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White Shield graduates celebrate



Jay Felix, (Frank & Jewel Felix), Dr. Angelita Felix, one of two commencement speakers, and Dakota Howling Wolf (Dwight and Tenille Howling Wolf), present Dr. Felix with a star quilt. (Story and graduation pictures continue on pages 6, 7, 8 and 9.)



From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman for White Shield

I would like to start by sending my condolences to all the families that have lost loved ones this past month. Also I would like to send my prayers to all our Tribal members who are sick or hospitalize. We try to help everyone. It's hard to make sure everyone is taken care of but we will do our best.

This month was busy with graduations, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Warbonnet Dances and other end of the year school activities. This past May we had one Tribal Business Council meeting, 2 Natural Resources Committee meetings, 1 Judicial Committee meeting, 1 Economic Committee meeting and 1 Health Committee meeting. I was present at every committee meeting and the Council meeting. I also attended 2 Justice Commission meetings pertaining to our Tribal Judicial System. I also attended the North Dakota Joint Justice committee meeting which was the discussion of partnership with the State and the Tribe.

We had a good turnout for the Segment/Community Update at the Ralph Wells Complex in White Shield. Supper was ordered from Dickey's Barbecue. We had speakers from all the projects in White Shield and Tribal Law Enforcement. We will continue to have monthly updates to keep everyone informed of the tribal and community happenings. I did present the White Shield Segment Budget, which is \$12 million per segment.

*Operating: \$1.9 million (Staff, Grants/Donations, Meetings, Travel/Training, Etc.) *Segment Health Membership: \$3.15 million (Full Health Coverage for 802 WS Community members)

*Head Start Building: \$750k

*WS Community Improvements: \$49k

*WS home/infrastructure development: \$2 million (Sesame/Awahu Village)

*WS home repair: \$100k

*Arikara Cultural Center: \$400k

*WS new Community Building: \$3 million

*Arikara Celebration: \$50k

*Arikara Pow-wow arbor/grounds:\$800k (photo below)

This past week the Tribal Business Council attended meetings Washington DC. The Tribal Council met with Sen. John Hoven; Congressman Jared Polis, Congressman Donald Young and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp. The subjects discussed were Energy Taxation, Roads, Rural Water and Irrigation. We also met with Larry Washburn, Dept. of Interior Assistant Secretary; Larry Roberts Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, and Mike Black, Director of Bureau of Indian Affairs. The

subject with the Dept. of Interior was the signing MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) of the Transfer of Lands and the River Bed dispute with the State of North Dakota.

The BIA and Army Corps of Engineers have signed a MOU for the process of Transferring of 30,000 acres Excess Lands. This MOU will be an Inter-agency transfer to start the process. **It will still be governmental lands but it will held in Trust for the MHA Nation.**

The Missouri River bed is a dispute with North Dakota and there is millions of dollars in royalties that are in escrow until the dispute is resolved. The Tribe is using the 1984 Fort Berthold Mineral Restoration Act as a resolution with the boundaries described in the law. Each meeting was very successful and was in best interest of the Fort Berthold Reservation and membership.

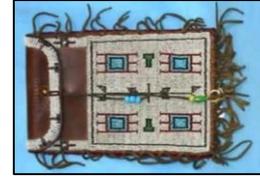
I would like to close and wish everyone a happy and safe summer. I would like to wish all the graduates the best of luck. Also wish every father a happy Father's Day. Never take your father for granted and cherish every moment of his life. I miss my dad every day and remember his advice and appreciate the hard work he did his entire life. Thank you and God Bless. *Fred*



White Shield Arbor in construction phase.



Elder apartments are moving north of elder center



Above are pictures of Arikara moccasins, beaded vest and purse from historical collections and a family member.

