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## White Shield Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary Attend American Legion's 100th Anniversary Celebration in Indianapolis, Indiana



*FRONT ROW: Kim Howard, Donna Mae Lewis, Jean Red Hawk, Leah Black Hawk, Patricia Roy, Leone White, Yvonne White Bear, Sharon White Bear. WOMEN BEHIND FIRST ROW: Shannon Usestheknife, Danile Henry, Chasmin Yellow Bird. VETERANS: Robin Fox, Commander; Glen Brunnsel, Austin Gillette, John Red Hawk and Bernadette White Bear. (Cont. on page 5) Photo from Austin Gillette collection.*



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



Hello community member, elders and relatives.

I would like to take a moment to send my condolences to all the families that just lost their loved ones. We had a tough week with the passing of family members here in White Shield. A scripture from Palms 34-18, *The Lord is Close to the Broken-hearted and Saves those who are crushed in Spirit.*

All our children are back in school and we're going to have a great year in White Shield. All the students enrolled in White Shield School received a \$100 Scheels Sports gift card and \$100 Walmart gift card for school supplies, clothes and shoes. The White Shield School and Segment are sponsoring a "Back to School Pow-wow" September 9th at 5pm. It was postponed due to the funerals this past week.

I would like everyone to get out and support all our student/athletes in the new volleyball/cross country and football seasons. I also would like to wish our new college students the best of luck in their educational endeavors and also all our young adults who joined the armed forces. We thank you for your service.

Last weekend we had a White Shield Labor Day Rodeo on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Slack started at 9am and performances at 5pm. This was our 2nd rodeo this summer. I hope everyone enjoyed some bronc and bull riding from some of the best cowboys and cowgirls in the region.

As we move into the new fiscal year for the MHA Nation, there are some very important projects that will be completed and also new ones that will begin. The Elder Building and White Shield Segment Administration building is almost 50% complete. We will have the two buildings completed in early December.

The new projects we will begin are the New Ralph Wells Community Building, the Public Safety Building which will hold the Fire Department, Ambulance, Law Enforcement, and a holding cell. Also the two roads that will be repaired and are under new development will be BIA 1 and BIA 18. It will be a busy next year and I would like to have all these projects complete by end of 2020.

I would again like to wish our children a great school year and wish everyone a festive fall. We will be having a segment update September 18th at 5:30 pm. See you all there. God bless and be safe on the roads.

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In August, the Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary attended a conference in Indianapolis, Indiana that celebrated the American Legions 100 years supporting Veterans.

The organization was founded in 1919. The American Legion Auxiliary has nearly 1 million members from all walks of life. The Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises millions of dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities familiar to Americans. It is all accomplished with volunteers.



The White Shield Veterans Post was organized in the 1900 and closely follows the traditions of the Sahnish in burial of warriors. Post 237 is one of the oldest post. It is the Old Scouts Post.

While originally organized to assist The American Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to The American Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with The American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals

The Ladies Auxiliary at White Shield is the largest on the Ft. Berthold Reservation with 101 active members. They help the local veterans by providing funds for members of the community who are in need. Another of their important events is the day long Veterans and Memorial Day Celebrations. The Auxiliary also provides the veterans with Christmas and holiday events. They have special celebrations on Veteran and Memorial Days. They also provide for men in the military who are home on military leave.

Madonna Azure, Ladies Auxiliary President, commented on one of their recent trips where women from White Shield Ladies Auxiliary went east to see the commissioning of the USS North Dakota and visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery and sites at the Nation's capital.

There was almost a holiness about the trip to Washington DC, said Azure. The most heart-felt place was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Azure is one in a line of women in her family who have relatives missing in action. Some are still missing to this day, she said. Her uncle Elmer Bear is one of those. He was in two battles and in the front lines. "I am optimistic they will find my uncle. I will carry his Bundle until they bring Elmer Bear home," she said.

## The White Shield Elder Center Stands Nearly Ready for Final Touches



**White Shield Elders Center (Photo by Marita Abe)**

Picture above is of progress on the White Shield Elder Center. Roof for the lobby entrance is being installed.

The project is progressing very well, said Marita Abe, Project Manager. The utilities are done and they are pouring concrete for the Hydrotherapy area this week. The interior will be framed so that they can work on it when it gets cold.

Abe has been working on the White Shield projects and providing hands-on evaluation

and sharp eyes on the progress of the new buildings.

The Administrative building, which is closer to the Culture Center, is also progressing with a winter opening scheduled.

Names for the buildings have not been decided yet.

