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## White Shield Celebration one of the best



Desarie Wells, special dance contest in honor of her grandmother, Mary Alice Wells. Photo: Marilyn Young Bird

**White Shield** – The 2013 celebration turnout exceeded local expectation. It had everything from parades, flag raisings, horse racing, memorials, reunions and dancing that dazzled and amazed.

There were some exciting moments when a strong thunder storm hit. Winds blew tents down, scattered everything that wasn't tied down and sent everyone scurrying to the Ralph Well Complex for shelter. Some thought it was a tornado, but it was a strong storm that came and left quickly.

The storm caused dancing to cease leaving dancers to finish up about 3 am on Monday morning.

The new celebration committee is  
**(Celebration continued on page 4)**





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

Summer has almost come and gone. Our kids will be starting school August 15th and we will be preparing for winter soon. Our elders will be traveling to the Black Hills and our summer youth workers already traveled to Minneapolis to reward them for their hard work and dedication during their summer employment.

This coming month the roads will be paved in the White Shield community. The project is a \$2.1 million project. The project is funded by the BIA roads. Another project that was funded is a new lagoon for White Shield. IHS has funded \$1.1 million and the tribe will cover \$2 million. Our two current lagoons need to be reclaimed due to the age and proximity to current occupied dwellings. The White Shield community is in dire need for this infrastructure for any future community development. The tribe has approved \$3million for housing this year, anymore will exceed the capacity of our old lagoons. There will be also another \$3 million for house next year.

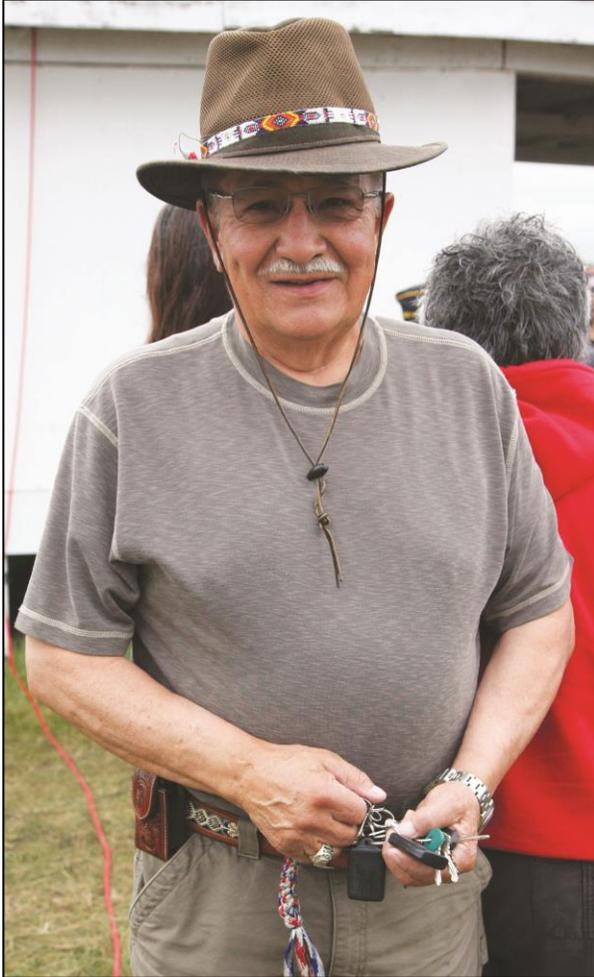
I also want to send my condolences to all the families that have lost a loved one. It's been a very tough year for all of us. We all have lost someone very close to us. I pray we keep strong and keep moving forward. We all need to keep encouraging each other to make it through these tough times.

This week the Tribal Council will be having a few meetings concerning next year's budget and also a regular scheduled Council meeting.

We also have visitors from the Southern Ute Tribe that will be meeting with the council to discuss ways to assist one another on different ideas on our oil and gas.

Well I'm hoping to have a White Shield Segment update by the end of the summer at the complex and have community board give their update also. We will have a meal catered and also have door prizes. So with that, I would like to wish everyone a happy end of summer and hope to see you at our end of summer update. Thank you.

## Honoring a soldier and veteran



***Donnie Dickins, White Shield***

**White Shield** – If you have ever wondered why the Old Scout's Cemetery is a showcase of cemeteries, the answer is Donnie Dickins. He has taken on the task of mowing and cleaning the cemetery although he doesn't get paid nor did anyone ask him to do it. He just does it. He asks for no thanks, just takes out his tools and heads for the cemetery located just east of his house.

