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White Shield School, Community Building and Headstart construction begins



Photo by Karen Lonefight



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

I would like to begin by sending my condolences to the families that have lost loved ones. God bless and may your strength guide you and your loved ones.

The fall season is in full swing and our children are back in school and enjoying cross-country, football and volleyball. At the last White Shield Community meeting, the new school superintendent talked about his academic and professional career. He said he was happy to be here and the community gave him an outstanding welcoming. I believe we have a top-notch superintendent. We are so fortunate to have Mr. Gaillard Peltier leading our school. I want to express to you that education is very important and that having a good education will get you anywhere you want to go. I will always support our school system and our teachers. Without the teachers, our children would not be able to succeed in life.

November 4th is elections for the chairman's position for the Tribe. We have two great candidates and I wish their families and supporters the best of luck. This position is a huge responsibility. Our Tribe is in the forefront in Indian Country and we are on center stage. Native Americans across the Nation are wondering how we are going to regulate the largest oil boom in history. They are watching us to see how we are utilizing our oil and gas revenue because, if done right, it will positively impact the next four or five generations.

I wanted to give you a quick update on the development that is currently happening in White Shield. The new lagoon is budgeted at \$3.8 million and it is currently out for bid. Indian Health Service has designed the project and they are the project managers. The lagoon is expected to be completed by fall of 2015. White Shield's new school, Community building, and Headstart have a total budget of \$24.3 million. As everyone noticed, the construction is underway and it won't be too long before the concrete structure is up and the project takes shape.

Our housing developments in White Shield are also starting to take shape. We currently have (16) 4-bedroom rental homes that are currently under construction. They will be ready to move in by November 1st. We will also have another (13) 3-Bedroom rental homes ready to move in December 1st. These homes are on the north side of Sesame. If anyone has any suggestions for a name for the new housing development, please let David Blacksmith or Larry Trujillo know (701-743-4879 or 743-4244). We will be replacing six elder homes this fall and another six in the spring.

Another project for elders is an 8-Plex apartment unit currently under construction. It is being built next to the senior center. The project is \$1.2 million budget. I know that we have a lot of needs for our elders and we will be working extra hard to meet all of them.

The Awahu Village housing development currently has (8) homes that are to own and another (30) homes coming in the spring of 2015 to own also. So we will have a total of 79 homes including the Elder Complex that will be available in the near future.

Well I'm hoping everything will take place on schedule. We are already working on the next projects for White Shield. The Veterans/Auxiliary Building and a new Senior Building. The Architectural drawings are currently being prepared and we will have those plans up for review late this Fall. I will be meeting in November with Legion, Auxiliary and elders when plans are ready for review. We can then make any changes that need to be done.

Finally, the White Shield dance arena is in the planning stage. Tom Wells, president of the Grass Society, is heading up this project. A meeting has been set for November for this project also.

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween. Take care and God Bless.



Above is a model of what the current construction will look like next summer.

Candidates Damon Williams and Mark Fox vie for Three Affiliated Tribes Chairman's position



Damon K. Williams is Supervising Attorney for the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes) where he is also an enrolled member. He also serves as legal counsel to the Tribes' 4 Bears Casino & Lodge and TAT - TERO office, as well as a limited private practice and consulting firm that specializes in economic development in Indian Country. His current areas of practice include Federal Indian and Tribal Law, inter-governmental relations, Energy, economic development and gaming. He holds a BS in Environmental Geology & Technology from the University of North

Dakota and a MS in Physical Science (Earth Science) from Emporia State University.

Currently, much of his professional time is focused on oil and gas issues within Fort Berthold Reservation including infrastructure, taxation, environmental regulation and ancillary economic development.

Damon has been instrumental in three state-tribal tax agreements and most recently co-authored a tribal /state oil and gas tax agreement that allowed the Three Affiliated Tribes to collect approximately 20% of the state production tax taken on fee patent lands within the Fort Berthold Reservation.

Damon is originally from Parshall, ND and later lived in the Four Bears and New Town areas. He currently serves as the Supervising Attorney for the Tribe. His parents are Carolene Foote of Parshall, ND and the late Russell Williams of Hawaii. His maternal grandparents are the late George Foote, Sr. and Celina Wilkinson Foote. His paternal grandparents are the late Solomon Williams and Adeline Akana.

Damon is married to Rae Ann Bird Bear. Rae Ann is the daughter of the late Roy Bird Bear and Rosalie Hopkins Bird Bear. Her paternal grandparents are the late Robert Bird Bear, Sr. and Cora Snow Bird Bear. Her maternal grandparents are the late Harvey Hopkins, Jr. and Belinda Heart.