Layout for the elders' center is pictured below. It will contain many new items not seen in any of the buildings in the past.

# WHITE SHIELD EAST SEGMENT BUILDING

WHITE SHIELD, ND **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



- ADMINISTRATION
- ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT
- MEETING
- BUILDING SUPPORT
- RECEPTION
- RESTROOMS
- CIRCULATION

The above Master Plan is a good look at what will be in new Elders' Center and where rooms will be located in building.



*A southern view of White Shield which includes new apartments and soon to be occupied six new duplexes from a drone. (Drone photos by Karen Lonefight)*

# WHITE SHIELD MASTER PLAN

## WHITE SHIELD, ND



**BRUNTON**  
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

- 1 - GATE SCULPTURE
- 2 - SCULPTURE GARDEN
- 3 - CULTURAL CENTER
- 4 - EARTH LODGE
- 5 - EAST SEGMENT BUILDING
- 6 - ELDER CENTER
- 7 - AMERICAN LEGION
- 8 - RETAIL/OFFICE
- 9 - CASINO/GROCERY/THEATER
- 10 - MULTIFAMILY HOUSING
- 11 - PLAYGROUND
- 12 - PAVILION
- 13 - BASKETBALL COURTS
- 14 - TWIN HOMES
- 15 - POND
- 16 - PUBLIC SAFETY
- 17 - BUS GARAGE/MAINTENANCE
- 18 - HEAD START
- 19 - BASEBALL FIELD
- 20 - FOOTBALL FIELD / TRACK
- 21 - BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BELOW
- 22 - HIGH SCHOOL
- 23 - COMMUNITY CENTER
- 24 - CLINIC/PHARMACY
- 25 - ROUNDABOUT
- 26 - SPLASH PAD





*View of Elder's new Building, New Ralph Wells Community Building, the Public Safety Building which will hold the Fire Department, Ambulance, Law Enforcement, and a holding cell. Two buildings to be completed in early December.*

## **Hosie and Rush Win State-Wide Horse Shoe Tournament in Bismarck**



Leonard Hosie first place winner in state-wide Horse Shoe Tournament this weekend at Saratoga Park, in Bismarck, N. D.

Aldine Rush played in the State Tournaments for the past three years. She has taken 1<sup>st</sup> in her class in previous years and said "I enjoy throwing and have met a lot of neat people . . . have become good friends.

Hosie and Rush belong to the Minot Leagues for several years. Play will end soon probably at the end of August, she said. Both players

have been playing for six years.



## White Shield Employees Appreciated at Cook-Out



(Photos by Karen Lonelight)

White Shield employees gathered at the Ft. Stevens camping area for an appreciation picnic. Fred Fox, Segment Representative, said it was for all the hard working and helpful White Shield Segment employees.

Backpacks, chairs, suitcases and bonuses were given to employees. There were drawings for door prizes and a great meal provided by Kyles Katering of Garrison. Steaks and all the fixings were served. Thanks and appreciation also went to the Segment office women for planning and setting up the shindig.

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## Harvest Nearly Over



*“Just one more row to go, than it’s doggie out of here.”*



## Boys and Girls Club opens with smiles and giggles

Cody Bird, Branch Manager for Boys and Girls Club said they invite everyone to come and visit the program.

Latisha Gadon is activities coordinator. They are open from 3 pm to 7pm. They have some fun activities and new things to enjoy so “come check out the boys and girls Club; he said.

They are currently taking applications. Club Membership is \$1 so please bring that amount with you.

Bird said he will be there from 12 to 8 pm. Please give him a call for any needed information or stop by,” he said.



Aniyah Gardon and Kaleb Mountain



**White Shield Back to School  
Pow-wow” September 9th at 5pm**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Julie Whitecalfe Memorial Barrel Race



*Granddaughter of Julie Whitecalfe*

The Julie Whitecalfe memorial barrel race will be a regular event for the White Shield Community. It began as a memorial to Julie Whitecalfe, the wife of Frank Whitecalfe. Julie was an avid horsewoman and worked with her husband Frank on their ranch in the east segment. She passed away October 2012. Her two daughters, Jessie and Jackie, have worked tirelessly on the rodeos and farm projects for White Shield.



*Marla Klien - Hazen - INFR*



*Taysia Hall - INFR*



*Rachell Klien - Hazen - INFR*



*Bailey King - RN - Standing Rock*

## Coming Events for White Shield



- **Up TAT Child Support Office** will be conducting the quarterly outreach in **White Shield** on **September 4** from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Onsite we will have a caseworker available with a computer to directly assist with questions regarding your case or to make a payment. Please stop in.

