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Elijah Grady excels as UND Fighting Hawk Defensive Lineman

White Shield – Elijah Grady, son of White Shield teachers, Wayne and Jennifer Fox, is taking the University of North Dakota by storm. The young athlete moved into the ranks of seasoned football players at UND even though he's a freshman. The offensive line is usually saved for juniors and seniors.

Grady came to the University with an outstanding record from New Town High School. He was a three-sport athlete at New Town High School where he earned four letters in basketball, football and track and field; earned Class B All-State honors as a senior at the North Dakota 9-man level and was a four-year all-conference selection in football where he racked up 53 tackles, 12 sacks and four interceptions during senior season and also had eight receiving touchdowns and averaged 27 yards per catch; earned all-district and all-region honor as *(Elijah Grady continued on page 9)*



From the desk of Fred Fox, Councilman for White Shield

This past month was again very busy. The Tribal Council had several meetings since the last News Journal. We had (1) Education and (1) Economic Committee meeting. (2) Natural Resource Committee meetings; (1) Judicial and (1) Justice Committee meeting; (1) Executive Committee meeting and (2) Tribal Business Council meetings. In addition to the Council meetings, we had a Tax meeting in Denver, Co. This meeting focused on Tribal Taxation on Reservations. We are still in a position where the State of ND has the legal right to tax on the Ft. Berthold Reservation. This has taken away nearly \$1 billion from the MHA Nation. So we will continue to fight this until we get all of the tax money or the Lion's share of the money.

The other meeting I attended was the Economic Development Conference held at the 4 Bears Casino put on by North Segment Tribal Council Representative Ken Hall. He always does a great job on conferences here on Fort Berthold.

We had a great Thanksgiving dinner and update this past November and I want to do the same this Christmas. We have a lot of great door prizes, entertainment, gifts and a Prime Rib dinner. I have pledged that I will have a Segment/Community update every month and I will continue to do so. I will invite Chairman Fox and other Council members to listen to the concerns and give updates on what is happening in their segments.

We have extended the Health Care insurance for the next three months while we screen other Health Care Insurance companies to get the best fit for the Tribal members.

I want to address the last Tribal Council meeting where we voted for another Secretarial Election. I voted to affirm the last resolution to call for another Secretarial Election. Here is my reasons why: I know we can come up with a better Governmental change than what we have in place. I believe there are many options we can choose from. I believe we do need a Constitutional Revision and the Government needs to be change. We, however, have to really think about how we can manage our budget. Do we need to add two or three council representatives per segment? Do we need to add an Executive Council at-Large? Do we need to change the Government to add a Legislative Branch? These are the choices among several other options not listed that we can do. So this is the reason I voted to go back to the drawing board and change our government to one that the people want. We have over 14,000 members and for 300 members to make changes, does not represent everyone.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Take Care and God Bless.

ELDERS VIEW NEW SENIOR APARTMENTS AND HAVE THANKSGIVING MEAL WITH COUNCILMAN FOX



On November 23rd White Shield elders were given a tour of the new senior apartments and served a Thanksgiving dinner by the White Shield students with meal be catered and provided by Fred Fox. The elders were very impressed by the young men and women who served the Thanksgiving meal. They also made pies, were dressed in uniform and very professional, an elder said.

Linda Gonzales and MaDonna Azure headed the senior apartment project from start to the final tour of the building. It is a project of the Ree Management Board. Azure said the people, including elders, she talked with were very impressed with the apartments. The apartments include one and two bedroom, activity rooms, garages with outdoor patios, basement storage and more.

There were several suggestions from the elders that will be taken into consideration. One elder joking suggested that the apartments should include a golf cart to take elders to the Elder Center and the Elbowoods Memorial clinic next door. There was serious consideration for the idea.

Fox spoke to the elders at the opening of the new apartments with guest speaker Cory Spotted Bear, councilman from the Twin Buttes segment. He was very impressed with the building.





White Shield East Segment

CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY

 DECEMBER 16 AT 6PM

 RALPH WELLS COMPLEX

DOOR PRIZES !
 
 CHRISTMAS GIFTS !

CATERED MEAL FEATURING PRIME RIB !

 DRUM GROUP *Yellow Face*

 PICTURES WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS !

