

# NAhtAsuutaaka' (White Shield) News Journal

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**Fred Fox, headman dancer, leads the Arikara and Pawnee at powwow**





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



The first snow has fallen and the leaves are yellow and brown. Hunting season is approaching and we are all getting prepared for winter. It seems like July was just here and the summer months have passed us by like it was just yesterday.

I had another busy month. The best part was the trip to Pawnee, Oklahoma. Our Elders, Legion, Lady Auxiliary and drum group represented the Arikara Tribe proudly and displayed a well-respected visit that will be remembered for a lifetime. The visit was an inaugural visit and with hope of continuing it for years to come. I would like to thank everyone that made this visit possible and everyone was important. I feel humbled and honored to be with such a great group of representatives from home.

This past month, we had many activities from feeding at the Sacred Stone Camp to having 2 council meetings, 2 judicial meetings, 2 NRC meetings, and an economic/education committee meeting. We also had an excellent Segment update this past week and we are planning an Appreciation Dinner on November 16th at the Complex. So please come and enjoy lots of food and some excellent speakers.

I traveled to Denver, Colorado to meeting with EPA to discuss the MHA Nation Thunder Butte Refinery. The tribe has requested to extend the permit and began working on a Transloading and Storage facility on the Fort Berthold Reservation. The Tribal Council would like continue development and create revenue and economic development of the Tribes Natural Resources. The O&G activity on the reservation has stabilized with oil prices fluctuating like a roller coaster. Today there is a total of 1,463 producing wells and 79 drilled but uncompleted wells. The reservation is producing roughly 200,000 barrels a day and have 5 drilling rigs operating.

Well our kids will be getting ready for Halloween and fall activities are coming to an end. Soon we will start the basketball season and filling the gym with cheering for the Warriors. I want to again thank everyone that has supported our administration and continue to support and believe in the building and development of our community. We have a ways to go but we will get there. I want to send my prayers to the families that are having a difficult time with any loss and sick family members in the hospital.

Take care and safe travels where ever you decide to go. Thank you and God Bless.

## White Shield UP-Date Meeting



Fred Fox outlined a calendar of events from now until Christmas at the Up-Date Meeting. They are on the News Journals calendar (*Page 15*).

The first new item for the segment is getting all children who are going to school in Garrison and Parshall winter jackets. He said they will get sizes from parents, buy them and distribute the jackets to the children.

He introduced the new board members on Community Boards. They are as follows:

**Community Board:** Gary Dickens, Chairman; Diana Poitra, Treasurer; Magen Blacksmith, Secretary; Mark Nolan, At Large; Yvonne White Bear, At Large.

They are thinking about tearing down the old playgrounds and replacing them. They are looking for other new ideas said Gary Dickens, Chairman.

**White Shield School Board:** Fred Fox, President; Holly Felix, Vice President; Mark Nolan, Member; Danielle Henry, Member; Cody White Bear, Member.

**Arikara Development Cooperation:** Gary Dickens, President; Martina Turner, Treasurer; Gloria Brennan, Secretary; Denby Deegan, member; Dancing Eagle Perkins, member; Lorraine Davis, member.

Funding for Community Development Cooperation comes from the 1976 JTAC, Community Development Funds. Distribution is \$70,000. The housing program, Ree Lodge Management, gets funding from that program. It also collects revenue from rental units in White Shield. They are working on having fund raiser projects.

**Elder Board:** Gloria Brennan, President; Leonard Hosie, Vice President; Kaye Bell, Secretary; Gerald White, Treasurer; and Nancy Fox, Member at large.

**Ree Lodge Management Board:** Linda Gonzales, President; Dorreen Yellow Bird, Vice President; Clemens Perkins, Secretary; Larry Trijillo, member; Madonna Azure, member.

Gonzales said 2015 – 2016 was a new beginning for the community. We have been in need of homes and now it's happened to the community.