TAT DCSE Applications will also be available.

*Amy Gunville*  
MHA Nation  
TAT DCSE  
Case Specialist

## Up-Date Meeting September 18th at 5:30

- **Car Seat Trade- in Event**

**When & Where:**

Car seat trade- in returns to all **TARGET** stores **September 3-13, 2019**.

If unable or unsure what to do, bring your used car seat to the **Infant & Toddler Program** and we will take your used to car seats to **TARGET** for you.

[https://corporate.target.com/corporate-](https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/planet/sustainable-products/car-seat-trade-in)

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Fall Sahnish/Pawnee Gathering in Nebraska has been cancelled for this year and will be rescheduled for next year. Fred Fox said we will plan a bigger and better celebration. There were too many other events, deaths and commitments. Put the new date on your calendar for next year.

## *Cherokee Nation Seeks to Send First Delegate to Congress*

**By Jose A. Del Real**

For Native American tribes, treaties with the United States government have often led to displacement, removal and outright erasure.

But now, the Cherokee Nation is turning to treaties signed in the 18th and 19th centuries to push for a delegate to Congress for the first time in history. The treaties, the Nation claims, promised them a seat at the table.

“These treaties are sacred. They mean something. There’s no expiration date on them,” said Chuck Hoskin Jr., chief of the Cherokee Nation, who last week announced he would fulfill a longstanding legal right to appoint a delegate to Congress. “What I’m asking is for the government of the United States to keep its word.”

Settled in northeastern Oklahoma after the Trail of Tears, the Cherokee Nation today has nearly 400,000 enrolled members, making it the largest of nearly 600 federally recognized Native American tribes. There are also two significantly smaller, independent Cherokee tribes recognized by the federal government that are based in Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Their effort to seat a delegate in Congress — albeit, a nonvoting member — comes amid a broader push for visibility and political representation among Native Americans. In November, the Democrats Deb Haaland (Pueblo of Laguna) of New Mexico and Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk Nation) of Kansas became the first Native American women elected to Congress. Congress now has four Native American members, including Tom Cole (Chickasaw Nation) and Markwayne Mullin (Cherokee Nation), both Republicans of Oklahoma.

The right for the Cherokee to send a “deputy” to represent them in the United States Congress was first codified in the Treaty of Hopewell of 1785, which defined Cherokee borders and promised certain protections in return. The right to send a “delegate” specifically to the House of Representatives was affirmed in the 1835 Treaty of New Echota — which is better remembered for being the legal basis for the Trail of Tears, which removed Native Americans from their homelands.

“Ms. Teehee, the tribe’s vice president of government relations, has deep experience in Washington. She was a senior policy adviser for Native American affairs during the Obama administration and previously was a congressional aide on Native American

Mr. Hoskin said the delegate’s primary mission in Washington would be to represent the Cherokee Nation specifically. But he said the delegate would also carry an important symbolic

## Obituaries



**Teresa Audrey Youngbird Danks** was born in Elbowoods, ND, on October 9, 1933, to Jesse Everette Youngbird and Benjamin Youngbird. She was a member of the Maetsi Doga-Flint Knife Clan and a child of the Apuka Pika-Low Cap Clan. She was a great-great-great-granddaughter of Arikara Chief Sun of the Star and Chief Joseph Youngbird. He was the last elected chief of the Hidatsa. She was one of thirteen children. She was given the name (*Stee Tani*) **Morning Tale** by her grandmother, Fannie Everette.

All her life, faith, and spirituality were central to her family life. When she was young, her family would go to different relatives' houses and have prayer meetings. They would pray together and sing gospel music, accompanied by a piano in the background. As a child, she went to Catholic boarding school in Marty, SD, and graduated high school from Flandreau Indian School.

Teresa married John Danks on August 17, 1954. They were eight days short of their 64th wedding anniversary. Together they had seven children, Debbie, Carolyn, John Jr., Kayla, Delphine, Paul, and Richard. They lived in many places including New Town, Garrison, Eagle Butte, Pine Ridge, Aberdeen and Belcourt. Every time they moved; they had another child. Mom and Dad helped raise some of her brothers and sisters, many other nieces, nephews, and grandchildren throughout the years, because she so loved them all.

