



The votes are in!

Fairbanks and Erickson come out on top in general election

The tension was mounting as the last of the absentee ballots were being counted from the White Earth General Election held June 11 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen.

When the final votes were tabulated, Michael A. Fairbanks was re-elected as Chairman and Laura Lee Erickson was chosen as the District III Representative. Both are four-year terms.

In the Chairman race, Fairbanks received 1,155 (55.96%) votes and Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts garnered 909 (44.04%).

Incumbent District III Representative Cheryl "Annie" Jackson lost her seat to challenger Laura Lee Erickson. Erickson defeated Jackson 595 (57.43%) to 441 (42.57%).

After the election, Tibbetts and Jackson filed a request for the White Earth Election Board to conduct a hand count of the ballots. A hand count was held June 17 and 18 at the Shooting Star Casino. Once the count was finished there were no changes to the final numbers. Neither candidate filed any appeals.

A breakdown of the election results can be seen on page 6.

The date of an inauguration celebration was not finalized when the July paper went to press. More information will be made public on the White Earth Facebook page, White Earth website at www.whiteearth.com, and Nijii Radio (KKWE 89.9 FM).



Chairman Michael A. Fairbanks congratulates Laura Lee Erickson on June 11 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen.

Fairbanks won re-election and Erickson was voted in as the new District III Representative.

Photo by Gary W. Padrta

2nd Annual NAAME GIIZIS STURGEON MOON

White Earth Community Council Pow Wow

JULY 26, 27 & 28, 2024

White Earth, MN

FRI, JULY 26 | WARM-UPS 7PM

3 GRAND ENTRIES

SAT, JULY 27 | 1PM & 7PM

SUN, JULY 28 | 1PM

All dancers must be in regalia to register. All dancers must register prior to every grand entry.

FEAST - 5PM - SATURDAY

HOST DRUM: SMOKEY HILL

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MCS: VINCE BEYL / FRANK STECH

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Bring own chairs
Drum contacts: Candice Smith 218-204-0129

CONTESTS: Luck of the Draw

SPECIALS: TBD

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

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3RD GRADE - ADULTS

For more information call 218-401-3769

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Registration: 8AM-9AM
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VENDOR CONTACT: Paula Smith 218-204-1400
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New council member

Laura Lee Erickson was sworn in as the newly elected District III Rep. on Monday, July 1 at the RBC Headquarters. She and Chairman Michael Fairbanks defeated their opponents during the White Earth Election on June 11.

From left are Secretary-Treasurer Michael LaRoque, District I Rep. Henry Fox, District III Rep. Laura Erickson, Chairman Michael Fairbanks, and District II Rep. Eugene Sommers.

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Deadline	Issue Date
July 31	August 7
August 28	September 4
September 25	October 2
October 30	November 6
November 27	December 4

* Deadline and issue dates subject to change

Where the Wild Things Are - Noopeming

By Winona LaDuke

"First they put us on Reservations. Promised us a good life, then they take our land illegally, and try to diminish us. Today, much of the same, still trying to take what little we have left, when will they realize we are still here, we still fight. Where is our federal government, they are who we made the treaties with, not the state or counties. They should be here doing what's right for once!"

Cheryl Jackson, White Earth

There is not much of it left. Noopeming is where the wild things are; the amikwag, bizhiwag, ma'inganag, namewag, amoog, esaag, zhashagiwag, manoomin and initaag, the maples. There is not a lot left of the places where the wild things are and those places are shrinking. They are shrinking from a lack of courage, imagination, people who stay inside on their Xboxes and sheer greed.

With the axe of Weyerhaeuser Stenerson Lumber, and Knute Nelson's pen, the great pines are long gone; 75 million acres of trees in two decades, White Earth provided 89 million board feet in a year to build timber industry empires... Anishinaabe and Dakota great basswood and sugar maple forests fell to the axe as well, and have been cut into smaller and smaller pockets during the last 150 years.

Maple sugar is the sweetness of the Anishinaabe people - the first medicine in the spring, the basis of a robust trade, and sugar which could be produced without slavery. In one-year Keewenaw Bay Anshinaabe produced 563,000 pounds of maple sugar. Those are some Sugar Mamas. You can make sugar year after year, or you can cut them once and not see any more sugar or life for another 50 years. That's the difference between Indigenous thinking and Wiindigo thinking.