Here is what we now have she said:

Rent to own homes	7
Rental homes	16
Law Enforcement homes	2
Rent to own trailer	1
FEMA rental trailers	4
Scattered senior homes – rent to own	11

Senior rental apartments at our new  
Sahnish Senior Home Apartment building 9

**Total of 50 new homes in our community.**

We are adding to those houses with:

9 - Plex apartment, 1 and 2 bedroom. We are making the selection of a contractor.  
More rent to own homes 7  
Rental trailers 2  
Law enforcement home 1

**Total 11 more living spaces.**

The eligibility requirements for Ree Lodge Management Program Homes are:

1. Must be an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and member of the White Shield community.
2. Must have qualifying income.
3. Must be in good standing with tribal housing and White Shield housing.
4. To be eligible for admission, an applicant must qualify as a family.
5. Veterans, elders and disabled will be first in line for rental homes if they qualify.
6. Non-members are able to qualify for rental homes if he/she is essential staff in this community. Examples of essential staff are: officers, teachers, medical staff and etc.
7. Must be 18 years of age and qualify as a family.
8. Each tenant will be required to participate in a yearly home inspection.
9. Each tenant will be required to take a short course for basic home maintenance and yard up-keep, class. This class will be provided. All community members interested are welcome to attend.
10. Tenant or family members will be required to attend a review of rental housing/rules/policies yearly. Scheduled date will be announced in the *NAhtAsuutaaka News Journal*. An emergency assembly may be called and head of household or member will be required to attend.
11. Tenants need to pass a background check.
12. Must take home buyers class.

They had 10 families in need of emergency placement and we are working with Ft Berthold Housing Authority to use some of their homes temporarily. They were able to place 2 families so far. Ft. Berthold Houses are mostly in need of repairs, Gonzales added.

**White Shield Elementary and High School**

Wayne Fox is the new superintendent. He was unavailable for an interview and will be featured in the November News Journal.

The elementary side of White Shield School has two new teachers who are team teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. There was no information on them at this time but they will also be featured in the next News Journal.

Stacy Blacksmith, High School Principal, said they have three new high school teachers: Sarah Suloss, Science; Christina Gridenus, English; and Jim Bail, Gym. Jasper Young Bear is the new culture and language teacher.

They have increased the base salary for teachers. It has been moved from \$28,000 to \$38,000. The salaries for teachers at White Shield was one of the lowest in the area so the board increased the base salary from \$28,000 to \$38,000.

The Headstart building is complete but can't be used until the school is ready. The construction on the school is a danger to the pre-school students.

The new school (\$20 mil) is progressing. All precast walls are complete and they are working on the roof. Everything should be enclosed by November. It is going to be a great looking school, said Fox.

## **New School With HeadStart in Back Ground**



## **Sahnish and Pawnee Join together for Historic Meeting**

The meeting was historic. It was a first. It was a meeting between the Arikara (Sahnish) and the Pawnee of Oklahoma on the Pawnee Nation reservation.

Several years ago, the two tribes started visiting each other during powwows and celebrations. Each of the tribes took note of the visitations, but it wasn't until middle September 2016 that the relationship between these tribal cousins moved toward a closer relationship.



*Herb Adson, Director*

Some of the tribal members had met with the Pawnee from time-to-time, but it wasn't until retired Chief of Police of Pawnee, Herb Adson Director, Cultural Resources Division, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, came to White Shield that the two tribes began a closer relationship with their long absent relatives. After a couple of visits with the Arikara, Adson invited the Arikara to Pawnee for ceremonies, talking and dancing.

### **Steps Forward To Understanding**

Fred Fox, Tribal Representative, responded to the Adson invitation to visit. A trip was planned for the three day celebration in Pawnee September 23, 24, and 25.

As luck would have it, a bus was not available. So after a hard search and thanks to the generosity of the Four Bear's casino, Four Bear's Segment and the Elders program, vans and small buses were ready for the nearly 2,000 mile trip.

Traveling through the Dakotas was easy, but as the caravan moved closer to Oklahoma, traffic grew steadily heavier and maneuvering around heavily populated places like Kansas City was tough but the Arikara drivers took it in stride and managed.

