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Administration Building Opens in White Shield



The Administration Building is located about ½ mile east of the White Shield Culture Center.



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



Hello Elders, Relatives and Community members. This has been a tough 4 months with the Covid-19 Virus over shadowing the community. We have been trying to keep our cases low and make sure our elders are safe, but still continuing to provide services in White Shield. We will continue to keep our social distance standards throughout the summer and continue through the fall. There will be a mass Covid-19 testing on July 20th at 10am-12pm at the White Shield Pow-wow grounds. We're trying to get everyone tested and hoping for a good turnout.

We had a lot that did happen during the pandemic. With that said, I want to extend my congratulations to all the high school graduates this spring. The continuing education online was challenging to the graduates as well as to the students.

We had a successful 4th of July celebration in White Shield. The picnic went well with social distance standards in place. The food was already boxed up and given out to the community. We had a surprising show with a Fire Dancer group from Minot. I would like to thank the community board for their sponsorship. There was a good turnout with limited activities, such as horse shoes, bean bag toss, and the family volleyball tournament. The night ended with a spectacular fireworks show. This again was sponsored by the White Shield Community Board.

The East Segment Administration Building is complete and staff are beginning to fill the offices there. The Nishu Elder Building's Grand Opening is still in the works. We're waiting on some final touches, then we will set a date.

Progress is still continuing in White Shield with the construction of the Public Safety Building, School Bus Garage, and Ralph Wells, Jr. Community Building. All Buildings will continue with construction through the summer with the Bus Garage being complete late fall 2020. The White Shield Head Start will have a completion date in September 2020 and we will have a grand opening before school starts.

White Shield has a new 20-plex apartment building under construction in the Sesame Street area. Construction Company Comstock plans to mobilize in July and complete project by next spring.

A couple other projects that will be ongoing through the summer are the C-Store expansion and the completion of the Ree Ranch Roping Arena. We will have a lot to look forward to this year with all the community developments. It's a long time coming and well deserved for all of us.

The Elders will be getting a \$2,000 Disbursement on July 21st. They usually have a dinner or lunch with the Disbursement but due to Covid-19 checks will be handed out. But this will help all the elders out during the time of low oil prices and the Covid-19 Pandemic.

During the summer months we been trying to keep busy, but were trying to do activities that will be safe for community members. I would like to thank Sheldon Rush for planning activities such as volleyball leagues, bean bag toss leagues, golf leagues, and having basketball camps for our children in White Shield. Also speaking of golf, the segment is sponsoring the 3rd annual Arikara Golf Scramble July 24th.

I wanted to thank everyone for continued safety through the Covid-19 epidemic. It takes the entire community to work together and protect each other from the virus.

Have a great rest of the summer and stay safe. Thank you.

New Addition at White Shield Looks Amazing (Map of Entire Area below)



What was once fields and prairie is now bustling with activity. The White Shield School is the center piece for this dream of Fred Fox, Community Representative. It will be a state-of-art project for the community and reservation.

The tribal administration building was the first to open. Staff came from all over the White Shield area to set-up desks, printers, tables and so on. Many are open for services to community.

Some of those people had temporary offices in the old Ralph Wells Complex, the elder apartments, senior building, Cultural Center and wherever they could find a space to sit and work.

Fox said the next building to be opened will be the Elder Center. It is nearly complete. The elders are treated with respect and given well-earned treatment, he added. The old Elder Center was in need of upgrading. Before it is open, Fox is checking everything to make sure all is good to go.



In this drone photograph, you can see construction everywhere. The first construction you see as you enter the area is probably the busiest with semi-trucks and equipment moving like ants on a hill. The new Community Complex is south of the new school and off highway for easy access for community meetings, celebrations and other activities.



East of the new addition in White Shield is a pond. There are plans to make use of this as a scenic area.

As of today no decision have been made about naming the new addition, the pond, streets, and buildings.

It has been suggested that the streets may be named after Arikara chiefs.

Covid-19 Pandemic Here on Ft Berthold Reservation

The 2019–20 coronavirus pandemic is a pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The disease was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei, China in December 2019. [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)

- **Disease:** Coronavirus disease 2019 (**COVID-19**)
- **Virus strain:** Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)
- **First case:** December 1, 2019
- **Origin:** Wuhan, Hubei, China
- **Symptoms:** Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have **COVID-19:** Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
- **Incubation period:** 1-14 days
- **Mode of transmission:** Human-to-human transmission via respiratory droplets
- **Prevention tips:** Avoiding close contact with sick individuals; frequently washing hands with soap and water; not touching the eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands; and practicing good respiratory hygiene and **WEAR A MASK.**

Last week the Three Affiliated Tribes was hit with high in the number of people infected with Covid-19. On July 13 there were 108 tested positive to the virus. North Dakota have had 87 virus death so far in North Dakota. That doesn't compare to the entire country but for a small population it is certainly troublesome.