Perhaps he understands and is honoring his fallen comrades. Dickins, 71, was a Green Beret, one of the Army's best, during the Vietnam War.

He is married to Ramona Flute and they have two sons, Forest and Justin Two Crow.

It is Edmund Heart who deserves thanks and recognition from the community (especially veterans and non-veterans, who have family and relatives in this cemetery), said Dickins. Heart is not a veteran yet he helped with the costs of a chain link fence for the front of the cemetery. The rest of the cemetery will be fenced as Dickins raises more money. The cost of the front fence was more than \$4,000.

On behalf of Post 253, veterans and those who rest in the cemetery, Dickins said he wants to thank the very generous Edmund Heart.

The community also gives thanks and recognizes Donnie Dickins, who hates the limelight.



(Arikara Celebration 2013 continued)



At 8 a.m. the White Shield Post and Auxiliary raised the flags of Little Brave, a member of the Arikara Old Scouts; Gilbert Perkins, US Army and Darryl Price, US Air Force. Flags were raised on Friday and Saturday. After the flag raising, the relatives and friends provided a breakfast to the community.



Spirit Riders didn't compete in **parade** contest, but their participation was applauded. They plan to expand the

train and add five more cars, said Duane Fox. The train was driven by Frank Felix.



An elder fancy dance competitor showing her fancy steps.

The White Shield 2014 celebration confirmed officers will be:

President - **Richard White Bear**  
Vice President - **Terry St. John**  
Secretary - vacant  
Treasurer - **Genevieve Azure**  
Arena Director - **Joseph Azure**  
Drum Keeper – **Trinity Lattergrass**

Princess, Head Man & Woman dancers and another area director have not been confirmed as August 5th.

**2013 Celebration dancers: Photos (1)-winner in woman's contest; (2) dancers; (3) Russell Dean and wife, Anita & Veronica Serdahl, (4) Sara Youngbird's son, Felix is honored. He is a Marine.**



## Culture Center prepares for grand opening at end of August



**Dancing Eagle Perkins, Director of Culture Center.**

White Shield – The Culture Center is waiting to exhale. By the end of August, the Center will have preparations completed to formally open the doors. “We have received about 100 pictures from the North Dakota Historical Society which will fill the walls and spaces at the center,” said Dancing Eagle.

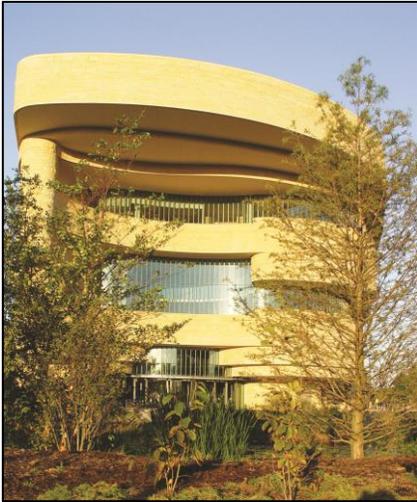
They are pleased, said Dancing Eagle, to receive precious items from families in the community. John Malnourie has put on loan, the Lena Malnourie dress that she wore when she was Miss Indian America. Malnourie has other artifacts that will be added to the Center. Joyce Noland has loaned the Center the Elk Tooth Dress worn by Chokecherry Woman, her Great Grandmother. All of these artifacts had to wait until a state-of-the-art security system was in place.

Calvin Grinnell, tribes preservation officer, said

anything brought back to the tribe that is of the Sahnish people will be put at the Culture Center.

Mike McKinney, who is an artist, will be doing replicas of some of the artifacts located in other museums and even some on the national level.

In front of the Center, several young men built an earth lodge. Lee Voight and Jasper Young Bear were the lead on the design and building of the lodge, said Perkins. Others helping with the building were Joe Young Bird, Jody Ground, Dancing Eagle Perkins and a few others. They are going to do a little tweaking but it will be ready for the grand opening at the end of August.



There will be an explanation about the earth lodge when it is finished.

A language project will be finished by the end of August too. They have a demonstration “app” but are waiting for the full model. It can be put on an Apple iPad, which both Dancing Eagle and Whirling Wind Bull will do for the community.

“The goal is for the community to have access to everything we have,” said Dancing Eagle.

Bill Billeck, program and case officer for Reparations for the Plains Indians at the Smithsonian, is donating some books about Arikara people.