### **Hand games and Introductions**

Two of the vehicles arrived at Pawnee in time for supper, introductions and handgames. Handgames were new to most of White Shield people, but they gladly played. Fred Fox was the captain of one and Bruce Prat, President of the Pawnee Business Council, was captain of the other. White Shield's team won the guessing game.

Each of the three days the visitors were fed royally. On Saturday and Sunday, the Pawnee made huge breakfasts of bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit and so on. After breakfast, all the people there introduced themselves and talked about some of the history. Some told stories. It was a time to become acquainted with each other.



## Pipe Ceremony and Skidi Men's Dance



*A. J. Leading Fox, Skidi dancer*

At noon, men gathered in a room near the dining room. We were all invited in, with men in front and women sitting in back. In a center row, and on one side, the Pawnee formed an irregular circle and sat on the floor. On the other side the White Shield men, who were chosen, sat in the circle. All members had an opportunity to talk. The Yellow Face Singer sang a Sahnish song for the people.

The Pipe Ceremony was explained by Adrian Spotted Horse Chief, Council man for the Pawnee Nation. The Pipe Ceremony was done and the Pipe given to the Arikara to be used for the Reunion of the two tribes. The ceremonial Pipe is new.



*Pawnee Princess meets Grover and Don Yellow Bird.*

It was made from pipe stone gather at a quarry in Minnesota. After the Pipe Ceremony, the people got back in buses and vans. They drove to an outdoor area where the Skidi Man's Dance was held. The area was in the middle of a green and woody park. Old oak trees formed a canopy over the dance area providing shade. They looked like giants standing protectively around the dancers.

The Skidi Man's dance was different from what we know at Ft Berthold. It started with four men in each of the four directions who danced with the one drum

in the middle. They would dance then stop and move off the area as if the dance was finished. The drum would start again and they would dance for a short time. Adson told us it was called a "tail" for the dance. After a while other men danced with the four, but women were not allowed on the dance floor. Some stood on the outside and danced.

When the dance was over, we were served supper in the arena. Most of the Pawnee people brought they own dishes and chairs. We were always provided with paper plates, cups and eating utensils. The Pawnee people also brought their own chairs. They always provided chairs for us. It was very hot (in the high 90s) that afternoon of the Skidi Men's dance.

## Powwow and saying goodbye



**Pawnee singers and Arikara group.**

On Sunday, we had a good breakfast again, and there was more talk about who we are and introductions.

Following the introductions, we ate again then went to an indoor area. It was shaped like an earth lodge, but much larger and had a dirt floor with built in seats around the middle arena.

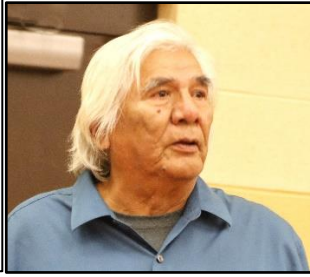
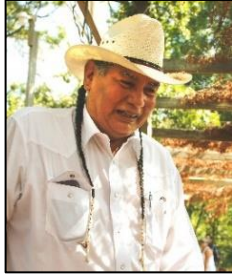
The Arikara brought dancers and drum. The Veterans and Auxiliary had the Eagle Feather Staff, flag and dancers. The flag was carried in with the auxiliary following in auxiliary shawls or jackets.

It arena was filled with people and the dance was fun. There was “give a ways” through the dance. And we ate again.

The Pawnee people were very gracious, generous and welcoming. They made the Arikara feel at home.

Fred announced with the meeting the Pawnee would be an annual event. The Pawnee told us they have land in Nebraska and may set-up the next meeting there. Fred plans to form a Pawnee Reunion Committee and continue the relationship between the Arikara and Pawnee.





