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White Shield Students Graduate After 12 Years of Classes and a Half Year of the Covid-19 Pandemic



Haley Bearstail, Carson Calhoun, Kaeleigh Cavanaugh, Eahtosh Fox, Lexus Fox, Raylene Fox, Madison McKinney, Isley Price, Daryn White, Jesse White, Tuff Wilkinson



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



Hello community members and our respected elders. Spring is almost over and summer is fast approaching. Hopefully everyone has their gardens in and getting their lawn mowers ready for the summer.

White Shield School had their graduation and 11 graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas. I wish the graduates the best of luck and pray for great outcomes in their future endeavors.

This summer will be a busy season with grand openings of the Public Safety building in June, and we will be moving into the new Elder building this month also. The Elder building won't officially open till September for safety reasons with COVID-19 still affecting people. Construction will be moving

along on the new Ralph Wells Jr community building and the schools new Sports Complex which includes a track, football field, baseball field, skate park, ice rink, splash pad and concession stand.

We have also almost completed the new 20-Plex apartment that will help the community in the housing shortages we are facing. The apartment will be for single families with one and two bedroom units.

This summer we will have our 4th of July festivities Wednesday June 30th behind the complex, we are planning an exciting and fun time with many activities and some great barbecuing. So hope to see everyone there!

The 2021 Arikara celebration will be back this year for our community but just scaled down due to Covid-19 protocols. The celebration will be two days and will honor all dancers and drum groups with a traditional style powwow, so everyone will receive a little monetary payout. Families will still get to honor their loved ones and flags will be raised. I would like to congratulate and say thank you to the committee for thinking of our community and keeping all of us safe.

Lastly, I want to honor our elders by treating them to the Lewis and Clark River Boat and dinner June 17th in Bismarck. I know we haven't been to the casino in a couple years but I believe we still need to keep our guard up and keep our elders safe with Covid-19 still around. I know we will still have an enjoyable time and still be able to visit one another in a safe manner.

I want to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer, take care and God Bless.



For the last nine years Vince Papale of the Philadelphia Eagles attended the Chairman's Bowl and he didn't disappoint this year. The game is part of Chairman Fox's TAT Fitness projects. This year's game was played Wednesday May 26, 2021 at the Parshall football field. Vince Papale attended. Papale, once a 30-year-old bartender from South Philadelphia, overcame long odds to play for the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles.

He is a motivation speaker who inspires young people. Beside him are Merv Packineau, Parshall Representative, Chairman Mark Fox, Vince Papale and Fred Fox, White Shield Representative.

JOSEPH YOUNG HAWK/ELMER BEAR AMERICAN LEGION POST 253 & AUXILIARY

Please Join us For:

FLAG DAY "PARADE OF FLAGS"

We invite you to bring your loved one's flag to carry in the parade.



& AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

100TH ANNIVERSARY

June 14, 2021 at 11:00 am

Parade will begin at the current White Shield Senior Center,
from where we will march to the Powwow Grounds.

Program & Meal to follow.

CDC & MHA Nation COVID-19 Guidelines will be followed.

Any questions, Please contact: Madonna Azure @ 898-0161 or madonna6591@yahoo.com

Please be aware:
Individuals who
want to have their
loved one's flag
on a pole, need to
supply the pole
and have two
people to carry it.

**FORT BERTHOLD
DIABETES PROGRAM**

BIKE, KAYAK, & PADDLE BOARD RENTAL

FREE SAME DAY RENTALS!
(All Rentals Will Be Due At Either 1:00p Or 5:30p Day Of Rent)
Available June 2nd - Sept. 3rd

- ✓ Must Be 18 Years Or Older To Rent
- ✓ Must Provide State/Tribal ID To Rent
- ✓ \$20 Cash Deposit (Full Deposit Refunded Upon Return Of Equipment, Unless Items Are Excessively Dirty/Muddy, Damaged, Lost, Stolen, Or 2 Or More Days Late)
- ✓ All Kayak/Paddle Board Day Rentals Include Oars/Paddles, And Life Jackets
- ✓ All Bike Day Rentals Include Riders Helmet

EAT Game & Fish

13th Annual Family Fishing Derby

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 16, 2021**

9AM-4PM
Four Bears Park

FOR ALL COMMUNITIES!
New Town, Four Bears,
Parshall, White Shield,
Mandaree, Twin Buttes