Three things seemed to be most important in preventing the spread of this dangerous disease. Experts say: (1) wearing a mask prevents infections Covid-19 to vulnerable people, such as elders, people with compromised immune systems such as diabetes, asthma and other lung diseases.

(2) The second is washing hands often and for at least 20 seconds.

(3) Finally, the disease has some people fooled into thinking that they would not get it because they are young and healthy and believe it is no worse than the flu. There are people who have Covid-19 but don't seem to be affected, but if you are one of the unfortunate people who gets the virus, it result in death. It means also you may spend the rest of your life with the damage the virus has done to your lungs and other parts of your body.

More important, your selflessness may cause someone vulnerable to catch the disease die or suffer for months as the results of the infection.

WEAR A MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, PRACTICAL SAFE DISTANCING. Smile under that mask knowing you are doing your best to protect yourself and those around you including your friends, relatives, family and the community from the disease.

Agility Drills at White Shield

As the Fitness Center expands its role in the community, the Agility Drills were a natural next step for the programs in the Fitness Center.

Matt Howling Wolf, Fitness Trainer, says there are about 10 – 12 students currently in this program. The program helps students with strength and conditioning in school sports and other activities.

Anyone who wants to get into the program, Howling Wolf said, call him at (701-743-4637) for an appointment.

The program is open to any person in the White Shield Segment, boy or girl.



Eatosh Fox, White Shield



Jesse White, White Shield



Matt Howling Wolf, Fitness Center Trainer

3rd Annual
ARIKARA
Golf Scramble



REGISTRATION: 9 am • SHOTGUN START: 10 am
4 Person Teams • \$300 per Team
Includes 18 Holes of Golf and Steak Dinner

GARRISON GOLF CLUB – Garrison, ND

Friday, July 24th, 2020

Payouts for 3 Flights

1st: \$800

2nd: \$600

3rd: \$400

Contact:
John Bears Tail
(701) 421-6860

Pin Prizes:

**MEN'S DRIVER • WOMEN'S DRIVER • WEDGES
FAIRWAY WOODS/HYBRIDS • PUTTERS • GOLF BAGS**

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Some Community Announcements



A \$2,000 Disbursement for elders will be given out on July 21. There will be no meal because of the Pandemic. Checks will be handed out.



Covid 19 testing at White Shield is on Thursday, July 23 from 10-12 at the White Shield pow-wow grounds. All the testing sites will be conducted in a drive through fashion. These tests will be administered through the mouth/throat area.



White Shield has a fabulous, awesome children's slide at the new addition. Those who have tried it, can't say enough fun things about it.

It is located on the south side of the new White Shield School.

You need to be supervised when trying it out as there is construction of the New Community building going on around the area.

White Shield gets a good cleaning by community and young people

Young People around White Shield took rakes, shovels and trash bags to the community and did “clean –up.”

Their efforts were noticeable in the area but particularly around the beautiful new sign indicating the rodeo grounds.



One of the communities busiest



places is the Nishu Store and it got a cleaning and readjustment also.

On the right is Heather Bearstail Dickens, Melissa Acosta, standing in back, Darcy “Duffy” Kreuger, Community Chairman Gary Dickens



2020 graduate, Josie Felix, helping with clean up.



The Nishe Store gets cleaning

Some things that Happened During the Covid-19 Pandemic

(Stories in this part of paper happened during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Stores and offices where the News Journal is distributed were closed. The staff who print paper were quarantined and not available to print so there was no News Journal until today but it was felt there were stories worth adding to today's News Journal.)



White Shield Does Well in Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the 2020 MHA Nation Tribal Education Spelling Bee winners and to all students who participated in the February 13 educational event at the Northern Lights Wellness Center.

prepared, and determined, Shaun Sage of Mandaree and Alexis Wilkinson of Parshall, spelling so many rounds, and standing for so long, the judges finally asked them to take a chair and be seated for the remainder of their competition.

