

# NAhtAsuutaaka' (White Shield)

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### Whirl Wind Bull Wins 2015 White Shield Halloween Masquerade Dance

**Ralph Wells Complex** – Ghosts and things that bump in the night filled the community center on Friday night as the public celebrated Halloween. It was a time when people throw their inhibitions to the wind and became weird, scary, funny and even political. Even a Donald Trump proudly danced Indian. The Complex was filled to capacity. People sat two or three rows deep around the center. There were three drum groups that kept a steady beat for the dancers. Donald Trump started out slow but the audience noticed after awhile he was dancing like a veteran powwow dancer. “It was one of the funniest and most enjoyable evening I’ve experienced,” one elder said. She said she hadn’t laugh so much in a long time.

*(Whirl Wind Bull Perkins, from Culture Center – pictured left) More pictures begin on page 4.*



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

I would like to send my condolences to all the family members that have lost loved ones recently. I went to the wake of the late Howard Wilkinson Sr. this evening. Our community is also mourning the loss of Kaylynn Marsette, Dakota Heart and Grayden Bear. Our families will miss them deeply as they brought so many good memories.

This past month was busy as usual. The biggest task was balancing a budget. With revenue at a steep decline due to oil prices and drilling activity slowing down, it was a very challenging trying to fit an operating budget, Special Projects, Community, Projects, Investments and Disbursements. The Tribal Council had many working sessions trying to finalize the budget. The final 2016 Tribal Budget is at \$343,300,000, this is a balanced budget and is final. The General Operating budget is \$76,083,000; The Special Projects budget is \$145,717,000; Investments budget \$41,500,000; Disbursement budget \$29,000,000; Segment Development/Operating Budget \$51,000,000.

There are many challenges on balancing the budget. The biggest challenge is to capture every enrolled member's need. The first and foremost is Operating. This, in my mind, needs to be addressed with greatest concern. We need to provide services to all our Tribal members, such as Health Services, Law Enforcement, Education, Environmental protection/monitoring, Veteran Services and Health/Human Services. These are all BIA funding shortfalls that were promised. The Special Projects budget are projects that are also BIA short falls, such as roads, schools, court buildings, drug treatment center, and other buildings for Tribal Programs that provides services to enrolled members.

The Investments budget are for our future and our people. This has been put into 3 different funds such as the People's Fund, Economic Development Fund and JTAC. I'm strongly in favor of starting an Education Fund for our children that want to go to college. This is our future and we need to make our investments in them.

The Segment Development and operating budget is designated for the 6 segments and the Chairman-at-large. Each representative was provided a budget for community projects, health/human services and operating. There is a lot of misconceptions on the Segment budgets. For example, the White Shield Segment completed the following projects with this budget: Recreation/Fitness Center, (1) new community bus, (1) new elder bus, 9-Unit Elder Living Apartment Complex, Head Start School Building, Pow-wow Arbor, Lagoon system and 35 homes in White Shield. Ongoing future projects include a \$17 million school building, \$14 million community center, single family apartment building, and 6-10 more homes. The activities that will continue are the Elder Trip to the Black Hills, each elder was given a stipend, hotel room and a seat on a chartered bus. The elder trips were very successful and we will expand the trips

in the future. We try to provide as much of services we can in the community and assist community members in need during funeral, medical and financial hardship. The Disbursement budget is a budget for our enrolled members to receive a disbursement or a return of their money on Oil & Gas Royalties from Tribal Trust minerals. Trying to distinguish what is the most important, is very challenging. I know the Tribe needs to operate and provide services. The Tribe also needs to invest revenue for the future. The Tribe also needs to provide homes for our people; some enrolled members can afford homes and some need affordable homes to fit their income. We also need development in our 6 outlying communities and this is where it all starts. This is where we are all from and this is where we all go back to one day. We need infrastructure, schools, community centers, health clinics, elder services, and once again homes. This is a hard task and it's hard not to listen to all the negative comments of people. But I know when it's all said and done my kids and grandkids will all come back to White Shield, this where we are from. Thank you and God Bless.