YOUTH FISHING COMPETITION
LUNCH PROVIDED
DOOR PRIZES

REGISTRATION: 9am-11am
FISHING COMP: 9am-3pm
LUNCH: 12:00pm
AWARDS & DOOR PRIZES: 3pm

**BRING YOUR OWN FISHING
POLE, TACKLE, AND LAWN
CHAIR IF YOU HAVE IT.
IF NOT, COME ANYWAY!**

**FREE FISHING DAY FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS!**

CONTACT KRISTEN MASON AT 627-4760 FOR MORE INFORMATION

New Businesses and Buildings in White Shield

Nishu Bay Kennel & Grooming Opens at White Shield



The Nishu Bay Kennel is Britnee and her husband Jeff White's creation. It has always been Britnee's dream to own a business such as this where she can care for and assist animals. Dogs are her focus, but she will take other animals like cats, bunnies and small animals at the kennels. She quickly added, "but I don't take snakes."

She is currently working out of what she calls her "Grooming Shack" while the new kennel is moving toward completion. A much larger building is currently being constructed. (picture below). It will have 18 kennels. It will allow for more comfortable kenneling during the winter.





This beautiful Shih Tzu had her beauty treatment and she knows how great she looks.



If you need a safe place for your pet, White said they are ready to welcome pets at the Nishu Bay Kennel now but they are taking dogs and other small animals by appointments only.

Britnee and Jeff White own the Grooming business. Jeff is a Veteran and both are enrolled MHA tribal members. Britnee is certified Pet Groomer.

Watch for a grand opening in late August, Britnee said.



Nishu Bay Kennel & Grooming BINGO Fundraiser

BINGO



**JUNE 19, 2021 STARTING @ 1:00 PM
AT RED HALL PARSHALL**

Early Birds \$3.00 or 2 pkts for \$5.00

**REGULAR SESSION
\$25.00 A PACKET OR 2 FOR \$30.00**

LUNCH PLATE

Slushburger or Hotdog, chips,
cupcake & soda/water

DOOR PRIZES

Food Basket Bidding &
Homemade Baked Goods

Shannon displays Horse Art at the New Interpretative Center



Shannon Fox, one of the outstanding artist/teachers in North Dakota, moved to top of his field with his display of his horse masks at the opening of the Interpretative Center. They were worn by his horse with other horse paraphernalia in several parades around the state. At the grand opening of the Interpretative Center in New Town, his work was chosen to sit in the center of one of the display rooms.

This display, that began with the horse masks, is growing into a series that talks of his culture and way of life. It began with the horse and mask series as a way to support the Spirit Riders of which he is a part. The Spirit Riders are a group of men and women who learn about the Arikara culture and support alcohol and drug free lives. They dedicate themselves to helping people learn about the culture and a good way of life.

His personal life is devoted to his family and the horses he owns and cares for. He has three horses and a colt. That life of tending to his family and horses is

something he cherishes. Fox also teaches art at the Nueta, Hidatsa and Sahnish tribal College which is teaching some of his styles of creativity.

The horses and masks are part the history and culture of the Sahnish. On the standing horse at the Interpretative Center, the history and the culture are evident. He has woven much of that into each piece he's done.

Fox is a Veteran. That shows in his art work too. His war shield and gun sheath are beaded and carefully designed for his rifle. The saddle is made from deer antlers and raw hide. Fox is a traditional dancer so that is woven into his horse art work also.

The work on the complete outfit is a tribute to the Veterans and Mother Corn, Fox said.

**2021 TRADITIONAL
ARIKARA CELEBRATION**

For the protection of Our People this year's committee
has agreed to the following:

Friday, July 9, 2021
Blessing of the grounds (early morning)
Smoke the drum (following blessing)
6:00 p.m. Mourners Feed (everyone welcome)
Evening dancing, memorials, specials, etc.

Saturday, July 10, 2021
8:00 am Flag Raising
1:00 & 7:00 pm Grand Entry
6:00 pm Supper provided by Committee
Evening dancing
DRUMS & DANCERS WILL BE PAID

Sunday, July 11, 2021
All denominational Church Service

Vendors and anyone who wants to do a special etc,
please contact: Geralyn Yellow Bird @ 701-421-8021
or Austin Gillette @ 701-312-0433

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW ON CELEBRATION POSTER

White Shield Arikara Celebration will be a little different this year. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Pow Wow committee reduced number of days so that White Shield and Celebration people will be safe.

The Celebration will be return to the normal 3 days next year 2022.

For questions call Geralyn Yellow Bird 701 421-8021 or Austin Gillette 701 312-0433.