In early May, a logging company under permit from Becker County was cutting a big pile of trees in Eagle View township. The permit said \$56,000, and that means a substantial cut. So, I sat down. I sat down on the pile of trees they had cut, and soon, some neighbors, friends, Red Lakers, the tribal police, Cheryl Jackson and Eugene Tibbets were there, Angel Stevens, the Tribal cultural monitor and the Becker County Sheriff were all out there in the woods.

Becker County Sheriff Glander told Eugene Sommers, "I thought we were supposed to work together." Sommers responded, "If we were working together, it wouldn't have gotten this far. We're tired of the county and state never consulting with us. As the governing body of the Reservation, the Tribe needs to be at the table to give consent, so people don't destroy our medicines. We are never consulted; we always have to find these things out after the fact."

Three counties - Becker, Clearwater and Mahnomen Counties are the largest landholders on the White Earth reservation. They carved their lands illegally out of the reservation. "... the lands so held by any Indian shall be exempt from taxation and sale for debt and shall not be alienated except with approval of the Secretary of Interior and in no case to any person not a member of the Chippewa..." Article 7 of the 1867 Treaty.

Becker County has been harvesting trees and issuing permits on the White Earth reservation for a long time. The Anishinaabe have not benefitted from those timber sales, losing not only millions of dollars' worth of trees, but entire ecosystems.

The Herbt Decision reaffirms the right of the Anishinaabe to harvest maple sugar and other gifts from the Creator on the reservation, and the tribal right to regulate this, as opposed to the state of Minnesota or Becker County. As Don Wedll treaty rights historian explained in a writ-

ten interview. "In the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa vs. Herbst the court made two rulings. First: Leech Lake enrolled members can hunt, fish, and gather within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation where public hunting, fishing, and gathering occurs free from State of Minnesota Hunting and Fishing laws.

Secondly: Non enrolled members who hunt, fish, and gather within the Leech Lake Reservation would be required to have a license issued by the Leech Lake Tribal Government."

He continued, "because the decision made by the court would apply to other Reservations in the 1855 ceded territory, the state legislature passed a law directing the Minnesota Commissioner of Natural Resources to negotiate with other Reservations impacted by the decision. This included White Earth Band, and Mille Lacs Band. The negotiations broke down at White Earth and no agreement was reached..."

Time to talk it seems.

What's clear is that, as Wedll explains, "This has been a significant benefit to the county and the state of Minnesota. They have basically exploited these natural resources for their own gain over the last fifty years. This has cost the White Earth Band millions of dollars."

The White Earth Anishinaabe are not the only ones concerned about the Minnesota DNR and the counties timber harvesting practices, a group of DNR employees writes, "...Employees are concerned that the current forest management plan, the Sustainable Timber Harvest Initiative (STHI), established in 2018, is unduly prioritizing timber production over essential conservation efforts. This one-sided focus has already led to the loss of heritage woods, and if not rectified promptly it will lead to irreversible damage to our forest ecosystem..."

Time to protect the maple trees and go back noopeming into the woods.

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL HEALTH

Prenatal, Labor & Delivery, and Breastfeeding Classes.

Now available FREE to the public

Our classes will be held at the White Earth Tribal and Community College 2250 College Road Mahnomen, 56557. Instructed by Maternal/Child Health Nurses Julie Wadena, BSN, RN and Jennifer Mosher, BSN, RN.

Each segment is scheduled as below. You may attend one or all sessions. Food & snacks provided.

Please RSVP by July 5th!

09 JUL	PREGNANCY 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	What you will Learn
09 JUL	LABOR & DELIVERY 11:30 AM 1:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy-What to expect • Prenatal Care • Healthy Pregnancy
09 JUL	BREAST FEEDING 3:30 PM 5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor-What to expect • Comfort measures/Pain management • Medical interventions • Cesarian section • Postpartum • How to breast feed

Please contact Julie Wadena @
218-401-3217 or
julie.wadena@whiteearth-nsn.gov to register.

White Earth Nation has a Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/WhiteEarthNation

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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Aabita-Niibino-Giizis.

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadi-zookaanag.

