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## 2015 White Shield Celebration flag raising

**White Shield Celebration arbor** - It is tradition that each morning the Sun is greeted with veteran flags. Flags are given to the families of soldiers who were killed in action or who served in the military and are now deceased.

The flags memorialize and honor those veterans. The flags are passed to the spouse or family member when the veteran or military person dies. It not unlike veterans who are non-Native.

It is Sahnish and most Native people's tradition to also feed the people breakfast after the flags are raised. Many also give away gifts in the name of the loved one who has passed away.

*The picture at the right is (Robert) Robin Fox, (Air Force) helping raise the flag for Rodney Howling Wolf, (Navy) who holds his brother, Terry Howling Wolf's flag.*



*From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman for White Shield*

I would like to start out like I always do by sending my condolences to the family members that have lost loved ones this past summer. It is very hard to move on when you have someone close to you that has traveled to the spirit world, but we are all here to take care of each other and help one another in time of sorrow and sadness.

School is starting to take off and all our kids will be in full swing for school. We will be getting a few new teachers and school administrators for our school district. I will introduce them at our next segment and community update that has a tentative date of August 20th. The White Shield School will be having a back-to-school celebration the evening of the first day of school on August 19th.

By now everyone has received their disbursement this past July. The total amount distributed for this fiscal year (October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015) to every enrolled member, is \$43.5 million. \$14.5 million came from the interest from the "People's Fund" and \$29 million came from the Tribal Budget. As of today, there is \$337 million in the "People's Fund" since time of creation. Also the tribal elders received a total of \$1.2 million this fiscal year.

I want to touch a bit on the oil & gas development on Fort Berthold Reservation. The price of oil or WTI "Western Texas Intermediate" is at \$44.66 as of August 7, 2015. The Williston Basin Crude is usually \$10 less than WTI due to transportation. So we are in a low period of Royalty Revenue for the Tribe and for Allottee Mineral owners. The amount of oil that is produced within the exterior boundaries of Fort Berthold is approximately 200k bbls per day, which Trust Minerals account for 75% and Fee Minerals account for 25%. This Fiscal Year (October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015) the MHA Nation has collected \$81 million in Tribal Royalties and \$160.5 million in Oil & Gas Tax. We have seen a severe drop in tribal revenue and so we will be budgeting on figures a lot lower than previous years.

I wish everyone returning to school or collage, a safe and learning full experience. Keep up the hard work. It will pay off in the end. Good luck to all our athletes participating in fall sports like cross-country, football, and volleyball. Helpfully I will see you at one of the events.

God Bless to all and safe travels wherever you go.



Skills Clinic  
September 19-20  
White Shield School Gym

Driven Training provides players with the highest level of game specific skill development by providing a vision and path for players to enhance their game.

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"Tyler is one of the best I've ever seen with his combination of knowledge and passion in the game"  
- *Jeff Capel Assistant Coach at Duke*

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WHITE SHIELD VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYERS**

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**GIRLS GOT NEXT!**

## White Shield School starts new school year with some new staff

*Superintendent Jankowski*



**White Shield School –** New Superintendent John Jankowski welcomes several new teachers as well as new principals this school year.

Jankowski began his tenure as Superintendent of White Shield School in July. Jankowski, from Warren, Minnesota, has a back ground of school administration. He was a principal and high school superintendent prior to coming to White Shield.

His goal, Jankowski said, is “to make a difference at White Shield and make sure that the students have a quality education so they can do what they want in the future.”

One of last year’s school projects was to get students lap tops so they could get assignments, homework, extra reading assignments and can turn in papers on time. The lap tops are also a resource for information for assignments and school work.

Last year, he said, the high school students had lap tops and now all students from elementary through high school have lap tops. He happily reported they only lost one lap top from all the computers handed out.

Upcoming is the issue of Common Core. Common Core is defined as a set of high-quality academic standards in mathematics and English language arts/literacy (ELA). These learning goals outline what a student should know and be able to do at the end of each grade.

North Dakota, including the local schools, do not agree with the national standards.

Currently North Dakota is suing to try to keep it out

of the schools. The consortium that is working to keep Common Core out of the school said there are a number of issues or problems with it. New texts are difficult and written on a higher level and not relevant to what is being taught in schools.

Montana, he said, opted out of Common Core.

Nationally there is a teacher shortage, housing is not holding us back, Jankowski said. They do have housing for new teachers, but there are fewer teacher available. Colleges and universities are graduating fewer and fewer teachers each year.



Stacy Blacksmith, 50, is the new high school principal. Her credentials indicate she has a Master’s Degree and is working on a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at the

University of Montana,  
Bozeman.

Blacksmith graduated from Garrison High School. After college, she began her teaching career at White Shield 1989. She also taught at Turtle Mountain, one of the largest school district in North Dakota for 13 years.

