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News Stories

Christmas in White Shield



Santa Shannon Hale and baby Sweet Blossom Everett

White Shield – Santa was busy in the White Shield community with parties almost weekly. On December 11, the Community Board and the administrative staff put together one of the largest Christmas celebration with about 350 people attending.

The party was put together by the Community Board and the administrative staff. Prime rib meal; Karaoke contest brought out many singers of all ages; White Shield school and Delilah Yellow Bird's classes sang Arikara Christmas Carols; a DJ provided rock Christmas Carols; Santa sat with children for a photo opportunity; gifts for presented to the community; and there were several speakers as well as a welcome by Councilman Fred Fox.

He said it was one of the largest community turnouts in a long time. Everyone seemed to have a good time said Vice Chairman Fox.

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NOTICE: NEWSLETTER TO BE PRINTED AND MAILED OUT IN JANUARY



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

Since I took office at the White Shield segment in November, it has been busy. We made some changes but people will see a lot more positive changes for 2013. I attended three Tribal Business Council meetings. The budget was the most important item. Here are some changes for White Shield:

- The segment was awarded \$250,000 to renovate the community buildings. I will be meeting with the White Shield Community Board to go over renovations plans for the Ralph Wells Complex and the Nishu Store. We have already started the renovation of the complex by replacing all the doors and doing minor touch-up work in the complex.
- The Arikara Cultural Center doubled its funding for 2013 to \$400,000 so we can start implementing the language and cultural programs for the community and furnish the center for a grand opening in the spring.
- The White Shield School was awarded \$100,000 for miscellaneous expenses needed.
- An important investment by the Business Council was setting aside \$75 million to the People's Fund making the total \$100 million. The People's Fund will go into an investment fund for a future distribution to Tribal members.
- One million dollars allocated to a Task Force to address drugs abuse.

It will be a busy 2013 to get the White Shield Segment projects started.

The Segment is in line for the Block Grant. This major project will be a new community/segment building. The first phase is offices, meeting rooms, etc. The second phase is a gymnasium/kitchen. The last phase will be the fitness/recreation center. Each phase should take about a year to complete.

We will also be getting a new marquee sign for the community building to replace the old one. We noticed the freezing weather is tough on the sign lettering.

The most important addition is the new local law enforcement officer for White Shield. I will be fighting to get another officer for our community protection. I will also be working with the White Shield School to develop a daytime truancy/security guard. The community will help with funding.

The White Shield segment will also be developing a \$3 million housing project. Applications will be ready this New Year.

The last item is a new elder bus. We are working hard to have it for the New Year. I know I might have missed a few more projects but I will be presenting them at the upcoming segment/community report at the complex. Thank you and God Bless and Happy New Year.

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White Shield students wows community at Christmas party with Sahnish Christmas carols



Delilah Yellow Bird, language teacher, and White Shield students, sing Sahnish (Arikara) carols at the White Shield Christmas party.

White Shield School - Yellow Bird has taught at the White Shield school for 30 years. She is a speaker of the Sahnish (Arikara) language and teaches classes at the school.

The Sahnish culture is closely tied to understanding the language.

These presentations help students become more confident, learn to present in front of an audience and learn about the culture and language, she said. White Shield school and Yellow Bird are making an effort to help the community

revive the language. The success of the culture and language restoration is, in part, due to Yellow Bird's tenacious efforts to teach the language to students and the community.

She is one of the resources the community looks to when they have questions about the language. She is also a resource to Dr. Douglas Parks, Anthropologist, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. who is studying and recording the language and culture of the Sahnish (Arikara).

(White Shield Christmas party continued)



Councilman Fox and Santa's helper, Martina Turner, load gifts for the community at the party. Turner, Jonelle Abe and staff, as well as the Community board spent days purchasing, wrapping, decoration and preparing for the Christmas party.