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is July the Mid-Summer Moon,

Akawe Chi-Miigwech, Gaawaabaabiganikaag Anishinaabeg. First of all I am very grateful to everyone in our White Earth Nation who voted for me and elected me as your Chairman, I will continue to work tirelessly daily to serve all of you. I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to all White Earth members for their support during my campaign.

For the next four years I will work persistently with the tribal council to make our nation the best it can be. We will continue to progress significantly in these vital areas: workforce stability, economic development, and natural resource protection. Under White Earth Nation leadership, we have established a thriving cannabis business, prioritized workforce development, and increased wages for our community members. I firmly believe that workforce stability is essential for our government, gaming, and cannabis business. Furthermore, we are committed to protecting our water and other natural resources and will continue our unwavering fight for return of our ancestral lands. Being born as Gaawaabaabiganikaag Anishinaabe we are caretakers of this land and we will continue to do just that.

With this month comes the beautiful outdoor weather we can all enjoy. Let's all make it a point to get outdoors this summer and enjoy this healing season more than we ever have. Just putting your bare feet on Mother Earth for 10 minutes a day is very good for the body, mind and spirit; it is called grounding. There are actual scientific research studies to prove this and what we've known as Anishinaabe all along.

I am looking forward to the end of this month which marks our White Earth Community Council's Second Annual Sturgeon Moon Powwow July 26-28 with Friday warm-ups. It will be another great powwow at our beautiful White Earth Powwow Grounds.

We have a good little story about niibin, summer.

Long ago, in the time of the ancestors, there was a young Ojibwe boy named Niibin, which means "summer" in our Ojibwe language. Niibin was known for his curiosity and kindness toward all living beings.

One hot July day, as Niibin wandered through the woods near his village, he heard a faint cry for help. Following the sound, he discovered a tiny Miskwaadesi, mud turtle or painted turtle, trapped in an area where there was no shade. Giizis, the sun's rays were very hot, and Miskwaadesi was struggling to break free as his shell was getting hot from Giizis's rays.

Niibin gently lifted little Miskwaadesi from its entanglement and carried it to a nearby pond, where cool water shimmered under the midsummer sun. He placed the turtle gently into the pond, where it swam joyfully singing nimiigwechwendam Niibin- nimiigwechwendam Niibin (I am very thankful for Niibin) as he swam home.

As Niibin sat by the pond, he heard a rustling in the tall grass and out popped Waabooz, the Rabbit, known for his quick wit and mischief. Waabooz



hopped over to Niibin and asked, "Why do you help creatures like that turtle? The summer sun is for playing and feasting, not rescuing!"

Niibin smiled and replied, "Waabooz, every living thing deserves kindness, especially under Giizis's warm embrace. Summer is not just for us, but for all beings to thrive. As Anishinaabe when we are born we have a duty to care and protect our beautiful Mama Aki, Mother Earth."

Waabooz pondered Niibin's words and nodded thoughtfully. From that day on, Waabooz often joined Niibin in his adventures, learning the wisdom of compassion and the beauty of summer through their shared experiences.

And so, in the Ojibwe village, the story of Niibin and Waabooz became a reminder of the importance of caring for others and Mama Aki, Mother Earth during the months of Niibin (summer), when Mama Aki is alive with abundance and Giizis's rays warm the land.

This story reflects the Ojibwe values of kindness, respect for nature, and the interconnectedness of all living things during the summertime, a time of growth and life.

Baamaapii wiingezin.

Weweni-sago-na

Miigwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabaminim naagaj.

Take it easy.

Everyone Be Safe,

Thank you for listening to me.

See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

PIZZA AND \$25 GIFT CARD FOR PARTICIPANTS!
FIRST 15 TO REGISTER WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

American Indian & Alaskan Native
Youth Research Participants Needed
Ages 14-18

We are looking for American Indian & Alaskan Native youth to participate in discussion group sessions. We will be talking about what makes you feel supported.

DATE:	LOCATION:	TIME:
Thursday, July 11th	White Earth Tribal Headquarters 35500 Eagle View Rd,	10:00 am

Contact information:
Email: caimh@d.umn.edu
Phone: 218-726-7235

White Earth Home Health Car Seat Clinics

Car Seat Inspection

This is a great opportunity to get your child's car seat checked to make sure that your child is in the proper car seat! A team of safety specialists will be on hand to provide technical assistance and an appropriate car seat if eligible.