 MUSIC BY DJ *Frank Williams*

 PERFORMANCE BY *Jackie Bird*

 FEATURING MC *Chance Rush*

START TIME CHANGED FROM 6 PM TO 7PM

Join us for a
HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION

Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation
ELDER CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, 12.15.2015
11 AM - 2 PM
4 BEARS CASINO BALLROOM
NEW TOWN, ND
Dinner, Entertainment, Door Prizes,
Christmas Fund Distribution

Sponsored by the Office of Tribal Chairman
Mark N. Fox
& Tribal Business Council



For Information Please Contact Statey Driver, Executive Assistant
Tribal Chairman's Office @ 701.622.6042 or 4219082



Dorven White Bear, Sr.

"Good Eyes"

March 25, 1936 - December 5, 2014

MEMORIAL

DINNER & PRIZE BINGO

Saturday: December 5, 2015
Dolph Wells Complex - White Shield
Dinner @ 1:00 PM with Bingo to follow

MEMORIAL GIVE AWAY, FEED & HORSESHOE
TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION with
2016 ARIKARA CELEBRATION - July 9, 2016
White Shield, ND

*Family, Friends & all our many relatives please join
us as we remember our loved one "Good Eyes".*

Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Nation

Three Affiliated Tribes – Fort Berthold Reservation

Natural Resources Department

1 Minne-tohe Drive, New Town, North Dakota 58763-9402

(701) 627-8799 Fax (701) 627-4407



Informational Meeting

Bureau of Indian Affairs and Natural Resources will have an Informational meeting for changes in Right of Way Protocol.

When: Thursday December 10th

Where: Northern Lights Gym

Time: 10:00 am

This meeting will be open to the general public
Please Contact H. Texx Lone Bear if you have questions
(701) 627-2393

Three Affiliated Tribes Head Start

The Giving Tree

Giving the gift of joy.

**To refer a child for sponsorship
please visit any Three Affiliated Tribes Head Start locations
(New Town, Parshall, White Shield, Twin Buttes, & Mandaree)
by 12/18/15.**

If you would like to sponsor a child,
the *request tags* can be found on the Tribal Building lobby tree.

**DROP OFF LOCATION:
Head Start Central Office
509 9th Street N
New Town, ND 58763**

Please return all donations by **12/21/15** to ensure delivery.

For more information contact Head Start Central Office Staff at
(701) 627-4820 or email nthomas@mhanation.com.

TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MET WEDNESDAY WITH A HEAVY AGENDA



L to R - Cory Spotted Bear, Twin Buttes Representative (South Segment), Fred Fox, White Shield Representative (Southeast Segment); Randy Phelan, Mandaree Representative (West Segment); Frank Grady, Four Bears Representative (Four Bears Segment); Mark Fox, Tribal Chairman; Ken Hall, New Town Representative (North Segment); Merv Packineau, Parshall Representative (Lucky Mound Segment.)

Four Bears – Three Affiliated Tribal Business Council met on Wednesday, December 2, for a make-up meeting. Meetings such as this have been common with this administration in order to keep-up with fast moving events and business of the tribe. The make-up meetings give the people an opportunity to make sure they are heard.

\$1,000 Peoples' Payout - An important issue at this meeting was the \$1,000 peoples' payout. It is scheduled to be mailed out on December 7th. All checks will be mailed and all tribal members will be eligible for the payout. Questions were asked of the council about people who had debts to the tribe. The council said most people will receive all of the \$1,000, others may receive \$500. Chairman Fox said those who owe child support would have to get caught up with their support payments.

Sevant Taft, acting Enrollment Director, said they would like people who know the whereabouts of members whose checks were returned, please provide that information to the enrollment office so that they can get their check mailed out to them.

ELDERS FUND – Elders payout will be increased to \$1,000 December 2015 and July 2016. A dinner with prizes will be held Tuesday, December 15th at the Four Bears Casino. Checks can be picked up by elders at the dinner. If they are not picked up, they will be sent to the Segments and kept there for two days. If they are not picked up by that date, they will be mailed out. Again, it is important that you keep your address updated. The enrollment office phone number is: 701-627-4238, mailing address: 1 Minne-Tohe Drive, New Town, ND 58763; PO Box 100 New Town, 58763; Office Hours Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 PM CST.

TAXES ON TRUST FUNDS - Chairman Fox also noted that there will be a letter with the checks about taxes. The tribe has been working with IRS to get Trust Money free of taxes. Chairman Fox said they have a “verbal commitment” from IRS so they are going on that. They are still waiting for something in writing.

