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White Shield Warriors Play Fast and Hard in District Basketball Tournaments



Quinton Felix, Jesse White, Clevlyn Standing Alone, Jonas Dickens play hard in Williston District 15 Tournament

(Story and pictures continued on Page 3. Photos by Karen Lonefight and Fred Fox)



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

This past month has been a difficult one. We have lost so many loved ones in our community. We do need a time of healing and I would like to have a prayer day in the community. I know that this won't bring our loved ones back but there will be prayers for the family's healing. Condolences to all the families who have had a hard time with their losses, but as a small community we all come together and help one another. It is with great sadness that my brother, Clair Fox, lost his son, my nephew, Taran Fox. It's a tragic loss and special prayers go out to my brother Clair and Taren's mother, Tabitha Silk. The community also lost a long-time teacher/counselor, Janice Kerzman. She touched so many lives and was an incredible person.

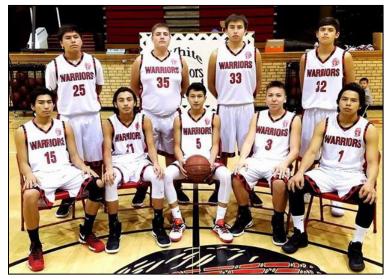
We had a busy month with meetings and travel. I know that I have a segment update coming up soon. On February 13, a few council members traveled to Washington DC for Mid-Year NCAI and the Tribal Leaders Taxation Reform meeting. We completed a successful and busy week of Capital Hill visits. We had meetings with Sen. Michael D. Crapo-R-ID, Sponsor for the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act; Sen. Catherine Cortez-Masto – D-Nev, Indian Affairs Committee; Sen. Bob Corker – R-Tenn, Foreign Policy and Budget Committee; Rep. Paul Gosar – R-Az, Natural Resource Committee; Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, Indian Affairs, D-ND; and Rep. Kevin Cramer. We discussed topics of Oil & Gas regulation, BIA Rows, Health Care and Taxes. We also had the opportunity to meet at the White House with Billy Kirkland -Intergovernmental Affairs Officer to the President to discuss creating a Native American Energy Coalition for Tribes. Prospective White House Candidate Carlyle Begay gave us the opportunity to tell our energy story and obstacles to key congressional delegates. The most interesting opportunity was the privilege to view the real 1825 Arikara Treaty signed by the Arikara Chiefs. The real 1851 Fort Laramie Treaty was signed by the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Chiefs. Just witnessing their mark by their name gave me chills knowing our great, great grandfather's suffered and sacrificed for all of us so that we could be here today. I'm very thankful for the battles they endured for the Sahnish people. On February 21st, I hosted a Cross-Jurisdictional meeting with MHA Law Enforcement, MHA Drug

Enforcement Agency, 4 Bears Casino Head Security, New Town City Police, all County Sheriffs within Fort Berthold, FBI, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Regional BIA Law Enforcement, ND State Highway Patrol, and the ND Governor's office. The topics were updates from each department, cross jurisdictional agreements with County Sheriffs and New Town City Police, and the plan for drug activity on Ft. Berthold. Currently, the McLean County Sheriff's office and the MHA Nation have three agreements in place which are Hot Pursuit, Use of Force, and Mental Health transport. They have been working very well in the White Shield Community and the jurisdiction and roles are defined. So we want to develop similar agreements with other agencies.

At the end of February, the White Shield East Segment staff managers had a retreat along with the White Shield community board, Arikara Development Corporation, Ree Lodge, and some of the White Shield School board. In the retreat, we went over current projects, future projects and developments within the areas of service for the community. We discussed goals and objectives and had various team building exercises that worked very well. We will be moving forward with an audit of all community boards and segment so we can be transparent to the community and all tribal members.

In closing I would like to congratulate the White Shield Warriors boys and girls basketball teams for the excellent season they had this year. We may have had some tough losses and more losses than wins, but we will definitely be stronger next year and the year after. I see both teams becoming a power-house in the district and region starting next year. Our teams are led by 8th graders, freshmen and sophomores. So we have a bright future ahead of us. Take care and God bless.