Teresa loved children. She taught at Edwin Loe Elementary as a para-professional Kindergarten teacher's aide for 30 years. She taught Catechism at St. Anthony in New Town for 30 years, was a Eucharistic minister, and gave communion to those who were shut-in their homes. She spent her retirement years praying for people, and she said her ministry was to go to homes or where people would pray and talk about Jesus and eternal joy. She attended many wakes and funerals to sing gospel songs. She always wanted to console those who were going through a hard time. She always stopped on the street to talk to those who were struggling and prayed with them. Wherever she went she could start a conversation with anyone to talk about the goodness of our Lord Jesus. She was brought up with native spiritual ways and saw the similarities, she knew they all lead to the Lord, our Creator. She loved all churches because she loved our Lord. She was blessing to us all and will be missed dearly.

Teresa Danks, 85, of New Town, died Friday, August 9, 2019, at the McKenzie County Long-term Care Facility in Watford City.

She is survived by: her husband of 64 years, John H. Danks, children, Debbie (Charles) Chase, New Town; Carolyn Danks, Watford City; John (Barb) Danks, New Town; Kayla Danks, New Town; Delphine (Jim) Baker, New Town; Paul (Annette) Danks, Watford City; and Richard Danks, New Town. Her siblings were Magdaline Yellowbird, White Shield; Greta Whitecalf, White Shield; Marilyn Youngbird, Denver; Joe Youngbird, White Shield; Felix Youngbird,

Wahpeton; and Sara Youngbird, New Town. Her grandchildren were Dustin Ward, Matthew Danks, Marc Porter, Billy Danks, Christopher Houle, Tessa Baker, Jariah Danks, Christa Houle, Jessi Baker, James Baker, Zack Danks, Evelee Danks and Sierra Delphine Danks and many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jesse Everette; father, Ben Youngbird; brothers, James Youngbird and Hans Youngbird; sisters, Laverne Pfliger, Pliga Bourdeaux, Delphine Hall, and Margie Youngbird; and grandchildren, Merci Mae Baker and Joseph Danks.



**Zephyr Will Atchison**, 6 month old son of Montaque and Christine Atchison, Moorhead, MN, left us at the University of Minneapolis Masonic Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. Wake services will be held on Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11:00 am at the complex. Interment will be at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in rural White Shield.

**Zephyr Will Atchison, *naahukosčiripásIt and akicita cistinna (Little Warrior)*** went to the arms of Jesus

on August 20th 5:25 pm , 2019 at the University of Minnesota Masonic Childrens Hospital in Minneapolis. Little Warrior was born February 20th to Montaque and Christine Atchison, Moorhead, MN at Sanford Hospital Fargo, ND.

Soon after his birth he was transferred to the UMMCH. He was born with many challenges that no baby would ever survive but he did. He was very loved by his family. Although he was very sick he taught the medical world a lot. He showed the world how powerful prayer, love and faith are. He helped nurses accomplish task they have never done before, he taught doctors they can do medical procedures on other critically ill babies with a successful chance. He helped guide a more clear path for other babies to follow so they can survive. He showed everyone who met him what a miracle truly was. He will forever missed by his family and all those who loved him. He had a lasting impact on many lives and hearts.

Zephyr is survived by his parents Christine Yellowbird Atchison and Montaque Danzell Atchison, sister, Phoenix Gilmore and brother Montaque, paternal grandparents Arnita and Nathaniel Motley, Maylene, Alabama and maternal grandparents Delilah and Don Yellow Bird, White Shield, ND. He will be joining his brother Presley Roman Atchison.

The family would like to give special thanks to the UMMCH NICU nurses, doctors, and each and every one of the prayer warriors who followed Zephyrs journey.

Zephyrs, *Little Warrior*, is given hero's journey to White Shield. He was lead to the Ralph Wells Complex by a parade of tribal and state police and sheriff cars.



**Kim Wayne Azure**, 46, passes away at a Fargo hospital on August 19, 2019. Kim was born on February 9, 1973 to Ernest and Dolly Jane Azure Sr. and Quentin Burdick Memorial Hospital in Belcourt, ND. He graduated from Washington Sr. High. He furthered his education at West Fargo, ND welding school.

Kim played drums in high school and was self-taught to play guitar. He loved to sing and wrote many songs about things he loved and his many struggles. He was an avid reader and loved many authors including Edgar Allen Poe all the way through

Stephen King. He practiced Taekwondo for many years and won many awards for his accomplishments.

Kim moved to Sioux Falls, SD when he was very young and grew up there with his many friends. He moved to Fargo in 1988 and met his ex-wife Tammy. They lived in West Fargo, ND for many years and had three wonderful children. He worked at many different locations as a cook, which was his passion. Kim later met his current partner and fiancé Carrie and they planned on getting married soon before Kim got sick. They did have a blessing ceremony while he was in the hospital to proclaim their love in front of God and family. Kim was a gentle soul and loved everyone he came in contact with. He loved animals, especially his 5 cats. He loved to tell a good joke and was always smiling and dancing around being silly. He was taken too soon from this life but is with his beloved Mother, who he called his best friend.