The Spelling Bee was fun, exciting, and at times--intense. It was apparent that all

Seventy one top spellers, Grades 1 - 8 from New Town, Parshall, Mandaree, Twin Buttes and White Shield schools competed. After eliminations, the remaining two spellers in each grade took the microphone for the final spell off with two eighth grade finalists- equally brilliant, these students, their parents, teachers and school staff dedicated a great deal of time and effort preparing for this year's Spelling Bee and we appreciate, congratulate and applaud them! All of these students are champions and we look forward to seeing them again next year. The top two finishers from each grade are:

puerilely...calefacient...heuristic...obliviscence... (from the Words of the Champions THREE BEE list for Grades 6-8)

Grade 3

- 1. Ysabella Love – Mandaree***
- 2. Jon'Tae Edward - White Shield***

Grade 4

- 1. Amelia Wilkenson - White Shield***
- 2. Tanner Abby - New Town***

Grade 5

- 1. Sophie Landin - White Shield***
- 2. Faith Olson – Parshall***

Grade 6

- 1. Orlando Starr – Twin Buttes***
- 2. JesLynn Hunts Along - Mandaree***

Grade 7

- Hailey Anderson - Parshall***
Justin Love - Mandaree

Grade 8

- Alexis Wilkinson - Parshall***
Shaun Sage - Mandaree

*Amy Mossett, Education Director
Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation
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First All Indian Rodeo in Mandaree

This rodeo was for MHA tribal members only. It is the first time this kind. It was successful. Parshall then had one such rodeo.



Little Swallow, Saddle Bronc



Jesse Chase, calf roping



Jessee Vigen, Barrell Racing



Daylan Danks, Calf Roping

White Shield 2000 Graduating Class



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Student identification of graduate pictures on page 16:

Row one, left to right: Treann Standing Alone, John Bird Bear, Josie Felix, Rhiannen Everett.

Row two: McKenzi Howling Wolf, Ethan Malnourie, Christian Nomee, Shannon Stranger Horse.

Row three: Chontay LaCroix, Kianna Montclair.

On left is Chontay LaCroix, Honor Student, whose father is Donavon LaCroix. He gave a speech for the Graduating Class of 2020. Stacy Blacksmith, High School Principal, said he was given a scholarship to Haskell College in Kansas for the fall. Blacksmith said he was an outstanding student who participated in all sport for the school. In freshman year he was given the award of “Outstanding Student.”



Obituaries



Alfred Morsette Jr., elder, historian and spiritual leader passed away in the early morning of July 16th. He will be missed by his family, the communities and mourned by many people beyond Ft. Berthold.

Funeral arrangements are: July 20th is wake at his home. Funeral, burial, meal and give away will be at Old Scouts Cemetery. Everything will be outdoors.



LuraLynn Hodges, 53, left us on March 28, 2020 at a Bismarck care center from complications of diabetes. Family services were held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at Noon at Thompson Funeral Home in Garrison. A private family gathering will begin at Noon on Tuesday with a service to be held at 1:00 pm at Thompson Funeral Home in Garrison. A procession will leave the funeral home at 2:00 pm to the Congregational Cemetery in White Shield. A private family gathering will begin at Noon on Tuesday with a service to be held at 1:00 pm at Thompson Funeral Home in Garrison. A procession will leave the funeral home at 2:00 pm to the Congregational

Cemetery in White Shield.

LuraLynn was born on March 26, 1967 to Allan and Estelle (White) Hodges. She attended Head Start and kindergarten in White Shield, graduated from Garrison High School in 1985, and attended Concordia College where she earned a degree in Music Education. LuraLynn was a nanny for a family in Baltimore before beginning her teaching career. She taught at the Circle of Nations School in Wahpeton, ND and the Crow Creek Tribal School in Stephan, SD. Most recently she taught music at White Shield and Parshall elementary and high schools. While teaching in White Shield, LuraLynn took many students to the International Music Camp and regional and state music competitions. Lura's teaching career finished when she was diagnosed with diabetes and kidney failure in 2017.

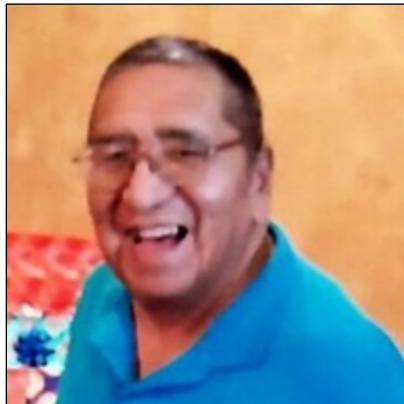
LuraLynn served on the North Dakota United Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee (EMAC). As a member of the EMAC, LuraLynn was instrumental in sharing the values of her Union with Native American, African American, and Hispanic teachers across North Dakota. Her work on EMAC resulted in increased minority membership. In addition, LuraLynn represented White Shield Education Association at several state and national meetings. She was a committed education professional who always put her students first.

