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NEWS STORIES

Fred Fox meets with community to show appreciation



Fred Fox, new White Shield Segment Councilman and Vice Chairman shows appreciation for community support. Fox also honors Frank White Calfe for what he did for community.

Ralph Wells Memorial Complex - Fred Fox, First Feather, invited the community to a celebration to show his appreciation for their support. He also invited former councilman Frank White Calfe to praise him for his past good works as councilman for White Shield.

In an overflowing community hall on Thursday evening, Fox, former Navy Petty officer 3rd class, was honored by the Dead Grass drum and Post 253 Joseph Young Hawk Bear who sang a Navy Honor Song for him.

Invited guest Austin Gillette, tribal chairman and council for many year, said in 1974 when he started on the council, the budget was \$1 million. When he left in 2004, it was \$2 million. Today, Gillette said, the budget for the tribe is \$250 million.

The increase in the wealth of the tribe is, in part, due to the Bakken Oil fields and the improved method of retrieving the oil through fracking.

Damon Williams, Supervising Attorney for the tribe, said much money can be attributed to the work started during Fred Fox's tenure as administrator with the MHA Energy Oil and Gas Department.

"There was a time when we were borrowing money to make payroll." If we hadn't opened those acreages to get the Stetson Oil Company in, it might have been a different story, he said.

They are doing it again, this time with Solstice Energy LLC, Williams said. Not a lot of companies want to come into this area because it's costly. Solstice Energy is coming in. Fred helped and that's why they are where they are today.

Williams said he has ties with the White Shield Community through his wife, RaeAnn. Her mother, Rosalie Hopkins Bird Bear, was well-known powwow dancer and from White Shield.

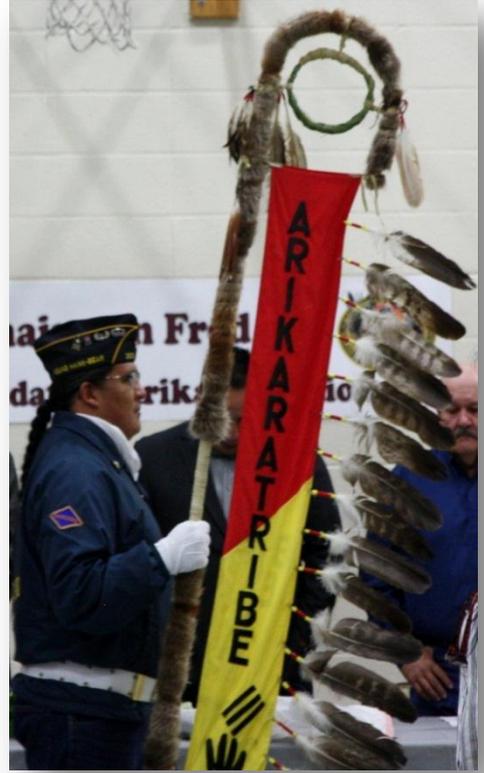
Photographs from appreciation celebration



Dead Grass singers, Richard Pease, Tom Wells, Ross Wise Spirit



Dianna Howling Wolf, Gloria Brenan, Ardith Esquibel, Maria Kraft, and Nancy Fox, Fred's mother participate in honor dance.





From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman, White Shield Segment

I would like to thank everyone for attending the White Shield Council Representative Appreciation Dinner November 29th at the Ralph Wells Memorial Complex.

I would also like to extend a big "Thank You" to Jonelle Abe, Martina Turner, Greta Hoise, Linda Gonzalez and Dorreen Yellow Bird for all the planning and decorating.

We have a BIG event planned for our Community Christmas Party on December 11th and we have a great dinner planned with prime rib as the main course! The White Shield Elementary students will be singing a Christmas Carol in Sahnish. We have gifts for everyone and special door prizes sponsored by the White Shield Segment, White Shield Community and 4-Bears Casino and Lodge. We will have a professional DJ for Christmas music, a Karaoke contest, and Tonya Hall, a special guest "Comedian." Also masters of ceremonies, Shannon "Out Law" Hale, will be doing the honors. There will also an appearance by Santa Claus!

We have been very busy getting the budget secured for 2013. We have also been very busy getting repairs done at the Ralph Wells Memorial Complex and preparing for the grand opening of the Arikara Culture Building.

Merry Christmas to everyone and have a safe happy New Year.

Thank you and God Bless.