(District 15 Basketball continued from Front Page)



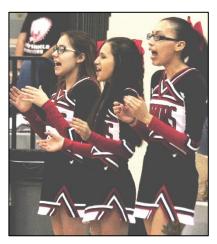
Front row, L to R, Kingston Marsette, Jonas Dickens, Jesse White, Chontay LaCroix, Frederick Fox; Back Row, Cedric Marsette, Quinton Felix, Clevlyn Standing Alone, Parker Bearstail



Jesse White and Frederick Fox receive "All District" awards given by District Coaches.



From the White Shield Warriors, Frederick Fox and Jesse White received awards, along with 13 other players from various other teams members in the tournament.



Cheerleaders at game: Mya Dickens, Rhieannen Everett and Madisyn Archambault are pictured at game. They are not identified in order.

The Warriors played in the District 15 Boys Basketball Tournament at Williston State College, in Williston. The tournament was February 24, 25 with finals on Monday, February 27. Although they

didn't win, the White Shield Warriors showed well in all their games with Frederick Fox and Jesse White winning "Outstanding Player During the Season" given to the players by the District Coaches on Monday night.

Teams playing in the tournament were White Shield Warriors, Watford City Wolves, Alexander Comets, Trenton Tigers, Parshall Braves, New Town Eagles, Mandaree Warriors, Lewis & Clark North Shore Wildcats and Williston Trinity Christian Crusaders. Cheerleaders for White Shield are: Quincy Plenty Chief, Zeta Yellowbird, Madisyn Archambault, Mya Dickens, Rhieannen Everett. Athletic Director and Coach is Sheldon Rush. He was assisted at the tournament by Julius Poitra and Matt Red Bear.



Quinton Felix, Jesse White (in air), Clevlyn Standing Alone, Jonas Dickens playing hard against Lewis & Clark North Shore in District 15 Tournament.













Frederick Fox

White Shield Warriors Inspired and Impressed at District Tournament



Unfortunately, my children and grandchildren are either too young or too old to participate in after-school sports activities. So I rarely go to basketball games or

other sports events. Therefore, sitting through 7 games in two days (February 24 & 25) was a bit of a learning curve for me.

I remember when I was a young girl, you could only bounce the basketball three times and we couldn't cross the center line if you were a guard. They didn't think women had the stamina to dribble for a distance. And yes, it was that long ago.

The District 15 Basketball Tournament turned out to be an eye opening experience for me for those reasons. It was not so much the game, but what happened on the courts. The Warriors who played were amazing. In spite of the fact that they were outmanned so to speak, I was proud of how they played the game.

I sat down in those very comfortable seat way above the gym floor and pulled out the roster and read through it. Trenton was getting pretty badly beaten by Parshall as I thumbed through the pages. Parshall is one of the top teams.

Then it was the Warriors turn. They lacked the depth and experience of other teams. Some of the players were 8th and 9th graders. In fact, one of the 8th graders received an outstanding "All District" award at the end of the tournament (Jesse White). Frederick Fox also won an award. This is not to say

that other teams didn't have 8th and 9th graders, but they had more depth. White Shield lost their coach sometime before the tournament. In all the games, they gave more than their best, taking the lead at times.

Warriors never faltered and kept the score close. Other teams had players who could go and come from the game - resting then returning to the game.

White Shield moved the basketball better than the Globe Trotters I venture to say. They are really fast and moved up and down the court that kept other players sweating. They made some amazing long 3 pointers which kept them in the game.

I wondered after a while how they kept going. They had only three players who could sub in for them. It was tough.

What an inspiration! They never quit or gave up. They just kept going and going and going.

These boys are special. Whoever inspired, trained and supported them, did well. I was proud of them

I would guess that as the 8th and 9th graders move up the ranks and others follow who are as good, we will see a State Championship in the future for White Shield. But if they never win another game, they have my admiration for the fastest, most tenacious, and best team players in the District 15 Tournament.

They are champions.

Councilmen Meet with Congressional Staff In Washington D.C.