Damon and Rae Ann have three children; daughter Dale, a senior at Yale University; daughter Jenna, a junior at New Town High School and son Tommy, a fourth grader at Stanley Elementary School. They reside in New Town.

Williams will debate Fox Oct. 14th at UTTC in Bismarck and Oct. 15th at White Shield Complex

Mark Fox declined an invitation to provide information about his candidacy for chairman for the newsletter. Please see Mark for any information about you might desire.

New Superintendent starts 2014 school year at White Shield



White Shield – Gaillard Peltier began school at White Shield with enthusiasm and optimism. Peltier is no rookie in the field of education. He received his BS degree at the University of North Dakota and master’s degree from the University of Mary, Bismarck. He began his career as a teacher at Dunseith in August of 1986 then assumed the position of principal in 1996 and then in August of 2000 took the principal position at Standing Rock in Ft Yates. He moved into his career as superintendent at the Four Winds Community School on the Spirit Lake reservation. His career included superintendent positions at Fordville-Lankin and TurtleLake-Mercer schools in the state.

Peltier also tried his hand at tribal government. He spent one term as councilman for Turtle Mountain. Then he went back to his first love which is teaching young people and particularly Native American children.

What are the challenges that he sees at White Shield? Attendance, he said, quickly. “If a student isn’t in school, they will not learn.” White Shield rated poorly in state attendance,” he said. It will be a matter is getting students, parents and teacher together so that students will be in school and learn.

Academics is the second issue. The school must offer a good education for students.

He is up for the challenges and looks forward to working with the students, teachers, parents and the school board to help students learn.

Peltier, 52, is married to Renee and they have five children. They are: Chris, a Civil Engineer for I.H.S in Minot; Luke, a Pharmacist at the Red Lake hospital; Michelle, a Registered Nurse at the Quinten Burdick Hospital; Adam, a sophomore at Bismarck State College and Taylor, who is a freshman in the White Shield school. He and his family live in White Shield.



Drawing of the new White Shield School which should be ready for students August 2015.

White Shield School Student Activities



*Stacy Blacksmith's 7TH class learns about the culture from Dancing Eagle Perkins, Director of Culture Center and Brad Kroupa, Arikara historian, at the White Shield Culture Center.
Front row: Makayla Cassel, Dashaun Woldenmicheal, Rhieannen Everett, Alyssa Garcia Medina,
Second row: Dancing Eagle, Andrea Wilkinson, Josie Felix, Destanee Black, John Bird Bear
Third row: Tanner Meyers, Ethan Malnourie, Jordan Voigt McKenzi Howling Wolf, Standing Bear*



Girls volley ball team playing in New Town. Photo by Brad Kroupa, Arikara Historian, who is an enthusiastic supporter of the team and follows their progress.

Mobile Vet Services



“Neutering? Ahh, . . . no!” says Wisdom the cat.

The TAT Animal Control is offering **FREE** Veterinary services including spaying, neutering and vaccinations for dogs and cats. Services are limited to the first 50 animals.

Twin Buttes – Community Center – October 14th/ 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

New Town – Northern Lights Building – November 24th / 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Four Bears – Community Center – November 25th /8:00 to 5:00 pm

Parshall – Healing Horse Ranch – December 15th/ 8:00 to 6:00 pm

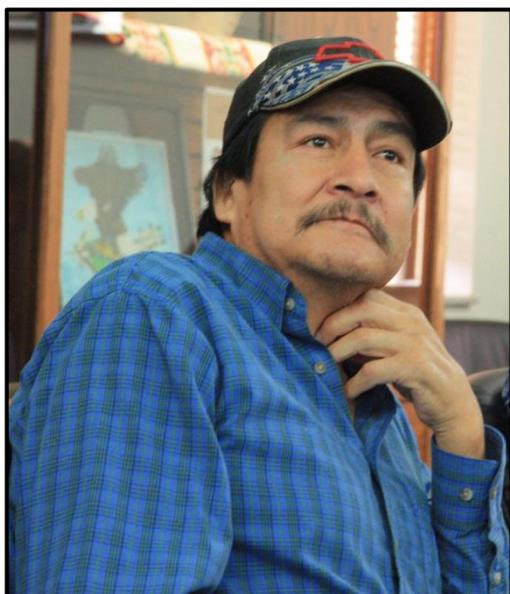
White Shield – Community Complex – December 16th 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Please contact the Animal Control Office for questions or to make an appointment. They can be reached at 701-627-2654.

