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Nupa Fox Dances at 2016 White Shield War Bonnet



The War Bonnet Dance was one of the largest turn outs in years. There was standing room only with six drums and several dancers including Fox. Fox (*pictured on left*) was honored and participated in the give away Friday evening.

Fox, son of Wayne Fox, is a graduate of New Town High School.

The Complex was filled with groups of family who had heaping piles of donations and gifts for the honoring.

Some of the Committee and White Shield community donated baskets filled with snacks, beef roasts, roasted chicken and sandwiches. Some had fresh baked bread, pies, cooked tongue, corn balls, and every imaginable kind of snack. One basket had all the supplies you would need for working outdoors. All had large coolers filled with the goodies. Money tickets were sold with winners and Celebration committee getting money. The baskets raised large amounts of money for the upcoming powwow in July.

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



CiiRA, Hello to all the Elders and Community Members. We have had a long winter and I think we're all ready for some spring weather.

I want to first discuss the recent trip our elders took this past month. I want to thank all the organizers that put this together. Without you, our elders would not be able go on this fun-filled trip to the Mystic Lake Casino. I did get to attend the trip and had a couple dinners with the elders. It was good to see them enjoying themselves. I would like to continue our elder trips at the end of summer. It would be at the usual place in Deadwood. I'll be visiting with many of you to see if that would still be a good trip for all the elders. It's not too far, but yet far enough to relax, site-see and do some gambling.

Next, I would like to discuss the tribal budget. It's been pretty much the talk of social media and rumors have been flying. I'm pretty sure by now everyone has received their \$1,000 disbursement. The 2016 budget has 3 disbursements in the budget. Each one costs \$15 million, for a total of \$45 million. We also have budgeted the health insurance for all Tribal members that don't have a health insurance provider. That costs \$24 million for a total of \$69 million for both benefits.

That alone exceeds the projected Tribal royalty revenue of \$55.9 million by \$13 million. The Tribe also negotiated an Oil & Gas tax agreement with state for Reservation infrastructure, which is roads, water lines, law enforcement, schools, and regulatory agencies for oil and gas activities on the reservations. The projected revenue for 2016 is \$100.7 million for the Oil & Gas Tax. We did not negotiate the agreement for Disbursements. The State would not allow it. This year alone the Tribe budgeted \$25 million for BIA route 12.

For better understanding of the 2016 budget, it was broke down in divisions:

Health	\$35,619,397.23
Education	5,185,256.00
Law Order	6,943,507.26
Operations	4,475,017.00
Natural Resources	8,977,031.53
Public Works	8,231,519.66
Economic Development	3,709,435.00
DOT/Roads	<u>7,460,796.00</u>
<u>Total: \$80,601,959.68</u>	

The White Shield segment has budgeted the allocation each segment receives, along with the Chairman, for off-reservation purposes. The White Shield segment has 44 employees that take care of services for the White Shield community. Also in the budget is housing, infrastructure,

home repairs, roads, and projects. The White Shield School is separate and is budgeted this year for \$9 million.

White Shield 2016 Budget \$8.5 million

Operating	\$2,500,000
Medical Grants/Financial Assistance	500,000
New Apartment Building	1,500,000
New Home rentals	1,500,000
Phase II WS Pow-wow Arbor	1,000,000
Home Repairs`	500,000
2016 Arikara Celebration	100,000
Roads/Infrastructure	300,000
Elder Program	200,000
Arikara Cultural Department	<u>400,000</u>
	<u>Total \$8,500,000</u>

We will be having a Segment Update/Community to discuss in further the 2016 budget.

I want to wish everyone safe travels wherever you're going. Thank You and God Bless.

Elder Apartments for Rent



There are three (3) vacancies at the new elder's apartments. The apartments are located north of the Elder Center and across from White Shield School. They are 1 bedroom apartments. If you or someone you know is interested in one of these apartments, please contact Linda Gonzales, Staff Manager/President of the Ree Lodge Management (701-421-5941) or Gloria Brennan, Housing Director, (701-743-4145)

Role is Chief of the Sahnish to be Preserved

The following message about honoring our chiefs was provided by Deloris Wilkinson (Atina TeeRit (Mother Standing). When publishing in the News Journal last month, this important information was inadvertently dropped off the page during layout. I apologize because it was one of the first things put on the page. It wasn't noticed until after publication.