Fred Fox viewing the actual signed Fort Laramie Treaty in Washington D.C.

The Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851 was signed on September 17, 1851 between United States treaty commissioners and representatives of the Chevenne, Sioux, Arapaho, Crow, Assiniboine, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara nations. The treaty is an agreement between nine more or less independent parties. The treaty set forth traditional territorial claims of the tribes as among themselves. The boundaries agreed to in the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851 would be used to settle a number of claims cases in the 20th century. The Native Americans guaranteed safe passage for settlers on the Oregon Trail and allowed roads and forts to be built in their Territories in return for promises of an annuity of fifty thousand dollars for fifty years. The

treaty should also "make an effective and lasting peace" among the eight tribes, each of them often at odds with a number of the others.

The treaty was broken almost immediately after its inception by the Lakota and Cheyenne attacking the Crow over the next two years. In 1858 the failure of the United States to prevent the mass emigration of miners and settlers into Colorado during the Pike's Peak Gold Rush, didn't help matters either. They took over Indian lands in order to mine them, "against the protests of the Indians," and founded towns, started farms, and improved roads. Before 1861 the Cheyenne and Arapahoe "had been driven from the mountain regions down upon the waters of the Arkansas." Such emigrants competed with the tribal nations for game and water, straining limited resources and resulting in conflicts with the emigrants. The U.S. government did not enforce the treaty to keep out the emigrants. In 1864 came the Sand Creek massacre on a camp of mostly Cheyennes by Colonel John M. Chivingtons army of one hundred days volunteers. The consequence was years of war between the Cheyennes and the United States.

Despite the peace treaty of 1851, Hunkpapa Lakota chief Running Antelope killed four Arikaras in 1853.

Though intertribal fighting had existed before the arrival of white settlers, some of the post-treaty intertribal fighting can be attributed to mass killings of bison by white settlers and government agents. The U.S. army did not enforce treaty regulations and allowed hunters onto Native land to slaughter buffalo, providing protection and sometimes ammunition. One hundred thousand buffalo were killed each year, until they were on the verge of extinction, which threatened the tribes' subsistence. These mass killings affected all tribes thus the tribes were forced onto each other's hunting grounds, where fighting broke out.

The Lakota continued harassment of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara. By summer 1862, all three tribes had been forced out of their shared treaty territory. "We, the Arikara, have been driven from our country on the other side of the Missouri River by the Sioux", stated Chief White Shield in 1864. Excerpts from Internet. (If interested in this important Treaty, there is a lot of information on line. Google Ft Laramie Treaty.)



(Picture on right) Ben Night Horse Campbell, former Sen. from R-CO and former President of the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; Sen. Catherine Cortez-Masto – D-NV and member of the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; Randy Phalen, Council Rep. for Mandaree and Fred Fox Council Rep. for White Shield.

US Senate Com. on Indian Affairs

In 1977, the Senate re-established the Committee on Indian Affairs, making it a temporary Select Committee. The Select Committee was to disband at the close of the 95th Congress, but following several term extensions, the Senate

voted to make the Committee permanent on June 6, 1984.

The Committee has jurisdiction to study the unique problems of American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native peoples and to propose legislation to alleviate these difficulties. These issues include, but are not limited to, Indian education, economic development, land management, trust responsibilities, health care, and claims against the United States. Additionally, all legislation proposed by Members of the Senate that specifically pertains to American Indians, Native Hawaiians, or Alaska Natives is under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Sen. John Hoeven, R-ND, is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indians.



Former Sen. Ben Night Horse Campbell; Sen. Michael D. Crapo, R-ID; Randy Phelan & Fred Fox



Billy Kirkland – Intergovernmental Affairs to President, discussing Tribal Energy Coalition with MHA Nation and Southern Ute Tribe.



Sen. Bob Corker – R-TN. Fred Fox and Caleb Dog Eagle met Sen. Corker who was coming out of a Commit tee meeting regarding US Attorney General Jeff Sessions and his relationship with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.

Spring
is when
you feel like
whistling
even with a
shoe full of
Slush.
Doug Larson



Fred Fox, Heidi Heitkamp, D-ND, Randy Phelan and Caleb Dog Eagle, TAT tribal attorney with North Dakota Senatorial Representative.