2015

ARIKARA CELEBRATION- White Shield, ND

July 10 (Thursday), 11 (Friday) and 12 (Sunday) Camp Day July 9

Grand Entries on Friday @ 7:00 pm, Saturday, @ 1 & 7 pm, Sunday, @ 1pm and 7pm

Announcers: Pete Coffey, Charlie Moran, Austin Gillette

Host Drums: Dead Grass, Ree Scouts & Yellow Face

Flag Raising @ 8:00 with breakfast by families

Friday, July 10, Elmer Bear (US Army); Emerson Packineau (USMC); Lisa White Bear Wilkinson (ARNG); Wayne Deegan (US Army)

Saturday, July 11, Bloody Knife (Arikara Scout); Grover Yellow Bird Sr., (US Army); Terry Howling Wolf (US Navy); William Wilkinson-Ebarb Jr. (US Army – USMC)

Sunday July 12, Son of Star (Arikara Scout); Garcia Walks (USMC); George Good Left Sr. (US Army); Matthew “Gus” Morsette (US Army)

Dance Categories:

Men & Women’s Golden Age (55 +) 1st \$1,200; 2nd \$800; 3rd \$600, \$400; & 5th \$200

Sr. Men’s Traditional Grass & Fancy (35 -54) 1st \$1,200, 2nd \$800; 3rd \$600, 4th \$400, 5th \$200

Sr. Women’s Traditional Jingle & Fancy (35-54) 1st \$1,200, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600, 4th \$400, 5th \$200

Men’s Chicken, Trad., Grass & FANCY (18-34) 1st \$1,200, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600, 4th \$400, 5th \$200

Women’s Traditional Jingle & Fancy (18-34) 1st \$1,200, 2nd \$800, 3rd \$600, 4th \$400, 5th \$200

Teen Boys Traditional Grass and Fancy (13-17) 1st \$800, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$400, 4th \$200, 5th \$100

Teen Girls Traditional Grass and Fancy (13-17) 1st \$800, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$400, 4th \$200, 5th \$100

Jr Boys Traditional Grass and Fancy ((6-12) 1st \$500; 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300, 4th 200, 5th \$100

Jr Girls Traditional Jingle & Fancy (6-12) 1st \$500, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100

Tiny Tots paid daily.

Singing contest: \$10,000 \$8,000, \$6,000, \$4,000, \$2,000

FRIDAY SPECIALS: Friday, Men Veterans Special - \$1,000, \$800, \$600, Honor & Memory Elmer Bear, MIA Elmer White Bear Family. Women’s Veterans Dance Special, \$1,000, \$800, \$600, Honor Tex, Richard & Elmer White Bear, sponsored by Genevieve Azure family.

Ladies Old Style Fancy Shawl Special, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100. Memory of Marcella (Cedar) White. Feed & give away 4pm, Complex. Sponsored by White family.

Ladies Jingle, Honor Sheyenne Fox, sponsored by her father, Fred Fox Sr.
Men's Traditional Special, Honor Frederick Fox Jr., sponsored by father Fred Fox Sr.
Women's Fancy Special, Honor Lexus Fox, sponsored by father, Fred Fox Sr.

SATURDAY SPECIALS: Tiny Tot Special – all tots to be paid, sponsored by the Jr. Princess Kylee Hall Family

Hand Drum Contest: \$500, \$300, \$200 with jackets. Honor Wesley Howling Wolfe III, sponsored by Waylon Goodleft.

Men's Fancy: Men's All Around Special (18 + must Dance all Categories). Honor of Tex, Richard & Elmer White Bear, sponsored by Genevieve Azure family.

Women's (20+) Old Style Fancy & traditional Special - \$1,000, \$800, \$600, \$400 with quilt, jacket & trophy & 6 consolations. Sponsored by Head Woman Dancer Yvonne Merrick.

Kahomini Dance – TBA, Sponsored by Nelson Heart.

Evening Specials:

Cowgirl Special: In Memory of Labell (First Ready Woman) Fox, Sponsored by Kim Dickens & family.

Men's Traditional Special – \$1,000, sponsored by Brendan "Pnut" Young family.

Men's Crow Style Special \$800, \$600, \$400, \$200. Sponsored by Arena Director Jace R > B. Old Elk (Gets to the Other Side with no Problems).