Jason Meyers, Koroake contestent



Perkins, Koroake contestent

Post 253 Joseph Young Hawk/Elmer Bear enjoys Christmas party



Top row: Dave Fox , John Malnourie, Austin Gillette, Jason Morsette, Commander of Post; Toosie Eagle, Duane Bowen, Rodney Howling Wolf, John Red Hawk. Front row: Bernadette White Bear-Hall, Post Adjutant, Jonelle Abe, Belinda Running Wolf.

Ralph Wells Memorial Complex - On December 12, veterans and the womens' auxillary enjoyed a Christmas party at the Complex. It was pot luck, with gifts for the veterans and womens' auxillary.

Johny Malnouri, Magen White Bear and Melissa Accousta sang Christmas carols while Britney White, Shantell Androide, Laura Lynn (music teacher) played instrutmental support.

A drawing was held for several prizes.

Bernadette White Bear-Hall, Post Adjutant and Jonelle Abe are a few woman veterans who attended party.

Madonna Azure is president of the womens' auxillary and the auxillary planned and supported the party.

The auxillary has 45 members, while the Post 253 has 77 members.



Izzeta Hopkins, secretary and Madonna Azure, president of womens' auxiliary, discuss Christmas party.



Bernadette White Bear-Hall picks names for prize drawing. Post commander, Jason Morsette calls out names of winners.

Elders hold noon meal Christmas celebration

Nishu Elder Center – At noon, on December 17, the elders gathered for a meal and commemoration of Christmas. There were few gifts, the food was brought mostly by the elders with Lajunna LaCroix, cook, and her daughter, Evette Dickens providing ham, sweet potatoes and pie.

There were good wishes for the holidays and a lot of laughter. Then the elders stood-up one after the another and talked about Christmases past in communities like

Elbwoods, Nishu and the churches. The churches in the community were very much a part of their lives. The churches gave them Christmas stockings with ribbon and hard candy, peanuts and an orange or apple in the toe of their stocking. Each person received things like a pair of gloves or socks – things that were needed for cold winters and things people could use.

It is was different time. No oil wells or lines and lines of semi-trucks.

Yvonne Fox talks about Christmas in the “old days.”



Yvonne “Bonnie” Fox tells her story

“I remember those old time Santa’s we had back than, said Yvonne Fox. They came through the door in “kind

of” beat-up clothes and maybe old boots. They would come in dancing. Many of the celebrations were held at the “soup hall.”

“Santa had a sack of funny stuff. If someone lost a cap or gloves, it would be saved and Santa would ask that person where his cap was? Then he’s pull it out of his bag and give it back to him. If a person ran in the ditch or wrecked his car, Santa would bring him a toy car and remind him of the accident.” It was funny and everyone had a good time.

Fox used to cook and still brings food to “doings” when she can but she said back than it was really hard because you couldn’t always control the temperature of those old wood

stove. "We put wax paper at the bottom of the pan. When we baked a cake that we made them from scratch. Sometimes they would burn

or not be done on the bottom, but they were good anyway," she said.

More elders photos from Christmas Party



Greta White Calfe looks over pot luck goodies



Bingo! Imogene Blacksmith is a winner.



Kaye Bell, Elders secretary



Photographer Sylvia Spotted Horse



Rev. Duane Fox

Policies and application for monetary Assistance

White Shield - There are more and more requests for monetary assistance. The following are policies for receiving assistance and the application form. Call Jonelle Abe, New Town Office, (701-627-3258) or Fred Fox White Shield Office, (743-4013) for application or questions about monetary assistance.

GENERAL WELFARE POLICY

Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation – Approved 11/16/2012

Donations and Grants Mission Statement

The intent of the Donations and Grants Assistance is to assist Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation Members with emergency expenses in one of the following five (5) categories: Medical Assistance, Funeral Assistance, Educational Assistance, Financial Sponsorship, and Financial Hardship.

Maximum Assistance Guidelines

Maximum amount allowed per individual is \$500.00 per fiscal year

Eligibility

Applications will be processed by the Segment Offices. A Grants and Donations application is of last resort; all other options must be applied for and then denied.

