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Jackie WhiteCalfe, calf roper and one of the rodeo managers.



*From the desk Fred Fox, Councilman,
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Hello friends and relatives,

Summer is winding down and I hope everyone had a very eventful summer break or summer vacation. I would like to send my condolences to all the families who lost loved ones. We had a tough summer and we lost some elders with a lot of knowledge of culture, language and songs. We all mourn the losses in our communities and our reservation.

Reminiscing on this past month with our annual Arikara Celebration, there were many activities starting with the golf tournament. It was our 2nd Annual Arikara Golf Scramble which was held at the Garrison Country Club. There were 24 teams that participated, which turned out to be a very successful event. Friday of the Celebration was the start of the 2nd Annual White Shield Stampede. It was a North Dakota Great Plains Tour Rodeo. The rodeo had over 700 contestants, the annual rodeo is getting bigger and better. The Ree Ranch Rodeo grounds are still new, and we are still adding on to make this one of the best rodeo grounds around. We also finished the White Shield Stampede with a youth rodeo on Sunday. It turned out very well. The Ree Ranch has been having riding classes every week this summer. We are currently planning the GPIRA Finals August 31st. This is a good sign letting us know our facility is a first class arena.

The Pow-wow turned out to be the biggest celebration White Shield has ever seen again. We had over 500 dancers and 24 drum groups from across the United States and Canada. The top prizes were \$1,500 to the top adult men and women dancer. The dancers competed in 36 different dance categories and three different drum categories.

With all the activities going there was also 3rd annual softball tournament and horse races that turned out to be a very successful events which saw a lot of horseback riders and softball teams.

This July the Elders received their Elder Disbursements of \$2,000. This is something that is very good for our elders. Not only do they get the \$2,000, but they will also get the \$1,000 disbursements on August 8th. This will come in time for school clothes because school is right around the corner. The first day of school is August 20th. For the first time White Shield will be having a "Back to School Powwow." It will be on August 28th. Stay tuned for more details.

My schedule has been very busy this summer not including the Arikara Celebration. July 30th-31st we had our quarterly Federal Partners meeting for Oil & Gas on Fort Berthold and Rig Friendly meeting with all the Oil & Gas producers that operate on the reservation. We have a budget meeting August 5th and Tribal Council meeting August 8th. Committee meetings are August 2nd for Judicial and Health Committees and Energy Committee August 6th.

August 1st the Garrison City Commerce will be touring the White Shield community. They are interested in all the developments that are happening in the community. With that said we are coming along well with the East Segment Tribal Administration Building and New Elder Center. Both are on time for a December completion. Twelve new housing units from FBHA and Ree Lodge are planned to be completed this fall. I know there is a housing shortage and we are doing our best we can to get everyone that is qualified into a home. This coming spring we plan on building another ten and I believe FBHA will come in with another four units.

I want to wish everyone a safe rest of the summer and safe travels if anyone has any trips planned this summer or first part of the fall. Stay safe, take care and God bless.

2019 White Shield Celebration Success



Gov. Doug Burgum, Councilman Fred Fox and Gov. Burgum's wife, Kathryn Helgaas Burgum.



Gary Dickens, Councilwoman Monica Mayer and Councilman Fred Fox.



Aletha Morsette, 2019 Head Woman Dancer



Early morning flag raising.

Tribal Disbursement will be mailed out Tuesday, Aug. 6th

Fimbres, first time Dancer, Steps out at White Shield



Jayli Fimbres enters the world of Jingle Dress Dancers.



Shaundeen Smith dancing with Jayli Fimbres.

In years passed young men and women were expected to participate in the gatherings of the people. They learned respect for all people. In those days there were parents, aunts and uncles, cousins and relatives who acted as role models, mentored and taught young people. Most often dancing was a part of their teachings.

Some elders or grandparents lament they see changes happening in dances today. For example, Jayli's Fimbres grandmother said she was surprised to see the young women fancy dance steps (Lady's Fancy Dance) or wearing dance dresses shorter than they did back in their day. But they also recognize that things change. They have lived through many, many years of drastic change during their lives.

Yet one thing stays the same, the love and desire to dance. Two young women changed the way dances are traditionally learned. One was the teacher and the other the student. Jayli Fimbres, was the student and her friend, Shaundeen Smith, the teacher. Shaundeen taught Jayli to be a Jingle Dress Dancer. She even loaned her a dress to use for her first dance. They are best friends.

Shaundeen said they went to Northern Lights (community center in New Town) after lunch and practiced every day. She said they started off with listening and learning the beat, then how to catch the beat, then when she could catch the beat, they went on to foot-work and listened to songs so that they could learn the stops and starts of the song. With that learned, they put everything together and there it was, a woman who always wanted to be a dancer now dancing. Jayli, who is from Four Bears, is an apprentice for the program's Hidatsa language. Shaundeen is from Mandaree and works for the Tribe's Department of Education as a Curriculum Specialist

Jayli danced every contest dance. Sometimes they didn't start contest dancing until 2 am, but she made all the dance entrances. She was entered the contests also. The teacher, Shaundeen, won first place at Ft. Belknap, Montana over the weekend which didn't surprise Jayli.