COBELL SETTLEMENT TO PAYOUT SOON

The Cobell Settlement is pending. From the tribal council and news releases, it is should be the end of the year. If you have not filled out the required form and are interested, you can go on line to <http://www.indiantrust.com/>. You will need your enrollment number; if you have your IIM number even better. If you are unsure if you are eligible, sign-up anyway. It won't cost you a thing. If you have questions, you can call toll-free: 1-800-961-6190 or Email: Info@IndianTrust.com or by Mail: Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin OH 43017-487. The Settlement may be over \$1,000. The article below gives some background information on the settlement.

Indians Pull Appeal to Cobell Settlement; Government Says Payments By Year's End

By Rob Capriccioso

The three remaining Indian appellants have made the difficult decision to ask the U.S. Supreme Court not to consider their petition to appeal the \$3.4 million *Cobell* settlement. The court [dismissed the petition](#) on November 6.

“We pulled our case out of the Supreme Court,” Mary Aurelia Johns, a Cheyenne River Sioux citizen, told Indian Country Today Media Network. “This was based on the fact that it was too big of a gamble with this court and how far it could reach to make changes in Indian law and hurt Indian country. None of us were willing to go down in history as the ones who caused this.”

Johns said the original intention for filing the appeals was because they felt Indian country deserved better. They have questions now whether the Supreme Court justices would feel the same way.

The other two appellants were Carol Eve Good Bear, a Fort Berthold Reservation citizen, and Charles Colombe, a Rosebud Sioux citizen.

Johns said the appeals by Indians were not without merit. She said the appeals were

responsible for getting the federal government to change the \$1.9 billion portion of the agreement designated for the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish a land consolidation program so that the money there would not be used as a loan to tribes. Under Congress' authorizing language of the settlement, liens could have been placed on all income from sales of land acquired by the federal government under the land consolidation program until the tribes paid the liens back. In essence, by turning that property over to a tribe with a lien on it, Interior would have been forcing tribes to take loans to get the land.

“This was a deal we made [with the government] for not appealing the decision of the district court back to the court with all justices reviewing the case,” Johns said. Because they also stopped their Supreme Court appeal, which was based partially on class-action law, the major problems they and other Indians had with the settlement remain in it. Namely, the lawyers in the case are scheduled to receive approximately \$100

million, while most class-action members will receive less than \$2,000.

“This has been a long struggle, and I still believe the *Cobell* agreement was not in the best interest for Indian country,” Johns said. “[But] if we did win, and then the ruling took away from anything to do with [Indian] trust [law], we would have ultimately lost for our people, and we just could not go there and take a chance. It was a very, very difficult decision.”

Kimberly Craven, a Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate citizen whose own appeal of the settlement was denied to be heard by the high court in late-October, said she was surprised and disappointed that the other three Indians chose to drop their appeal. She strongly believes that the settlement is flawed and that Indians could have gotten a better deal.

Dennis Gingold, the lead *Cobell* lawyer, had been highly critical of the Johns, Good Bear, and Colombe appeal when they filed it in September.

“It is truly the poorest Supreme Court cert petition that I have ever reviewed, and it confirms the soundness of findings made by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in its per curiam opinion, e.g., that Harrison blatantly mischaracterized facts and that his arguments are utterly without merit, unsupported by precedent, and lack common sense,” Gingold told ICTMN in September regarding the appeal, filed by Indian lawyer David Harrison.

In a new letter to class members sent by e-mail November 7, Gingold said that Johns, Good Bear, and Colombe “agreed to dismiss with prejudice their Supreme Court petition in return for Class Counsel’s agreement to pay their attorney’s fees and expenses out of attorneys’ fees we expect to receive.

“Because of the Supreme Court’s rejection of Craven’s petition, we believe the other appellants have realized what everyone else had known all along: that their appeal had

no merit and no chance of success,” Gingold wrote. “However, because it had the potential to delay further your settlement payments, we, Class Counsel, offered to pay the three petitioners their attorney’s fees and expenses out of our attorneys’ fees. This will greatly increase the likelihood that we can begin to disburse settlement funds to you before Christmas and before winter is fully upon you.”

How much money Johns, Good Bear, and Colombe will receive from this deal with the *Cobell* lawyers has not been announced. Sources close to the case said the *Cobell* lawyers had previously offered money to the appellants to dismiss their appeals, but, until now, all had rejected those offers.

Secretary of the Department of the Interior Ken Salazar said recently that he anticipates that payments to Indian class members could go out by the end of the year.