*Bobbi Sahegrud is also not new to White Shield and*



*she has been the elementary principal for several years. She also taught at White Shield. On the horizon is a new building for the White*

Shield School. It's a lot of work making sure everything fits together, Jankowski said.

He is looking forward to the new school and feels it will mean good things for the students.

### DATES TO WATCH FOR WHITE SHIELD SCHOOL



**Noon on August 10<sup>th</sup>** is Backpack Day. Each student will be given a backpack with things like notebooks, paper, pencils, crayons, and etc. The backpacks are geared toward the grade of the student. (Gift backpacks will probably look different.)

### **August 19th school starts.**



**WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION** begins at 6:00 pm at the school gym. Parents, students and community please come and help welcome the students back to school. There will be booths of all kinds, games, food, contests, and more. Come and join the fun!!



**FUN RUN** for students will begin at about 5pm at the White Shield School. All students who participate will receive a T-shirt, and get "colored" during the race, "so that they will look like rainbows when the race is finished," said Megan Blacksmith, who is coordinating the race along with Stacy Blacksmith, high school principal, who is also a runner.



*A Mallard duck with her brood made their home on a rock in the middle of a pothole near White Shield. The babies have learned to swim and dip for food in the water. Soon they will be heading south as the weather gets colder. Right now 90 degrees is still good swimming weather for them.*

### **Elder's Apartment Complex**

By Madonna Azure, Housing Board Member

The White Shield Community will soon have an apartment complex for the elders. The apartments are just north of the White Shield Field Clinic and Nishu Lodge. There are six-one bedroom apartments and three-two bedroom apartments. There is a common area for activities and garages for the residents.

The Ree Lodge Management Housing Board is currently developing applications, policies and procedures for the apartments. Applications will not be taken until August 17, 2015. Contacts for the apartment complex are **Linda Gonzalez (701-421-5941)**. Mailing address: **428 N 17<sup>th</sup> St, Bismarck, ND., 58501** and **Madonna Azure (701-898-0161)**.

A grand opening for the apartment complex is tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2015. Madonna Azure and Kelly McGrady will be meeting with the White Shield elders to plan for naming the apartment complex and the Open House. More information will be in the next White Shield Newsletter and flyers will be posted throughout the community announcing the Open House.

**Reminder:** For information, applications and questions about elder apartments contact Linda Gonzalez or Madonna Azure at the above numbers or write a letter to Linda at her Bismarck address. They will be managing this project. For information, questions and applications for rentals and mortgages, contact Gloria Brennan at 701-743-4145 Ralph Wells Complex.

## White Shield Culture Center hosts culture and financial event



On Thursday, July 30, elders met for a workshop planned by Austin Gillette, BIA Fiduciary Trust Officer, about finances. The turnout was small, because many of the elders felt the workshop was about information they already knew. How to manage your money is something they have been handling for many years, some said. But the seminar was updated information

needed for people who live in this age of the “Bakken oil boom” and deal with many different kinds of financial situations. It’s no longer something as simple as keeping a check book and perhaps a savings account. It is income small or large and making it work for you.

The seminar leaders introduce the people to several different ways of keeping track or and assessing your income. They also talked about IIM accounts, interest rates and familiarize the audience with terms associated with the BIA and other government agencies.

The elders agreed, it is an important seminar full of lessons to be learned. They are encouraging other communities and organizations to put this seminar on their calendars.



The summer is coming to a close when the community see many of the young people who worked in the community through organizations like the Boys and Girls clubs putting in their last days and getting ready themselves for school. They proved to be hard working young people that the community is proud of.

They worked at different jobs in the community and help many people including the elders. The presentation was from Dr. Twila Baker Demarey, tribal college president; Alan Demarey, spiritual and culture leaders of the reservation. Demarey also works for Seg. Rep., Cory Spotted Bear. B. J. Rainbow, UND’s Indian Studies was 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker.

## 2015 White Shield Celebration



***Mark Fox, Chairman, Fred Fox, White Shield Segment, Randy Phelan, Mandaree Segment, Frank Grady followed by Three Affiliated princesses in Grand Entry. Cory Spotted Bear is dancing behind Fred and Mark and isn't visible in picture.***



***WS race through clouds of color.***



***Winner of WS Celebration race.***

## dancers and community



*White Shield singers at flag raising are (L to R) Claire Fox, John Malnoure and his brother, Tom Malnoure, from Hayward, Wisconsin*



*Ladies Auxiliary Post 253 (L to R) Loretta Bear Meredith, Madonna Azure, Gerilyn Yellow Bird, Elizabeth Yellow Bird Demaray, Sharon White Bear, Cheryl Danks, Elaine Yellow Bird Fox,*

New White Shield Celebration committee for 2016 is:  
John Bears Tail, President; Richard Pease, Vice President; Holly Felix, Secretary; Stacy Blacksmith, Treasurer. The rest of the committee will be in the next issues (30)



**Shawn Knife**



**Doreen Duncan, Yellow Bird Indian Dancers**



**Ed White, grass dancer**



**Anita Howard Dean, woman's traditional**

## Indian Commission hopes to spur increase in Native American businesses on and off reservation

Nick Smith – Bismarck Tribune



The head of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission said he hopes a move in taking the lead role of a state Native American business office will spur an increase in Native American businesses on and off the state's reservations.

