

# Williston Herald



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**Partly sunny**

High: 60s Low: 30s  
Southwest winds 5-10 mph.  
High Friday: 60s.

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**Sakakawea**

**Levels**

Today	1841.4
Last Year	1826

**Discharges**

Estimated Today	12,500
Yesterday	12,500

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Mule deer reproduction in North Dakota is down as a result of this past year's severe winter, but hunters heading out for today's deer gun opener still should enjoy a good hunt.

## On the hunt

### Mule deer fawn-to-doe numbers drop, officials blame state's severe winter

BY ALAN REED  
MANAGING EDITOR

Anyone hoping to fill a mule deer tag during this weekend's North Dakota deer gun opener may notice slightly fewer deer this season.

"But overall, we still have good numbers of mule deer in the Badlands," said North Dakota Game and Fish Department Dickinson District Office big game biologist Bruce Stillings.

The department just released the results of its fall aerial mule deer survey that covers 285 square miles of western North Dakota.

"We have study areas in the Badlands as far north as east of Watford City and all the way as far south as southwest of Bowman, south of Rhame," he said.

Aerial observers counted 1,528 mule deer overall with a buck-to-doe ratio of .54 that is above the long-term average. The fawn-to-doe ration of .74, however, is the second lowest the department has documented since 1975.

It also is well below the .95 fawns per doe for the long-term average. Stillings said the fawn ratio isn't surprising given the harsh winter the region saw this past year.

"With such a severe winter that we just had, that is certainly going to take its toll on those reproductive does out there," he said.

He said the fawn ratio is certainly below average, but it isn't devastatingly low. The long-term impact of the poor reproductive year remains to be seen.

"It's really going to be determined by what type of winter we have going into this year," he said.

If the Badlands sees a relatively mild year with good fawn survival, the over-

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## Local health unit receives H1N1 vaccines for clinic

### Unit has 450 adult doses for today's clinic

BY ALAN REED  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Upper Missouri District Health Unit had a wish fulfilled this week, as it has received additional H1N1 vaccine for a clinic at its Williston offices today.

Health unit public information officer Daphne Clark said it has 450 adult doses of the H1N1 vaccine to distribute at its clinic that begins at 2 p.m. and goes as long as the vaccine lasts or until 7 p.m.

The health unit originally received 100 doses of vaccine for its original allotment from Oct. 22 for today's clinic.

Since scheduling today's clinic, the health unit's vac-

cine allotments approved on Oct. 28 and Oct. 30 also have arrived.

Today's clinic remains for individuals ages 6 months to 18 years old and pregnant women. This is because of the vaccine the health unit has received.

"Each vaccine, a lot of them are made by different companies. Each company has theirs approved for a different age group," Clark said of how the health unit determines which people are to receive the vaccine at a particular time.

"Out of those four manufacturers, there ends up being nine different age groups for the vaccines," she added.

The vaccine the health unit has this week can be for individuals 6 months to adult, she

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HERALD FILE PHOTO

A long line of people forms for the opportunity to get the H1N1 flu vaccine during the Upper Missouri District Health Unit's first Williston clinic on Oct. 23. The health unit has enough vaccine to hold another clinic that starts at 2 p.m. today.

## Obama says U.S. must reverse course with Indians

### President say tribal communities were marginalized

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama assured American Indians on Thursday that they have a place in his White House and on his agenda, telling tribal leaders their marginalized community deserves more from its government.

"I get it. I'm on your side," Obama told the largest gathering of tribal leaders in U.S. history.

Obama devoted part of his own time Thursday and even more of his administration's attention toward renewing

relations with American Indians. He opened a conference that drew leaders from 386 tribal nations — the first meeting of its kind in 15 years — and he ordered every Cabinet agency to take more steps toward more cooperation.

The president returned to the event at the Interior Department late in the day for closing remarks, as scheduled, but he altered his message to address a deadly shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas. He said his administration would get answers to every question about the incident.

Obama's outreach to tribal leaders amounted to a campaign promise kept from a

president who got significant support from Native Americans on his way to the White House.

It comes as American Indians remain entrenched in a class-action lawsuit against the federal government, claiming the government has long swindled them out of land royalties.

Obama said he didn't blame tribal leaders for skepticism about another politician offering hopeful words. But he said he has no interest in going through the motions of just holding a summit with them.

The president seemed to connect best when he told his audience that he was like them: an "outsider" who

grew up without a father; moved around a lot, and understood what it was like to struggle and be ignored.

"You will not be forgotten as long as I'm in this White House," Obama said to a sustained ovation.

Whether that promise results in action over the next few years will be the test. In a question-and-answer session, audience members pressed Obama for government help on a litany of matters, from more respect for sovereignty rights to environmental cleanup to concerns about offshore drilling.

One leader pleaded with Obama to find a way to make the federal commitment lasting, so that it would not be at

## Looking for an answer

### Ranchers say they have little to do with water issues

BY ALAN REED  
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Ranchers grazing cattle on United States Forest Service and private land adjacent to Sather Dam and Leland Dam south of Alexander say livestock have very little to do with the serious water quality issues that threaten the fisheries at the two locations.

Don Anderson and Curt Severson graze cattle along Sather Dam, while Tim Leland works a ranch with his father, Myron, and uncle, LeRoy, near Leland Dam. The trio responded this week to concerns by North Dakota Game and Fish Northwest District fisheries supervisor Fred Ryckman that cattle feedlots produce damaging runoff that carry manure.

Sather Dam is suffering from serious algae blooms as a result of poor water conditions.

"I don't own a feedlot. I don't have a feedlot," Anderson said of his main operation east of Sather Dam. "We do feed cattle there, but it is all spread out in a large acreage."

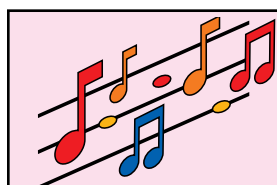
The land between his main operation and Sather Dam is where Anderson grazes cattle, he said.

"Most of it on the Forest Service land is a grazing situation," Anderson said.

Curt Severson grazes cattle on Forest Service land on the west side of Sather Dam and

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**On Stage at the James**  
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