Gingold said in his letter that within the next month or so, the government will pay into the *Cobell* account at J.P. Morgan, the approved settlement bank, settlement funds out of the Claims Judgment Fund of the United States.

“However, before that payment is made, the Attorney General must certify that the case is final and an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury must certify that it is proper to access the Judgment Fund to make that payment,” Gingold said. “Secretary Salazar has assured Indian country that the government is ‘ready to hit the ground running as soon as the Supreme Court makes a decision.’ We believe him. Accordingly, there is good reason to be optimistic.”





Local Sports



(Back) Jacob Whitebear, Isaac Fox, Jonathan Howling Wolf, Dwight Dakota Howling Wolf, Chad Andrade. (Front) Frankie Rios, Jeffery Bearstail, Quinton Howling Wolf, JJ Bearstail, Mike Price (8 players not pictured)



Bearstail, 54, is an alcohol and drug counselor, athletic director and boys' basketball coach. Bearstail is supported by assistant coach Julius Poitra Jr.

White Shield School – “Our team is looking at a winning team this year. Eighteen boys have turned for the basketball team” said Daryl Bearstail, head coach.

Although their first game was cancelled when Solen didn't have enough players, the team continues to prepare for their next match with Solen December 18.

This year looks good, said Bearstail. Right off the top of

his head, he named Jonathan Howling Wolf, 6'3"; Jeffery Bearstail, 6'; and Wyatt Felix, 5'9" as potential power players. We expect a lot from our players,” he said.

They don't get a pass in school because they're on the basketball team and really good. In order to be eligible to play, they must: have good attendance record – both in school and practice; good behavior, good grades, good character with a good work ethic, respectfully and just be a good person – that is be well-round on and off the court.

White Shield has a good history with athletes like Justin Marsette who was a 2002 state champion.

They have other sports too, Bearstail said, that include cross country, golf; girls volley ball and a cooperative football team with Parshall.



Schedule for games:

**December 7, Standing
Community High School,
Boys Varsity**

December 8, Bismarck
Century Soph/JV, Boys
JV & Varsity

**December 11, Stanley C
Squad, Boys JV**

December 14, Williston
Trinity Christian JV,
Boys/Girls Varsity

**December 18, Solen,
Boys/Girls varsity**

December 20-21, New
Town JV Tournament,
Boys JV

December 27-28, Solen
Shoot-out, Boys/Girls
Varsity

January 3, 4, 5, McLean
County Tournament, Girls
Varsity

**January 8, Watford City
JV, Girl/Boys Varsity**

January 10, Stanley C
Squad, Boys JV

January 11, North Shore-
Plaza, Girls/Boys Varsity

**January 14, Mandaree,
Girls/Boys Varsity**

January 15, Watford City C
Squad (Game at Vets
Bldg.) Boys JV

January 17, Watford City C
Squad, Girls Varsity

January 19, Solen, Girls JV
& Boys JV & V

**January 22, New Town,
JV, Girls/Boys Varsity**

**January 25, Shiloh C/JV,
Boys JV & Varsity**

January 26, Four Winds
(Game at Minnewaukan)
Boys JV & Varsity

**January 28, Garrison C
Squad, Girls/Boys
Varsity**

**January 31, Parshall,
Girls/Boys Varsity**

Feb 1, Bismarck High
School JV (@ Wachter
Middle Sch) Boys Varsity

Feb 1, Standing Rock
Community High School,
Girls JV/Varsity

**Feb 7, Solen, Girls
Varsity**

Feb 9, Garrison C Squad,
Girls/Boys JV

Feb 12, Mandaree,
Girls/Boys Varsity

**Feb 23, Trenton, Girls
Varsity**

*****At home games in
color and underlined.**



May Howard Baker Coffey, (Garden skanihaa), 91, died Nov. 30, 2012.

May was born Feb. 6, 1921, in Buffalo Rock to Letha Wilde and George Howard Sr.

May was a member of the Awahu Band of the Arikara, a descendant of the Bear medicine society of the Ree Medicine Lodge and also descended from the Mandan Alkalai Lodge clan.