VOTE ON SECRETARIAL ELECTION - On February 2, 2014, a Secretarial Election was held on the reservation. The turn-out was extremely small. After the election was over, some tribal members challenged the election. The challenge was taken to the BIA Central Office and it was said to be a valid election. The tribal council voted to call another Secretarial Election. According to Councilman Fred Fox, who made a motion that affirmed the resolution, “The budget was a factor because additional councilmen would affect the budget. We need to look for a better fit. . . go back to the drawing board, so to speak,” Councilman Fox said. The motion to reaffirm the earlier tribal motion was approved with a vote of 5 for, 1 abstention, and 1 opposition.

PEOPLE’S FUND - The tribe voted to put \$10 million in the People’s Fund. To date the account stands at \$340 million. It is putting money away for the future of the people, Chairman Fox said.

NEW DEPARTMENT CREATED – Grants and donations will be a new department for TAT. The purpose is to centralize grants and donations activities into one department.

HEALTH INSURANCE – The health care insurance that was offered a few years ago will expire in December. It will be extended for three months to find new companies. The new health insurance will be for only those who do NOT HAVE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE. If you had health care insurance and also signed up for this tribal insurance, you will be disenrolled when the new policy takes affect. It is to help those who don’t have insurance.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT – There are 14,785 members to date. A questions was asked about returning compensation you received from another tribe while enrolled there. The legal department determined that according to the Constitution it is NOT necessary to return the compensation.

(Elijah Grady continued from Front Page)

a junior and senior on the hardwood; and won the Class B state discus title as a junior and senior and placed second in the event as a sophomore. Also an amateur boxer that is a two-time Boxing-Ringside World Champion the National Junior Olympic runner-up in 2012.

(See video of Grady: www.hudl.com/athlete/4400670/elijah-grady)

UND is saying that Grady is the exact type of player that UND needs more of in their program. They said he is a hard-working, multi-sport athlete born and raised in the North Dakota. Grady is 6'5", 265 lbs. With his size, he has incredible speed," said Mike Montgomery, New Town High School coach. Montgomery added, the speed that he has is absolutely incredible for being as large as he is.

Grady has been an honor-roll student throughout high school and academics played a major role in Grady's decision to attend UND. He wanted to come to UND because his dad, Wayne Fox, who graduated from there.

White Shield Honor Students Acknowledged



Front row L to R: Makayla Pascador and Leilani Lockwood-Fox. Back L to R: Genesis Clark, William Ebarb, Rylee Bearstail, Cagney Everett, Jesse White.

WHITE SHIELD GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM SHOT FOR WINNING WITH PRIDE



**White Shield Warriors
Girls Varsity Basketball
2015-16 Roster**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Year
10	Kas Bearstail	F		9
14	Mya Dickens	G		11
11	Daun Dixon	G		9
24	Aaliyah Howling Wolf	G		11
32	Marie Howling Wolf	F		12
20	Gabbi Nolan	F		12
21	Savannah Thomas	G		10
55	Jaseyona Thomas	F		9
13	Melissa White Bear	G		11
35	Mia Wilkinson	G/F		12
12	Serene Wilkinson	G		9

Head Coach Brad Kroupa, **Assistant Coach** Mary Bearstail, **Managers** Cheri Esquibel, Hannah Mountain, Zeta Yellow Bird, **Athletic Director** James McGill, **Strength and Conditioning Coach** Whirlwind Bull Perkins, **Strength and Conditioning Coach** Matt Howling Wolf.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HEAD COACH BRAD KROUPA (Kuunux Teerit) WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED HIS PhD in Anthropology (Social-Cultural) and Education.

White Shield Student Honored For Perfect Attendance



Front to back L to R: Front: Charlie Wilkinson, Leilani-Lockwood-Fox, Nathan Hoganson, Logan Adams, Jasmine McCarty, Makayla Pascador, Michael Espinosa; Back: Cash Draper, Uriah Fox, Kobe Everett, Cashdyn Dickens, Kanyon Esquibel, Rylee Bearstail, William Ebarb, Savannah Stranger Horse, Aiyanna Vivier and Jesse White.

White Shield – At the end of each month, Mrs. Shegrud, the Principal, recognizes those students with perfect attendance. The Elementary Student Council also recognizes the classroom Student of the Months in an awards presentation.

For November, students received iTunes cards. In the past couple of months for incentives they received pizza and “build your own float” parties. The Student Council presents plaques and T-shirts to parents for Student of the month.

White Shield Art Class Goes Out Doors



Pat Marquard, art teacher, was approached a few years earlier by Harriet Regen's mother, Elise, to paint the planters during the summer. It was hard to gather the students during vacation. This fall the class was an opportunity to do the project. The warm weather and sunny days were perfect for students to finally paint planters. It was Delilah Yellow Bird's, Culture teacher, idea to paint garden vegetables, with their Sahnish names. It was beneficial for students to learn that it is important to prime the wood, and use exterior paint (several coats) to prepare the wood.