Fred Fox



***Congratulations to the New Town High School for the 2015 State Cross Country Team Championship***



## 2016 Arikara Celebration Hunters Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Remington 243 w/Scope

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$100 Myers Meats Gift Certificate

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Nikon Binoculars

Tickets are \$10.00/ticket

Do not have to be present to win!!!!

Drawing has been extended a week from November 6 to November 13, 2016, Live on KMHA.

Tickets can be purchased by the following persons: John Bearstail, Richard Pease, Stacey Blacksmith, Holly Felix, Shaun Knife, Rebecca Brady, Aletha Morsette, Cedric Wilkinson, Russ and Saunders Youngbird.

From the 2016 Arikara Celebration, we appreciate your support!!!!

**John Bearstail, President**



*(Photos by Karen Lonefight and Dorreen Yellow Bird)*



*Too much candy, too many scary people.*



*Monster takes a break with wife*



*Looks like an old man gone young dancer.*



*Yikes, he looks mean.*



*Aletha Morsette, White  
Shield Princess*



*Hey, wanna dance.*



*I remember her at Catholic school years.*



Wow, this is fun, dad!

**! anners of contests (except Whirl Wind Bull) were unavailable at the time of publication of News Journal. They will be posted in December issue.**



## Annual Corn Festival Honors Students and Elder

*Honored students: Isaac Fox, Aaliyah Howling Wolf,  
Honored elder: Rodney Howling Wolf*

*The following are excerpts from The Creation Story of the Sahnish:*

*“There is one supreme being of power and wisdom, the Chief Above {Nishanu Natchitak}.” He rules the world. But he gave Mother Corn authority over all things on earth. Nishanu Natchitak is above all, but*

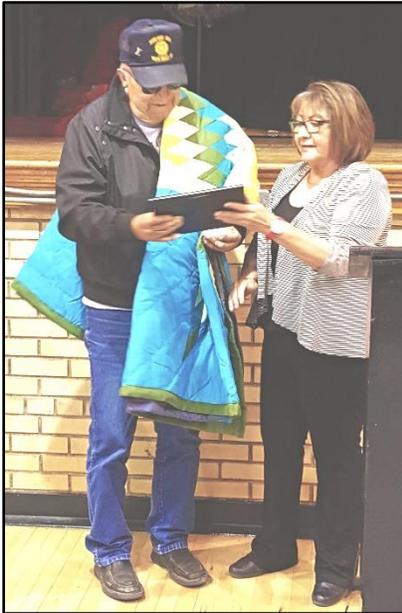


*he made Mother Corn intermediary with human beings on earth. Reverence and gratitude are due from mankind to Nishanu Natchitak for all the good things which we have, and to Mother Corn, through whose mediation we enjoy all these benefits. . . .*

*In the room in which we sat an ear of corn, dressed like a woman to represent Mother Corn, was elevated on the wall just as a crucifix is elevated on the wall of a Christian household, and was similarly venerated. Attached to this corn shrine was a braid of dried sweet-grass (haaNUtwaraakha') to be used as incense in ceremonies in which the corn shrine was*

*Isaac Fox & Delilah Yellow Bird*

*employed. I have related and described the uses of such a symbolic ear of corn in "An Arikara Household Shrine to Mother Corn," Indian Notes, Vol.2 (1925) pp. 31-34, publication of the Museum of the American Indian.*



Mother Corn is center to the cultural beliefs of the Sahnish people. (The whole story as told to us by Four Rings, Priest of the Hukawirat Sacred Bundle. Interpreted by Albert Simpson and as told to Melvin Gilmore. Four Rings tells us the creation story of the Sahnish.) Melvin Gilmore book is available at any library and on the Internet ("Arikara culture" should bring it up for you.) The quote at the top was taken for the book. Read it. It is a long and beautiful story of the Sahnish. It also tells how important Mother Corn is and why she is called Mother Corn.

It is with humble thanks that the White Shield community celebrates Mother Corn in the festival that Delilah Yellow Bird provides each year. The community owes her a great deal of thanks and gratitude for her desire to teach the children of the community who they are and why they live in this beautiful land.

Each year the Corn Festival celebrates and honors a young woman and man. They are chosen from the student body. The selection of honoree was different this year. The teachers chose Isaac Fox and Aaliyah Howling Wolf because of their outstanding behavior, academics, attitude and attendance.