**The National Museum of the American Indian Washington D.C.**

### **Who are Dancing Eagle and Whirl Wind Bull Perkins?**

The brothers have been working with the Culture Center for about three years. They are well known in the community for the dedication to the culture, Sahnish language revival and are the “go to” members of the community when there are questions about the language and culture.

This is not to say they have lived it like many of the elders, but they respectfully study it.

Dancing Eagle, 35, is the director. He has an Associate Degree in Computer Science, BA in Business Administration and MS in Anthropology. He has lived and worked in Indiana with Dr. Parks, who has studied our tribe for years. Dancing Eagle is fluent in Sahnish.

Whirl Wind Bull, 33, Program Coordinator has years of training. He works with the computer language project and is fluent in the language. He also has a good understanding of the culture. Both men are singers and also teach drumming to a small group during the winter.

Dancing Eagle is married to Rebecca Bird and they have five children. Shawn 2; Lives in the Clouds, 7; Not Afraid of Women, 5; Dancing Thunder, 3, and Standing Holding Stars, a year old.

Whirl Wind is married to Agnes Woodward. They have three children Red Eagle 12; Sweet Cedar, 9; and Little Hail, 7.

Another important part of the staff is the boys sister, Good Earth Woman. She is knowledgeable of the culture and an excellent addition to this staff because she is involved in the culture.

## Center is used for culture training



Dancing Eagle teaches new teachers at the culture center. He talks a little about the history, some about Sahnish ways and suggests ways to teach the culture to Arikara children. Assisting with the training is the Sahnish Culture Society . Yvonne “Bonnie” Fox and Greta White Calfe. They use their years of work on the culture which includes materials and artifacts that they have collected to help teachers understand how it was back in their days.

**Dancing Eagle Perkins, in front of class with Whirl Wind Bull Perkins, Program Coordinator, standing nearby listening to his brother.**

After Dancing Eagle presentation, Greta White Calfe and Yvonne Fox honored Mary Everett with a blanket they said she could use in these cold North Dakota winter nights. Greta holds two old Arikara baskets that she uses in her demonstrations with the Sahnish Culture Society.



## Standing Rock demonstrates gardening in a big way



***Robin Fox, two agents, Kaye Bell, Greta White Calfe, Connie Howling Wolf.***



***Standing Rock Sioux gardener***

On Wednesday, August 7, eight people attended a training session at Standing Rock provided by the County Agents who have developed several outdoor “hot houses” that produced baskets full of large green peppers, onions, beets, tomatoes, squash, red and green cabbage and other vegetables.

The group were encouraged to attend because it is the hope that White Shield can become involved in growing their own green salads, canning and getting back to the way the Arikara once kept the community in fresh vegetables and good healthy food.

Extension agents gave demonstrations, talked about different styles and ways of growing garden, namely using boxes. Those boxes can be built off the ground so that anyone with problems bending can still garden successfully.



***Yvonne “Bonnie Fox” examining squash.***



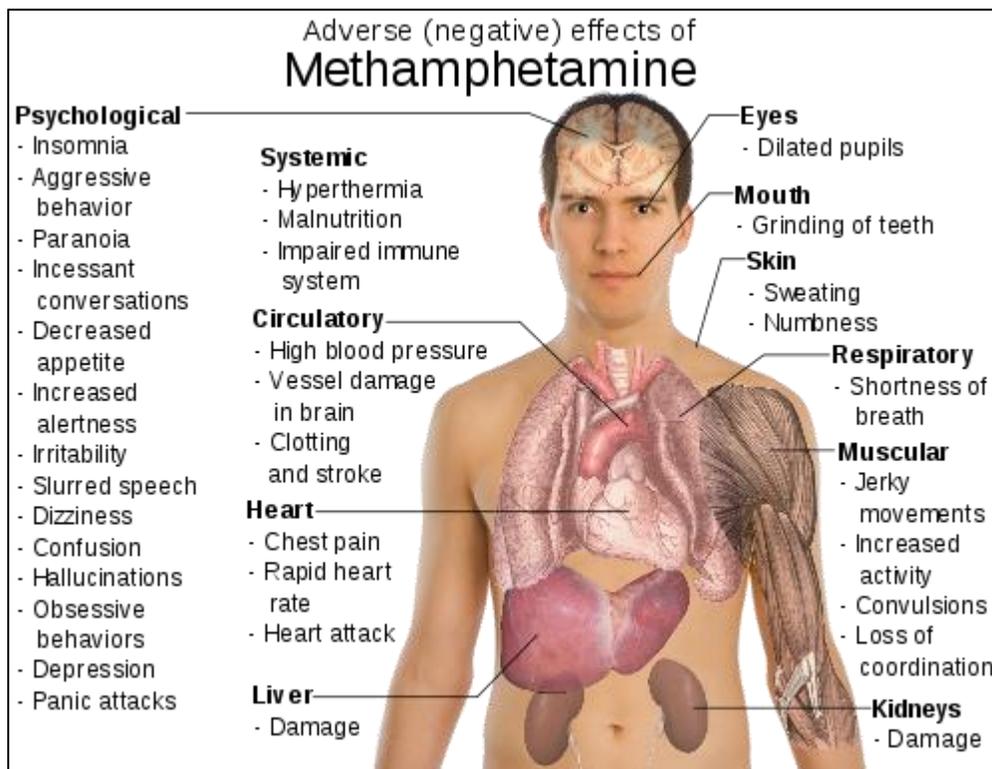
***Winnie Blacksmith listens to agents.***