Women's Crow Belt Special: \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100. Sponsored by Arena Director Jace R. B. Old Elk "Gets to the Other Side with no Problems"

Women as Men Switch dance Special \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100. Sponsored by Treasurer Corrine Felix-Wells "Door Chief Woman."

Sunday Specials: Teens & Jr Team Dance Special (4 per team) \$1,500, Sponsored by Drum Keeper Haley Bearstail family.

Men's Traditional – Men's All Around Special (18 + must dance all categories) \$5,000. In honor of Tex, Richard & Elmer White Bear. Sponsored by Genevieve Azure & Family.

Evening: Golden Age, Jr & Sr. Adult (Registered Luck of Draw Special \$1,000. Sponsored by Arena Director Richard Pease (Whiteman Runs Him")

Men as Women Switch Dance Special: \$500m, 4400, \$300, \$200, \$100. Sponsored by Treasurer (Corrine Felix-Wells "Door Chief Woman")

Other Events: Thursday, July 9th Fox/Morsette Reunion. Saturday July 11, Horse Racing Located 6 miles straight south of powwow grounds by lake @ 10:00 a.m.

2015 Celebration Committee Members



President - Fred Fox Sr., “First Feather”
Vice-President - Thomas Wells Jr. “Red Horse”
Treasurer - Corrine Felix-Wells “Door Chief Woman”
Secretary - Tina Malnourie “Golden Eagle Woman”
Flag Bearer – Bob Mullock “Aqpik”
Headwoman Dancer – Yvonne Merrick “Prairie Rose Blossom”
Headman Dancer – Ramon Malnourie
Drum Keeper – Haley Bearstail
Princess - Daun Dixon “Cedar Berry Woman”
Jr. Princess – Kylee Hall
Arena Director – Kerry Hartman “Swift Antelope”
Area Director – Jace R. B. Old Elk “Gets to the Other Side with no Problems”
Arena Director – Richard Pease “Whiteman Runs Him”
Arena Director – Shannon Fox “Eagle Soaring High Above the Ground Looking Down Upon the People”

Fred Fox, Segment Representative and President of 2015 White Shield Celebration

AN HONORING FOR KEITH AND JOHN FOX WAS HELD AT THE DENVER MARCH POW WOW. THE FAMILY SPONSORED A DANCE CONTEST AT THE POW WOW. A GIVE AWAY AND HONORING FOR KEITH AND JOHN WILL ALSO BE HELD AT THE WHITE SHIELD CELEBRATION JULY 10, 11, 12.

Graduation at White Shield

Dr. Angelita Felix is a member of the Arikara tribe from the Fort Berthold Reservation of North Dakota. As a child, she attended a Bureau of Indian Affairs (*BIA*) elementary school called the *Wahpeton* Indian School (now known as Circle of Nations School) and an all-girl Catholic boarding school for three years. She graduated from White Shield High School on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. She earned a bachelor's degree from Minot State University in North Dakota in English and Business Education, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Dakota, and a doctorate in educational administration from Penn State University.

Dr. Felix has more than 25 years of professional experience in Indian education. She taught language arts and worked as a curriculum writer and a curriculum director. She also served as a dean of student services at Sitting Bull Tribal College and then as a dean of instruction at Haskell Indian Nations University. She has worked as a *BIA* education line officer (similar to a public school superintendent) at agencies in Arizona and North Dakota. During the past 2 years she has been the Supervisory Education Specialist over Exceptional Education for the *BIA*, Office of Indian Education Programs.



Sheyenne Fox (Fred Fox & Grandmother Nancy Fox), Brittany White (Bernard & Amy White), Shania White Bear (Yvonne and Dorven White Bear), Destiny Williams (Dorothy Deegan) and commencement speaker Cesar Alvarez receives star quilt.

Graduates also presented Cesar Alvarez with a star-quilt as a thank you for his inspiring words. Alvarez is Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara and, along with his Native American background, he is also Hispanic. He grew-up on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in New Town, North Dakota.

