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Ground Breaking for new houses at Awaahu Village



Ron Foster, subcontractor; Linda Gonzalez, manager of housing project; and Larry Trujillo, superintendent for project stand beside construction site as the track hoe digs basement for first house.

Awaahu Village – The first basement will be completed in a few days. Houses will arrive in a few weeks but will sit until **(continued on page 3)**



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

Summer has almost come and gone. Our kids will be starting school August 15th and we will be preparing for winter soon. Our elders toured the Black Hills and Deadwood. Our summer youth workers traveled to Minneapolis as a reward for their hard work and dedication during their summer employment.

This coming month the roads will be paved in the White Shield community. The project is a \$2.1 million project. The project is funded by the BIA roads. Another project that was funded is a new lagoon for White Shield. IHS has funded \$1.1 million and the tribe will cover \$2 million. Our two current lagoons need to be reclaimed due to the age and proximity to current occupied dwellings. The White Shield community needs this infrastructure for any future community development. The tribe has approved \$3 million for housing this year. Anymore houses will exceed the capacity of our old lagoons. There will be also another \$3 million for houses next year.

I also want to send my condolences to all the families that have lost a loved one. It's been a very tough year for all of us. We all have lost someone very close to us. I pray we keep strong and keep moving forward. We all need to keep encouraging each other to make it through these tough times.

This week the Tribal Council will be having a few meetings concerning next year's budget and also a regular scheduled Council meeting.

We also have visitors from the Southern Ute Tribe that will be meeting with the council to discuss ways to assist one another on different ideas on our oil and gas.

Well I'm hoping to have a White Shield Segment update by the end of the summer at the complex and have community board give their update also. We will have a meal catered and also have door prizes.

So with that I would like to wish everyone a very peaceful fall and I will see you at the Segment update in October, thank you.

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they are moved to basements and foundations. If the weather holds so roads can be completed, the segment is hoping to get three houses ready for owners in a few weeks. The balance of the houses will be here in December, Linda Gonzalez said.

The number of houses in the Village is limited by the current lagoon which is almost at capacity. A new lagoon has been funded by the tribe and IHS and should be completed next years.

Selections of families for the new houses will probably be made next week. Selection will focus first on essential staff, i.e. law & order,

medical staff and teachers. Then the housing committee will look at the date of completed applications and then needs of applicants.

They currently have 15 applications but there are more in the New Town office. "We are still taking applications," Gonzalez said "and they will have more houses next year and the year after."

Everything takes time and they are trying to move carefully through this process since it is the first time for this \$3 million program. "We want the best houses, at the best price so that all new owners will be proud of their home," she added.



Superintendent Trujillo, Linda Gonzalez, Housing Project manager and Ron Foster, subcontractor

Black hills here we come



Boarding bus to Deadwood Gultch Resort are: elders Debbie and Gary Dickens, Denby Deegan, Hans Young Bird. Bus driver "Paul" in the background.

White Shield Elder Center – Elders began arriving early for the 8 hour trip to Deadwood, South Dakota. The trip was planned as a one-time excersion for elders. The trip was three days through the Black Hills and surrounding area. Thanks to Kaye Bell, elder host for the trip, there were

snacks, popcorn, trail mix, cookies, ham and cheese sandwiches, water and hot coffee. By the time the bus reached Bismarck, most of the snacks were consumed. One stop near the South Dakota border and it was on to the resort.



Crazy Horse Monument view from the Complex. The Monument sits above a cluster of buildings that include a restaurant, snack shop, viewing areas, large museum of Indian articles a crafts shop and other buildings.

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The resort staff was accomodating and helpful. After everyone got settled in, it was an evening of gambling or sight seeing in Deadwood. The next morning the elders had a tasty, free breakfast.

The first place on the tour was the Crazy Horse monument. The head of Crazy Horse, his arm and part of the horse are now showing. It sits majestically on the mountain where you can see more work is yet to be done.

The story of the monument is about Korczak Ziolkowski, a New England scuptor who came to the Black Hills to help with the

Mount Rushmore monument. Chief Henry Standing Bear read about Korczak's achievements and invited him to create a mountainous tribute to Native Americans. In 1939 Korczak returned to the Blacks Hills to create a monument of Crazy Horse. The first recorded blast was June 3,1948. That blast removed 10 ton of rock; today's blasts average about 700 tons.