In keeping with tradition, an elder is also honored. They are chosen for many reasons. Most are chosen for outstanding citizenship and those who have a deep respect and knowledge of the culture. This year Rodney Howling Wolf was chosen. He has helped the children of the community by donating drawings, buffalo skulls and many other cultural items.

White Shield trees dress for Fall (photo by Karen Lonefight)

## Mother Corn, Our Teacher and Mother

By Dorreen Yellow Bird, Editor

I have been attending the Corn Festivals for many years at White Shield School. I have, however, been attending the Mother Corn ceremonies for much longer – since I was a youngster. Philemine Little Sioux, my grandmother, was a Keeper of one of the Mother Corn bundles.

During those early years and as a child, I was open to all teachings of my grandmother. When I saw some miraculous events, I took that for granted like children tend to do. We lived with her until I was in the first grade when we moved to Minot returning to her house regularly and staying with her for many summers.

I remember her singing voice – it was beautiful. She had a fragrance of sage or sweet grass. Many times I would come into her room and find her in prayer, I would drop down on the floor and stay hidden until she was finished. There was a spiritualism about her that I would never forget.

I didn't realize we were poor. She made "do" for the large family with very little. I never went hungry, but especially in the summer,

there were many plants she would pick with my help and cook. Salt pork or dried meat was the common ingredient in our diet. We planted gardens too, one large one in the valley below the house and a smaller one few yards from the house.

I knew that the Mother Corn ceremony was special, but it wasn't until later in life when I began to study the history of the Sahnish. It was a glorious, sad and frustrating experience. I remember one night I was reading the story of one of the Indian agents. The earth lodges of the Sahnish were near the fenced agency. I would learn that the food given to us by the "Great White Father" as we were told he was called, would provide for us if we gave up our guns and accepted their ways. The agents told of the meat, flour and foods that would to be given to us if we gave up our weapons. The Sioux warred with the Sahnish, Mandan and Arikara make hunting dangerous.

Most of the good food was stolen by the agents for resale to traders and explorers coming down the Missouri. We received flour with weevils





and soured meat.

One agent found a woman of the tribe digging in the garbage for food for their family. He, like chasing dogs away, threw hot water on her and chased the women away from the trash. I cried. I was alone. Even my little black and white dog went to bed. Our history has sad times. I read the Book of Genesis as told by Four Rings, Sahnish priest. I realized how important that narrative was to our people.

Mother Corn was what would be called a saint in White Man's words. She gave us a way of life that would guide us through horrid years of small pox, of the desecration of our culture and spiritual ways. It's sad today to see so many young people and even those not so young who haven't read Four Rings words. It's a voice from the past and it cuts through the dark cloud of alcohol, drugs and the black evil of something call Meth.

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION**

American Indians and Alaska Natives enrich every aspect of our country. As the first to live on this land, Native Americans and their traditions and values inspired -- and continue to inspire -- the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of our Nation. This month, we recognize the contributions made by Native Americans since long before our founding, and we resolve to continue the work of strengthening government-to-government ties with tribal nations and expanding possibility for all.

Native Americans have helped make America what it is today. As we reflect on our history, we must acknowledge the unfortunate chapters of violence, discrimination, and deprivation that went on for far too long, as well as the effects of injustices that continue to be felt. While we cannot undo the pain and tragedy of the past, we can set out together to forge a brighter future of progress and hope across Indian Country and the entire American landscape.

Since I took office, I have worked with tribal leaders to write a new chapter in our nation-to-nation relationship. Ensuring young people have every opportunity to succeed is a critical aspect of our work together, and this year my Administration hosted the inaugural White House Tribal Youth Gathering following the launch of Generation Indigenous -- an initiative aimed at improving the lives of Native youth and empowering the next generation of Native leaders. We will also host the seventh White House Tribal Nations Conference later this year, bringing together leaders of 567 tribes to explore opportunities for progress, with a particular focus on young people. As part of our agenda for providing Native youth the chance to realize their fullest potential, I have engaged tribal communities in a range of critical areas, and we have worked together to boost high school graduation rates and afford young people more chances to pursue higher education, employment, and professional development opportunities. We're also working to expand access to health and counseling services essential to ensuring youth feel safe and heard.