*Left to Right: Darrell Wild Cat, Pawnee Nation Business Council; W. Bruce Prat, President of the Pawnee Nation Business Council; Marshall Gover, spiritual leader.*



*Kim Adson, wife of Herb, the director of the Reunion Project.*



*Reberta Bear, Jennifer Dickens, Madonna gift the Pawnee with picture of Arikara Chiefs.*



*Cheyenne Brady, Miss Indian World, Rebecca Brady and Gerilyn Yellow Bird.*



*White Shirt from Ft Berthold*



## **Columbus Day!**

**Christopher Columbus never discovered North America and never came near North America.**

*Leif Eriksson sailed off course on his return to Greenland and landed on the North American continent. He called the region where he landed Vinland after the wild grapes that grew in abundance there and the general fertility of the land. Another Icelandic saga, the Groenlendinga saga (or “Saga of the Greenlanders”), which scholars consider more reliable than the Eiriks saga, holds that Leif Eriksson heard about Vinland from the Icelandic trader Bjarni Herjulfsson, who had sighted the North American continent from his ship 14 years before Leif’s voyage but not set foot on land. The land is now called Newfoundland in Canada. This was 500 Years before Columbus washed ashore in the Bahamas. North and South America was home to millions of Indigenous Peoples for thousands of years before anyone got here.*

Christopher Columbus was not born in Italy, because Italy did not exist as a country until 1861. In fact, Cristoval Colom was born in Barcelona, Kingdom of Aragon.

President [Benjamin Harrison](#) issues a presidential proclamation on the 400th anniversary – 1892 – of Columbus' first voyage, urging Americans to commemorate the day as a holiday. The [Pledge of Allegiance](#) is recited publicly for the first time during the celebration.

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On Columbus Day last week, ICTMN published a story outlining an uncomfortable history regarding the exploits of Christopher Columbus and his men when he arrived to the Bahamas in 1492.

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/10/22/christopher-columbus-atrocity-sources-readers-asked-ictmn-delivers-151857>

## **8 Myths and Atrocities About Christopher Columbus and Columbus Day - [Vincent Schilling](#) 10/14/13**

Columbus Day was conceived by the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic Fraternal organization, in the 1930s because they wanted a Catholic hero. After President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the day into law as a federal holiday in 1937, the rest has been history.

In an attempt to further thwart the celebration of this “holiday,” we at ICTMN have outlined eight misnomers and bloody, greedy, sexually perverse and horrendous atrocities committed by Columbus and his men.

***FULL BIBLIOGRAPHY AND SOURCES USED FOR THIS ARTICLE HERE***

***- [Christopher Columbus's Top Atrocities: The Annotated List](#)***

**On the Way—Columbus Stole a Sailor’s Reward**

After obtaining funding for his explorations to reach Asia from the seizure and sale of properties from Spanish Jews and Muslims by order of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, Columbus headed out to explore a new world with money and ships.

Brimming with the excitement of discovering new land, Columbus offered a reward of 10,000 maravedis or about \$540 (a sailor’s yearly salary) for the first person to discover such land.

Though another sailor saw the land in October 1492, Columbus retracted the reward he had previously offered because he claimed he had seen a dim light in the west.

**Columbus Never Landed on American Soil—Not in 1492, Not Ever**



## Medicine Lodge Takes Shape on Prairie



The Medicine Lodge has been a major project in the life of Adolph “Butch” Bell. He stayed in his pickup when the first logs and cement were brought in and laid.

It was a vision of Bell’s that the Sahnish needed to build a Medicine Lodge. So for about three years he has driven back and forth from Montana to get input from the community and raise funds. One of the most time consuming and frustrating part of the project was getting a piece of tribal land identified for the Lodge.

When the ground was blessed with the help of Wayne Flute, Bell sang and prayer over the land. It was the beginning of the answer to the vision he had so many years ago.

He lives in Montana. He plans to move back to White Shield and continue to put the vision of a Medicine Lodge into reality instead of a dream.

They need volunteers on Tuesday and Wednesday when “big logs” come in. If you can help, call David 421-6507 or Butch at (406) 650-0044 or just show up at the site.