May is survived by: her children Avis Mayer, Frances Baker, Glenda Baker Embry, Ardel Baker, G. Russell Gillette, Barbara Roy, Aurelia Gillette, Florence Brady, Grace Gillette, Pete Coffey Jr., James Jandreau, Judith Coffey Brady, Mary Coffey and Jeanette Coffey, 58 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren, 22 great-

great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; both of her husbands; all her siblings; sons, Bion Baker and Randall Coffey; and daughters, Melissa Boepple, Susann Coffey, Thana Gillette, Shirley Gillette and Sylvia Gillette.



Ernestine Jewel Fox-Mountain, Red Medicine Wheel Woman, 75, went home to the spirit world Nov. 20, 2012, at the Mandan Living Center.

She was born July 14, 1937, to Ernest Red Fox and Veda Azure Fox in Minot. She met Edison

Bradfield with whom she had two daughters, Linda and Brenda. She later met Vincent White Owl with whom she had Glen and Sandra. In 1962, she met and married Joseph Mountain Sr. and from that marriage had Jacqueline, Jolita and Stacey Lynn.

She is survived by two brothers, Leland and Rocky, both New Town; her sister, Roxanne, New Town; four daughters, Linda Gourneau (Bill), Bismarck, Sandra Gayton (Michael), Mandan, Jacqueline Howlingwolf, White Shield, and Jolita Grinolds, Bismarck; her son, Glen Fox (Nation), Lincoln; her grandchildren, Brendan, Loren, Cissy (Brandon), Ness (Nathan), Eddy, Ronnie, Aja, Kyla, Eesah (Rainbow), Matt, Vincent, Tyler, Jon, Mercedes, Myan, Liyah, Erin, Larissa and Kenzie; her great-grandchildren, Torri, Alex, Gordo, Tish, Mitch, Zayden, Josh, Brandy, Austin, Maddie, Ben, Syndal and Brenda; and one great-great-grandchild, Avery.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joseph Mountain Sr.; her brothers, Buster, Teddy, Kelsey, Dennis and Ferlon; her sisters, Beans, Beverly and Toni; her niece, Sonja; and two daughters, Brenda and Stacey Lynn.

Comments wanted on new Sahnish Flag

White Shield administration would like input and approval on the Sahnish flag that will fly over the new Culture Center and other places (copy of flag below). A public forum will be held soon, defining the full design concept. At that forum, Fred Fox will give an introduction, comments by Dancing Eagle with a design concept presentation by Denby Deegan, architect. The intention of the forum is to offer formal consideration for final adoption of the flag.

Please call Whirl Wind or Dancing Eagle Perkins 701-743-4013, drop in office for comments, talk with Fred Fox or send in your written comments to Culture Center, 100 Sahnish Dr., Roseglen, ND 58775

