

# North Segment News

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**Councilman Hall, Ryan Eagle, ED, BGC and Ernie Stevens, NIGA President**

## Supporting Youth & BGC

Mr. Stevens, President of the National Indian Gaming Association, with Councilman Ken Hall, North Segment, present the Three Affiliated Tribes Boys & Girls Club with a \$3,000.00 monetary donation.

During the Tribal Leaders & Tribal Colleges Reception, Senator Mathern met with me to secure a \$75,000.00 Grant for Youth Suicide Prevention from the State for the TAT Boys & Girls Club. Following this, Ryan Eagle met with Dr. Clayton Small and they will use these funds to host a Tribal Youth Conference called HOPE – Helping Our People Endure. HOPE is a Youth Suicide Prevention Curriculum endorsed by Samsa and Indian Health Services.



**Mr. Scott Davis, Executive Director of NDIAC with Councilman Hall**

## Tribal Leaders & State Agencies Meeting

At the invitation of Scott Davis, Executive Director of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, I attended the meeting of Tribal Leaders and State Agencies on January 10th accompanied by my staff: Marle Baker, Chief of Staff, Mary Fredericks, Tribal Councilman Advisor, and, Kelly McGrady, North Segment Office Manager. The State of the Tribal Nations Address was provided by the Chairman of the Turtle Mountain.

Mr. Davis is a valuable resource to all Indian country and to our Tribe. He has been in our community during the Call to Action, the Prayer Breakfast, and, in his capacity at the NDIAC, is participating on the Tribal Drug Task Force. Mr. Davis brought greetings from the Governor during the Prayer Breakfast and he said that all of our fellow North Dakotans are standing with us. The Governor stated he is committed to provide resources for Social Services and Law Enforcement.

We look forward to a strong working relationship with the Governor and the NDAIC.



**Councilman Hall is briefed by Phyllis Howard on Health Bill**

## Fort Berthold Public Health Unit Bill #2031

We have two Bill's on Health in this legislative session - and on Monday January 28th I gave testimony on behalf of the Tribal Council and as Chairman of the Tribal Health Committee; in a Hearing held before the Senate Appropriations Committee on SB #2031, the Fort Berthold Public Health Unit Bill. Senator Holmberg, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee stated that the Bill has been sent to them with a recommendation to move it forward. Senator Tim Mathern clarified to the Committee that there is a lengthy legislative history to this bill, as it was studied in the Interim by the Human Services Committee. Senator Holmberg, referred it to the Senate Appropriations Sub-Workgroup/Committee made up of three committee members: Senator Kilzer, Senator Mathern, and Senator Grinberg.

The second proposed Bill is regarding Home and Community Based Services. Councilman Phelan and I are preparing to provide testimony on this in support of expanding this type of service to our enrolled members and elderly.

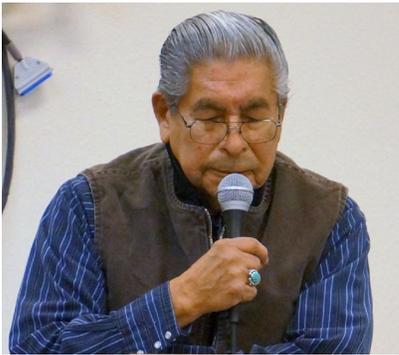
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Prayer Breakfast 2013 Dr. Bob Edwards, Upward Living



*Don't be self reliant—Ask God. Recognize He is the Creator. Ask for guidance and help. This – is a New Way of Doing Business.*

Dr. Bob Edwards, Upward Living, came to share a few thoughts to encourage the community as we recover from the recent tragedy's and the rapid growth that has hit us hard. Some of the things he said...

Life consists of **INTENSITY**, which is passion.

Wake up passionate about what God has called you to do.

Live with **INTENTIONALITY**.

Be intense about your prayer life for this community. Pray yourselves through these things. Hear from God. Ask the Elders what they are hearing. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you discernment about what you are hearing.

Live with abject **INTEGRITY**.

Say what you're going to do and do it. Say what you mean and mean what you say.

We need the truth of the Word of God – do not offer false pretense.

Live Passionately toward the goal of Jesus Christ.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you your place in the Recovery. We've all been given favor and grace in certain areas. Be who you say you are.

**IMAGINATION.**

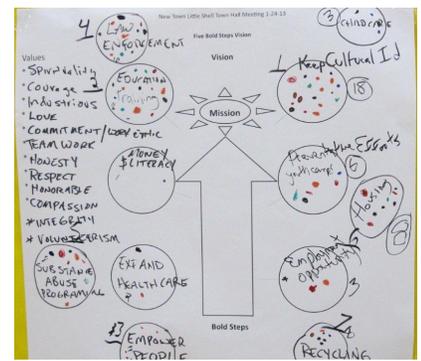
Do this.

Seek to do things in a New Way. Do it differently. Do it a New Way. Do it God's Way.

In closing, he shared a story about Aunt Maggie who was 87 years old and had cancer. Each day he would ask her, "how are you doing today?". To which she would answer, "little bit better". She lived with an attitude of intense integrity and she knew that all things were possible with God. So, know that if you choose to live, "differently", perhaps with integrity, intensity, imagination, asking God for help...that, "It's going to be a whole lot better".