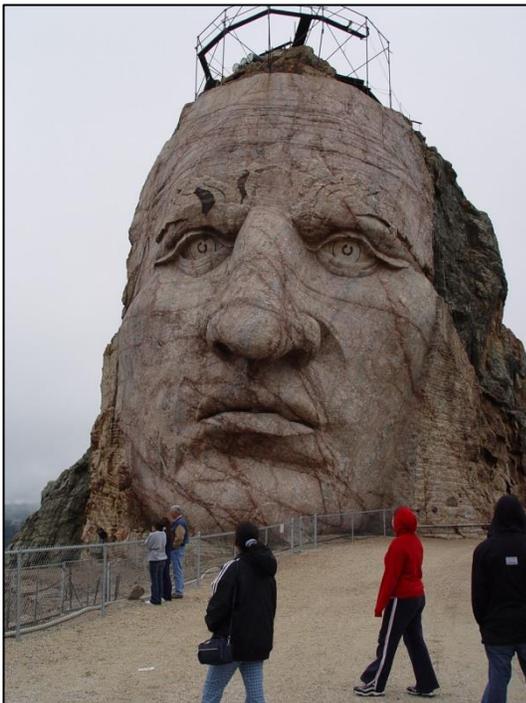
When it is completed, it will be 641 feet long and 563 feet high. All four 60-foot heads on Mt. Rushmore would fit inside Crazy Horse's head.

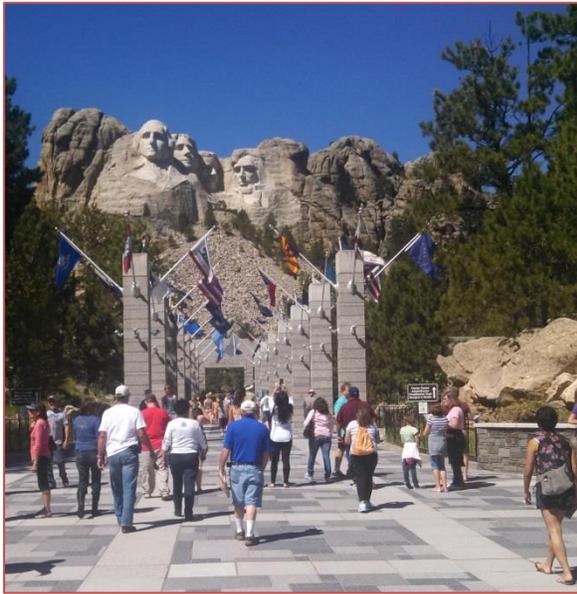
Korczak died at 74, on October 20, 1982 leaving his 10 children and wife, Ruth, to complete his work.

After the Crazy Horse monument, the bus headed for Mt. Rushmore.

It was hot that day and the Labor Day weekend so there were crowds of people photographing and walking the palisade in front the granite stone scuptors of four presidents (Theodore Rosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson).

Black Hills provide a backdrop for the monument, the world's greatest mountain carving. The faces are 60-foot high, 500





Walkway in front of president sculptors.

feet up and look out over a setting of pine, spruce, and aspen trees

Gutzon Borglum, the friend who inspired Korczak to do Crazy Horse, began drilling into the 5,725-foot mountain in 1927. It took 14 years and cost a mere \$1 million, but it is deemed priceless now.

From the two monuments, the elders went to Bear Butte. It is a site where Native people have gone to pray long before the white man came to this country. Human artifacts have been found on or near Bear Butte that date back 10,000 years, indicating a long and continuous interest in the mountain.



Bear Butte, South Dakota

Some elders climbed part way up the mountain, others left prayer ties.

The trip home ended with dinner at the Golden Corral in Bismarck and there was a good feeling that most everyone had a good

time.

The elders thanked Fred Fox for his support and encouragement. Fred, his son and friend, came to the Black Hills also.

Note: It has been reported, elder Thomas "Tooksie" Eagle told us he climbed to the backside of Mt Rushmore. Ask him what he saw there.