My Administration has continued to partner with tribes to address vital gaps in resources for Indian Country, including equipping communities with broadband, rebuilding infrastructure, spurring economic growth, and increasing renewable energy. To confront the peril of a changing climate, we are also working with tribal leaders across America to develop effective approaches to protecting our communities from this grave threat. And because we know that fostering pride in the languages, traditions, and practices that make up the extraordinary richness of Native American culture is central to our shared progress, my Administration remains committed to ensuring every community feels connected to the extraordinary legacies they are a part of.

This month, let us reaffirm our responsibility to ensure each generation is defined by a greater sense of opportunity than the last, and let us pledge to maintain our strong relationship with tribal nations across America. By keeping this commitment, and by endeavoring to shape a future in which every citizen has the chance to build a life worthy of their hopes and dreams, we can ensure that ours is a country that is true to our spirit and to our enduring promise as a land where all things are possible for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2015, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

*BARACK OBAMA*

## **Bill strips the BIA of its ability to recognize tribes**

Republican lawmakers vowed to move forward with a controversial federal recognition bill on Wednesday despite a lack of support from Indian Country and the Obama administration.

The United South and Eastern Tribes and the Ute Tribe of Utah are among the first to register official opposition to H.R.3764, the Tribal Recognition Act. The bill, which was just introduced last week, strips the Bureau of Indian Affairs of its ability to recognize tribes.

Yet Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), the chairman of the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, brushed aside the criticism. He accused unnamed lobbyists of influencing tribes to oppose the fast-moving measure.

"What bothers me is that Indian Country is not trying to solve problems," Young asserted at the hearing on Capitol Hill even though USET, the National Congress of American Indians and other tribal organizations have been calling for reforms to the federal recognition process for decades.

## Rush Wins North Dakota State Horseshoe Doubles Championship



**White Shield** – It isn't just the men who play and win at sports. Aldine Rush is a good example of a women who starting tossing horseshoes later in years and won a first place in the Class B North Dakota State Horseshoe championships.

It was a doubles tournament. Her partner was drawn from a list of contestants. His name (pictured on left) is Richard DeWall from Bismarck. She also won at a single's tournament in Minot and got a 2<sup>nd</sup> in doubles in Bismarck.

Rush is an Arikara from White Shield who currently works for MHA TERO as a job training director. Her office is in the Ralph Wells Complex. She said she has about 150

clients. Twenty of those graduated with certificates from trade schools.

Rush received her AA in Liberal Arts and Addiction from the tribal college in New Town. She is the daughter of Larry and Neala Spotted Horse. She has five children. She is married to Leonard Hosie. It was from Leonard that she learned some of her horseshoe skills. He started her playing the game, she said.



*Canada Geese flying south for the winter. Those large “V” with thousands of geese are nearly all gone, only stragglers can be seen moving across the sky. Fields of sunflowers, corn and other seed crops sometimes have hundreds of birds filling themselves before their long journey (photo by KLonefight*

## OBITUARIES



**Nicole Tamara Rush** (August 12, 1976 – August 10, 2015) was born at Ft. Dix, New Jersey to Aldine Rush. She grew up in White Shield, ND where she attended elementary school and at St. Nicholas in Garrison, ND. She moved to New Town during her teen years and lived with her grandparents Kirby and Karen Reynolds. She participated in sports and other school activities at New Town High School. She then moved to Sentinel Butte/Home on the Range and attended school there. After she moved back home, she lived briefly in Garrison where she graduated from Garrison High School. She went on to live a life in New Town. While there she had many travels and adventures and she met and made many friends. She had six children that she loved

and often thought about. Nikki, as many of her friends knew her, had a fun loving spirit. Often caring for animals and children. She always tried to make others comfortable in her presence with her calm and shy demeanor. Nicole loved horses since she was a young girl. She always loved to be around cowboys and went to rodeos. She fed everyone with her awesome fry bread skills. Her closest relatives and friends knew her for the funny, caring, sensitive person she always was. No matter her situation, she found time for a visit and a laugh. She always made her phone calls to check in with her closest family members. At the time of her death, she resided in Parshall with her special friend Lonnie Morsett, who held her in his arms in her last moments.