David Christensen New Chief Judge for MHA



After some ten years, the Three Affiliated Tribes selected a new chief judge. David Christensen, who was chosen out of a long list of experienced judges, is not only a knowledgeable judge but a member of the MHA Nation.

His roots are in Twin Buttes where he spent his elementary years attending school at Twin Buttes, Christenson said.

His years of experience includes Deputy Solicitor General, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Onamia, MN; Legislative Council, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Onamia, Minnesota; Attorney Decision Maker,

Office of Hearing and Appeals of BIA, Ft. Snelling, MN; Appellate Court Justice, Northern Plains, Inter-Tribal Court of Appeals, Aberdeen, SD; Tribal Operations Officer, BIA, Bloomington, MN; Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, MN.

His career spans 25 years experiences in the fields of Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law which includes almost five years with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe as District Court Judge and seven years experience as In-House Counsel/Prosecutor. He said his experience working for Mille Lac Band, the US Department of Interior and Northern Plains Intertribal Court of Appeals has been diverse and educational.

As district judge he presided over hundreds of cases a year with the majority of his work in Family/Children's court. Additionally, he heard dozens of cases a year for Orders for Protection and Harassment and restraining Order as well as general civil matters, employment appeals, housing cases natural resource cases, name changes as well as some divorces and custody matters.

Since 2002, Christensen said, he served part-time as an appellate court justice for the Northern Plains Intertribal Court of Appeals in Aberdeen.

Christensen has three children and lives in New Town.

School Updates and Graduation Information

Sahnish Arts Class News

by Patricia Marquard



White Shield Sahnish Arts class is studying the Arikara Genesis. Delilah Yellow Bird visited the school and shared her expertise. Yellow Bird is a former teacher at White Shield School. She taught the Sahnish language to the students for many years.

For the current project, Delilah asked the students to create a circle with quadrants of southeast, southwest, northwest, and northeast. She explained the story of the Genesis and how it related to the circle and the artwork that the students drew for each quadrant. She told about how creatures and human beings developed and are organized by the Creator. Delilah explained how the Mother Corn Prayer

was in the story of the Genesis. It is the same prayer that is in the school student handbook.

The Tribal Government class taught by Danna Arquisola attended this class during the project. They enjoyed Delilah's presentation.

In addition, Delilah permitted the Sahnish Arts class to view a video made by Melvin Gilmore, Ethnobotanist who studied the Sahnish. The video was of a 1924 Arikara Celebrations. The celebration included a ceremony honoring the Cedar tree. It showed a view of the Sacred Lodge.

The following week the Sahnish Arts class went on a field trip to visit Old Scout Cemetery and went at Indians Hills.

Presently, they are studying the history of Nishu and Elbowoods. The class is looking at a map of the area and photographs of Arikara Scouts, past chiefs, etc.

In early April the class visited the Arikara Culture Center and was given a walking tour by Dancing Eagle Perkins. There are students that are new to the Cultural

Center so they decided to investigate their ancestors' history. The class was thankful for the hospitality of the staff including Dancing Eagle. They hope to dig deeper into the heritage and culture of the past.

Students in the Sahnish Arts Class are Jesse Belle Heavy Gun, Justice Fox, and Sylvia Stranger Horse.

Dancing Eagle Perkins, Cultural Arts Center and Justice Fox, student at White Shield High School enjoy the tour this spring.