Cesar graduated at the top of class and is currently a freshman at Harvard University. He is one of a handful of students from his tribe to attend an Ivy League institution. He currently plans to study Governmental Affairs and Political Science and hopes to one day attend Law School. Along with receiving the prestigious Hamilton Award, Cesar is also the proud recipient of the 2009 National Coca-Cola Scholarship and the 2009 Gates Millennium Scholarship. "I never would have dreamed of being blessed with these awards. Receiving these scholarships has only affirmed my passion for knowledge." Alvarez currently serves as a spokesperson for the Coca-Cola Scholarship Program and is a 2009 Gates Millennium Ambassador for North Dakota. When talking about his plans for the position Cesar said, "During the upcoming holiday recess, I intend to reach out to the youth of my state and promote the value of getting an education."

Aside from his studies, Cesar is involved with the Harvard University Band, the Harvard Democrats, La Raza (a Latin support community), and NAHC (Native Americans at Harvard College). He also attends weekly discussions with the Catholic Student Association and is the newest Native American Student Coordinator with the Undergraduate Minority Recruitment Office. With his law degree and government background, Alvarez hopes to one day run for public office. "I want to serve as the Chairman of my tribe some day because I want to give back to the people who gave me so much and helped me get to where I am today. The paramount of my political career will be to one day become a U.S. Senator. I believe becoming a politician will allow me to make a meaningful impact."

Cesar is motivated to achieve success by his culture and family. He wakes up every day knowing that he is in uncharted waters for himself and for Native Americans in North Dakota who have not been as fortunate. He feels blessed and wants to give back what he has learned and gained from his many experiences "My uncle told me, "when you know where you came from, there are no limitations as to where you can go. This is my roadmap to success," said Alvarez.

Scholarships received by senior graduates



Wyatt Felix – Basketball & Dollars for Scholars - \$500
Sheyenne Fox – Dollars for Scholars- \$500, Mary Bateman Scholarship - \$500
Dakota Howling Wolf – Dollars for Scholars - \$500,
Brittany White – Dollars for Scholars - \$500
Shania White Bear – Dollars for Scholars - \$500
Destiny Williams – Dollars for Scholars \$500

EIGHT GRADE GRADUATION



Misty Moutch, Kingston Marsette, Frederick Fox, Dakota Bird



Kaira Twinn, Katherine Yellow Bird, Kaszady Bearstail, Molly Wilkinson, Jaseyona, Serene Wilkinson, Wambdi Dota Wi Waci, Johnny Malnouri and Jonas Dickens.

Some of the eighth grade graduates not pictured are: Bryon Bowen, Maya Deegen, Sharon Esquibel, Neil Everett, Misty Foutch, Gabriel Fox, Oscar Howard, Dakota Kearnes, and Anna Mountain.



Bobby Bear, White Shield elder and Terry Roy White Bear attend White Shield graduation

White Shield School graduates six high school students, thirty 8th grader and 11 Headstart students for school year 2015.

Eleven Headstart graduates

They are as follows: Ayden Dickens, Logan Adams, Zane Howling Wolf, Dancing Thunder Perkins, Marquis White Bear, Mackenzie Wounded Face, Evan Grassrope, Mila Felix, Eelayna Trevino, Love Hopkins and Cora Goodall.



Marquis White Bear



Mackenzie Wounded Face

Staff are: Shani Bordeaux, teacher I; Ardith Esquibel, teacher II; and Joy Bear, cook. There are two vacancy that they hope to fill next year.

The maximum number of students in Headstart, according to regulations, is 20. They started out with 20, and ended with 19 when one student moved.

2015 Memorial Day Celebration



Joseph Young Hawk/Elmer Bear Post 253 members are Timothy White Bear, Tom Wells, and Austin Gillette. They watch as a flag and bouquet are placed in front of Old Scout memorial by Doyle Newsom, Chaplin, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, and 5th Marine.