Applicant must be:

- Enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes;
- 18 years or older;
- **NOT** an employee Three Affiliated Tribes. An employee may participate in the MHA Nation Employee Fund for emergencies.

Medical Assistance – All medical assistance must be supported by an appointment slip and/ or a letter/documentation that states that you or an **immediate family member (As defined in Section F. of the Personnel Policies: wife, husband, companion, son, daughter, grandchild, mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle)** was admitted to a hospital. Assistance may be granted as well if an immediate family member is in transit to or in the emergency room.

- An applicant is allowed \$100 or a maximum of \$200 to visit any medical facility within a 150 mile radius of Fort Berthold;
- An applicant is allowed \$300 or a maximum of \$400 if medical facility is located greater than a 150 mile radius but within the state of North Dakota in which the applicant must travel to and may require an extended stay.
- An applicant is allowed a maximum of \$500 if medical facility is located outside the state of North Dakota in which the applicant must travel to and may require an extended stay.
- A request can NOT be an appointment that has been rescheduled (emergency circumstances should have proof from the doctor) possible clause— “emergency reschedule” may be eligible for another check.

Funeral Assistance – Funeral assistance may be granted due a death in the family. Immediate family members not associated with the already approved amount from the burial fund will be eligible for assistance.

Maximum amount allowed for immediate family member is \$250.

Educational Assistance – If a student requesting above the already available amount from the Higher Education Department, each may be eligible for assistance by maintaining the standards of the Higher Education Department.

- Maximum amount allowed for student is \$250.
- A student must be in good standing with Higher Education Department standards
- A student must provide a copy of current transcripts or official grades that demonstrate a 2.0.

Financial Sponsorship – Sponsorship in any form must be supported by letter of request and by documentation of event administering, attending, participating in and/or supporting.

- Applicant must have a letter of recommendation signed by a Tribal Business Council Representative
- Any amount over \$500 in sponsorship requests shall require Full Tribal Business Council approval and be handled by the Treasurer’s office.

Financial Hardship – A Tribal Member may need emergency financial assistance to pay utilities, make repairs, travel, etc. Any and all financial hardship requests must be supported by a letter of recommendation from a Tribal Business Council Representative.

- All hardship requests shall either have a letter from the individual stating their current situation or have the bill which they wish to receive help with.

- All financial hardships shall not exceed amount due and/or quoted on supporting documentation or \$500.
- Eligible requests may include but are not limited to past due bills such as: heat/propane, electricity, car payment, automobile repair costs, reconnect fees or possible maintenance costs to move back into a home like security and other deposits such as: utilities and rent, etc.

Maximum per Medical Emergency and Extended Stay – Discretion will be used to determine needs beyond aforementioned policy for concerns of medical emergencies that involve “life or limb” and or terminal illness, not to exceed a total of \$1,500.00 in all categories for assistance per fiscal year.

Applicant Information - limit: one (1) application per fiscal quarter.		
Name:		
Date of birth:	SSN:	Phone:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
REASON FOR REQUEST		
FAMILY FIRST		
SOCIAL SERVICES 627-4781		DATE:
NAME AND TITLE		
COUNTY ASSISTANCE McLEAN		DATE:
NAME AND TITLE		
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 627-4171		DATE:
NAME AND TITLE		
4 BEARS FOOD PANTRY	421-7091	DATE;
NAME AND TITLE		
GENERAL ASSISTANCE		DATE:
NAME AND TITLE		
CHILD PROGRAM 627-2458		DATE:
NAME AND TITLE:		
FUEL ASSISTANCE 627-8160		DATE:
NAME AND TITLE		
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 627-4434		DATE:

NAME AND TITLE:		
MHA ELDERS 627-3506		
NAME AND TITLE:		
477 PROGAM 627-4752		
NAME AND TITLE:		
WHITE SHIELD COMMUNITY BOARD 627-3456	DATE:	
NAME AND TITLE		
EAST SEGMENT OFFICE USE: ACCEPTED () DENIED () DATE:		NAME
<p>TRIBAL BUSINESS GENERAL WELFARE POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO, APPROVED 11/16/2012 MANDAN, HIDATSA AND ARIKARA NATION. Donation and Grants Mission Statement. The intent of the Donations and Grants Assistance is to assist Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation Members with emergency expenses in one of the following five (5) categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical 2. Funeral 3. Educational 4. Financial Sponsorship and 5. Financial Hardship 		
LETTER OF REQUEST () DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED ()		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:		Date

Drug Task Force formed for Ft Berthold

New Town – The council, at the Tribal Business Council meeting on December 18, 2010, voted to put \$1 million into a Drug Task Force.

Some of the suggestions for the Task Force are: drug testing to identify people both on and off the reservation who are using drugs. A suggestion was to also include gun control. One councilman said when there are drugs involved, there are guns. They also suggested staff

work on codes and sentences for those offenders.

At the TAT Christmas Party on December 21, Chairman Tex Hall said those who were interested in the Task Force should meet the following day at the casino. At the meeting several committees were formed and people appointed to the committees.

The below is the committees that were formed. More may be added.

M.H.A. Drug Task Force

“Declare War on Drugs”

Committee Assignments

DATA: 1. Kelly McGrady, 2. B. J. Brady, 3. Ed Fixico, 4. Sadie Young Bird, 5. Mona Sorenson, 6. Jonell Abe

LAW ENFORCEMENT: 1. Cliff Whitman, 2. Blain Flynn, 3. Jay Standish, 4. Jay Brugh, 5. Lisa Red Ford, 6. Fred Poitra, 7. Sadie Young Bird, 8. Scott Davis

COURT AND PROSECUTION: 1. Kermit Heart, 2. Corrine Sage, 3. Jennifer Fyten, 4. Lisa Redford, 5. Diane Johnson

JUSTICE CENTER: 1. Titus White Body, 2. Mike Young Bird, 3. Bonnie Red Fox, 4. Rosie Davis, 5. Colby Rabbithead

TREATMENT: 1. Karmen Taft, 2. Patrick Geary, 3. Tommy Mandan, 4. Nelrene Yellow Bird, 5. Marilyn Young Bird, 6. Georgia Fox, 7. Delvin Driver, 8. Cheryl Yellow Bird

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: 1. Delores White, 2. Francine White, 3. Colby Rabbithead, 4. Willow Smith, 5. Frank Grady, 6. Dennis Nash, 9. Jimmy Johnson, 10. Karmen Taft, 11. Damon Brady, 12. James Baker

BUDGET/TRAINING: 1. Dennis Fox, 2. Marle Baker, 3. Jay Standish, 4. James Grinnell, 5. Rosie Johnson, 6. Nelrene Yellow Bird

Our Environment: birds, animals and plants

The snowy owls are present in the White Shield area

White Shield - The snowy owl is common in the White Shield area. That is particularly true this year. There have been many spotted on bales of hay, road sides, telephone poles or in trees. With the snow cover, they can be hard to see, but they can stand nearly two feet tall and weigh about four pounds. The plumage of the Snowy Owl is largely white, with variable amounts of brown barring and spots. Females are larger than males.

They are a beautiful bird.

In a good year, a pair of Snowy Owls may raise a dozen nestlings. Fluctuating prey availability and weather conditions influence the whereabouts of this nomadic species during the breeding season as well as winter.

Snowy Owls breed on the open tundra where hummocks, hillocks, or boulders serve as perching and nesting sites.

Snowy Owls will hunt small mammals and birds, including rodents, rabbits, squirrels, songbirds, waterfowl other birds. Snowy Owl is North America's heaviest owl.

Photo and some information about snowy owl comes from Cornell University



Obituary for Keith Fox Sr.