Seniors and Coach Bearstail honored by the elders

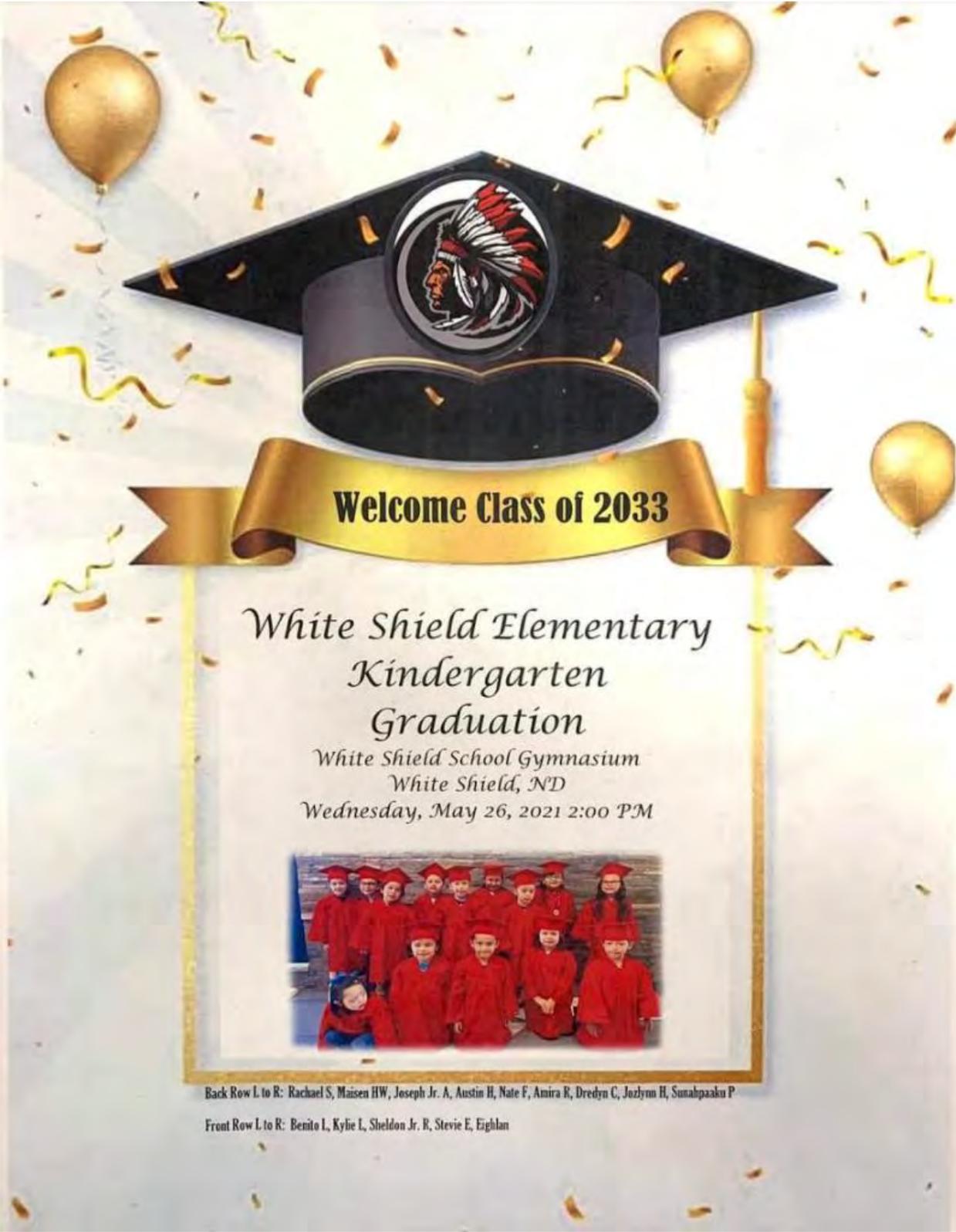


On May 19th at the Elders Center the White Shield seniors honored the White Shield high school graduates and the basketball team. They were given Schell gift card and were invited to lunch and were presented a decorated cake. A surprise honoring also given to Sheldon Rush, one of the coaches of this year's winning basketball.

**2021 White Shield 8th Grade Graduates
Move Forward to High School in September**



Back row: Rachel S., Maisen HW, Joseph Jr, A, Austin H., Nate F., Amira R, Dredyn C. Jozlynn H. Sunahpaaku P., Front row: Benito I., Kylie I, Sheldon Jr., Stevie E, Eighlan



Welcome Class of 2033

*White Shield Elementary
Kindergarten
Graduation*

*White Shield School Gymnasium
White Shield, ND
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 2:00 PM*



Back Row L to R: Rachael S, Maisen HW, Joseph Jr. A, Austin H, Nate F, Amira R, Dredyn C, Jozlynn H, Sunabpaaku P
Front Row L to R: Benito I, Kylie L, Sheldon Jr. R, Stevie E, Eighlan