Old Scouts Cemetery – For the Sahnish people on the Ft. Berthold reservation, Memorial Day begins and ends with the warriors of the past, the Old Scouts. Yet the members of the Joseph Young Hawk/Elmer Bear Post 253, remembered all the soldiers who fought so many years ago to keep the people safe. The elders say that they fought against great odds. Their stories are told and remembered especially on Memorial Day.

On this day, soldiers from other nations came to White Shield to honor the men who fought in those wars with and for them. Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine, attended and they remembered an outstanding soldier - David White Bear.

In different wars – the Korean and Vietnam for example – the warriors of White Shield were known as soldiers who were dedicated to the well-being of this nation not just this community. The wars of those times were fought in lands across great oceans and in paddy fields and at the greatest expense - their lives.

One special soldier was remember on this day. Elmer Bear, was honored with medals and awards. He was missing for 60 years. The Heart family was also honored for their donations to the Old Scouts Cemetery.



Major General David Sprynczynatyk attended the celebration and presented medals and awards to the Elmer Bear family.

He assumed the duties of Adjutant General of North Dakota on August 26, 2006. He commands 4,500 North Dakota Air and Army National Guard men and women, with approximately 1100 full time federal and state employees.

Major General Sprynczynatyk military service began in 1972. He enlisted as a

Cheryl Danks, Auxiliary Treasurer, Adjutant General Sprynczynatyk and Madonna Azure, President of Ladies Auxiliary at White Shield.

Photographer in the 116th Public Information Detachment. In 1978, he received a direct commission to First Lieutenant in the 164th Engineer Group. Prior to his current assignment, Major General Sprynczynatyk was the Director of Logistics (J-4), National Guard Bureau.



Elder Pearl Reed, 85, attends many celebrations like this one as well as participating in ceremonies and other activities in the community. She is the wife of Joseph Reed, who was one of the spiritual leaders in the community. He passed away several years ago.

Reed lives in New Town.



Deloris Wilkinson and Dani Dean attend the Memorial Day festival. Both are military families. Wilkinson's daughter, Kathy White Bear, served in the USS Navy.



Heart Family honored for donations to community



General Sprynczynatyk, Vance Gillette, Kermit Heart, Bentley Heart, 2 unidentified shaking hands.



Bentley Heart shakes hands with Ed Martin from Fox Company. Clement Packineau watches.



Richard Pease shakes hands with Bonnie Heart Yellow Bear

Ladies Auxiliary sworn in at Memorial Day Celebration



Madonna Azure, president; Gerilyn Yellow Bird, vice-president; Cheryl Danks, Treasurer; Jennifer Dickens and Yvonne White Bear (Yvonne not pictured) are Secretaries; Danile Henry, Historian, Loretta Meredith, Chaplin, Chasmin Yellow Bird, Sargent-at-arms.



Madonna Azure, President of the Joseph Young Hawk/Elmer Bear Post 253, ladies Auxiliary, thanks all who help decorate, prepare food and serve during the Memorial Day celebration. Their help made the day a success, she said.

Azure also wants to remind the Ladies Auxiliary there will be a Flag Day Celebration on June 14. Members will meet the Senior Citizen building at 1 pm. Danile Henry, chairman of this project, would like members to bring a flag. From there the group will walk to the Ralph Wells Complex. At complex they will have a program and meal. The Flag celebration is sponsored by the Legion Post 253 and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Honoring of Elmer Bear, Korean MIA



Elmer Bear's siblings Roberta Bear, Robert Bear Jr., Grayden Bear and Loretta Meredith receive metals and awards.

The Ralph Well Complex had standing room only for the traditional 2015 Memorial Day Celebration. Red, white and blue, made the old Ralph Wells Complex festive and colorful, but it wasn't the ceremony at the Old Scouts Cemetery or the festivities at the Complex that brought such a large crowd, it was the honoring of Cpl. Elmer Bear, 60 years a MIA in the Korean War.

Bear was born in 1927 and would have been 88 June 13. Bear was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. He was serving in Korea in the Army with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, and 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing after a battle with Chinese forces in the area of Kunu, North Korea, near Chongchan River. Authorities say his unit was attacked by Chinese forces on Nov. 25, 1950, at the international boundary between the Korea and China.