Mahnomen College Road Apartments:
Wednesday June 26 from 2-4 pm

Naytahwaush Head Start
Thursday June 27 from 2-4 pm

White Earth Community Center:
Thursday July 18 from 3-5 pm

Rice Lake Community Center:
Thursday July 25 from 2-4 pm

Pine Point Community Center:
Thursday August 1 from 12-2 pm

*** To qualify, the child's legal guardian must attend, have custody of child/children, live on the White Earth Reservation, and bring the child/children along. Legal guardians will receive one car seat per stage of development as needed.***

Any questions please contact Bryanna Chilton at 218-983-3286.

Car Seat Check Up Events

CAR SEAT CHECK

Bins Now Located Behind Naytahwaush Complex

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News From Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. LaRoque

Aanin Boozhoo

Greeting White Earth Members, I have the honor of providing you with the monthly report of the Secretary/Treasurer position for the White Earth Tribal Council. This month I will be providing an update on a Financial Information Request - White Earth Enterprises and its subsidiaries.

Financial Information Request-White Earth Enterprises and its subsidiaries

Dear Membership,

The White Earth RBC has received a request for financial information for White Earth Enterprises and some of its subsidiaries. The White Earth RBC is the sole owner of White Earth Enterprises; however, the business operates pursuant to an operating agreement and has oversight by its own Board of Directors. The information requested is the business entity's information and any requests for that information should be made to the White Earth Enterprises Director and Board of Directors. Please understand that some of the information you request is likely considered confidential and proprietary.

The organizational structure of the White Earth Enterprises and its subsidiaries is such to create a segregation of duties and responsibilities between government and business enterprises of the board.

Thank You for your interest and please let me know if you have any addition questions.

I would like to inform all Membership that you can submit any Financial Data request to me at mike.laroque@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call me at 218-



849-1140.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Spring season and continue to have a great summer with Pow-Wow season in full swing. We are moving forward into the future with another successful year ahead of us.

In closing I want to thank the members of the White Earth Nation for giving me this opportunity to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for this great nation. I look forward to moving forward with great progress and optimism and I hope we can work together for a brighter future. Miigwech!

Michael J. LaRoque
Secretary-Treasurer

WE receives \$1.75 million to expand solar array at Pine Point

U.S. Sen.Tina Smith (D-MN) announced \$1.75 million for the White Earth Nation in Minnesota to use energy storage to increase their use of solar power and allow for greater energy flexibility. The project will expand an existing solar array at Pine Point Elementary School and Community Center to help lower electricity costs and support White Earth's goal to be energy independent.

"Tribal Nations have always been leaders in environmental stewardship," Smith said in a news release. "This funding will help White Earth Tribal Nation continue building a more resilient and clean energy system for the Tribe."

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of

Electricity selected three communities across the country to receive a total of \$3.7 million in project development assistance under the Energy Storage for Social Equity Program.

The program successfully launched in March 2022 and selected 14 communities for similar projects that focused on providing a strategy for energy access and affordability, decarbonization, environmental impact, resilience, and social impact.

The funding will promote an equitable clean energy transition, advance more affordable and reliable electricity, and support the Biden Administration's Justice40 goals.

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DIABETES & PREDIABETES: WHAT CAN WE DO?

Join us for a community conversation!

Native American community members are invited to share their ideas, experience, and wisdom with each other and the Minnesota Department of Health. We want to learn from you!

Thursday, July 18, 2024
6:00- 7:30 PM
ZOOM

All participants will receive a \$50 VISA gift card, which will be mailed within two weeks.

Pre-register to join the conversation!

For more information or to register, contact Isabel at isabel@lighthouseglobal.co or scan the QR code:
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Valleyview Commons

Valleyview Commons in Mahnomen has immediate openings for 1 bedroom units

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NAYTAHWAUSH HARVEST FEST

SEPT. 7 & 8

PARADE - POWWOW - VENDORS - CANOE RACE
HORSESHOES - CRIBBASE - MEMORIAL WALK
PIGEON/CLAY SHOOT - BEAN BAG TOSS VOLLEYBALL
PUMPKIN CONTEST - TWFO BREAKFAST

News From District II Rep. Eugene Sommers

Boozhoo Anishinaabe, this month the RBC made significant progress on our Landback initiatives and setting the stage for renegotiating past agreements. One of my favorite moments this month was visiting everyone at this year's Treaty Day Powwow and witnessing the crowning of Majestic Murray and Gitigaan Littlewolf as princess and brave. So proud of you both!