OBITUARIES



Howard Wilkinson, Sr. (Matse Nuuba) 70, was a husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, born April 13, 1945. He was the son of

Helen Wolf and John Wilkinson, Sr. His grandparents were Lilly and Daniel Wolf, and Margaret and Ernest Wilkinson, Sr. He belonged to the Three Clan.

Howard graduated from White Shield High School in 1965. Shortly after graduation, he joined the US Marine Corp on March 10, 1965. Three Fourths of his enlistment was served in Viet-Nam. He was wounded in combat, but did not talk about it. He later recovered and was honorably discharged as a Corporal on March 8, 1968.

He married Delores Deane, June 19, 1970 in Washburn, ND. He became a police officer for the BIA. He completed training in Roswell, New Mexico. He worked for the BIA Law Enforcement for over 20 years. He transferred into the police department for the Three Affiliated Tribes. He retired on December 22, 2004.

All his life, Howard was dedicated to his work and set high standards of performance. He respected and got along well with co-workers and most people he met. He presented himself well and was caring and positive in his attitude. He received many commendations and awards for quality performance. While pursuing his police career, he raised cattle and horses. He was a horseman from a young age and continued to ride. For a period of time he furnished top bucking stock for local and state rodeos. One of his broncs made it to the National Finals.

He sponsored and held sanctioned NDRA rodeos and Rough Rider Rodeos in his own backyard. He built the White Shield rural arena

himself with friends and cowboy neighbors. He became Transport Driver for the Kidney Dialysis Program in New Town, ND until he became ill. He was the president of the White Shield Spirit Riders, an organization dedicated to anti-drug and alcohol activities for youth in the community. It includes horseback riders, wagon rides, picnics, parades and participation at the Minot State Fair, Fourth of July, United Tribes and speaker sessions and all types of holiday activities.

His tribal culture was very important to him embracing the Sundance "Way of Life." He loved his family, always willing to help out relatives and persons who needed a helping hand.

He joined a Veterans Service Support Group in Minot and was a member of the American Legion Post 253 of White Shield and VFW of New Town.

After a long illness, he entered the Spirit World on October 31, 2015. He is survived by his wife Delores (Deane) Wilkinson, children: Diane (Bill McLaughlin, Tillie Wilkinson and Howard "Joey Wilkinson, Jr., all of White Shield. Brother are Arnold Wilkinson, Harden, Mt, Gerald White, Sr., White Shield. Sisters, Theresa Price, White Shield and Gloria Wilkinson, Houston TX. Stepsons James (Theresa) White Bear, Keller, TX; Jeffrey (Tammy) White Bear, San Manuel, TX; Step daughters: Bernadette (Rick) White Bear-Hall, White Shield; Marti (Terry) Stevenson, Bismarck; Kathryn & Sharon White Bear, Fargo, ND; Grandchildren Lisa Gayle, Denise, Shauna, Pamela, Wacey, Mathew, Michael, Alicia, Cody, Jacob, Dani, Wilbur, Sean, Mick Adrienne. Great grandchildren Houston, Hunter, Kennedy, Winrey, Elias, Marisa, and Drayden, Tuff, George, Louie and Chasmine Baby Girl.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Helen (Wolf) Wilkinson; brothers Richard "Dicky" Wilkinson, Tilmer Wilkinson and Joh

Wilkins, Jr.; Sisters; Beverly Wilkinson and



Grayden O. Bear Sr. (Standing Soldier) peacefully left this world on November 1, 2015, at Sanford Health in Bismarck, ND at the

age of 75. Grayden was born on September 7, 1940, to Robert and Dora Hopkins Bear Sr. on the Bear family ranch located near the 6 Mile Creek in the Elbowoods/Nishu area of the Ft. Berthold reservation.

Grayden was an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and was especially proud of his Arikara heritage.

Growing up, Grayden attended school in White Shield and would go on to graduate in 1960. While in school he excelled in basketball. Shortly after graduating from high school, Grayden joined the US Army and was stationed throughout Germany. After serving in the army and being discharged, Grayden went on to pursue saddle bronc riding for a few years. He met Mable Charging and in 1965 they were united in marriage. From his union, they had their only daughter Leah and son, the late Grayden Jr. The last years of his life he spent traveling to many great places with his special friend, the late Bonnie Yellow Bear. He worked various jobs while living in San Jose, CA; Cleveland, OH; and Mandan, ND but after moving back home to White Shield, he worked for the road garage and also as a porter for the casino.