It is a very important message about our Sahnish heritage and culture that needs be heard; especially coming from one of our knowledgeable elders.

Here is her message. Read it. It is important.

***“Comment on Chiefs Honoring Event in White Shield, February 15, 2016.
It has been told to us by elders, they in turn by our ancestors. They use the expression “Pakuhtu” meaning way of the past.
They speak of “Atina Neshu’ “ Mother Corn, the mysterious visitor and voice. She came to teach the Sahnish people the ways for a good life. The Sahnish people were told, there are these things which will keep them right. Always have corn, the position of a chief and to keep the secrets of the ceremonies revealed in The Medicine Lodge. They were to be preserved always. The honoring ceremony for the Arikara Chief Swift Hawk (Bobby Bear) is a blessing for all Sahnish people. It carries out an age-old prophecy. I prayed it would strengthen the people and our community. Thank you to all who helped and came to honor the Chief.***

Sincerely, Atina Ree Rit (Mother Standing)



FLOYD BEAR—NISHU (ARROW), 1874–1926

Floyd Bear was the son of Awahu Chief Sitting Bear and Black Calf Woman. He had one brother, six sisters, four half-sisters, and three-half-brothers. His father Sitting Bear had been married four times.

At the time of Chief Floyd Bear's death, the sub-chiefs considered his son Robert too young to serve as Head Chief. A meeting was held in August of 1926, at which time Harry Gillette was chosen to serve until such time as Robert Bear Sr. could take his rightful place as chief.



HARRY GILLETTE—WHITE SHIELD II (NAT TASUTAAKA), 1867–1947

Harry Gillette was born at Fort Berthold in 1867. His mother, Omaha Woman, was the daughter of Chief Son-of-the-Star and Red Eagle. He had four brothers and one sister. He was married to Anna Gillette and they had one son and three daughters. They also raised their grandson Evan Gillette. His great grandson, Austin Gillette, served as tribal chairman between 1978 and 1982.

Harry Gillette and his cousin Floyd Bear were the last two Sahnish chiefs to deal with the U.S. Government before 1936, after which the Three Affiliated Tribes began electing council members. The role of the chiefs had been taken over by the government which required an elected tribal council. The hereditary chiefs of the Sahnish are still recognized, but do not perform the duties of a traditional chief among the Sahnish people. Harry Gillette died at the age of 80 on March 6, 1947.

ROBERT BEAR, SR.—YELLOW TAIL (NEETAAN TAKA TA), 1901–1961

(No photo available) Robert Bear’s parents were Floyd Bear (Sahnish) and Rachel Wolf (Hidatsa). He had three brothers and two sisters. He was married to Dora Hopkins in 1925. They had seven sons and five daughters. He was a member of the “Dead Grass Society.”

Robert became chief in 1947 following the death of his uncle, Harry Gillette. Robert’s home was open to all visitors alike—no one was ever turned away. As is custom of the Sahnish Chiefs, no one ever left their home hungry or without money or a place to sleep. This tradition is still carried on by his children and grandchildren.



ROBERT “BOBBY” BEAR, JR.—SWIFT HAWK, 1936–

Bobby was born on the Fort Berthold Reservation. His parents were Robert Bear, Sr. and Dora Hopkins Bear. He has spent the majority of his life in the Six Mile Creek and White Shield communities.

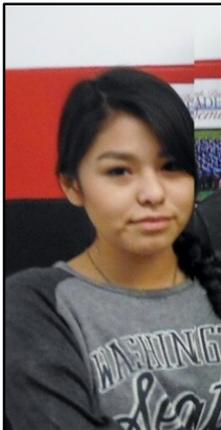
Bobby Bear became Awahu Head Chief after his father was killed in a coal mining accident in 1961. Bobby is a direct descendant of Chief Son-of-the-Star.