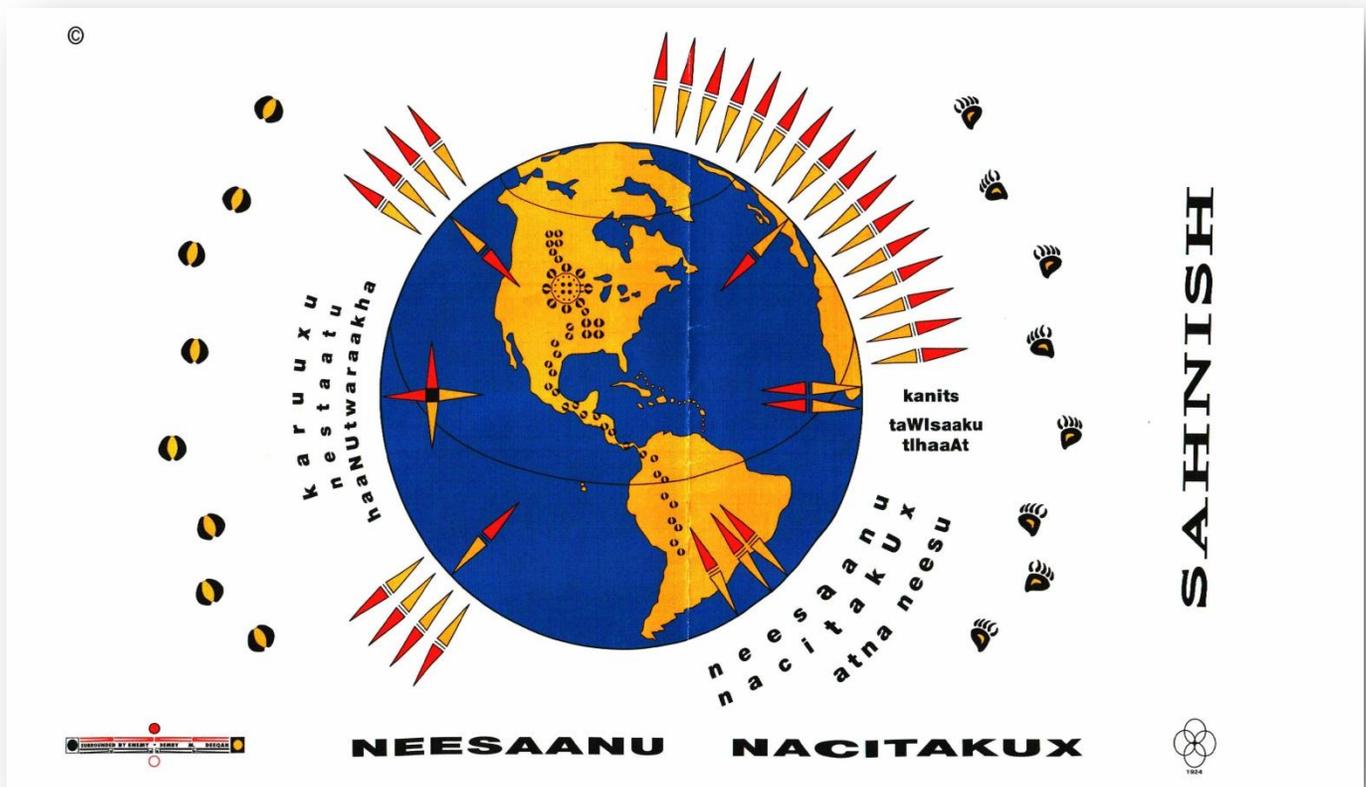


Illustration depiction of a National Sahnish Flag for the Arikara Nation.

The basic design of this Sahnish flag depicts our Arikara origin, our genesis as narrated by prophet and holy man Four Rings in 1924. This flag will be a symbol of the people – the Sahnish, Arikara, also known as the Rees. It will symbolize our unique heritage and instill pride in our people. It will give us strength to survive, to meet challenges, to be healthy and well in the future. Most important, we will have spiritual strength and knowledge.



Black Fox - Arikara

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Com. Christmas Party - Complex 6:30	12	13	14	15
16	17 Elders Christmas Party - Elders Center, NOON	18 Tribal Council Meeting New Town Chambers 10am	19 Elders Christmas money - Casino Events Center - \$600- NOON	20	21 TAT Christmas Party Casino Event Center	22
23	24	25  CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 NEW YEARS EVE	2	3	4	5



Juvenile Swainson Hawk Photographed by Karen Lone Fight

Our environment: Birds, animals and pets

White Shield - This young Swainson hawk was photographed in the White Shield area while sitting on a bale of hay. The hawk caught a vole (something like a mouse) and had started to eat it. The hawk ate the head-off first and was getting ready to finish the rest for his dinner. This hawk (in the photograph) has only just learned to fly yet knew instinctively that it should eat the head of its prey first.

This hawk is big. It will get a wingspan of 46 to 58 inches and is 19 to 22 inches long. These Swainson hawks are only in the western United States and North Dakota is on their border.

White Shield and western North Dakota are in the Central Flyway or migratory route of many birds. So Northern Dakotans are fortunate to be able to see so many different birds.

Hawks (raptors) eat live prey only. For people living in our area that means domestic cats and dogs are prey for hawks and eagles. Eagles, however, tend to eat carrion (road kill or dead animals) too. Hawks and eagles have been known to pick up domestic animals because they are easy prey and aren't as quick as a rabbit, vole or mouse to escape their talons.

Short news clips from the reservation

Oil Refinery moving forward

There will be about 75 full-time positions opening at the new oil refinery near Makoti.

Construction on the refinery starts in the spring and should be complete Fall of 2014.

Chairman Hall is considering three or four gas distribution stations for Ft. Berthold in North Dakota.

Funding in place for home mortgages

Eighteen million dollars has been put into home mortgages. That will be \$3 million for each community this year and each year for 12 years.

Terri Log is director of the home loans program.

Radio station will have new building

KMHA is slated for a new building. Details will be announced later.

Elders get new bus

White Shield elders will get a new mini bus. The bus will have seating in-the-round and there a television for riders to watch while driving to casino.

New Police Office on board at White Shield

Duane Bowman hired as a police officer for White Shield. He came from Pine Ridge, South Dakota



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year