Grayden was a caring, funny and courageous man throughout his life. He was a proud member of the Joseph Young

Bernice Morning Star.

Hawk/Elmer Bear American Legion Post #253. He participated in as many events as he could and was honored a couple of years ago for his service. One of his favorite pastimes was going down to his favorite hangout to play cards and bingo. He also enjoyed sitting back in his chair, watching war and western movies, wrestling and football. Grayden was known to many for his great sense of humor. He could always be found joking around with someone or telling stories. He enjoyed being a grandpa, especially a great grandpa to his little buddy Brody Dean. He loved to tell his grandchildren stories of when he was in Germany, his high school basketball days and his shenanigans with his brothers and cousins. Those stories will be greatly missed.

Honored to have shared this life with him are his daughter Leah (Calvin) Black Hawk, Bismarck; Stacey Bear, Watford City and Amera (Mitchell) Brinson, Watford City and his grand grandchildren; brother Robert Bear Jr, White Shield; sisters, Loretta Meredith, white Shield and Roberta Bear, White Shield, ND; and his many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and friends.

Grayden will be reunited with his parents Robert and Dora (Hopkins) Bear Sr., brother, Samuel Bear, Elmer Bear, Duane Bear, Richard Bear and Winston Bear; sisters Pauline White Bear and Delma Bear White Calf, son Grayden Bear Jr; nieces Elaine White Bear and Loie White Bear; grandson Roy Azure and special friend Bonnie Yellow Bear.



Renee Joy (Red Berries Macu-hishish") Mayer was born on April 13, 1963, the third of three sisters to Ervin Mayer and Avis Baker Mayer, in

Stanley. Her father named her and they always had a very special bond.

Renee loved her family, especially her two children Nathaniel Mayer and Monika Charging and her lifetime companion John Charging. Her sisters Monica and Holy were her best friends. She was a loving and caring aunt to her sister Holy's six children. Home for Renee was North Dakota and New Town in particular. She loved traveling but was always happy to return to North Dakota.

Early in life, Renee chose a life of service. After graduating from high school she earned her cosmetology license and worked for several years with Leona Sheets in New Town, although she left that profession for Social Work, she retained her license and continued cutting hair for her family and friends. She especially loved to style her nieces and nephews' hair, her sister Holly's children. She loved family, beading and fashion in that order. Traveling with John and their daughter Monika was also a pleasure for her. She also loved to play the slots at the casino with her special friends. It is a special tribute to her love of family and friends that she retained as "best friends" many of the children she started grade school with.

Renee worked for Casey Family Program as a director of social work for ten years until they closed their offices on the Ft. Berthold reservation. She then transferred to Tribal Social Services as Director of that agency for twelve years. She was employed there at the time of her death. Renee sat on national boards and received many awards too numerous to list her during her professional career.

She graduated from Minot State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work and a Masters in Social Work from the University of ND. Twenty-two years of her life was spent protecting and working with disadvantaged children and adults. Renee had just moved into her new home, on land her father bought and where he earlier built a home for his family. It was her protection and sanctuary; the place she grew up and where she was most comfortable. She spent many delightful hours choosing color schemes and furniture for her new home.

Renee Joy Mayer, 52, New Town passed from this world, into God's loving arms, surrounded by her loving family and family priest, Father Roger Synek, on November 11, 2015 at a Minot hospital.

Renee was preceded in death by her father; sister, Cyndi; maternal grandparents, May Coffey and Adrian Baker; paternal grandparents and numerous aunts and uncles.

December 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Dorven White Bear Memorial - 1 pm - Complex
6	7 Tribal payout \$1,000 in mail FBCE Noon Elders Board Meeting noon	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 WS Elders Dinner and payout, 4 B Casino -11 - 2pm BISMARCK ChristmasParty Ramkota Inn 6PM for Enrolled members	16 Segment Christmas Party – Complex 7PM 	17 TAT tribal business council meeting 10 am	18 Tribal Christmas Dinner – New Town 	19 11 WS Employees Christmas @ 4 Bears Casino 
20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas 	26
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

Coming up in January - 2016 New Years Eve



Bobby Bear 12-2
 Bobbette Bruce 12 – 4
 Janice Star 12-12
 Nancy Fox 12 -24



Drawing by Pat Marquard, art class instructor of a mourning dove.