Bear is among more than 7,800 Americans who remain unaccounted for from the Korean War, including 27 from North Dakota.

Bear was married and had a son. Both his wife and son have since died. He is survived by four siblings. (Picture above)

The awards and decorations presented to Elmer Bear's family members included the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal (Army), World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Korean War Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge and Honorable Service Lapel Button. Some of the medals and decorations presented Saturday were for Elmer Bear's service during World War II. Roberta Bear, one of Elmer's sisters, cried as she was given one of his medals of honor.

His parents, the late Robert and Dora Bear, of Elbowoods, received a telegram in early August 1951 from the War Department informing them their son, Pvt. (later upgraded to corporal) Elmer Bear, had been missing in action since Nov. 26, 1950, in Korea.

After some time, Bear's parents held a memorial service for him. A marker for him was placed in the Old Scout Cemetery, west of White Shield. The White Shield Legion post also carries his name the Joseph Young Hawk/Elmer Bear American Legion Post 253.

Fox Company Donates items in memory of David White Bear to Museum

At the Memorial Day Celebration, Post 253 received items for the proposed Veterans Center from Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, and 5th Marine. This is the 2nd time the Fox Company accepted an invitation to attend the Memorial Day Celebration. They came to White Shield 2014 to honor their comrade Richard White Bear who was part of their company in Vietnam said Doyle Newsom, Chaplin, Fox Company.

- Those who attended are: Ed Martin (and his wife Jeanette) from Fredericksburg, VA. Ed was in Bravo squad, Second Platoon. He was a fire team leader in 1969.
- Paul Trenn from Loveland, OH was Alpha squad leader in First Platoon in 1969.
- Doyle Newsom from Enid, OK was a lieutenant who commanded First Platoon in 1969.
- Bill Ulman from Howell, MI was a platoon sergeant with Third Platoon when Richard was there in 1969.
- Carl Sweeney from Lexington, KY. Carl was a corpsman with Second Platoon who was there with Richard in 1969.

First timers this year are:

- Marv Carpenter from East Galesburg, was a squad leader with Third Platoon in 1969.
- Tommy Byrd from Grapeland, TX was a machine gunner with First Platoon in 1969.

- Gene Tucker from Mount Pleasant, NC. was in Bravo Squad in 1969.
- Gordon Kosobucki (Kosy) from Stoughton, WI. said he was very close to White Bear in Vietnam. When tour was finished, he turned the squad over to him. His daughter, Karisa, son, Clint, also attended.
- Tom Champan and his girlfriend Jo from McFarland, WI. Attended. Tom was not in the Marine Corps but he is the one who started all this by donating an eagle talon last year.

Fox Company donated the following items to the Post 253 to be placed in the new Veterans building:



- A bow and two arrows were given by Tom Champan (He gave eagle talon also). He also gave a framed hand woven thread design he brought back from a trip to Peru last year. There are also photos of the man who made the bow and arrows (one of the Jaguar people) and a photo of the woman who made the woven thread design.
- The History of the Marine Corps Battles book and the Fox 2/5 Association patch was given by Bill Ulman (one of the first timers).
- The K-Bar knife was given by Ed Marten (another first timer). He carried that knife for many years, as seen by its wear.
- The Vietnam Wall superimposed statue knife display stand with K-Bar. The slab of tree from the actual battlefield of Belleau Wood .
- The statue of Chief White Shield was from Steve Piscitelli. He was the guy who made the statue of Richard White Bear last year. He also was one of the three guys who didn't make it back this year.

All of these things were given to the Arikara community on behalf of Richard White Bear.

Housing update

White Shield is progressing rapidly toward improved housing for the community. It has been years since White Shield had new housing for the community. Many of the current housing is adequate to poor. There are new families who have not had an opportunity to acquire a house and also new families moving into the community. Fred Fox, Segment Representative, worked to move the housing projects toward what they have today.