(On right) Kevin John Cramer has been the United States Representative for North Dakota's At-large congressional district since 2013. Cramer was previously the Chairman of the North Dakota Republican Party (1991–1993), State Tourism Director (1993–1997), Economic Development Director (1997–2000) and on the North Dakota Public Service Commission (2003–2012).



Randy Phelan, Congressman Paul Gosar, R-AZ, Fred Fox, Caleb Dog Eagle. Congressman Gosar Chairman of the Natural Resources Energy and Minerals Subcommittee and Vice-Chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Interior Subcommittee.



Fred Fox, Rep. Kevin Cramer R-ND, Randy Phelan.



March is National Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

Colon Cancer is one of the most treatable forms of cancer when it's found early. Screening is the #1 way to prevent colon cancer. Attend the Cancer Screening events. Elbowoods Memorial will be screening in Parshall on March 9, White Shield on March 10, Twin Buttes on March 23 and Bismarck Ramkota Inn on March 31. You are allowed to segment hop to get screened. Admin leave has been granted for this screening. It is a quick screening and will detect if you need to get a colonoscopy.

Colorectal Screening

March is Colorectal Cancer Month

PREVENTION SAVES LIVES

Free flu shots for all ages and free Colorectal screening kits for adults 50-75 years old.

This is a screening to see if you need a colonoscopy

TAT Administrative Leave granted Receive a \$30 Visa card upon completion

Colorectal screenings will be held in the following communities on these dates/times:

Parshall Hall/Elders Room- March 9 @ 11 am - 3 pm

White Shield Elders Building–March 10 @11 am–3 pm

Twin Buttes Hall – March 23 @ 11 am – 3 pm

Bismarck Area/Ramkota Motel-March 31-4 pm-7pm

- Getting a flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Flu is widespread right now!
- Colorectal Cancer is treatable and beatable!
- Free meal, refreshments, door prizes win! win!

For more information contact: Elbowoods Clinic/ Marilyn Yellow Bird 627-7715/Lila Wells 627-7620

Joseph Young Hawk/Elmer Bear Post 253 American Legion Auxiliary Honored

The Auxiliary is invited to an Honoring for all Auxiliaries at Fort Berthold on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 7 pm at the Northern Lights Building. There will be a meal at 5 pm prior to the Honoring Ceremony.

Dress code for the event is white t-shirt, navy blue/black slacks, dark shoes, cap and Auxiliary shawl. Some member may not have a shawl or jacket, but please come anyway, said Madonna Azure, Auxiliary President. She added there will be banners and flags and we will carry in our Auxiliary Flag.

If you are able, come to the Northern Lights Building by 2:30 or 3:00 pm to help set up the booth.

The Honoring for the Auxiliaries is sponsored by the TAT Tourism Department.



A group of the White Shield Auxiliary from one of the local meetings. The membership at White Shield is currently 110.

First Day of Spring: Vernal Equinox



Snow geese migrate north to breeding grounds as soon as lakes open and ground clears. They are a symbol of the return of warmer weather.

When Does Spring 2017 Begin?

The Northern Hemisphere marks the **spring equinox on Monday, March 20, 2017**, at exactly 6:29 A.M. EDT.

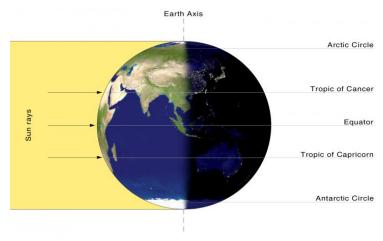
Meteorologically speaking, in the Northern Hemisphere, the official spring season always begins on March 1 and continues through May 31. Summer begins on June 1; autumn, September 1; and winter, December 1.

• Weather scientists divide the year into quarters this way to make it easier to compare seasonal and monthly statistics from one year to the next. The meteorological seasons are based on annual temperature cycles rather than on the position of Earth in relation to the Sun, and they more closely follow the Gregorian calendar. Using the dates of the astronomical equinoxes and solstices for the seasons would present a statistical problem because these dates can vary slightly each year.