"I've always been an advocate for private-owned Native American businesses on and off the reservations. The bottom line is providing access to employment," Indian Affairs Commission executive director Scott Davis said.

The American Indian Business Development Office was originally created in 2006 in the Department of Commerce. House Bill 1005, the Indian Affairs Commission budget, transfers the lead role in the oversight of the business office to the commission. The commerce department will assist by continuing to provide the business expertise it did previously.

The purpose of the office is to provide a resource for North Dakota companies owned and operated by Native Americans to get assistance in developing businesses. It also is meant to provide access to programs and services for Native American business owners.

HB1005 also allows the option of contracting the services of the office to a third party, which is expected to take place in the coming months.

Davis said during his six years with the agency he's wanted to expand its focus to include business development. His office primarily deals with areas including education, health care and unemployment; he called an increase in focus on business development another piece of solving the puzzle of helping lift more Native Americans out of poverty.

Davis said his agency has numerous connections with tribal colleges, local government, the tribal business community and others. Having it under his agency's jurisdiction, which has those ties and Native American leadership, might entice more business owners or those planning businesses to come forward.

"It does create more added value and added trust to those types of discussions," Davis said.

The office budget is for \$100,000 for the 2015-17 biennium.

Davis said there are an estimated 1,300 Native American-owned and operated businesses in the state. He was unsure how many have benefited from the Native American Business Development Office.

North Dakota Commerce Commissioner Al Anderson said the move to the Indian Affairs office makes sense.

"He's got some very good ties with the leadership of each of the tribes. We'd find a bit more success than in the past," Anderson said.

In recent months, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation worked to develop a uniform commercial code. The tribe has yet to finalize an agreement with the North Dakota Secretary of State's Office for registering businesses. An official with the secretary of state's Office said the tribe likely will begin having business registrations issued through the office after its new business registration software application comes online in early November.

“It makes it easier to help increase business development on the reservation,” Anderson said. If it proves successful, it could spur other tribes to develop codes and follow the example of Standing Rock, Anderson said.

### **Spinoff program helps local business**

NICK SMITH – Bismarck Tribune

A spinoff of the state’s Native American business office helped at least one small business in Bismarck to expand as it was getting off the ground.

Kacie Hosie, who owns Chiefin’ Clothing in Bismarck with her husband, Leonard Hosie, said the store opened about a year ago after building an online presence for a few years before that. Hosie said her husband originally began the business by making clothing designs for men, women and children and expanding it as demand grew and the website was established. Eventually a storefront was needed.

"Our house was just getting cluttered with clothes," she said.

The two moved into one of the suites at 1906 E. Broadway Ave. but are in the process of moving to a new, larger location.

Leonard and Kacie Hosie worked through the North Dakota Indian Business Alliance last year to receive a \$1,000 “business builder” grant from the organization. The grants are meant for marketing and sales purposes: The Hosies used it to complete signage at their store and enhance their website, [chiefinclothing.com](http://chiefinclothing.com).

“It helped a lot. We’re doing really good,” Hosie said.

The company is one of nine in the state that received grants in the past couple of years.

Indian Affairs Commissioner Scott Davis, who helped found the organization, said it was a spinoff of the state-run American Indian Business Development Office. He said the Indian Business Alliance spinoff is now a nonprofit organization.

“It gives more resources to Native American privately owned businesses on and off the reservation,” Davis said.

Hosie said the grant dollars went to good use and recommended it, or any program providing assistance to Native American business owners, to her peers.

“I tell everyone about the Indian Business Alliance. With any business, it would be helpful to set up, to expand,” Hosie said.