All dogs must be on a leach and cats must be in a carrier.



OBITUARIES



Edward Charles Fox (Holy Light) was born to Glenn Fox Jr. and Penny (Jones) Fox on January 1, 1960. Many people knew him as “Snoozer.” He passed away September 22, 2014 at Stanford Hospital in Bismarck. He was raised south of New Town in Shell Creek on a ranch. As a young man, he enjoyed riding horses, farming, ranching and attending rodeos where he competed in team roping, saddle bonc and calf roping where he placed at many events.

Ed attended Dawson Community College in Glendive, Mont and was a part of the rodeo team while there in college. He won many awards including buckles, trophies, saddles and horse trailers. He was a member of the Native American Church.

He was married to Mariel Baker on December 13, 1980.

There children are: Clint (Kara) New York; Heath (Justine) New Town and daughter Maloni, of Albuquerque. Ed had nine grandchildren. He worked for the realty office for many years.



Elmer “Fudd” Wayne Star (Ree, Assiniboine Boy) was born February 15, 1958. He died September 28, 2014 in Chicago, Ill. His nickname “Elmer Fudd.”

His parents were Marvella (Reed) Star and Phillip Star Jr. (both are deceased).

Elmer started school in White Shield. He lived with Pauline Price for a couple of years while he attended school because his parents had moved to Chicago in 1967 and he refused to go with them.

Eventually he did move to Chicago and he later attended school in Marty, South Dakota where he made many friends there and in Chicago.

During his adult life, he lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Bismarck and Mandan, North Dakota before moving back to Chicago where he lived at the time of his passing.

Elmer was a gentle soul and enjoyed being with his family and friends. His nephews and nieces were his “best buds;” he and his sister’s best babysitter and his hobby was “hanging with the boyz.”

When Elmer living in Bismarck, he would visit his aunt Margaret Starr. She should tell him the Starr family history, customs and traditions. He had many questions about the Sahnish people

and his history. He was learning to carry on the Sahnish oral history. He could sit for hours listening. He will be greatly missed by this family and friends.

He leaves behind his brothers: Cory, Philip III, Alden, Frank, Gerald and Alton Reed. His sisters were: Twyla Reed, Ardene Perkins and Kim Dickens. His nephews were: Alfonso, Vance, Phillip IV, Sonny and Daniel. His nieces were: Toni Rae, Jamie, Leslie, Virginia Rose, Josie, Angel, Cheyenne, Marvella and Autum. His uncle was: McRoy Starr. His aunts were: Margaret Starr, Janice Star, Theresa Charging and Rhoda Star. Grandmother is Aunt Pearl Spotted Horse-Reed and he had many cousins and friends.

The wake was Friday, October 10 with funeral on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents: Kate Star and Georgianna Reed-Plenty Chief; grandfathers: Philip Star Sr. and Joseph Reed Sr., brothers: Alfonso Joseph Starr, Dorvan Starr and sisters: Jolene Starr and Georgianna "Banana" Starr and he was the great-great-great grandson of Sahnish Chief Son-of-the-Star, on his mother's side of the family.



Ashly White, 28, Bismarck, formerly of New Town, died on Monday, Sept. 29, 2014 at a Bismarck hospital. Funeral services were held on Friday at 10:00 am at the Johnny Bird Memorial Hall in New Town. Wake services were held on Thursday at 5:00 pm at the Johnny Bird Memorial Hall. Burial was at the Nishu Cemetery south of White Shield.

Ashly June White was born June 30, 1986 in Bismarck, ND to Bernard White and Melanie Krueger. She attended school in White Shield, ND for two years. She later moved to New Town where she attended high school, graduating in 2004. During her high school years, Ashly was active in basketball, track, and cheerleading.

Following graduation, Ashly attended college at BSC in Bismarck. After college, she moved back to New Town where she worked for the Fort Berthold Rural Water and later the TAT Easement Program. Most recently, Ashly was living in Bismarck with her grandma Donna Howling Wolf.

Ashly had so many great qualities. She will always be remembered for her infectious laugh and her beautiful personality. She lit up a room with her presence.

Ashly is survived by her parents, Bernard White, White Shield; Melanie Krueger, New Town; maternal brothers, Covey Jay Price and Shelton Lane Price; maternal sister, Katelyn Ann Mossett; paternal brothers, Tate White, Lance Jordan White, and Cotto White; and paternal sister, Brittany White; maternal grandparents, Rodney and Donna Howling Wolf; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Helmuth "Puddin" Krueger, and paternal grandparents, Eugene and Marcella White.