Tamarac Wildlife Refuge MOA

The Tamarac Wildlife Refuge was established by executive order 7902 on May 31, 1938, after being subject to fires set by timber tycoons for accessing the valuable timber resources. It was designated to protect its unique waterfowl habitat and remains a spiritually significant place for our people. Two pivotal agreements altered our land rights: the 1935 Collier Agreement initially restricted our hunting, fishing, and gathering rights, later in 2014 a MOU granted White Earth Nation authority over treaty activities in the refuge, resulting in a dual permitting system that restricted access for Tribal Members. On June 4, the RBC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the USFWS, acquiring management and eliminating the dual permitting system.

White Earth Nation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have now entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to jointly manage the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, spanning 42,534 acres. This partnership emphasizes conserving natural resources and recognizes the Tribe's treaty rights to hunt, fish, and gather within the Refuge. Key aspects include collaborative planning, information sharing, and shared responsibilities like adjusting water levels to support wild rice harvesting. Effective for five years, the agreement reaffirms a commitment to a government-to-government relationship, respecting each party's sovereignty and legal obligations.

Minnesota Department of Revenue Consult

The RBC met with the Minnesota Department of Revenue to begin discussions aimed at updating current tax agreements. Currently, the White Earth Nation has an agreement with the State of Minnesota allowing the state to collect sales tax on the Reservation, covering liquor, cigarettes, tobacco, and motor fuel excise. In return, White Earth Nation receives 50% of the taxes collected. These agreements have not been revised since the 1980s.

Given White Earth Nation's role as a major economic contributor, there is a strong belief that the Tribe deserves a larger share of these taxes. It is anticipated that negotiations could result in an increase of at least 20% in the Tribe's share, leading to greater annual funding.



Minnesota DNR Consultation

On June 27, the RBC met with Minnesota DNR regarding Consultation, Permitting, Protected Animals and the White Earth Forest. It is my goal to have the forest returned to the Tribe.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

On June 1, I participated in the NCAI Mid Year Convention in North Carolina, accompanied by our Divisional Directors. At the convention, we introduced three resolutions. Our team testified and garnered support for our legislative priorities. These priorities encompass improving healthcare access for American Indians and Alaskan Natives, safeguarding cultural traditions, and bolstering family preservation efforts in Indian Country. I'm pleased to report that our team successfully passed all of our resolutions during this session.

Softball and Picnics

This month our Community Service Officer Program kicked off their summer softball league. Games are hosted at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex on Wednesday nights. The game was well attended by the community, even a few rez dogs showed up. The Mahnommen Community Picnic was also this month, taking place at the City Park. Miigwech to our CSO's for kicking off the summer in a good way.

Elders Picnic

I had such a good time visiting everyone at the Elders Picnic this month. Chi Miigwech to all the staff and volunteers who helped coordinate this year's picnic. I am very impressed with the event setup and transportation coordination that ensured elders on and off the reservation were able to attend. Looking forward to the next one!



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Photo by Sage Thompson

Rez Briefs

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Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary news


Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary has meeting on Monday, July 8 at 9 a.m. in the Ogema VFW Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. New members are being recruited in order to keep our post and auxiliary alive. If you are interested or need more information please call Carol Fabre at 218-983-3443.

White Earth Urban Office

White Earth Urban Office is located at 1730 Clifton Place, Suite 100, in Minneapolis. The phone number is 612-813-1590 and the office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.


Waubun School Forest information

You can find Waubun School Forest information and updates on their facebook page. The trails are always open for walking.



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WTC - Please call 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247 to contact our department.