THESE ARTICLES WERE INSPIRED BY NEW TOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO PRESENTED THEIR STUDY ON METH AND THE DANGEROUS OF THIS DRUG TO THE TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL.

Methamphetamine is a powerful, synthetic (i.e., man-made, not organic) central nervous system stimulant. Stimulants are a class of drugs that elevate mood, increase feelings of wellbeing, and increase energy and alertness (National Institute on Drug Abuse).

Methamphetamine was originally produced in the early 1900's from its parent drug, amphetamine. Stimulants often initially produce a feeling of euphoria in users. Examples of other stimulants include cocaine, crack cocaine, methylphenidate (Ritalin®), nicotine, and MDMA (Ecstasy).

Methamphetamine is produced using ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, a common ingredient in cold and sinus medication and other ordinary products such as anhydrous ammonia and drain cleaner. Many of the chemicals used to make methamphetamine are toxic and flammable, making the manufacture process very dangerous and potentially lethal. Methamphetamine is a bitter tasting crystalline powder that can be dissolved in water or alcohol. Methamphetamine can also be converted into a rock crystal form called "ice," "crystal," or "glass." Ice is typically smoked and has a higher purity than powdered methamphetamine.



## Announcements

### Back To School Rider sponsored by the Spirit Riders.

At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, the Spirit Riders will be holding a “back to school” ride. The rider will start down by the river south of Felix Dickins place. While at the lake, Rev. W. Duane Fox will talk about the old Niisu’, the area where the old community was located.

In addition, Douglas Wilkinson, BIA law enforcement officer and investigator will talk to the kids about respecting teachers and each other, bullying and so on. Rev. Elaine Packineau will pray and talk to the children.

The ride back to White Shield will take three hours.

When they get to White Shield, they will be honoring Ray Blacksmith for his 25 years with McDonalds in Minot. They will have other speakers and join with the school for contests, a meal and programs. The program will be for students enrolled at White Shield only.

## Results of Secretarial Election

### CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to a Secretarial Election authorized by the Great Plains Regional Director, on April 16, 2013, the attached Proposed Constitution Amendment I of the Three Affiliated Tribes was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tribe and on July 30, 2013, **Amendment I was duly adopted by a vote of 303 For and 205 Against, and 2 cast ballots found Spoiled in an election in which at least 30 percent of the 1249 members entitled to vote**, cast their ballot in accordance 25 part Part 81.



## Our Environment: Wild flowers in late August

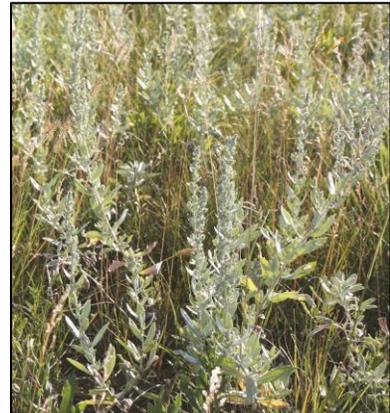


The prairie is alive with gold and yellow. Summer is nearly over. Wild flowers and plants are ripe and beginning to drop seeds for next year. At this time of the year you can see the rich prairie in color and full of pungent aroma.

Chokecherries are beginning to turn deep purple and plums are yet red, but the wild plants and flowers are in their second dress. They will change once more as the frost and cold began to creep into the land.

There are many kinds of sunflowers in our area. If you look at the center, which might be brown, deep brown or a golden color that is a telling sign of their brand of sunflower. None of these sunflowers have the size of the commercial flowers, but they are hardier and grow in great profusion.