Robert has a wide-range of knowledge of the Sahnish oral history, Grass dance songs, veteran songs, Old Scout songs, and Ree hymns. He learned his tribal history from his father, and was tutored by his uncles Dan Howling Wolf, Dan Hopkins, Peter

Beauchamp, Jr., and other Sahnish elders. He recently passed his ownership of a Dead Grass stick to a younger singer. He was a bronco

rider in his younger days, a career that ended when he suffered a broken hip and leg.

Plenty Chief Wins in ND Junior Duck Stamp Contest



Quincy Plenty Chief, White Shield art student wins an "Honorable Mention," rating for her colored pencil drawing of a Wood Duck. The drawing was an entry in the 2016 North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp contest sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Quincy is 17 years old. She is a freshman at White Shield High School. Her parent is Corrine Lincoln.

Her drawing will be part of a 100 piece traveling exhibit that will travel around North Dakota during the coming year. Winners for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places for the duck stamp contest are displayed at the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, Coleharbor but not honorable mentions.

Barrera Receives Master's Degree



Chasity (Lyson) Barrera, graduated with a Master of Science in Information Systems and Technology Management with a Specialization in Information Assurance and Security from Capella University, in New Orleans, March 12, 2016.

Chasity is the daughter of Kim Lewis and granddaughter of Loretta Meridith of White Shield.

Kim, Wade, Loretta and Donna Mae Lewis flew to New Orleans for her graduation.

Pictured is Chasity and her daughter Milla.

Chasity lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming with her husband Eric and daughter Milla.

White Bear Honored by White Shield Elders



Bernadette White Bear was a US Marine Gunnery Sergeant for 22 years and 9 days, she said. After retiring from the Marines, she spent 4 years working at the White Shield Clinic. A few weeks ago, she retired from that position and is taking some time off for herself. Elders said they will miss her professional ways at the clinic. They presented her with gifts at an honoring on April 6th.

Easter at White Shield



Cheryl LaCroix offers the Easter Bunny a hotdog.

A large crowd of both adults and children gathered at the Ralph Wells Complex to enjoy Easter. The day started with the traditional Easter egg hunt. Eggs were hidden around the Complex area for the children to find. Some eggs even had money inside plastic eggs.

Most of the adults stayed inside visiting and waiting for the children to return with their baskets of eggs and treasures.

A big, white bunny bounced around visiting children. Most of the children found him to be very friendly and hugged him. A few of the younger children would have nothing to do with this huge, white rabbit and cried at the sight of him.

A meal was served and prizes were drawn for adults and children with bikes for two lucky kids as first prizes.

The large crowd enjoyed the warm and beautiful day.



D.J. Dakota, Mason, Connie and Mathew Howling Wolf say "hi" to Easter Bunny.



Shauna Cameron's daughter, Marisa Driver, enjoy Easter at White Shield.



Winogene Blacksmith and Joyce Kruger enjoy a friendly hug from the Easter Bunny.



Red Star Fox shows off his collection of Easter eggs.



Children love hugging and sitting on lap of bunny.



Waiting for children who are hunting Easter eggs.

2016 War Bonnet Dance *(Cont. from front page)*

The powwow committee fundraised throughout the year in preparation for the July 8, 9 and 10 2016 Arikara Celebration.

White Shield Celebration Committee for 2016: John “Shorty” Bears Tail, President; Richard Pease, Vice President; Holly Felix, Secretary; Stacy Blacksmith, Treasurer; Bernadette White Bear, Flag Bearer; Johnna Grace Brady, Drum Keeper; Katheryn White, Princess; Saunders Youngbird, Head Man Dancer; Aletha Morsette, Head Lady Dancer; Arena Directors: Shaun Knife, Russel Youngbird. Jeffery Bears Tail.



Joelle and Shorty (John) Bears Tail, President of the White Shield Powwow committee.



Joann Mathews, honoree



David & Stacy Blacksmith, Nicole Jorgenson, Jacob Knife



Nancy Fox, White Shield elder.