Spirit Riders honor community members



Shanna Knife, outstanding basketball player and speaker.



Rev Duane Fox, Vice-President

White Shield – Spirit Riders honor members of the community to encourage tribal members to live a good life and they recognize their outstanding efforts. This year they are honoring Shanna Knife, top basketball player, role model and speaker. Knife speaks to Boys and Girls clubs and attends many events. She will be a speaker at the honoring. The Spirit Riders honoring is to be rescheduled later because of a funeral. At the publishing of the newsletter, no date has been set.

Jerry Packineau is being honored because of his continued sobriety. He teaches young people about the problems associated with drugs and alcohol use. Jeremy Myers is also being honored for his sobriety and his talents with gospel music. His music moves people toward sobriety.

Finally, elder and spiritual leader, Pearl Reed, is being honored for her continuous support and encouragement for those who are struggling with problems. She is also a strong support of the Spirit Riders. **(Reed's picture on below)** “We do many activities during the year to encourage young people to



live good lives,” said Rev Duane Fox, vice-chairman of the Spirit Riders.

Recently, the NAhtAsuutaaka’ (White Shield) Newsletter featured Howard Wilkinson, president of the Spirit Riders. His interview included exploring cultural sites of the Sahnish like Neshu, Buffalo Rocks, TP rings and so on. Fox also does cultural presentation to the community and anyone who would like to learn about the culture.

Bonnie Fox, Duane's wife; Deloris Wilkinson, Howard's wife; and Alise Packineau talk to women about the culture and good lifestyles. After each of the presentation, they have a dinner and the community is invited. Howard Wilkinson is president; Duane Fox, vice-president; Neva Meyers is secretary treasurer.

There are about 20 members of the Spirit Riders organization and they have about 20 horses and a team. For the activities, they have rides and speakers for kids which is at the Ralph Wells Complex.

Our Environment: flowers and wild grasses

By Dorreen Yellow Bird, NAhtAsuutaaka' Newsletter Editor



When I first moved back to White Shield, I searched for home site. The late Ed Fox, the tribal realty officer, was my guide. He was a patient and gentle man who spent many hours showing me land I could lease before we happened on the site where I am now living. It was traveling through prairie and rolling hills to get here, but I knew right away this was the place. There were hundreds of purple and yellow cone flowers, turnips, blazing star flowers and the tall, dark brown doc all surrounded by tall, wild grasses.

I knew prairie plants from the grandmother. When I was just a child my grandmother, Little Sioux, introduced me to prairie plants. Her purpose was to pick the prairie plants for a meal or use in medicine. When she indicated which plant to pick, she'd turn, reach down and I could hear her softly praying.

Using the prairie to sustain us comes from what she learned before the Dam. Then we were very self-sufficient –growing all kinds of vegetables that fed us through the winter. It wasn't until we were moved to

bench lands above the river that we began to struggle. There were times when there was little to eat and my grandmother, who always had some dried meat or salt pork in the cellar would take me out to the prairie above the house and we'd pick plants. She'd cook them with salt pork. The resulting soup tasted like cooked spinach. I didn't remember what she called it, but after studying prairie plants I believe it is called "lamb quarter" and it excels in nutrients.

Years later, I became friends with Rich Crawford and his wife, Glinda while in Grand Forks. Dr. Crawford was chairman of the science department at UND and Glinda was a teacher. Her theme was "we must walk softly on the earth." I learned botanical terms for plants. They knew the names every prairie plant. Some of the plants, however, I knew by a different name, a name taught to me by my grandmother.

We would take excursions all over North Dakota and even Minnesota. My basket of terms and identification grew.

But I think most the important thing I learned from them was how healing and life-giving these plants were. Many of the plants have very deep roots. Those roots are able to clean and clear the air. They take in the toxins and neutralize them. If you pull many of the prairie plants by the roots rarely are you be able to pull the whole root out because they are so deep. They can be as effective as the Rain Forests for cleaning the air, Crawford said.

With our new era of Bakken oil exploration; there is a need to try to keep some of our land free of crops and oil pads, not the entire area, but enough so that these tiny life-saving plants can do their job.

Survival of the smallest



The men and women who manage North Dakota's range and prairie lands are the last

and only hope for the survival of a butterfly no bigger than a man's thumbnail.

Without help, the fragile Dakota skipper may flit away from the state and from the face of the Earth, the last of its tiny wing beats heard by no one.

Before it goes, if it does, it may wield some mighty power yet. It is proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act in an effort to save it from extinction.