Kim is survived by his: children: Brandon, Zachary, and Shyanne Azure, Fiancé Carrie O'Berry, Sisters: Linda (Emerson) Chasing Bear, Kathy Lynn (Luis) Vega, Kelly (Patrick) Eagle, Brothers: Joseph Blaine (Kathy) Azure, Ernest Azure Jr., Richard Bryan (Betty) Azure: Nieces and Nephews: Brian Azure, Lindsay Azure, Travis Chasing Bear, Ronald Chasing Bear, Thomas

Chasing Bear, Kevin Chasing Bear, Emily Chasing Bear, Channing Azure, Samantha Thompson, Brandi Azure, Amanda Marquardt, Melissa Eagle, Troy White Owl, Randy White Owl, Cristta White Owl, Grace Azure, Richard Bryan Azure Jr., and Erica Spriggs, Grandchildren: Cruz Chasing Bear, Unique Chasing Bear, Collin Erbentraut, Cali Azure, Andrew Thompson, Princess Thompson, Draven Azure, Alexis, Malachi, Bailey, Isabela, Jordan, and Ethan Marquart, Jadyn White Owl, Kyle Fagre, Raiden Cyrus, Ava Rickowski, Emma Vega, and Ronnie Chasing Bear JR.

Kim was preceded in death by: Parents: Ernest and Dolly Jane Azure Sr., Paternal Grandparents: Joseph (Adeline DuBois) Azure, Maternal Grandparents: Joseph R. Fox, Susan Fox and Nephew: Jason Azure.



**Joseph James Henry (*Ugagai Awashiish*)** was born on May 28, 1961, in Minot, to John and Grace (Charging) Henry. Joseph was a member of the Dripping Dirt Clan and his wishes were to have a Hidatsa funeral with a senior pallbearer selected from his grandfather, Frank Sherwood's Waterbuster Clan. He was of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribe and was baptized in the Catholic Church.

He attended school in White Shield but transferred to New Town High School for his senior year and graduated in 1979. In his younger years, he enjoyed riding broncs, ran in track and played football and basketball.

After high school, he worked for a few years in the oil fields. He started working with the Three Affiliated Tribes Food Distribution Program. He served as Warehouse Manager before being promoted to Director and where he was successful in bringing healthier foods to the program's recipients at Fort Berthold. Medical conditions prompted his early retirement in late 2009.

On February 28, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada, Joe married Monica Nagel, his best friend and companion of 16 years. They were together for over 22 years.

Joe was a kind respectful man who always acknowledged his relatives and elders. He was given his Indian Name, *Ugagai Awashiish*, by his grandmother, Rose Charging, which means the action of a horse rolling on its back and shaking the dust off.

He enjoyed singing with the Little Shell Drum/Singers and travelling to many places and events with the drum. He loved the pow wows and especially liked attending Crow Fair. Joe spent most of his time doing what he loved best which was visiting friends and relatives. He loved to visit, tease and laugh.

In 2001, he moved out to the country in the Shell Creek area. There he enjoyed country life. He was the Shell Creek community member that tilled his neighbor's gardens and coffee cooled frequently.



We feel especially blessed for the past ten years since his stroke. Joseph James Henry (*Ugagai Awashiish*), 58, New Town, died Friday, August 23, 2019, at his home. Joe will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Joe is survived by his wife, Monica Nagel Henry; son, Joseph Henry, Jr.; daughters, Cedar Henry, Nicole Poitra, and Jenna Henry; stepson, Calvin Bird In Ground; stepdaughter, Tonia Rides The Horse; grandchildren, Tierra, Tianna and Teagan Kinden, Savannah Jo Whitman, Anna Bella and Hannah Poitra; brothers, Don Charging, John Charging and Frank Henry; sister, Cheryl Hansen; uncle, Frank Sherwood; aunts, Mamie Sherwood, Arlene Hodgekiss, Delores Sand, Theresa Charging and Cleo Charging; adopted brother, Charles Red Gates; many nieces and nephews; extended families, Howling Wolf, Perkins, White Bear, Mason, Packineau and Wilkinson; welcoming Joseph Henry, Sr. into the spirit world are his parents; grandparents, George and Anna Rose (Packineau) Charging; uncles, Duane, Kenneth and Arnie Charging; aunt, Carmen Eagle; and granddaughter, Taylor Grace Johnson.