Community Town Hall -January 23-24, 2013



**The Call to Action...continues with the Town Hall**

Councilman Hall Welcomed everyone to the Town Hall and invited them to “Step Up” and to bring their skills forward. “This is about taking back our community & collectively we can change things”. This forum is to give the people an opportunity to be at the table and have input, give direction, find solutions, share ideas. It’s to help the people say, “I have a voice”. Over the next 4 years we’ll address these things one at a time. We’re all in this together and this is a shared responsibility.

Marle Baker, Chief of Staff, collected & analyzed the surveys and then gave an overview of the findings. The survey will be made available on an ongoing basis at the N. Lights.

Tom Mandan, Veteran, Elder, said it best, “This is a chance for us to solve our own problems. Sometimes we don’t like to ask for help, this is not for me, its for the youth, this is their tomorrow.

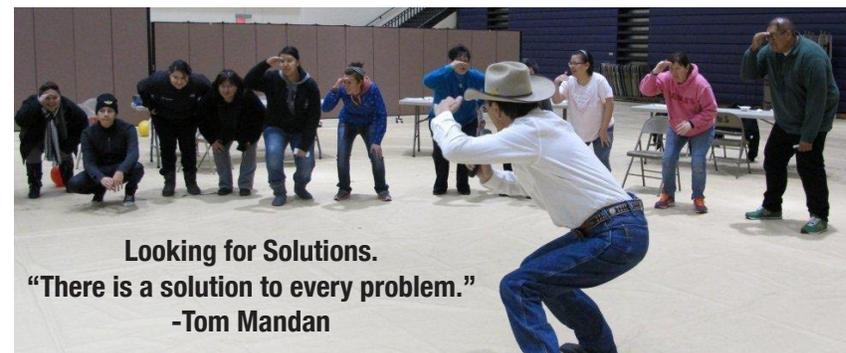
Dr. Clayton Small, Master Facilitator, Northern Cheyenne, used the SPOT Matrix to lead the group through a process where we **“TURN THREATS INTO PROBLEMS, USE OUR STRENGTHS TO TURN THE PROBLEMS, INTO, OPPORTUNITIES.”**

Priorities have been identified and Committees have been created to address action plans. Everyone is welcome to participate so please call the appropriate chairperson for meeting dates.

**The Committees & Chair's are:**

- LAW ENFORCEMENT** – Marle Baker at 701.421.1423
- EMPOWER PEOPLE** – Judy Yessilith at 701.627.8313
- HOUSING** – Waylon Pretends Eagle at 701.421-6047
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE** – Tom Mandan at 701.421.8864
- RECYCLING** – N. Scott Baker at 701.421.8044
- EDUCATION & TRAINING** – Sharon Blake at 701.421.1832
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**Looking for Solutions.  
“There is a solution to every problem.”  
-Tom Mandan**



## ◆ STAFF SPOTLIGHT



### “Bob” Marle Baker

Marle Baker served as Chief of Staff for North Segment Tribal Councilman Ken Hall from November 7, 2012 until February 1, 2013. He is returning to his duties as the Three Affiliated Tribes Fire Management Officer on February 4, 2013. While acting as the Chief of Staff for the Councilman Ken Hall, Marle worked to ensure a smooth Transition of Staff and Services from the previous administration for the North Segment Community. Mr. Baker was also recently elected as the President of the North Segment Economic Development Corporation. In this capacity he hopes to provide a means for the community to implement positive responsible development of the North Segment Community.

Marle has worked as the Fire Management Officer for the Three Affiliated Tribes since 2004. While working for the Fire Management program Marle has completed the qualifications for Incident Commander Type 3, Prescribe Burn Boss, and is also a qualified Strike Team/Task Force Leader. Prior to this he worked as the Rangeland Conservationist for the Ft. Berthold Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs from 2001 until 2004. He has also worked as the Environmental Division Director from 1998 through 2001 for the Three Affiliated Tribes. Marle’s formal education was acquired at the University of Idaho in 1998 with a Bachelors of Science in Forestry.

Marle’s parents are Emerson and Cerese Baker of New Town and he is also a member of the Waterbuster Clan. Favorite hobbies include exercising, hunting, hiking and enjoying the great outdoors. Marle will continue serving as a Special Advisor to Councilman Hall.

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## ◆ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 01** | Drug Task Force Committees Meeting  
10:00am Tribal Chambers

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- Feb 04** | Special Tribal Council Tax Agreement  
10:00am Tribal Chambers

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- Feb 04** | Health Committee Meeting  
1:00pm Tribal Chambers

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- Feb 07** | Meeting with YMCA  
11:00am Northern Lights

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- Feb 07** | NS Recycling Committee  
7:00pm NL Board Room

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- Feb 08** | NS Empower People Committee Meeting  
1:00pm FBCC Rm 41

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- Feb 12-14** | Healthy Families Conference with Dr. Small  
9am-4pm Daily Northern Lights

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- Feb 12** | North Segment Community Board Meeting  
6:00pm Northern Lights

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- Feb 14** | Tribal Business Council Meeting  
10:00am Tribal Chambers

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- Mar 19-20** | Economic Development & Energy Summit  
Northern Lights  
This is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

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