Telemedicine takes first steps on reservation



Bobbi Kowitz, Telemedicine Coordinator

White Shield Clinic – The Health Clinic will be using computers to communicate with patients in the future.

The clinic staff took the computers around the reservation to demonstrate this new innovation - telemedicine. When White Shield's day came, the small clinic was filled to overflowing with people interested in learning about telemedicine.



Dr. Zane Rising Sun, Chief Medical Office

White Shield and Twin Buttes," said Dr. Zane Rising Sun, Chief Medical Officer for the clinic. This means patients from White Shield won't have to drive to New Town for services which can be especially troublesome during a snow storm or icy

roads. They can call up the clinic in New Town and get physician services at their local clinic. Rising Sun said they are no longer limited.

"We did one of the services today," said Bobbi Kowitz, Telemedicine Coordinator. "This was the first official service by telemedicine." A patient from Twin Buttes was coughing. The nurse, using the computer, looked at her ears, throat; and listened to her heart and lungs. The doctor in the New Town clinic examined the patient's information via computer, asked a lot of questions, examined the information and diagnosed her. She was given prescriptions at Twin Buttes and went home.

The services will be available 8 am to 5 pm but may be extended to 24 hours in the future.

Currently services are: orthopedics, dermatology, cardiovascular problems and they can do EKGs. This means patients can have face-to-face diagnosis.

Telemedicine on the reservation is at the door of this innovation. In the future they may provide face-to-face services for homebound patients, more tests as equipment becomes available and access to specialists. The examination, taken at a clinic, could be forwarded to a specialist in Bismarck for example.

It will improve health care to patients on the reservation so no one will be left out of care.



David Gipp, UTTC, Dot Frank, Mandan Commissioner,
Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Larry Jahnke

Abbreviated notes from the Tribal Summit in Bismarck – September 3 through 7th

Bismarck - The Summit was 2 ½ days of panels and discussions with some of the top officials and experts in the areas of Energy, Taxation, Economic Development, Public Safety, Education, Health Care and housing. Below are some of the noteworthy and short discussions items. Here are some items of interest.

Public Safety a big concern

With an increased population in North Dakota, especially in the Baakan formation, criminal acts have increased significantly. Lawyers from UND, tribal attorneys and judges, special agents, OSJ, tribal councilmen and Tim Purdon, ND United States Attorney; discussed public safety in North Dakota and particularly safety on reservations.

Public Safety is a civil right and all people have the right to live in a community without the specter of crime, Purdon said. There is a 50% increase rate of homicides. Serious crimes are up 80 percent in North Dakota. They are trying to remove the most dangerous criminals, but on reservations it is a complicated system with a myriad of levels of agencies. There are fewer working in the area of safety yet a population jump.

Energy production and problems increasing

There are about 800 oil wells and natural gas being pumped from the ground in North Dakota and on reservations particularly Ft. Berthold.

A panel that consisted of Ken Hall, segment representative; Lynn Helms, director of North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil and Gas Division; Tracy Zephier, Partner, Fredericks, Peebles, Morgan, LLP; Dr. Stands Over Bull, Senior Geological Advisor, Anakarko Petroleum Corp; JoAnn Chase, Director of American Indian Environment Office and Afreda Mitre, Director, Tribal Assistance Program, EPA Region 8.

They discussed energy sovereignty, new technology in the oil fields and question of limiting fracking.

Wind development, marketing the product and finances were subjects of discussion.

Taxing tribes and oil money

Issue of IRS taxing Indian people, especially Oil money, was discussed. The following is an Opinion Editorial from Charles W. Murphy, Chairman, Great Plains Indian Gaming Association, who, along with other Plains tribes supports HR 3043 **to stop the IRS from taxing Indian people.**

If you would like to support this resolution, you can send a letter into Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, US Senator North Dakota, 502 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 or Hon. John Hoeven, US Senator, North Dakota 338 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Chairman Murphy wrote: For more than 10 years, the IRS field agents have been harassing Indian nations and tribes concerning the provision of tribal government programs and services. Now, Congressman Nunes (R-CA) along with several co-sponsors has introduced H.R. 3043, the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2013. As the Supreme Court explained in *McClanahan v Arizona Tax Commission*, it must always be remembered that Indian nations and tribes were independent sovereigns prior to the United States. Through the Commerce, Treaty and Supremacy Clauses, the Constitution acknowledges Indian nations and tribes as original sovereigns, with continuing authority over our member and territory. Taken together the original Apportionment Clause, the 14th Amendment Citizenship and Apportionment Clauses, tribal citizens are recognized as “Indian not taxes,” subject to tribal jurisdiction, not Federal jurisdiction.