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College Update

1. We're holding our annual Bottomlands Healing Ride on June 22nd in Parshall. The ride will start at Noon with a prayer before the ride at the Parshall Boys and Girls Club and will end at the Healing Horse Ranch around 3pm. The event breakdown is as follows:
 - a. 3:30pm Welcome, Opening and History of the event
 - b. 4:00pm Story Telling: Before the Flood
 - c. 5:30pm Closing prayer and meal
2. NHSC Family Nights will be held June 22-24th. Families will be invited on campus for a tour and to learn more about NHSC and the programs that we offer.
3. NHSC's Cultural Camp is back on again this year after taking last year off due to COVID. The camp will be held the July 12-16 and is open to students entering the 8th-12th grade in Fall 2021. Applications can be found on www.nhsc.edu under News.
4. NHSC has officially been approved for Distance Education from the Higher Learning Commission. This has been a 20 year process for us and we are extremely excited for this to finally come through for us. This is not something that will happen overnight for us, as we will be working the rest of this year to develop the best way to roll out our Distance Education classes for our students and faculty. We'll be building out a 5 year action plan with various phases of rolling out Distance Education courses. Check out the NHSC Facebook page and Website for additional information as we prepare our Distance Education phases.
5. Fall applications are due by July 30th for new students. If you've turned in your application to start classes this Fall and you still have documents to turn in, contact Lacey Gladue at Admissions@nhsc.edu. Once all of your documents have been turned in and you have been officially accepted for our Fall semester, you will be able to register for your classes. Classes start on August 23rd. The following documents are required to be fully admitted to NHSC:
 - a. Official High School/GED transcripts
 - b. Official College transcripts (if you are transferring from another institution)
 - c. ID (Driver's License, Tribal ID)
 - d. Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) if you're Native American

- e. Social Security Card
 - f. FERPA form
 - g. FAFSA/Financial Aid
6. Interested in playing for the Storm Athletics program? Contact our Athletic Director Kyle DeCoteau @ kdecoteau@nhsc.edu We do offer athletic waivers and still have some available for our upcoming Fall season.
- a. Men's Basketball
 - b. Women's Basketball
 - c. Golf
 - d. Cross Country
7. We are starting up our Alumni program for all current and former students from NHSC and FBCC. We are asking all Alumni to reach out to Carla Villamil at alumni@nhsc.edu for additional information and to get on our Alumni list.
8. Tune in to KMHA every other Tuesday at 11am for our "College Talk" program.
- a. June 15th – covering Family Nights details and Scholarships
 - b. July 13th – covering upcoming Admissions for the Fall semester, paying for college, Financial Aid and registering for your classes
 - c. July 27th – covering our NACTEP program, CTE program and a deeper dive into our Business and Welding programs

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Sahnish History and Culture Stories

This series of Sahnish family stories was inspired by Marilyn Young Bird. It is meant for all of those who wonder how we are related to each other, Sahnish (Arickara), Hidatsa (Gros Ventres) and Mandans. Knowing our family tree can help build stronger relationship among all of the people.

We start with the Young Bird and White Calfe family tree. If you have a suggestion for next family tree, contact either Dorreen Yellow Bird, editor(701)-421-2876 (sahnish65@gmail.com) or Marilyn Young Bird (303) 345-3139 (ownstheeday@aol.com).



Greta Martha White Calfe, “Woman,” was born on August 17, 1931 August to Benjamin Young Bird and Jessie Everett Young Bird at Nishu, North Dakota. Greta is the fourth child, of thirteen children born to Ben and Jessie. Greta and Oscar have two children, Verlee-Sayler and Frank White Calfe and a grandson Ethan White Calfe that she loves dearly.

With no older brothers, she became her father’s right-hand helper. She helped him with the operation their cattle ranch. One of the yearly events she recalls was the Nishu community annual cattle and horse roundups. Greta, the only female, would ride her horse Power River alongside the men and boys as they drove the cattle along the banks of the Missouri River to Elbowoods. The riders would herd the cattle across the Elbowoods Bridge and to Haliday, North Dakota where the cattle would be put on the train to South St. Paul, Minnesota for sale. Greta’s father, Ben would ride his horse Silver up to the entrance of the Elbowoods Bridge, take off his saddle and bridle, give the horse a slap and send him home.

After graduating from the Elbowoods High School, she enrolled at Minot State College. After she graduated from Minot State Teachers College, she married Oscar White Calfe in 1951. They moved five miles from her childhood home where she lives. Greta and Oscar raised cattle and farmed. In 1984 Oscar died of terminal cancer, leaving Greta, her daughter Verlee-Sayler and her husband Kenny to continue running the ranch.



When their son Frank and daughter Verlee started high school rodeoing, the whole family got involved. Greta took up barrel racing, breakaway roping, and team roping. She won many of her events and received belt buckles. Greta began her teaching career, in 1951 at Ziegler School. Ziegler School at one room country school southwest of White Shield. The school had a round belly wood

burning stove, no electricity, no running water, and outhouse toilet. She had to prepare food for lunch for students and haul drinking water. Her students were from the John and Florence White, Dan and Mable Howling Wolf, and Pfliger families.