Valley View Manor

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WHITE EARTH RESERVATION OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS June 11, 2024



ELECTION RESULTS

	RICE LAKE	BEJOU	PINE BEND	WAUBUN	NAYTAHWAUSH	MAHNOMEN	OGEMA	WHITE EARTH	PINE POINT	ELBOW LAKE	CALLAWAY	MARBLE	MINNEAPOLIS	CASS LAKE	IN PERSON ABSENTEE	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
CHAIRPERSON																		
EUGENE "UMSY" TIBBETTS	37	5	8	31	88	31	41	186	46	9	64	11	46	43	120	143	909	44.04%
MICHAEL A. FAIRBANKS	78	9	17	27	118	36	25	177	53	7	54	2	57	91	263	141	1155	55.96%
DISTRICT THREE COMMITTEEPERSON																		
LAURA LEE (THOMPSON) ERICKSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	214	41	12	70	12	24	21	75	75	595	57.43%
CHERYL "ANNIE" JACKSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	145	56	5	45	0	27	27	39	85	441	42.57%
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	115	14	25	58	206	67	66	367	99	17	118	13	103	134	385	283	2070	

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Election Officials of the White Earth Reservation do hereby certify the above abstract to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the General Election held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, the White Earth Reservation, and Election Ordinance #10.

SIGNED

Mary S. Tragan

Verniel Higgen

Shenard Howard

Bevally Howard

Mindy R. Woodber

Laura Lee Erickson sworn in as District III Rep.



Photo by Sage Thompson

Laura Lee Erickson was sworn in as the new District III Rep. during an open Special Meeting on July 1 at the RBC Headquarters building. Swearing in Erickson is her mother, Harriet "Dove" Keezer Thompson.



Indigenous Games with Coach Dan Ninham and Chamisa Goodwin!



Indigenous games for 3:3 play are:

- Gwaashkwanin—Standing Triple Jump
- Bakite'an—Shinny Ball Strike for Distance
- Bakite'ani—Longball Hit for Distance
- Apagidoon—Wooden stickball Throw for Distance
- Baaga'adowe (boys)
- Babsikawewin (girls)
- Basikawaadan—Indian Football kick for Distance
- Basikawaadan—Kickball Footcast Kick for Distance

All play is for cultural learning, education, and fun!

We will also have a cultural activity for those not feeling athletic!



Meals:

- Breakfast served as usual (8 am-9 am)
- Lunch: (12pm-1pm)
 - Bison Burgers
 - Wild Rice Bison Brats
 - Wild Rice Salad
- Snacks will be available throughout the day

When: 9 am to 5 pm each day

Where: Club sites

- Boys & Girls Club Sites
 - Rice Lake—July 9
 - Waubun—July 10—Park
 - Mahnomen—July 11
 - Naytahwaush—July 12
 - White Earth—July 15
 - Pine Point—July 16





These games are brought to you in partnership with:
Boys & Girls Clubs of White Earth
White Earth Public Health
White Earth Behavioral Health

Citizen Update

Tribal Council working hard to protect water resources

A Step Forward for Protecting Water Resources

We are facing a critical water crisis that demands immediate and comprehensive action. Water is sacred and belongs to everyone, yet Minnesota's current system fails to protect this vital resource for all. Despite decreasing overall water availability, the permitting process for large users has remained mostly unchanged, resulting in significant challenges for small farmers, wild ricers, leech harvesters, and minnow producers.

In May 2023, the Reservation Business Committee (RBC) took a pivotal step by passing an ordinance that requires large water users within five miles of the reservation to obtain a permit from the White Earth Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Today, the RBC has expanded our efforts, directing the White Earth DNR to take further action.

New Measures Passed by RBC

Increase Enforcement of New Water Source Permitting

We recognize that new wells and pumps pose significant risks to our water supply. To ensure that existing problems are not compounded, the RBC directs the White Earth DNR to enforce the WEN ordinance requiring a tribal permit for new wells or pumps, invest in ongoing scientific research, and engage more actively in state processes for high-capacity water permits.

Expand White Earth DNR Regulatory Enforcement Capacity

Effective protection of our water resources requires enhanced monitoring, analysis, and enforcement. The RBC directs the White Earth DNR to increase these capacities and seek funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to support expanded water management efforts.

Expand Scientific Research

To ensure a fair and equitable water permitting process, the RBC directs the White Earth DNR to increase investment in research and analysis, develop projects on aquifers and groundwater flow, and produce a final report and recommendations by 2026. As this research continues, enforcement of the May 2023 water ordinance regulations will be suspended for existing permitted water sources.