White Shield Dancers Loose Regalia in Fire



The White Shield Celebration is Anita and Russell Dean's first dance after a fire destroyed their RV which included their dance regalia.

Anita said they were heading for the Crow Fair in Montana when they hear a loud bang. It wasn't long before smoke told them it was very serious. They made an emergency stop on the road between Glen Dive and Miles City, Montana. The Deans, firemen and highway patrol tried to save their things, but nearly everything was consumed by the fire. Anita said the only things they recovered were the ruffles for Russell's

outfit.

Anita spent over six years building her dance outfit which included two buck-skin dresses. They had enough to put together outfits for the 2019 Celebration but it will be another eight months before they are completely ready. His roaches, for example, took three month before the order came in. The loss of their outfits also gave Russell and opportunity to change his style from grass to traditional.

The couple danced since 2011. They are committed and regulars at powwows. Anita has danced since she was six-years-old. The Deans started dancing together in 2011. She said they never missed a White Shield Celebration since they started dancing.

The couple has been dancing regularly every year.



New White Shields 2020 Celebration Committee

President:	Austin Gillette
Vice President:	Wayne Flute
Secretary:	Martha Hunter
Treasurer:	Gerilyn Yellowbird
Drum Keeper:	Milie White
Flag Keeper:	Milo Spotted Horse
Head woman Dancer:	Clarine Jackson Degroot
Head Man Dancer:	John "Ponco" Brady

White Shield Rodeo Rocks Community



A drone photo of the area shows the layout of the Ree Ranch Rodeo Grounds. Turn east off Highway 1 at N Segment's Recycling compound then left again. About ½ a mile you will see a parking lot laid out for a Multi-purpose building (ground is turned). The area is a 133 x 310 for a barn and equipment. The building will also house a place for equipment storage. It will be heated for winter classes, events, and other purposes. The Ree Ranch has riding classes every week, 9 to 12 on Tuesday and Thursday.

The next left turn is the nearly complete rodeo grounds. It has parking, grandstands, stock corrals and bucking chutes. There are 20 RV hook-up at the arena.

In that acreage there are also plans for raising cattle for meat and chicken for eggs to be distributed to the community. Another plan is a place for animal that have been abandoned or a threat to the community. It is

a place to surrender animals, mostly, dogs, cats and horses but will take other animals. Animals will not be euthemized unless there is no other alternative. They can house 15 dogs and 8 cats and 50 to 80 head of horses. They said they can also board horses. You may want to have a riding horse but have no place to keep it. They board them, which means feed and care for them at rental fee.

Frank Whitecalfe, former Council Representative, is managing this expansive project. In addition to the White Shield staff who help out also, there are two experienced and hardworking women, Jessica Whitecalfe, (a roper) and Jackie Whitecalfe, (a barrel racer and roper). They have been working full-time and endlessly on the project. They are well- acquainted with raising cattle, chickens and have always had gardens Jackie said.

Both girls participate in the rodeos. The front page photo is Jackie barrel racing.

Jessica Whitecalfe reports the White Shield Stampede INFR Tour Rodeo was held on July 12-13. There were over 400 hundred contestants.

The 2019 Queen is Eskie Heart.

Fort Berthold contestant winners were: Saddle Bronc, 4th place Marty Youngbear; Calf Roping, 2nd Place Jesse Chase; 8th place Daylon Danks; Ladies Breakaway, 1st Place Kari Jo Lawrence; Team Roping, 1st Place Jesse Chase; Sr. Breakaway, 6th Place Mervin Packineau; Sr. Team Roping, 1st Place Frank Whitecalfe; 3rd Place Mervin Packineau and Frank Whitecalfe; 4th Place Everette Hall; 5th Place Clayton Danks and Jim Baker, Jr; Breakaway, 5th Place Bailey Chase; 6th Place Marla Klein; 7th Place Wynn Lawrence.

Ree Ranch

Jackie Whitecalfe, Program Director wrote they have riding and roping lessons every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to noon every week.

They also offer Youth Rodeo practice during the lesson days. Events include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tail untying, dummy roping, mini-bull riding, stick horse race and flag race.

Upcoming events:

August 24th: 2nd Annual Julie Whitecalfe Memorial Barrel Race

August 25th: Youth Rodeo

August 31: Ree Ranch Labor Day Weekend Rodeo



Exciting Rodeo Pictures



Eskie Heart, Selected queen for the White Shield Rodeo.



Jackie Whitecalfe fast breaking calf roping .