In 1971 Greta accepted an assistant teacher position for the first and second grades at the White Shield School, recommended by Mrs. Margaret Breuer, one of the two Native educators employed at White Shield School. When Mrs. Breuer retired, Greta became the full-time first grade teacher. She continued until her retirement in May 2005.

In one of her first grade classes, she had a special needs student who had difficulty expressing herself verbally, difficulty in managing her physical body. Greta did not bring her expression to the attention of the other students, but let them explore and develop their own way of relating to their new classmate. From the beginning she observed that the students innately knew how to nurture life. She saw that they took responsibility for their new classmate. When it was time to leave the classroom for recess, they would gather around their classmate to assist in putting on her hat, gloves, and coat. After she was dressed, the students would assist her down the staircase. Some of the students would stand at the bottom to catch her if she should fall. The other half of the students would walk along side and guide her down the stairs. Outside, half of the students would go play on the swings and slide, or run, jump, and play tag. As Greta watched her students, she does not know how they knew when recess was half over. The first group would stop playing and come back to be with their classmate. The students that had stayed behind to protect and play with their classmate would go out play. When recess was over, the students would walk beside their classmate and guide her up the staircase. When they entered the classroom, they would take time to help her remove the heavy clothing and then take their seats.

One day, Greta decided to take her class outside for their science assignment. Their science assignment was to observe nature. They would write about

whatever caught their interest, trees, birds, clouds, sun, grass, rabbits, dogs, etc. When they came back into the classroom, they had to draw their subject and explain why they chose that subject and tell their story. Every one of her students did their assignment without any hesitation. One-by-one they would stand before the class and give their presentation. When it came time for their young classmate's turn, the student got up, managed her way to the front of the class and held up her piece of drawing. The picture showed her expression of what had caught her interest. Then she expressed in words the best she could. The students sat silent and gave their undivided attention to their classmate's presentation. When the class had finished for the day and all the students left the room, one young person stayed behind. Greta was sitting at her desk when this loving and caring classmate came up to Greta and said, "Teacher, I know why we could not understand her. It is because she was speaking "Arikara." This story brought tears to Greta's eyes and healing to her heart and spirit. It is absolutely clear that we are all born with unconditional love and pure innocence. We carry innate knowing in our DNA.

Greta has received many Awards and Achievements for her 32 years of service. Greta continues to be busy and active. She continues to raise cattle with her grandson Ethan White Calfe. Her daughter Verlee-Sayler and son, Frank help her at her home in White Shield. Although she stepped down from the Board of the Sahnish Cultural Society, she continues promoting her culture now through the creation of her hand-made Star Quilts.

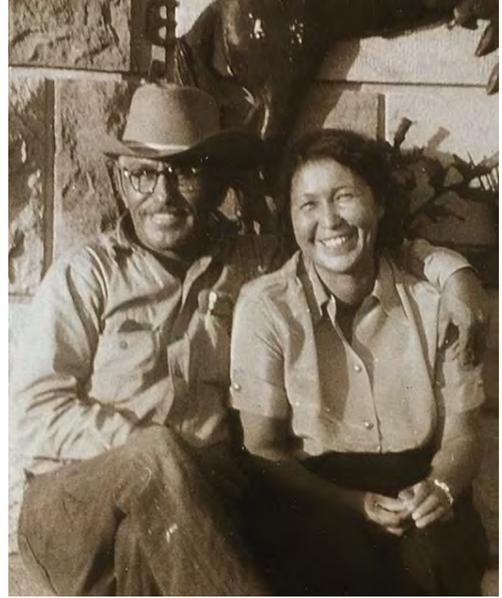
Greta speaks highly of her 54 years as an educator and remembers it fondly; believing that a good education is the foundation of a successful life, knowing she did her best to help each one of her students, along with her nine grandchildren succeed. She loves looking back through photos of her classes and is touched when students, three generations of whom she taught run up to her calling "Mrs. White Calfe, Mrs. White Calfe when they see her, hug her and tell her how much they love her.

Greta will celebrate her 90th Birthday on August 17, 2021.



Oscar and Greta Young Bird
White Calfe

Ben Young Bird and
Jesse Everett
Young Bird, Greta's
parents



Clare Everett and Fannie
Sitting Bear Everett.
grandparents of Greta.
She was the daughter of
Chief Sitting Bear



Joe Young Bird and Susie
Walker Young Bird are Ben
Young Birds parents.