She leaves behind 2 sons, Jacob and Gabriel Hodges, a daughter, Angeline SeeWalker, and brothers A.J. Hodges of Douglas, ND, Shannon Hodges of Garrison, ND, and Edward Hodges of Bismarck, ND, and sister Sharon Hodges of Greeley, CO, along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Lura was also godmother to Charles Dobbs Jr.

LuraLynn was preceded in death by her parents, Allan Hodges and Estelle White, an infant sister, Tina Marie Hodges, maternal grandparents John and Florence White, paternal grandparents Elmer and Arlene Hodges.



Valencia "Taco" Antonio, 37, Mandaree, died on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at a Bismarck hospital. Funeral services were held Monday at 11:00 am at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. Wake services were held on Sunday at 5:00 pm at the Water Chief Hall in Mandaree.



Dennis Perkins, 73, White Shield, died on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at a Bismarck hospital. Funeral services was held on Monday at 11:00 am at the Ralph Wells Jr. Memorial Complex in White Shield. Wake services will be held on Sunday beginning at 5:00 pm at the complex. Family and friends will gather from 2 to 4 on Sunday at Thompson Funeral Home in Garrison.

Dennis Perkins was born November 30, 1946 in Elbowoods, ND to Regina (Perkins) Ross. He was the 1st grandchild of Lizzy Perkins. He attended St. Elizabeth Mission in Wakpala, SD, graduating in 1965. Dennis enlisted in the US Army on September 6, 1968. He proudly served during the Vietnam War and after two tours of duty was honorably discharged on June 16, 1970. Dennis spent several years working for Getter Trucking out of Williston and Bismarck. He then traveled with the carnival for many years.

Some of Dennis' favorite pastimes were playing pool and cards. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to joke around and get everyone laughing. He enjoyed attending powwows and was always at the White Shield PowWow and the UTTEC in Williston. Dennis was a very proud member of the Young Hawk/Bear American Legion Post #253 in White Shield.

Dennis had a very special bond with all of his grandchildren. He cherished his time with them and they will forever remember his kindness, teasing them, and caring for them.

Dennis was preceded in death by his mother, Regina Perkins, Lee Ross, sisters, Cheryl LaCroix, Julie Greeley, Gail Ross, and Michelle Slater.

He is survived by 7 sisters, Faye Ross, Fern Fights Alone, Peggy (Adrian) Ireland, Elizabeth (Ron) Hoffman, Marilee (Marlin) Whitman, Denise M. Ross, Lori and Canyon.



Kelly J. Kraft, 56, Parshall, died Friday, January 17, 2020, following a courageous three-year battle with cancer, in a Minot hospital.

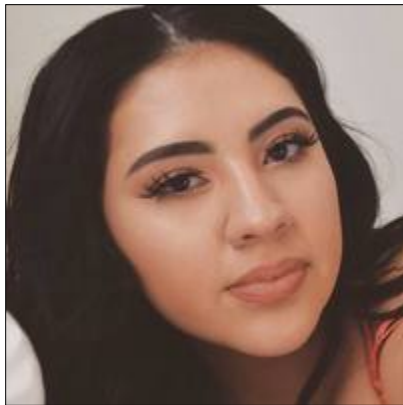
Kelly James Kraft was born December 7, 1963 in Minot to Joseph and Patricia (Malnourie) Kraft. He was raised in Parshall and attended Parshall Public Schools where he graduated in 1982. He then helped his father on the family farm and worked in the oilfields of North Dakota and Louisiana as a seismologist. In 1987, he was united in marriage to Maria Meyers. To this union, his children Tyson and Kelsey were born. They made their home in Parshall where he worked for

Geving Sanitation and Gateway Construction building grain elevators. Kelly also helped to care for his Dad until his passing.

Kelly enjoyed playing pool, basketball and softball. He loved cars, riding horse, fishing and camping with his family and friends. May God Bless his memory among us.

Kelly is survived by his daughter, Kelsey Kraft of Mandan; grandchildren, Dawson, Gracie and Trace; mother, Patricia; brothers, Terry Kraft (Dee Dee) of Minot and Gary Kraft (Michelle) of Fargo; sisters, Debbie Matthies (Jack) of Nebraska, Laurie Kraft (Tubby) of Parshall, Barb Danks (John) of New Town and Patti Jo Kraft of Parshall and several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his father; son, Tyson and nephew, Joe Danks.



Mattea Bruce, 26, New Town, died Monday, February 10, 2020 in New Town.

Mattea Angelina Bruce was born in Hazen, North Dakota, on December 4, 1993, to Edna Sue Heart and Darin Bruce.