Keith Fox Sr. “Buffalo Chief”, was born March 30, 1938 and passed away December 10, 2012.

He was the son of John Fox Sr. and Agnes (Everett) Fox. He attended school in Garrison where he excelled in amateur boxing. He received many awards for his skill in Golden Gloves boxing. Fox also competed in bareback riding. He lived in Denver for many years before moving back to North Dakota in 1977.

While living in Denver, he attended pow-wows singing and watching his family dance. He started one of the largest national pow-wows in Denver called the Denver March.

In 1977 he moved to White Shield, North Dakota and was employed by the White Shield School. He worked there for 29 years retiring in 2008. He went back to work part-time in 2008 driving for the Little Warriors Headstart until 2010.

In 2001 he was diagnosed with cancer and battled the disease for 11 years.

Keith is survived by sons: Arlon (Christine) Fox, New Town; Keith (Julia) Fox Jr., Parshall; Alvin (Barbara) Fox of Parshall, Clair (Willow) Fox of Ft Hall, ID; daughters: Bobbie (Greg) Volkmar, Marysville, KS, Arlene Fox, Marysville, KS, Belma Fox, Frederick, MD, Tana Fox, White Shield, Uli (Justin) Fox, Bismarck; sisters: Gloria Brennan, Parshall, Ardith (Doug) Esquibel, White Shield, Yolanda (Shawn) Bearstail, New Town, Marmyn Marsette, White Shield, and Kaylyn Marsette, Garrison; brothers: Scott Marsette, White Shield; adopted children: Heather Ironroad, Anson White Tail, Clemen Perkins, Angelo Normand, Mindy Edwards, Cheryl Malmouri, Kevin Kingbird and Kevon Kingbird.

New Police Officer assumes duties at White Shield



Officer Duane Bowen

White Shield - Duane Bowen started his duties at White Shield two weeks before Christmas.

It feels good to be home, he said.

“It is calmer here,” he said, “there’s not the same level of hatred.”

Bowen moved to White Shield from Pine Ridge South Dakota, where he was a police officer.

Bowen also moved home because he wanted his children to know their relatives and family. He is Arikara and the son of Jean and John Red Hawk of Bismarck. He will be living in the Sesame Street Housing with this wife, Crystal who is from Ft. Hall, and their four children.

Before Pine Ridge, he was Sgt First Class in the Army. He retired before moving to Pine Ridge.

Bowen will be joined by another officer as soon as one can be hired.

Young Bird takes new position with Tribe

New health educator for reservation



Marilyn Young Bird, consultant

New Town - In a desire to help the entire reservation, Marilyn Young Bird was hired by the Tribal Business Council on December 18, as a consultant. She will work with schools on the reservation to

educate young people “from 0 to 18 years old” about alcohol and drugs.

“Our children are in serious trouble,” she said.

Young Bird said she has two supervisors, Ken Hall, who is a councilman and chairman of the health committee and Dennis Fox, CEO for the tribe.

“Right now,” she said, “I will be located in New Town which is the center of reservation and will be traveling to all six communities.”

Marilyn has over 35 years of experience in providing Health Care Education nationally and internationally. She had taught interfacing between traditional Native American medicine and western medicine in several schools of medicine throughout the US and abroad.

Short News Clips

“fiscal cliff” action not over

As everyone is aware, there are governmental changes on the horizon. The last word has not been spoken and probably won't be until the new Congress

meet in a few days. The tax cuts from the Bush administration will expire and your next check may be smaller as taxes increase.

News Letter to be mailed out to community

NAhtAsuutaaka' (White Shield) Newsletter will be printed in Garrison and mailed from there. Sahnish people who live off the reservation and in the community will receive the newsletter.

If there is someone you know who would like to get the paper and you don't think they are on the mailing list, please submit the name to Dorreen Yellow Bird, and the Culture Center, White Shield



Frost and fog make White Shield Area a winter wonderland