Through more than 375 Indian treaties, the United States pledged to protect Indian reservations and lands as permanent homes for our Indian people, and our Indian nations and tribes reserved our original rights to tribal self-government.

In the 1924 Indian Citizenship Act, when Congress declared all non-citizen Indians to be U.S. Citizens, Congress preserved dual tribal citizenship at the request of our Chiefs and expressly provided that nothing in the grant of U.S. citizenship would impair or in any manner affect the right of an Indian to tribal property.

Throughout the 20th Century, from FDR's Indian Reorganization Act, Nixon's Indian Self-Determination Policy, Reagan's American Indian Policy Statement, Clinton's Executive Order on Consultation and Collaboration with Indian Tribal Governments to Obama's White House Council on Native American Affairs, the Presidents and the Congress have promoted Indian Self-Determination: the right of Indian nations and tribes to make our own laws and be ruled by them.

By seeking to tax tribal government programs and services (and not Federal, state or local programs and services), the IRS is infringing on Indian Self-Determination, Indian sovereignty, and tribal self-government.

If you want to support Senators and tribal governments around the nation, you can write to your senators and Congressmen and ask them to co-sponsor and support H.R. 3043, introduce a companion bill in the Senate, and secure enactment of the legislation prior to the end of the 113th Congress.

If you have questions, please contact Mark Van Norman at mcvnconsulting@gmail.com or call 202-641-7596. If you would like a sample letter contact, Mark Van Norman.

Health can on reservations

Panel experts: Dr. Kathy Eagle, Elbowoods Memorial Health Center, MHA nation; Phyllis Howard, Coordinator, ND Health Disparities, Dr. Donald Warne, MPH, Director, NDSU, Fargo;

There were discussions about the President Obama Affordable Health Care Act and the expanded Health care that will be provided by Medicaid.

Tribal Council Meeting September 12, 2013 – New Town

Tribes new enrollment figures

New Town - Savant Taft, enrollment office, presented new enrollments. The total population of the Three Affiliated Tribes is now 13,285.

New Bridge proposal

A proposal for a bridge near highway 21 and 22 to Charging Eagle Bay was presented to council and approved.

“It is something that has been talked about since 1971 when Sen. Quentin Burdick proposed such a bridge, but it was never funded.” Oil companies are eager to see such a bridge because it will mean better transportation for them, Hall said. Ron Hall will be the project engineer.

Native American Rights Fund (N.R.A.F)

Ron His Horse is Thunder asked the Three Affiliated Tribes for support for NARF. They are a non-profit organization that depends on tribes for support. Money for outside support has dwindled. His Horse is Thunder said his tribe, Standing Rock, as well as other South Dakota tribes were supporting NARF. Standing Rock pledged \$50,000. TAT matched that fund.

Casino yacht and gambling boat discussed

A proposal to trade in the current yacht for a gambling boat was discussed. A gambling boat would bring in about million dollars a year. The proposal was voted down.

Our Environment: Wild fruit – plums and chokecherries

As fall pushes forward, so is the time to harvest wild fruits like plums. There is still time for chokecherries, but they are beginning to dry now.

Wild plums, according to botanists, have one of the highest food values- 20% carbohydrate content-of any other fruit.

Throughout the US there are about 30 varieties of native wild plums. Native types range 1/2 to 1/4 inches in diameter. When ripe, they will drop with the slightest movement.

Be careful when picking plums, the scrubby trees are covered with dull pointed thorns. They make excellent jelly, fruit leather and jam.

Chokecherry photo taken near Garrison



Wild plum photo taken in eastern ND

Chokecherries were late this year and some trees didn't bear fruit at all. According to wild fruit experts, the food value of chokecherries was not lost on the Native Americans. For many tribes, particularly in the northern Plains, chokecherry was a staple food item. It was pounded with the seeds included, then dried in the sun. For many of these tribes, chokecherry was the most important fruit in the diet. European settlers adopted the use of chokecherries for jam, jelly, wine, and syrup. However, the chokecherry is mostly ignored today, and many people think that they are poisonous. Only very rarely are they eaten dried, as was long their primary use.