He hired Gloria Fox Brennan to manage the purchasing process. She is located in White Shield and is responsible for the financial part of these projects. She is handling application, managing contractors and all that goes with a project as large as this.

Here is what has been done this year:

- Nine elder scatter houses are in varying stages of completion. Some are nearly ready for move in, others are waiting.
- Elder apartments, located near the Nishu Elder Center, are on site and ready for the completion. The apartments have eight apartments with one 2-bedroom, and 7 one-bedrooms. They will have garages and storage rooms.
- There are 16 rentals located at Sesame. All of those units are filled and most of the people have moved in.
- In Awahu Village there are seven units. These are rent-to-own and they are all filled.

If you are interested in a house, you can pick-up an application from Gary Dicken's office, housing office in the White Shield Complex or down load one at MHA Nation.com.

There are qualifications for each apartment or house. In other words you must be able to pay the rent or make house payments each month and maintain the house.

The White Shield Housing Board is responsible for selecting owners or renters of houses. The Board will receive applications from Gloria Brennan. They will examine completed applications for eligibility, accuracy and MOST IMPORTANT date stamped. They will be considered according to the date of completed application.

Board Members are: Linda Gonzales, Director and Chairman of the Brd, Phone # (701)-431-5941 Dorreen Yellow Bird, vice chairman; Madonna Azure, treasurer; Lorelin LaCroix, secretary; and Larry Trujillo, project manager.

New Project Director for construction in White Shield is Dennis Fox, former CEO, for TAT. He came on board Monday, June 1, 2015

Cleaning graves at White Shield's Catholic Cemetery



Maggie Yellow Bird didn't like the "uncared" for look of the White Shield Catholic Cemetery so she asked her son-in-law (Jesse Yellow Bird's husband), and her family to help mow and clean the cemetery. Cheryl; Donna,

Erin, Boise, Michael, Dennis Yellow Bird and Anthony Bell helped mow, clean and generally give the cemetery a better look.

The look of the cemetery has dramatically changed with the entire cemetery mowed and cleaned. Graves that had over growth were cleaned, and the family also beatified their parents, brother and relatives graves.

Other families came out to clean graves as they do each year, and were impressed with the complete make-over of the cemetery.

A big thanks from all the community for the sweat and hard work of Maggie Yellow Bird's family and helpers.

Flooding fills ditches and fields at White Shield



The recent storms have dropped different amounts of rain on the White Shield area. Most off the main highways roads had water flowing across them. Some places have turned from simple ponds into lakes. The recent deluges have slowed construction at White Shield and stranded some farmers and their equipment in the fields. Everything is green, green and the ducks love White Shield.



By Dorreen Yellow Bird, Editor – We are now in the sever storm season. On Monday evening, I could see the storm warnings crawling across the TV screen. I didn't need the television to tell me there was a big storm coming. If could almost see a tornado forming (photo above). It was a little north of us and heading toward White Shield.

My daughter and I went outside to watch the sky. The air was an eerie still and was muggy hot. The sky looked threatening. You could see rain and wind in the clouds. There was also that blue-green of hail.

It reminded me of the years I lived in Anadarko, Okla. I know what the stillness means – a tornados birthing ritual. Anadarko longtime residents say that Anadarko has never had a tornado in the area. Something about an old Indian legend and tornadoes. We had warnings regularly during the summer I lived there. I watched the sky and if it looked bad, I would send the kids to the basement then sat on the top level of stairs. One such event, alarms begin blaring. The tornados was above me. It sounded like I was right below a train. There was a roaring and awful sounding wind. True to the Indian legend, it didn't touch down.

The storm on Monday had sever winds, some hail and it poured rain. Rain came in under my front and garage doors, but then it doesn't take much to get rain the garage. The strange part of the storm was it seemed to be in the front of the house while from the backyard I could see Lake Sakakawea and hills across the lake. When it was over, I thanked the Creator for our safety and allowing us to see the power of this mighty storm without harm.