One of the most valuable plants in the purple cone or echinea flower. A flower with pink petals and a deep redish-brown center. They are a medicinal flower that science has found invaluable. There is another flower called the yellow cone, which isn't as valuable but just as hardier and lovely. Than, of course, there is the pungent silver sage which grows in abundance here. It is a favorite of Native people because of our traditional beliefs. It is also hardy and grows even when other plants stay hidden because of drought or too much rain.



View these at the White Shield Culture Center



**JOSEPH** **YOUNG** **HAWK**

August 9, 1918 - "Joe Young Hawk, an Arikara Indian of Elbowoods, North Dakota, who is serving with the American forces here in France, was captured a short time ago by five Germans, who took his gun away from him. But Young Hawk was determined not to remain captured very long," says Major A.B. Welch in a letter home. "The Indian waited his chance and then suddenly, taking his captors unawares, he lunged for one big Hun and broke his neck, killed two with his bare hands and marched the other two back to the American lines. He was shot through the leg in the fight, but is now in an American hospital and getting along as well as could be expected."

## Standing Rock Sioux Tribal chairman not seeking re-election



By [Jenny Michael](#)

BISMARCK, N.D. Charles Murphy is not seeking re-election as Standing Rock Sioux Tribal chairman.

Murphy, 64, said he is not sure what his plans are for post-political life, but he hopes to “do some traveling.”

Murphy delivered the keynote address at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of North Dakota’s third annual Tribal Consultation Conference on Thursday. In introducing him, U.S. Attorney Tim Purdon lauded Murphy’s commitment to creating a strong, independent tribal court for his reservation.

Purdon said he wishes Murphy could be replicated across Indian Country.

Murphy’s current stint as tribal chairman began in 2009, and he previously served as chairman from 1983-93 and 1997-2005. He said he is proud of his efforts to work with other organizations and government entities to bring programs to the reservation in an effort to try to improve life for tribal members.

Murphy advised other tribes to be open to discussions and help from the federal government and state government. He thanked Purdon for his office’s work and said Brendan Johnson, the U.S. attorney for South Dakota, which houses much of the reservation, also has been helpful. The governors of both states visited the tribe together, and Murphy said he has been thankful for his relationships with those other entities. “Open your doors to them,” he said.

But Murphy’s work on the issues of tribal court received the most attention during Thursday’s conference. Standing Rock’s court system often is held up as a standard for tribal courts because of its independence from the tribal council and its law-trained judges and attorneys.

The longtime leader said it’s important for tribes to have strong policies in place and follow them. Judges can’t be removed because the council disagrees with them.

“This is where tribes get in trouble,” he said.

Standing Rock has a judicial committee that deals with issues in the judicial system, keeping the tribal council separated from the judges and attorneys.

“We do not force our judges or any of our staff to do anything, because we have separation of powers,” he said.

Standing Rock still has serious problems, Murphy said. He said substance abuse issues abound, and a new jail is needed along with funding to run a juvenile center. The federal sequester hasn’t been felt too much on reservations because of historically shoestring funding, he said.

Murphy said he will advise his successor to keep the court system apart from the tribal council. He believes the system the tribe has built will remain strong and could be made even better.

“There are always room for improvements,” Murphy said.

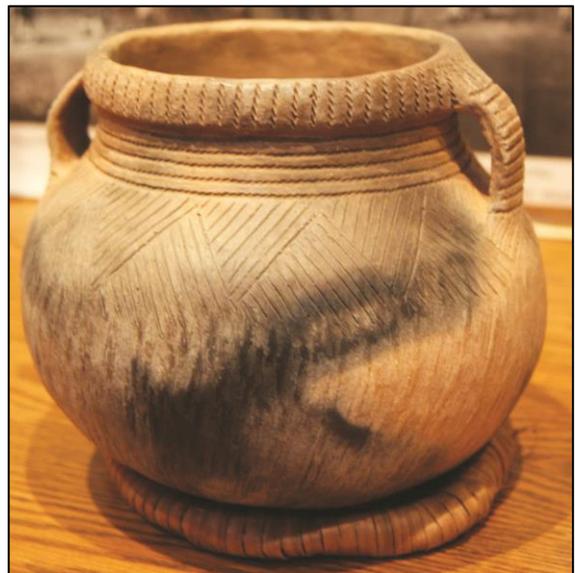
(From [Indianz.com](#))

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**More to see at the Culture Center**



**Old Scout headgear**



**Arikara Pottery**







