered might have left only a short while ago. Some were from wars long past including the battles with other tribes and the US government. The Old Scouts Cemetery is one of those places where those who rest there are from hundreds of years ago, but each one is remembered by name.

Names of all those veterans are called as if they were in row call.

For the last two years there has been visitors at the White Shield Memorial Day Celebration. They come to honor their comrade, Richard White Bear, who is Arikara from White Shield. They are all from Fox Company, which was White Bears Company also. They traveled from all over the nation for this Memorial Day to be with the White Shield people.

Fred Fox, Segment Representative, gave a keynote address. He talked about the history of the Ree people and some of the things they went through. Fox served in the Navy and rarely misses a Memorial Day celebration. Chairman Mark Fox was also invited and he also talked about the history of the Sahnish.



Madonna Azure, Auxiliary President; Gerilyn Yellow Bird, Vice-President; Liz Yellow Bird, Auxiliary member, are following Shaunita Haycock carrying flag and Katheryn White Bear, Navy Veteran in front.



Veterans standing and saluting in respect.



Visitor and member of Fox Company, Fred Fox, and Thomas Eagle.



Dead Grass Society Drum sing for Memorial Day Celebration. On the drum are: Richard Pease, Tom Wells, Dancing Eagle Perkins, Tom Malnourie and John Malnourie and two are unidentified singers.

Delilah Yellow Bird Retires From White Shield School With Honors



Delilah Yellow Bird began working with students as the bilingual education coordinator/teacher aide until 1986. In 1990 she graduated from UND.

After graduating from UND, she was hired as a third grade teachers at Tate Topa Community School on the Spirit Lake reservation.

Then in 1991, she returned to White Shield and was hired as the Alcohol/Drug

coordinator and later she taught 5th and 6th grade.

In 1992, she began work with the Arikara language and cultural program and has maintained that position until the present.

Yellow Bird taught at the White Shield School for 30 years. She is a speaker of the Sahnish (Arikara) language and teaches classes at the school. She said the Sahnish culture is closely tied to understanding the language, both are important to her.

Yellow Bird also puts together the Mother Corn Festival. 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. The people are at a time in their history when those lessons need to be remembered and taught to the children, she would say.

Yellow Bird, who is a fluent speaker, teaches the children how to sing and speak in Sahnish. She said these presentations to the school, staff and community help students become more confident, learn to present in front of an audience and learn about the culture and language. She has been tenacious about teaching the language to students and the community.



Keith Bear, flutest, plays a song in her honor.

The children learned appropriate songs for the Annual Corn Festival, and with Yellow Bird's help, sing it to the people there including the elders who were very impressed.



Indian Corn

White Shield School Board Election Results: Cody White Bear and Danile Henry elected at election held June 7, 2016

At White Shield Elders board elections, the following were elected: Gloria Brennan, President; Leonard Hosie, Vice President; Bobbette Bruce, Secretary; Jerry White, Treasurer; and Nancy Fox, at-large. Meetings are on the first Monday of each month

Remember June 13th is an important Segment Update. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm and will be held in the Ralph Wells Complex. A meal will be serve.

Elders casino trip is to Deadwood, SD. They leaving June 26th and returning June 29th. If you have questions, call Gloria Brennan or Bobbette Bruce 701 743-4429.

On Wednesday Monte Yellow Bird's Bust of Hans Walker Is Exhibited at Stanton



Words on plaque with Walkers picture at the Knife River site.

Hans Young Bird" Walker Sr.

Mandan, Hidatsa Arikara Nation.
The original Site of the three Hidatsa Villages
who lived here until 1837 when a
small pox epidemic forced them to flee
upriver. Hans' parents, Joseph and Susan
Young Bird were descendants of the
surviving Hidatsa along the Knife River.

They lived along the east banks of the
Missouri in the Lucky Mound Community
on the Fort Berthold Reservation. Later
Hans established a cattle and horse ranch
in the Independence area. This historic
property was purchased and donated
by his daughters. It is dedicated to the
memory of their father, the Low Cap Clan
and the descendants of the Hidatsa tribe
who once lived and prospered here.

DoSha – Welcome to all who visit here.

Construction at White Shield moves ahead with project problems resolved.



New Headstart building is set for children and looks beautiful.



Cranes begins lifting sides for new the buildings and putting them in place.



Huge slabs are in place and the outline of the building can be seen.

June 2016

◀ May 2016		June 2016					July 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6 Elder Board Meeting, Elder Center	7	8	9 TAT Council Meeting 10:00 am	10	11	
12	13 Segment Update, Complex 6:30	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 Justice Commission Meeting, New Town	18	
19 Father's Day	20 Summer Solstice	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:		

Elders Birthdays in June

Cleo Charging 6-14, *Wesley Duane Fox 6-21,* *Janice Garcia 6-24,* *Rosalie Schreiner 6-27,*
Gail Valenzuela 6-18





Danile Henry puts flowers on grandfather Dean's grave in Old Scouts Cemetery.



Veterans wait in rain to honor veterans at the Old Scouts Cemetery.