What is an Equinox?

At the Vernal Equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator on its way north along the ecliptic. All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal. The name *equinox* comes from Latin words which mean "equal night"—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night).

Enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets. On the equinox, Earth's two hemispheres are receiving the Sun's rays about equally because the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the



of ancient seasonal markers.

Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

Scientific explanation aside, our ancestors were more connected to the Sun than we are today. They observed its pathway across the sky; they tracked how the sunrise, sunset, and day length changed, using the Sun (and Moon) as a clock and calendar. If you have ever been to Stonehenge or Machu Picchu, you'll see examples

Equinox Facts

Question: Are Day and Night Truly Equal on the Equinox?

Answer: Nope, day and night are not **exactly** equal at the equinox for two reasons. First, daytime begins the moment *any part* of the Sun is over the horizon, and it is not over until the last part of the Sun has set. If the Sun were to shrink to a star-like point and we lived in a world without air, the spring and fall equinoxes would truly have 'equal nights.'

Signs of the Equinox in Nature

The vernal equinox signals the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere!

- Worms begin to emerge from the earth. Even the March Moon is called "The Full Worm Moon" for this reason.
- Notice the arc of the Sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the Sun.
- The increasing sunlight triggers bird song.
- Trees, shrubs and flowers are sensitive to temperature and day-length. Since ancient days, people have used them as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: Blooming crocus are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach.
- Of course, the longer days bring warmer weather. Both we and the animals around us strip off our clothes and heavy coats.
- March is time to start gardens and sow seeds in many regions.

Equinox Folklore

Question: According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end on the equinox. Is this true? Answer: Folklore or not, this egg trick sounded like a bit of fun. One spring, a few minutes before the vernal equinox, several Almanac editors tried this trick. For a full workday, 17 out of 24 eggs stood standing. Three days later, we tried this trick again and found similar results. Perhaps 3 days after the equinox was still too near. Perhaps the equinox has nothing to do with it. Perhaps we just don't like to take ourselves too seriously! Try this yourself and let us know what happens. (Excerpts from Internet)

OBITUARIES



Janice Charging Kerzmann, "Sweet Grass" (Madzuatsa), 66, Garrison, passed away on March 1, 2017, at the CHI-St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, with many loving family and friends surrounding her. Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Garrison. Wake services will be held on Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield where rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Burial will be at St. Nicholas Catholic Cemetery in Garrison.

Janice Rae Charging was born September 9, 1950, to George "Duane" and Beatrice (Gidding) Charging in Minot. She was raised west of White Shield. She attended school in White Shield and then attended high school at Marty Mission in Marty,

S.D., graduating in 1968. She continued her education at the Haskell Institute in Haskell, S.D., receiving an Associate of Arts degree in business. She later earned a bachelor's degree from UND in Grand Forks and earned her master's degree at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D.

On

June 20, 1975, she married Jerry Kerzmann at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. They made their home in Garrison and were blessed with four children, Georgia, Jerri Lynn, JR and Corey. Tragically, Jerry was killed in a construction accident near Turtle Lake in 1987. Janice was a woman of great strength and faith and continued to raise her children with unbelievable love and support.

Janice's career began at New Town High School in 1974 before she began counseling in White Shield, where she spent the rest of her career. Her longevity as a guidance counselor was a true testament to her character. Janice was an extremely patient woman, who always gave the benefit of the doubt and searched for the good in all. Her coworkers had the utmost respect for her and the White Shield School will always hold her in a special place for the dedication and compassion she gave for so many years. She also made many lifelong friends while on the Ft. Berthold Community College board where she served from its existence in 1974 through the 1990's in many different capacities including board president. Janice was honored by the White Shield community at her retirement ceremony in June of 2016.