Stoli Fredericks-Perkins is ranked 11 in the Indian National Finals.

Jesse Chase took 2nd place on his first run Friday.



Marty Young Bear stay tough in the saddle and takes 4th place.

*Frank Whitecalfe, healer
and Merv Packineau take
3rd place.*



Best Rodeo Photo



Horses and rider photos by Karen Lonefight

Centenarians Visit White Shield Celebration



Pricilla Dickens, 104 years old sits comfortably in front of the family RV. She has been attending the White Shield Celebrations for many years. She has only missed a few celebrations.

She was married to the late Felix Dickens (Shell) and they lived in the White Shield area.

She currently lives in California with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

They make sure that she is able to travel to North Dakota at least once a year for the annual Sahnish gathering.

For the last two years her great grandsons received Indian names from elder Austin Gillette in a naming ceremony held at the Celebration.

In spite of the hot day, she went to the arena and enjoyed the dancing.



There are other centenarians who lived or once lived on the reservation. Jeri Birdbill, 100 years old lives with her daughter in Albuquerque, NM and they bring her home regularly. She usually stays in New Town where she still has a residence. She lives with her daughter, Sugar.

Jeri was married to the late, Jerry Birdsbill and lived in the Mandaree area. Jeri is an Oklahoma Indian but has spent most of her years at Ft. Berthold and Albuquerque. She came home early last year for the naming of one of her great granddaughters.

There are several centenarians who live near or far from the reservation. In News Journal editions to come we will attempt to identify and gets stories from their all reservation centenarians.

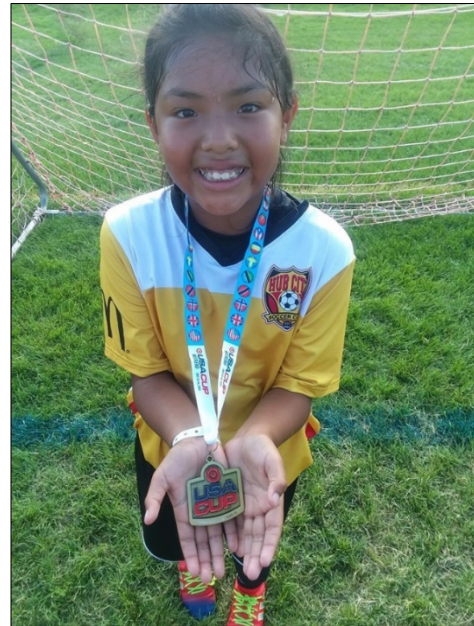
Eight-Old Excels in National Soccer Tournament and is honored at Mandaree Powwow



The 35th Annual USA CUP youth soccer tournament took place at the National Sports Center (NSC) on July 11 - 14, 2019 in Blaine, MN. The USA Cup is the largest soccer tournament in the Western Hemisphere. This year the tournament attracted 1,152 teams from all over the world. There were 22 U.S states and 20 countries registered at this tournament.

Sapphire Robertson was chosen from the 8 year old level from Aberdeen, SD Hub City Soccer league to play on the U10 Gold Rush team (10 year-old level) to represent South Dakota.

Sapphire regularly plays with the U8 (8 year old team) but due to her skill, knowledge of the game, prior competitive team experience along with her love for the sport she was chosen by the U10 Coach Allen Auske to play 2 years above her normal team level for



his team in this tournament. Coach Auske has asked for Sapphire to play with his older teams throughout the year prior and has always said “she is a great asset to the team with her leadership and skills.” Sapphire’s regular soccer stats each season are 40 goals with 30 assists. She plays all year long on both the recreational league and the competitive league. She is the highest scoring youth in the league and has been continually watched by the older teams for her to play with them.

Sapphires team went undefeated in the tournament 4-0 and won for the U10 division. Her accomplishment was shared via Facebook by the websites ndnsports.com and Native preps.

Sapphire was honored at the Mandaree powwow 2019 by her great grandmother Lyda Bearstail and family. She dances fancy shawl & sometimes jingle at powwows. She

did not place at the Mandaree powwow but enjoyed dancing and helping bring her baby brother Xander into the powwow circle. Sapphire has played soccer since age 5 and has a real passion for the game and has continued to make the families very proud of all her accomplishments.

In 2017, Sapphire was crowned Little Miss Aberdeen and was the first Native American child to be crowned in the Miss Aberdeen Pageant.

She is a great granddaughter of Grover and Carol Yellow Bird, who lives in White Shield and granddaughter of Dawn and Darrell Laducer of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Her Mother is Michona (Shawnee) Ghost and her father is Jarin Sky Robertson of Mandaree. Her grandmother is Lydia Bearstail.

Note: Native Preps, a product of ndnsports.com, is designed to get young Native American athletes some exposure and highlight them.



Things of Interest to the people:

Try a new vehicle license. Sounds like it would be “Cool.” Information about the licenses is clearly laid below in their brochure.