Claudia with husband, Screech Mason, honored at War Bonnet.



Debbie Painte and Colton Hall make founds at dance.



War Bonnet Princesses Katherine White and Aletha Morsette

Cheryl Danks and Madonna Azure, Ladies Auxiliary officers



Lonefight Spots and Photographs Rare Bird Near White Shield



Karen Lonefight, White Shield Employee and avid birder, caught sight of a rare bird near White Shield. The female Golden Crown Kinglet is one of the tiniest birds in the world of bird.

The bird has the remarkable ability to survive in cold climates. Nesting in northern forest, wintering throughout much of the continent, it is usually in dense conifers which undoubtedly help provide shelter from the cold. This choice of habitat also makes the Golden-crown hard to see, but it may be detected by its high thin call notes, and then glimpsed as it flits about high in the spruce trees.

Populations may drop after very harsh cold seasons on wintering grounds. Long-term numbers seem healthy.



PLEASE WHITE SHIELD, KEEP OUR TRASH CANS AND DUMPS EMPTY. RECYCLE ALL THOSE EMPTY CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL.

GRUESOME TWOSOME NATIVE FITNESS COMPETITION

White Shield, ND

Complex Fitness Center

Saturday, May 7th 10:00 am

One Day partner Competition

Same sex (male-male/ female/ female)

RX: 1st \$800 Scaled: 1st \$600

RX: 2nd \$600 Scaled: 2nd \$400

RX 3rd \$400 Scaled: 3rd \$200

Registration Deadline: April 22, 2016

For more information, please contact Coach Kroupa, 421-3773 or Coach Whirlwind Bull 421-1247



TAT FIT/REC 5th grade boys' basketball spring shootout

12 available spots for teams-8 man rosters

Tournament held on May 7th

Tip off at all 3 gyms will be 9AM CST

Gyms- 1 & 2 held in the northern lights building, gym 3 Johnny bird memorial hall

Entry Fee- \$150, \$75 to be paid to reserve your spot (non-refundable),

**OTHER HALF MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOUR GAME NO EXCEPTIONS
IF NOT PAID YOU WILL FORFIET TILL PAID, OR OUT OF TOURNAMENT!**

DEADLINE-May 2nd by 430PM CST

Places:

1st plaque, medals, hoodies

2nd plaque, medals, t-shirts

3rd plaque, medals

4th plaque

Awards: 3 point shootout (wind breaker)

Free throw contest (wind breaker)

MVP plaque,

Sportsmanship plaque

Concessions to be sold at both gyms.

Not responsible for any accidents or stolen items.

Contact info: Steven Finley

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March 2016		April 2016					May 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3	4 Elder Board and election noon – elder center	5	6	7	8 Mail Out for tribal payout. 	9	
10	11	12 Old White Shield Jail scheduled to be destroyed.	13 Emergency Elders meeting Cash Bingo – gifted and Talented fundraiser 6:30	14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16	
17	18 White Shield Clean Up Day  <small>© Can Stock Photo</small>	19	20 Arikara Celebration Committee event	21 TAT council Meeting	22 Earth Day  UND Time Out PowWow	23 UND Time Out PowWow 	
24 UND Time Out Pow Wow Arikara Celebration Bingo 3:pm	25	26	27 Administrative Professionals' Day	28	29 Arbor Day 	30	



Dolly Hopkins 4-12
Connie Howling Wolf 4-12
Wayne Perkins 4-14
Gerry White 4-25
Karen Mullack 4-28



Whole community prevention efforts

- 68.4% of ND parents and adults do not think underage drinking is acceptable in their community.
- 96.6% believe preventing alcohol and other drug use among North Dakota youth is important.
- Community members believe that alcohol and drug-free youth can be achieved through a collaborative effort that educates youth themselves, parents, and the community.

Don't just leave your child's anti-drug education up to their afterschool program. It takes a community's effort to raise a healthy child.

Ask, Support, Help and Reinforce Substance Abuse Prevention Programs.

PARENTS LEAD