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**There are some roads, especially in the “loop” near the river, that are rough and dangerous. There are holes in the road that could cause damage to your car or injuries to you and whoever is in the car with you. Driver cautiously in those areas.**

## August 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Elders meetings and cookout – noon Nishu Lodge	11 Backpack Give away TAT Business Council Meeting – 10 am	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 School Starts Welcome Back celebration 6 pm	20 <b>Community Up Date 6:30 Complex</b>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	<b>Notes:</b>				

### August Birthdays



**Bruce Nagel – 8-4**

**Frank Felix – 8-14**

**Greta White Calf - 8 – 17**

**Roberta Bear – 8-21**

**Dennis Yellowbird – 8-29**

## Obituaries



**Bonnie June (Heart) Yellow Bear**, *Steasagnu Naakaakux* (Chief Woman In The House) was born on April 1, 1954 in Garrison, ND to Benedict and Ramona (Baker) Heart. She was given her Indian name (Chief Woman In The House) by her grandpa, Frank Heart. Bonnie was raised in Buffalo Rock and attended Flandreau Indian School. She received her AA in Business Administration and Accounting from the Ft. Berthold Community College. She was also a certified CNA. She grew up on her parent's ranch and assisted in raising pigs, chickens, milk cows and horses. Bonnie and Elaine White Bear were the best ultimate bareback riders in

the Bareback riders of the Buffalo Rock area in their younger years. Bonnie was once married to David "Alley" White Tail and from this union they had four children. Brian, Richard, Bonita Rose and Anson. She later married Sybert Yellow Bear. From his union she gained four children, Raymond, Glenn, Eva and Paula.

Bonnie was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in White Shield and also a member of the Dripping Dirt Awaxxi Clan on her mother's side. She was a lifetime member of the Joseph Young Hawk/Elmer Bear Post 253 American Legion Auxiliary of White Shield.

Bonnie was a dedicate homemaker, mother, grandmother and great grandmother to all who knew her. She worked at the White Shield School as Head Cook and everyone who knew her loved her cooking. Later on she went to work for the Ft. Berthold Housing Authority and she left employment due to two car accidents which affect her back. After recouping, she then went to work for the White Shield Field Clinic and worked there for several years and at the same time, she bartended at the Roseglen Bar. She also worked at the Four Bears Casino as a slot attendant in the evenings. Due to declining health conditions, she resigned from her jobs at the clinic and casino.

One of her favorite pastimes was traveling and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, one who is her namesake, "Spring Woman June." Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her pride and joy and she loved them all dearly. Bonnie was a very generous woman and shared he wealth with many people and organizations.

She is survived by her special friend Grayden Bear; sons Brian (Lisa), Richard (Kathy), Anson; step-children, Raymond (Barbara) Yellow Bear, Paul Yellow Bear, David "Spike" white Tail; sisters, Martha (Wayne) Hunter; Hazel (Dale) Heart, Josephine; brothers Edmund, Bently (Clarice), Kermit, Nelson and Hubert (Renae) Heart; grandchildren, Brain White Tail Jr.; Kaleb and Louis, Tashena, Rosemarie, Dave Allen, Heather, Zane, Alyssa, Aliegha, McKenzie, Nicole, Dusty, Eli, Elliot, Elizabeth, Sybert, Elk Dancing Eagle, Good Earth Woman, Whirlwind Bull, Bearstar, Brings Good Woman, Red Rock, Waylon, Sandy, Cory, and Rueben; adopted

granddaughter, Hunter Old Elk, great grandchildren Nahtaleah, Michael, Kashlynn, Spring Woman June and Kason.

She is welcomed in the Spirit World by her parents, paternal and maternal grandparents, daughter, Bonita Rose, sisters, Sawahu, Edna Sue, Reba Jean; brother Robert and stepchildren, twins Michael and Michelle White Tail.

MANDAREE — **Isabelle Smith, 81**, Mandaree, died July 8, 2015, at Sanford Health, Bismarck. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 13, at Johnny Bird Memorial Center, rural New Town. Further arrangements are pending with Fulkerson Funeral Home, Williston.



Gail Frances Ross was born May 30, 1960 in Garrison, ND to the late Lee and Regina Ross. She was raised and educated in White Shield, ND. She graduated in 1977 and was valedictorian of her class. Gail had a good sense of humor and had many friends that she liked to tease and jerk around with. She also enjoyed playing bingo and liked going to the casino to play slot machines. But the favorite time of her was being with her grandchildren C.J. and Promise whom she loved very much.

***Gail Frances Ross***

Gail is survived by her son Francis of Bismarck; grandchildren C.J. and Promise of Bismarck, one brother Dennis Perkins of Bismarck; loving sisters, Cheryl LaCroix of White Shield; Faye Ross of Bismarck; Fern Fights Lone of Bismarck; Peggy (Adrian) Ireland of Williston; Liz (Ron) Hoffman of Williston; Merilee (Marlon) Whiteman of Bismarck; Denise Ross and Lori (Tom) Canyon of Ft. Kipp, MT.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents Lee and Regina Ross, a daughter, Debbie A. Ross, and twin sisters, Michelle Slater and Julie Greeley.

Gail will be deeply missed by family and friends, but will never be forgotten





***White Tail Deer leaps over ripening wheat as if he were flying. Photo by Karen Lonefight, Segment Housing program.***