A new tribal office is beginning to take shape west of the currently tribal office and on the edge of the river. It is beginning to look beautiful.

A historic museum that will house artifacts and about and of the Sahnish, Hidatsa and Mandan is growing on the other side of the river near the earth lodges. It also looks like something we can be proud of.

If you have had the privilege, the tribal yacht is ready for anyone who wants to try it out. It cost \$20 per person, but looks like it would be worth it.



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Northern Lights Offices #184
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Items needed when transferring from North Dakota

You will need North Dakota title. Lien release if the title has a lien on it (a very important document that is overlooked at times) if the lien is not released we can look lien information up then carry this information forward, the tribal enrollment card, Valid North Dakota Driver's license, Tribal enrollment card, Valid ND insurance verification for that vehicle (**optional, unless lienholder requires full insurance coverage**), and if the current physical address is no on the drivers licensed we can accept one of the following for proof of physical address:

1. Current utility bill showing enrolled members physical address within Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation.
2. Three (3) pieces of current mail showing enrolled members physical address within Ft. Berthold Reservation.
3. The Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara nation enrollment card photo ID showing enrolled members physical address with in Ft. Berthold Indian reservation.
4. North Dakota State Driver's License showing citizens physical address within Ft. Berthold Reservation.
5. Proof of Insurance (**optional MHA Code #, unless lienholder requires full insurance coverage**).

In order to comply with Motor Vehicle Rules and regulations; all vehicles must be physically inspected (VIN INSPECTION) before original Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Title may be issued.

Note: ** Inspection must be done by the owner, or a MHADOT Licensing Registrar, Inspection form can be found at www.mhadot/forms, forms must be completed, signed and notarized, along with a \$5.00 processing fee.

Where are the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation Licensing Administration office locations?

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 MHA (Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation) Licensing Availability

The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes, is located on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in central North Dakota. The reservation is located on the Missouri River in McLean, Mountrail, Dunn, McKenzie, Mercer and Ward counties. The reservation consists of 988,000 acres, of which 457,837 acres are owned by Native Americans, either as individual allotments or communally by the tribe. The Tribal headquarters is located 4 miles west of New Town.

7 Tribal Business Council

The MHA Nation Tribal Business Council is comprised of six Segment Representatives and the Tribal Chairman. The MHA Nation Segments are White Shield, Parshall, New Town, Four Bears, Mandaree and Twin Buttes.

16,370 ENROLLED MEMBERS

As of May 09, 2019, there are currently 16,370 enrolled members of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes. There are:

- 5, 439 enrolled members age 0-17
- 9, 497 enrolled members age 18-59
- 1, 434 enrolled members age 60+

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OBITUARIES



Rodney “Fatso” Howling wolf was born November 15, 1939 in Nishu, ND to the late Daniel and Mabel (Bear) Howling Wolf. He struggled with his health the past two years. On July 22, 2019 he passed away at Sanford Hospital in Bismarck.

Rodney spent his early years in Nishu living close by to his grandparents, the late Lawrence and Stella (Rogers) Howling Wolf. He had so much history of our way of life before the flooding of the bottom homelands. Rodney was well versed in all the Arikara traditional ways. He was well respected and was called upon by many to do the name ceremony. He knew a lot of the traditional songs which were carried down by his father, the late Daniel Howling Wolf.

Rodney’s education started in Nishu where he attended grade school. He then went onto junior high in Elbowoods and his high school years were spent in Flandreau, SD and White Shield where he graduated in 1959. His class was the first graduates of White Shield. Rodney attended Vocational Training at Haskell School in Lawrence, KS. He did some wildland firefighting before entering the US Air Force on November 7, 1961 and was honorably discharged on February 17, 1965.

He worked as a mechanic for United Airlines in Denver, CO and at the Mandan Refinery for many years. Due to an accident at the Refinery in 1980 he was forced to retire.

Rodney was a proud father of two sons, Delmar and Daniel James Howling Wolf. Sadly they have gone on before him and will be waiting to meet him. Daniel left behind a son, Daniel James, also known as DJ. Rodney thought the world of his only grandson and was blessed with two precious great grandsons, all of Pueblo, CO.

In 1994 he married Donna “Dixie” Krueger and was welcomed into a loving family of four daughters, one son, twelve grandkids and eleven great grandchildren.

Rodney was talented at doing crafts, drawing and paintings. He had painted on two buffalo skulls and one is displayed at the TAT building. He was an active member of YoungHawk/Bear Post #253, White Shield, ND. He was also a member of the Dead Grass Society an Old Scouts.

Rodney was survived by his wife, Donna, four daughters, one son, 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; two sisters, Clarice Howling Wolf, San Francisco, CA an Diana HW Poitra, White Shield and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, sons, grandparents, brothers, sisters and other relatives.