Alyce Spotted Bear, tribal leader and Obama appointee, remembered as inspiration

BISMARCK, N.D. — Alyce Spotted Bear, born Dec. 17, 1945, died Tuesday of liver cancer. She was a nationally known educator and former chairwoman of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Her Mandan name was Numaksi Mihe, a Nueta name meaning “Lead Woman.”

At the time of her death, Spotted Bear was the vice president of the Native Studies Department at Fort Berthold Community College, a department she helped create.

"We at Fort Berthold Community College are grateful for the opportunities that were bestowed upon us through her committed efforts and feel fortunate she came to be with us," college President Russell Mason Jr. said in a statement.

She became chairwoman of the Three Affiliated Tribes — one of only two tribal women to be elected to that position — in 1982 and served until 1987.

"She was a very intelligent leader, and compassionate," said Jodi Rave, her niece and a fellow instructor in the Native Studies Department at Fort Berthold. "She was always kind and generous."

During her tenure as chairwoman, Spotted Bear spearheaded the effort for Missouri River tribes to be compensated after many were displaced by flooding during the building of the Garrison Dam.

Spotted Bear earned her bachelor's degree from Dickinson State University and a master of education Pennsylvania State College. She completed coursework for a doctorate in education at Cornell University in New York.

In 2010, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, a group that advises the secretary of education on programs that affect Native Americans.

"Alyce Spotted Bear was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a great leader — not just in her community, but throughout North Dakota and the country," Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., said in a statement.

Spotted Bear worked in all levels of education — as a high school teacher, principal, school superintendent and federal programs administrator. She served as a visiting faculty member in Native American Studies at Dartmouth College.

She is survived by her son, Travis Hallam, four grandchildren and numerous siblings, foster and adopted siblings and nieces and nephews.

Tribal flags will be flown at half-staff until after her funeral, a statement from the Three Affiliated Tribes said.

UTTC Pow wow Saturday Parade and dancers

Bismarck – Photos taken by Dennis Neuman and his staff. Neuman is the Public Information Director at UTTC. We thank him for lending us these White Shield

Photos. Not all winners are photographed, but the White Shield was the shining star in the winners circle with three first place wins.



Andrea Wilkinson, daughter of Cederick and Faith Wilkinson Sr.



Marc Fox, Tax Director and pow wow dancer



Cederick Wilkinson, Jr, drives young spirit riders float.

Army Medical troop helps out at Elbowoods Memorial Health Center



Brigadier General Mary C. Link

White Shield Clinic – ARMEDCOM (Army Reserve Medical Command) came to New Town and clinics around the reservation to lend a hand this summer. They on reservation from August 5 to the 15th. At the end of their tour, Brigadier General Mary Link and the team inspected and visited the reservation and people.

While at White Shield, the Brigadier General, visited the Cultural Center. She and her entourage were given a tour of the Center and Earth Lodge while Center Director, Dancing Eagle Perkins, talked

about the culture of the Sahnish people. The team also visited the Old Scouts Cememtery and were given the history of the Old Scout by Rose Davis, Nursing staff.



Rose Davis talks about the Old Scout's history. The soliders walked through the cemetery looking at names on graves.

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GRAND OPENING OF CULTURE CENTER

Dancing Eagle Perkins, Director of Culture Center, announced the Grand Opening of the Culture Center and an open house Tuesday, October 8, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Speakers will be Fred Fox, vice-chairman and segment representative; Old Scouts, Sahnish cultural society, Dead Grass, Women Auxiliary, and Post 253 representatives and more.

According to Dancing Eagle, there will be presentations and explanations about the culture and centure.

There will also be a corn roasting, if weather allows. The earth lodge and TP will be open for viewing.

Every class at the White Shield school will tour the center during the day. At noon there will be a meal for everyone.

Delilah Yellow Bird, Teacher at White Shield, said there will be a corn festival following the Culture Center opening with speakers, a dinner, demonstrations by students with corn as the main course.