Arikara Community Action Group (ACAG) Essay Contest

The ACAG Essay Contest is a writing competition for Arikara students currently enrolled in grades 8-12 in the White Shield School. The contest invites students to explore contemporary issues impacting their lives. It encourages young minds to examine their school and community, along with their own experiences in White Shield, by writing a 1,000-word essay, describing an important issue confronting them today.

The Arikara Essay Contest:

- ◊ Compliments existing curricula and other scholastic activities
- ◊ Strengthens students writing and research skills
- ◊ Serves as preparation for undergraduate college level research and writing
- ◊ Opportunity to work with an Arikara who has professional level research experience

Eligibility:

Open to Arikara students currently enrolled in grades 8-12 at the White Shield School.

Essay Topic:

Write an essay on any contemporary issue facing the White Shield community.

The essay must do two things:

- 1) Describe an issue confronting the White Shield school and/or community today and explain why it is an important issue.
- 2) Describe how young people can work alone, with their peers, or with the broader community to address this particular issue and impact the community in a positive way.

Prizes:

- 1st \$400
- 2nd \$300
- 3rd \$200

Other Contest Rules:

- Deadline for entries is **JULY 1**
- Entries must contain a minimum of 1,000 words.
- The essay must be typed and double-spaced.
- The winners will be announced by July 5. The prize money is designed as a reward for academic excellence and commitment to educational empowerment and emergence as a young leader.
- Early drafts can be sent via email (kuunux.teerit@gmail.com) for feedback. The final essay can be sent via email or submitted to the Arikara Cultural Center.

For questions or more information, please contact: kuunux.teerit@gmail.com or 701-421-3773.



ARIKARA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT
(Ages 13-17)

ARIKARA YOUTH NEED OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE AND ASSUME LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE WHITE SHIELD COMMUNITY IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE ADULT RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY ARE, AFTER ALL, THE FUTURE STAKEHOLDERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE. TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK OF THE WHITE SHIELD COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON THE PREPAREDNESS AND EDUCATION OF TODAY'S YOUTH.

THE ARIKARA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT IS A PROGRAM AIMED AT DEVELOPING YOUTH AS LEADERS IN THE WHITE SHIELD COMMUNITY. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE ARIKARA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A SERIES OF DIFFERENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. EACH WILL PROVIDE ARIKARA YOUTH WITH LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN AUTHENTIC, MEANINGFUL PROJECTS THAT THE YOUTH DEFINE THEMSELVES AND IMPLEMENT. YOUTH WILL LEARN TO ACT EFFECTIVELY OUT OF THEIR TALENT AND VOICE AS THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM, THE YOUTH WILL HAVE ACCESS TO MENTORS TO HELP GUIDE THEM AND PROVIDE INSIGHT. EACH PROJECT IS CENTERED AROUND THREE CORE THEMES: EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT, CRITICAL THINKING, AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

Cultivating Young Arikara Leaders

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Elders Brd meeting - noon	2	3	4 FBCE Meeting @ noon – Newspaper Office	5	6
7	8	9 WS School Board Election 	10 Com. Brd. 6:30 - Complex	11 TAT Tribal Council Meeting @ 10 am	12	13
14 Ladies Auxiliary Flag Day celebration – 1pm at Complex 	15	16	17	18 White Shield Staff Meeting 10 am. Complex. Twin Buttes Pow Wow	19 Twin Buttes Pow Wow Grand entries 1 & 7pm	20 Twin Buttes PowWow Grand entries 1 & 7
21 Father's Day  Summer Solstice  Twin Buttes Pow Wow ends	22	23	24 <u>Community Up Date Meeting – Complex 6:30 pm</u>	25	26	27
28	29	30	Notes:			



Sylvia Spotted Horse - June 6
Cleo Charging - June 14
Duane Fox – June 21
Janice Garcia – June 24
Rosalie Schreiner – June 27

Nishu Convenience Store updates



Nishu Store, managed by Rod Yellow Bird, recently opened new gas pumps with four services areas, a canopy and cement area for parking.