Nichole Tamara will be missed by her Family members and her close friends who knew her soft carrying heart.

**Kaylyn “Kay-Kay” Marsette** was known by all for her smile, laughter and sense of humor. She was born in Garrison, ND on October 13, 1962. She was raised in White Shield, ND by her parents Matthew and Gloria Marsette.

As she grew up she was causing innocent mischief with her siblings. There are many childhood memories that warm our hearts and will be remembered by family and friends.

She graduated from White Shield High School with the Class of 1980, and she was chosen as Salutatorian that year. She was a member of the Lady Warriors Basketball team. After graduation, she attended college in New Mexico. Kaylyn later relocated to Tempe, Arizona to help her sister Mari. Over the years she lived in many different places including, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado. During this time, she met many friends and people. Kaylyn had an outgoing, loving and friendly personality. She enjoyed going to family gatherings, watching the family and White Shield’s community 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, decorating for holidays, bingo, doing puzzles, thrift store shopping and camping. She was involved in the Garrison Dart leagues where she won woman’s high average and attended many dart tournaments. Kaylyn had three children and a set of triplets (One who was lost named Angel). In 2005 she met Larry Krueger and they were married in 2013. She loved her family and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed, loved and kept in our hearts.

Kaylen is survived by her husband Larry Krueger, Garrison; her sons, Raunlyn and Brandin; daughters, Kazin, Cherdin and Shurron and her children, Briana, Diana, Susana, Eliana, Janell (Ross) Jepson and their children Dilan, Noah, Dane, Marci (Ryan) Conklin and their children Logan and Hailee, Trevor (Jess) Krueger and their children Kolten and Chasten; sister, Karmyn Marsette; and brothers, Scott and Jay.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Angel, parents Matthew and Gloria Marsette; brothers, Gus, Manny, and Keith and sisters, Mari and Lindy.



#### **WHITE SHIELD**

**Howard Wilkinson**, 70, White Shield, died Oct. 31, 2015, at Sanford Health, Bismarck. Wake 4 Complex on Tuesday, November 3. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex, White Shield.

**NEW TOWN — Dakota Heart**, 42, New Town, died Oct. 31, 2015, at a Minot hospital. Wake November 4. Begins in Parshall at Langdon Funeral Home. Leaves for Johnny Bird Center at 4:00. Services start there at 5:00 pm Wednesday. Funeral services at Four Bears start at 10:00 am Thursday.



**WHITE SHIELD** — **Grayden Bear Sr.**, 75, White Shield, died Nov. 1, 2015, at Sanford Health, Bismarck. Wake, Thursday, November 4, 4:00 pm. Funeral Friday at Ralph Wells Complex.

*(Photo by Kaye Bell)*

~ November 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  All Saints Day	<b>2</b> Elders Monthly Meeting noon Elder Center <b>Cancelled</b>	<b>3</b> staff meeting <b>Culture center, 9 am</b> Projects Meeting, 11pm Cultural Center	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> FBCE Monthly meeting rescheduled from Thursday Nov 5. Noon at Enterprise new office.	<b>10</b>	 <b>Veterans Day Celebration at Ralph Well Complex. Start 11 am.</b>	<b>12</b> Tribal council meeting 10 tribal chambers	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Gas and Oil Meeting, all day, Northern Lights	<b>17</b> Gas and Oil Meeting, all day, North Lights	<b>18</b> Segment Dinner, Complex, 6:00 pm	<b>19</b>  <b>Great American Smoke Day</b> TAT council Meeting 10:00 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>



~ November 2015 ~						
◀ October 2015						Dec 2015 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22	23 Elder Thanksgiving dinner noon. Opening of elder apartments	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27	28
29	30	UP Coming: White Shield Employee Christmas Party, December 11 @ Four Bear casino; Tribal Christmas Party, New Town, December 18 <sup>th</sup> .				

### November elder birthdays

- Almit Brewer 11-3
- Rhoda Star – 11-5
- Fredman Everett 11-7
- Lulu LaCroix 11-15
- Donnie Dickens 11-21



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS.**