## **Howard Wilkinson Memorial**



The Family of Howard Wilkinson is sponsoring a memorial for their husband,  
dad, uncle, friend and relative  
Sunday, October 30, at 2 PM  
Ralph Wells Complex, White Shield, ND  
There will be a meal and give away  
Everyone is invited

## **4 Bears**

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## **Casino & Lodge**

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**New Town, North Dakota**

## **Honoring Our Ancestry through Holistic Wellness Summit**


**October 26-27, 2016**

**REGISTRATION: \$100 Registration Fee & Free for MHA  
Tribal Elders**

**VENDOR BOOTH FEE: \$100 Per Day**

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**Everyone come out  
& join the festivities at the**

# **Native Triathlon**



**Oct. 8th 2016**

**Location:**

**Near Parshall pow wow grounds**

**Battle of the Bands Prizes**

**1st \$3,000 - 2nd \$1,500 - 3rd \$500**

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**Triathlon winner takes all \$3,000**

## Fitness Center Tentative Day for Grand Opening is November 5



*Matt Howling Wolf, works on row machine.*



*Austin Gillette tries the leg extension and Leg Curl machine.*

Mark Nolan, Director, who has been with the program at the Fitness Center for two years, says there are 30 machines and 2 weight cages which White Shield school helped pay for so students could use as part of their school activities.

Nolan says they are here to promote a safe environment. They are careful to make sure there is no alcohol, drugs or smoking at the Center.

Besides the fitness machines, they have a Rec. Room which has pool

tables and video games. They are up-to-date and modern games. There are snacks offered but it is limited to mostly chips, pop and small stuff. Upcoming for the Center is a golf simulator where they may have tournaments as well as pool tournaments. They will also have Super Bowl games on their large screen. Again no alcohol, drugs or smoking.

Matt Howling Wolf, Fitness and Health instructor, will help students, tribal members and elders develop a fitness plan. If they need help finding machines that meet their needs, that is what Howling Wolf will do. He has been with the program for about a year and a half. The Center will be open: Weekdays Monday through Friday 10am to 10pm. Weekends noon to 8 pm: Phone number for fitness Center is 701 743-4637. For the Rec side number is: 743-4639.



October 2016							Nov 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Native Triathlon Parshall Powwow grounds	
9 Group goes to Ft. Thompson to bury ancient Arikara	10 All Chiefs Day 	11 Group returns from Ft. Thompson	12	13	14	15	
16	17 Elders Meeting at noon – elder center	18	19 Last TAT business Council with old council	20	21	22 Mother Corn Ceremony	
23	24	25	26 Com. Seg.. Halloween party 	27	28	29	
30 Howard Wilkinson Memorial 2pm. Complex	31 Halloween	<b>Notes: <u>Up Coming Events:</u> Nov 4 &amp; 5, 4Bears Segment Powwow, Nov 8, Elections, Swearing in new council members, November 11 Veterans Day, Nov 16 Fred Fox Appreciation; November 22, Segment Thanksgiving, Dec 15, Segment Christmas Party.</b>					

### Happy Birthday Elders

Alva Hall	October 15
Richard Hosie	October 6
Diana Howling Wolf	October 17
Joyce Nolan	October 28
Floyd White	October 26
Wilbur Wilkinson	October 12
Han Young Bird	October 28
Pete Coffey Jr.	October 26



# *American Indian Health Research Conference*

*Thursday, October 20, 2016*

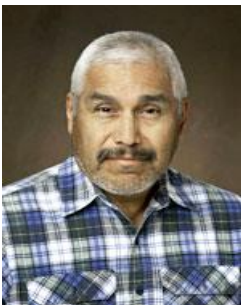
*8:30 am - 4:00 pm*

*Alerus Center, Grand Forks*



The annual American Indian Health Research Conference provides a daylong event with national speakers, researchers, students, and community members. This is an opportunity to learn about how to do research with American Indian communities, what research needs to be done in American Indian communities, for students to present their research with American Indians, and opportunities to partner between communities, tribal colleges, and researchers.

## **2016 Keynote Speaker**



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