Expand to Regional Approach

Water issues extend beyond our immediate area, requiring a broader regional focus. The RBC has eliminated the five-mile radius limitation and directed White Earth DNR to establish the White Earth Regional Water Taskforce in collaboration with various agencies and stakeholders, including the Red River Basin Commission, the Mississippi River Headwaters Basin Commission, Minnesota DNR, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This task force will focus on the seven-county region around the White Earth Reservation to identify needs, conduct research, and develop regulatory solutions.

Expand Focus to Include Water Quality

Protecting water sources requires attention to both quantity and quality. The RBC directs the White Earth DNR to work with the Regional Taskforce to expand research on water quality, develop new recommendations for water quality protection measures, and collaborate with stakeholders to develop water testing clinics.

We are committed to protecting our sacred water resources and ensuring their availability and quality for all. These measures represent a comprehensive approach to addressing the water crisis and safeguarding our community's future.

White Earth Council of Elders

By Tim Rindahl, Chairman

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Boozhoo,

A lot has happened in June! We had the big pow wow in White Earth - myself and Sam ran the Elder's Booth with some help from Ruth Waukazo. Thanks Ruth and thank you to Cheryl Rindahl for making all those brownies, they were awesome. Also a big shout out to ICW for the donation - we also received donations from White Earth DNR, the Boys and Girls Clubs, along with a donation from Tribal Health. We want to thank everyone for all the help we received and a Special Thanks to Tully Wark and his awesome crew for building us the most perfect shelter booth that can be broke down and stored and put back together for any event that we hold. This is much appreciated, we stayed dry and did not have to worry about the wind. We also had the Elder bus in the parade. Just before the parade, Sam took the bus in for lettering and it turned out nice, thanks Sam.

My hats off to the Tribal Council for letting the programs decorate for the parade. I seen a lot of team work with the RTC employees this is great and helps build team work with everyone helping each other. Thank you Tribal Council this was good for morale in every department.

We have a TEC trip coming up July the 7-9 in Bois Forte. We like to attend these events, anyone that would like to join up just contact one of us to be put on the list. We need names, phone numbers and an address because sometimes things change at the last minute. The next TEC meeting will be held Oct. 29-30 in Leech Lake.

We would like to have a field trip sometime in September on a Saturday to do some fishing, walking, play some games and BBQ at either the Itasca Park or the Refuge. We would like to get a list of who will be attending so that we can have enough food and drinks and to see if we need the bigger bus to transport. I know that some of us would rather drive and that's a good thing but if you plan on driving please sign up so that we can plan accordingly. I am hoping to have a good turnout, would love to hear some comments on the Elders of White Earth Facebook page if you haven't visited the site yet please do.

Also, don't forget Minnesota State Park Permits are free to tribal members! You can pick yours up at any staffed state park (tribal affiliation/identification required) or you can pick them up at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Headquarters in Cass Lake during regular operating hours, M-F 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

We had the Elder's Picnic June 27 at the Rediscovery Center on White Earth Lake. This event is put on by the Elder Nutrition Program and it was a very nice time to visit with our friends and family that we don't get a chance to see very often. Thank you ENP staff - we appreciate your hard work.

Our next meeting is Aug. 6 in Naytahwaush at the ENP site right after lunch. We went back to doing the meeting during the day so that programs can attend and provide information on what is going on that Elders should be aware of.

As always feel free to reach out to any of us with any concerns and comments.

Future meeting dates:

- Sept. 3 - Pine Point ENP Site after lunch
- Oct. 1 - White Earth ENP Site after lunch
- Nov. 5 - Rice Lake ENP Site after lunch
- Dec. 3 - Naytahwaush ENP Site after lunch

Sincerely,

Tim Rindahl (Chairman) / 218-261-0182
 Sam Crowell (Vice Chair) / 218-252-9390
 Colleen Blattenbauer (Treasurer)
 Monica Perrault (Secretary)

US Flag Retirement Ceremony



Photo by Brenda Tilton

Ogema VFW Post 9880 and Auxiliary hosted their annual US Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14 (Flag Day) at the Ogema Ball Diamond. In addition to burning worn U.S. flags, Post members taught community youth the importance of respecting the flag.

White Earth set to offer specialty registration plates and identification cards to on-reservation members

White Earth Public Safety Division Motor Vehicle is pleased to announce we will be issuing vehicle registration plates for our area volunteer firemen and a fireman identification card.