Mattea attended Head Start and grade school in Twin Buttes and New Town, ND, and Aberdeen, SD; and middle school in Portland, OR. She also attended high school, from 2009 – 2012, at Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, SD. She then moved to LaConner, WA where she graduated in 2013.

During her time in Flandreau, she was a Master Sargent in the Junior ROTC and a member of the FIS Rodeo Club. In LaConner, she participated in basketball and track and broke three school records in shot put. Mattea also joined in her senior class trip to Italy, which was one of the highlights of her life.

Upon her graduation she returned to New Town. She went on a summer trip with her Grandpas, Kermit Heart and Jim Baker; they visited Oklahoma and Amarillo, TX, where she got to enjoy the George Strait Team Roping and even met the man himself! She met many famous World Champion Ropers on her adventures with Grandpa Kermit, including Allen Bach, Joe Beaver, and Jake Barnes. When Mattea returned from her trip, she applied to, and started working for, Northrop Grumman, and later worked as a groundskeeper for the City of New Town.

On July 30, 2015, she was blessed with her first son, Grayson Royce Nickey. Soon after she started work as a corrections officer in the Juvenile Center at the Gerald Tex Fox Justice Center. Mattea enjoyed her work in Law Enforcement and later transferred to a dispatch position with the Three Affiliated Tribes Police Department.

On April 29, 2017, she was blessed with her second son, Bryson Micah Nickey. She continued working in Law Enforcement, until 2018, when she decided to be a stay-at-home Mom to the joys of her life.

Mattea had an adventurous spirit and she loved to try new things. She enjoyed working out, hiking, biking, canoeing and white-water rafting; she even tried sky diving. More recently, she found a new passion in modeling, which she was very good at and loved. However, riding horse remained one of Mattea's favorite things to do and she loved taking her boys out to ride and see the horses.

For all the things that Mattea did in her short life, her two greatest accomplishments were her sons, whom she loved with all her heart. Mattea was truly a product of "It takes a village to raise a child." Her extended family all had a hand in raising her. She always called Royce and Corrine "Mom and Dad". She was not only beautiful on the outside, but truly beautiful on the inside. Mattea was a great Mother, Daughter, Granddaughter, Sister, Niece, Cousin, Auntie and friend. Mattea Bruce, 26, New Town, joined the spirit world on Monday, February 10, 2020 at her home. We loved our chatty, girly cowgirl and we will miss her dearly.

Cherishing her memory are her parents, Edna Heart and Darin Bruce; Sons, Grayson and Bryson Nickey; Grandparents, Kermit & Colette Heart; Martha Hunter; Josephine Heart, Hazel Heart; Hubert & Renae Heart; Nelson Heart; Shirley Miller; Rick & Ann Birdinground; Adeline Brunsell; Tom Young Bird and her Bruce, Hand, Little Swallow, Duckett, Chase, Baker and Gillette families; Aunts & Uncles, Royce & Corrine Heart; Valerie (Godmother) & Reb Broker; Juanita Heart; Spencer Snow, Sr.; Stewart Young Bird; Marvel & Kami Heart; Chuck Hunter; Bob & DeAndra Hunter; Mary Bruce; Carmen Bruce; LaDean Bruce; Harley Bruce; Nelson & Marietta Heart; Newlyn Little Swallow; Wendy Heart; Brian Heart; Richard & Brian White Tail; Carla & Brandon Clark; Sandra & Steve Ambron; Glenn Brunsell, Jr., Francis & Joann Brunsell; Ben, Caleb & LeBray Heart; Kevin & Mike Young Bird (Godfather); Zac Grant & Hubert Heart, Jr.; Cousins (Brothers & Sisters), Amelia & Randy Reed; Jaime, Kermit, Valerie, Chey Heart; Maelee & Eskie Heart; Ian & Tarquin Heart Broker; Charlie & Rueben Hunter; Kenny, Daisy, BJ Hunter; Presley, Kazmira, Kambria, Rising Eagle, Quinlyn, KiKi Heart; Aurora, Spencer, Sasha & Quintin Snow; Brande, Kaite & Audi Clark; Nevada Ethridge; and many other extended family members.

Mattea was greeted in the spirit world by her baby girl: Luna; grandparents: Truby Hunter; Madeline & George Bruce, Jr.; Wayne, Roy, Aaron & Veronica Hunter; Bonnie, Edmund & Bentley Heart; Glenn Brunsell, Sr.; great-grandparents, Ben & Ramona Heart, John & Thelma Hunter; aunt, Belinda Nina Heart; uncle, Dakota Heart; cousins, Sidney Wolf, JC Bruce, Orin Hale, Christian Hale, and Cameron Johnson.