On Thursday, range and prairie land managers and others can take a day to learn how to improve conditions so it has a

chance to survive and possibly avoid it being listed at all.

The event is sponsored by a group with a long-winded title, the North Dakota Chapter of the Northern Great Plains Chapter of the Society for Rangeland Management.

Besides the butterfly, the daylong symposium will talk about the long-eared bat, which also is proposed for listing, as well as Sprague's pipit and the greater sage grouse, which are now official candidates for listing.

All — with the exception of the long-eared bat — are dependent for survival on the range margins and small remnants of prairie in North Dakota that have never felt the plow.

If there is one message state biologist Curt Bradbury, of the Natural Resource Conservation Service hopes people hear, at least it's a simple one: "Keep it green side up."

Keep it green

By that, Bradbury means not converting remaining range or prairie into crop land, which for a host of reasons is not safe harbor for these species, or develop it for housing or other uses.

"Eventually that will cause habitat to potentially become not habitat at all," he said.

He'll provide pointers on how to manage range grazing and prairie haying for maximum profit, because it's by being

profitable that these landowners will be least likely to convert the land to some other use.

"A lot of ranch and grass landowners enjoy wildlife as much as, or more than, others," he said. "They like to be good stewards."

Still, most land managers have room for improvement, whether it's in over- or under-using their grass, or not allowing it to rest.

The Dakota skipper is cued up now in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service process and a decision whether it should be a candidate for a threatened, as opposed to endangered species listing, could come late this fall after a second round of public comment.

Skipper rules

Its critical range is proposed in relatively small areas in six counties — Richland and Ransom in the east, McHenry, Rolette and Wells in the central zone, and **McKenzie** in the west.

The USFWS has proposed rules within that critical range, using the standard of "taking" meaning activities that would kill the skipper.

The rules exempt all grazing and normal pasture work, like fencing and water-tank installation, except for broadcast spray herbicides. Spot-spraying for noxious weed control would be acceptable.

Haying on native grass in the critical habitat would have to be done after July 15.

In its explanation of the rules, the agency says, “Many ranching-related activities are likely to have only minor impacts on the Dakota skipper. By clearly exempting ‘take’ due to these activities, we hope to assure livestock producers that listing the Dakota skipper will not restrict their day-to-day livestock ranching operations.”

Health bellwether

The health of native grass and range is a bellwether for species both at ground level and in the waters.

The symposium will help people sort through their perception of what happens when a species is listed as threatened or endangered and the actual facts. More importantly, they’ll learn how to prevent having to go there in the first place.

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Species at Risk and the Health of Native Grass



Long-eared bat – proposed listing as endangered



Whooping crane – on endangered list



Greater sage grouse – proposed listing as endangered



Sprague Pipit – proposed for listing.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2 FBCE meeting cancelled	3	4	
5	6 Elder Board meeting – noon In the Spirit of Partnership Summit – 1 pm – Northern Lights New Town	7 Ground Breaking for New Interpretive Center, New Town 11 am. Speeches and meal Women Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 Complex In the Spirit of Partnership Summit 8 to pm North Lights	8 In the Spirit of Partnership Summit – 8 to 4 am – North Lights.	9	10	11 Mother Corn Ceremony – noon – Culture Center	
12	13	14 Chairmen debate – UTTC (Bismarck) 6 to 8 pm – doors open at 5 PM for meet and greet Multi-purpose room.	15 Chairmen's Debate 6:30 – Complex - Meal will be provided. NRC Meeting at tribal chambers 10:00 am	16 Tribal Council Regular Meeting 10:00 	17	18	
19	20	21 Community Meeting – 6:30 complex	22 Chairmens' Debate, Northern Lights, 6:30 – hosted by KMHA and MHA Newspaper.	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31 Masquerade/Powwow – Complex 6:30 	Notes: REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 4th	



Wilbur Wilkinson----- 10-12
 Alva Hall----- 10-15
 Diana Howling Wolf ----10-17
 Joyce Nolan----- 10-28
 Hans Youngbird-----10-28

By DAVID RUPKALVIS – Editor, Minot Daily News

The tax burden for American Indians around the nation may soon be lightened.

On Friday, the U.S. Senate passed the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act introduced by Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., and Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan. The U.S. House passed the bill earlier this week, and it will go to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The legislation will close a loophole and prevent American Indians from being taxed if they receive assistance from their tribes.



These young men from New Town high school, (we didn't get their names) dressed for the occasion and attended the chairmen's debate. They sat through all of the debate. They didn't say what they thought about the debate or candidates, but they will probably show up at their own debates in years to come as they themselves become candidates.