Though Janice gave her whole heart to her students, her greatest love was that she gave to her family, especially her children and grandchildren. Her passion became bouncing from all of her children's homes to spend time with them and her grandchildren. Her family's happiness was all that mattered to her. There was never a time that something else came before her family. She was supremely dedicated and was always there for her family no matter the circumstances. And many of you know JR and Corey, so you can only imagine some of the circumstances. Even through her battles with breast cancer, she always put family first and never wanted attention or sympathy. Her doctors said she was a walking miracle as she was not to live through her first battle with cancer over 17 years ago. Breast cancer took her body but could not take her spirit! She was a wonderfully humble woman with incredible strength and her legacy is one her children will hold dearly for the rest of their lives. She can never be replaced, but her love will live on through her children, grandchildren, and numerous family, and she will forever hold a

place in their hearts.

Janice is survived by her children, Georgia (Daniel) Leppell and their children, Lukas, William, Henry, and George, Garrison; Jerri Lynn Kerzmann and her son, Jeran Breidenbach, Lincoln; Jerry "JR" Kerzmann and his sons, Kolter and Benson, Garrison; and Corey (Nicole) Kerzmann, and their children, Brady, Finley, and Cutler; Bismarck; her mother, Beatrice (Giddings) Charging, Tahlequah, Okla., siblings, Mary (Harry) Osahwee, Tahlequah, Okla., Mark Charging, Wahpeton, Amy Zephier, Lincoln, Neb., Stanley Charging, Crystal, Minn., Carol (Tyke) Danks, New Town, Russell Charging, Fargo, Donna (Hank) Taken Alive, McLaughin, S.D., Nancy (John) Cohen, Missoula, Mont., Steve Charging, Brookings, S.D., and Robert (Terri Lynn) Charging, Aurora, S.D.; and numerous, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and godchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, father, George "Duane" Charging, and numerous close family members and friends.

Gloria Poitra, 53, Oriville, WA died Saturday in Oroville. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. Wake services will be held on Friday beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the complex.



Taran Joseph Fox, 20, Fort Yates, died Feb. 28, 2017, at CHI St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck. Services will be held 11 a.m., Sunday, March 5, in the White Shield School, White Shield. As well at 11 a.m.,

On Monday, March 6, in the AJ Agard Memorial Building, Fort Yates. Burial will be in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Fort Yates.

He is survived by his mother, Tabitha Silk, Fort Yates; his father, Clair Fox, White Shield; grandparents, Duane Silk and Melody Azure, both of Fort Yates; four sisters, Marilyn Fox, Raylene Fox, Phoenix Baker, and Sophie Fox; and five brothers, Dayne Abbey, Brandon Fox, Tanner Fox, Saunder Young Bird, and Brand White Eyes.



Colon Cancer Awareness Month International Women's awareness month

<u>March 2017</u> April 2017 ►							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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5	6 Elders monthly Meeting, cancelled due to funeral. Is tentatively rescheduled for Mon., March 20	7 Health & Human Servs. meeting - 1 pm tribal chambers	8 Tribal Council Meeting 10 am tribal chambers International Women's Awareness Month	9 Tribal Council Meeting 10 am tribal chambers	10	11 Honoring Auxiliaries at Ft. Berthold, Northern Lights, 7PM	
Spring ahead Set your clocks an hour chead before you go to bed tonight. Doylight-saving time starts tomorrow.	13	14	15	16	Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	
19	20 First Day of Spring Elders Rescheduled Meeting at Noon	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

March Elder Birthdays

Denby Deegan	3-15-1941
Thomas (Tooksie) Eagle	3-15-1942
Leonard Hosie	3-24-1952
Byron (Sidney) Howard	3-21-1945
Loretta Meredith	3-3-1931
Delilah Yellow Bird	3-10-1952
Clarinda YoungBird	3-8-1950
Fern Greff	3-1-1937



Early signs of spring: Yellow-headed Black bird (one of the first signs of spring is that bird that begins migrating north.) It is also one of the largest of the black birds. (below left) The first plant to flower in our area is the crocus. It can sometimes be seen poking a lavender head through late snow. (Below right) Huge flocks of geese will begin moving through our area. Right now there small flocks of brave snow and Canada geese, but soon there will be thousands. North Dakota is in the Mississippi River Flyway. (bottom picture)