Rules for qualifying Tribal Member

- Volunteer fireman specialty plate may only be issued during the period the registered owner(s) of the vehicle is an active volunteer of an area fire department.

- Fireman plates may be issued to an active volunteer fireman, for passenger and SUV vehicles owned by a federally enrolled member, residing within the White Earth Reservation boundaries, or registered with two owners, provided one is enrolled and two registered owners are residing within the White Earth Reservation Boundaries.

- Fireman plates are issued for the life of the vehicle, provided the tribal member continues to be an active volunteer fireman, plates are nontransferable and must be renewed annually.

- Applicants for volunteer firemen plates must submit at the time of registration, title documents, a letter of authorization from the fire chief of the respective department they are actively volunteering for, stating the individual is on active volunteer duty for the fire department.

- Applicants must pay a fee of \$15 for the specialty firemen plate, in addition to the regular registration rates or fees for title transfer and registration of the vehicle, whether passenger class or SUV rates.

- If the tribal member volunteer fireman owns more than one vehicle, the applicant may apply for the fireman specialty plate for each motor vehicle, a letter from the fire chief for each motor vehicle.

- Applicants will be limited to a combination of three sets of current registered plates, plates are non-transferable and must be renewed annually.

- If the tribal member volunteer fireman is no longer qualified for the volunteer fireman specialty plate(s), the department fire chief must give written notification to the White Earth Public Safety Director and the White Earth DMV Coordinator, that the tribal member is no longer qualified for these specialty plates. The DMV coordinator shall invalidate the plates and notify the tribal member of this action, within 30 days from the date of separation from an area volunteer fire department.

- Upon retirement or separation from an area volunteer fire department the registered owner shall remove the specialty plates and apply for regular passenger class plate registration within 30 days of the date of separation and pay the required fees for the title transfer and registration under the passenger or SUV class fee table.

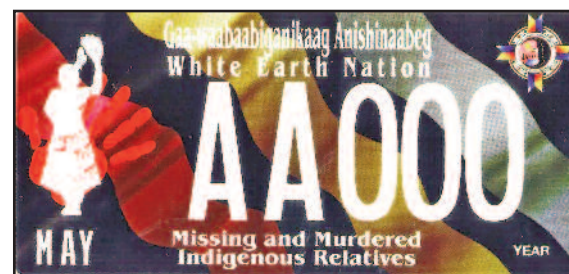
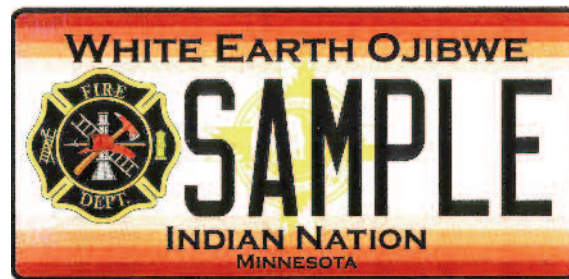
The White Earth Reservation Tribal Council reserves the right to adopt further rules to govern the issuance and use of the specialty volunteer fireman plates.

Volunteer Fireman Identification Card – Rules on Issuance

Applicants must be enrolled and be an active member of an area fire department and reside within reservation boundaries to apply for Volunteer Fireman identification cards.

Each applicant must bring in identity documents to verify enrollment and a letter from the current Fire Department Chief that they volunteer under.

Each identification card issued will be valid for three years from the date of issue, each renewal a letter accompanying verification that the tribal member



is current or active duty for the fire department.

Applicants must pay a fee of \$12 for the Volunteer Fireman identification card.

The White Earth Reservation Tribal Council reserves the right to adopt or terminate any amendments pertaining to the issuance of the fireman identification card.

MMIR Vehicle Registration Plates

The White Earth DMV Department is also happy to announce we are now issuing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) plates. The plates represent and bring awareness to the missing and murdered indigenous relatives who are missing from the lives of their loved ones.

The plates are offered as specialty license plates, a choice at the time of registration, numerical, personalized, or MMIR. They are not transferable from vehicle to vehicle and will not be made to be personalized. Personalized plates will continue as usual issuance.

The vehicles currently registered under the numerical license plate system will not be switched or swapped for the MMIR plates. We apologize for this, we just have too many vehicles registered under the numerical system, and impossible to switch all the titles, database records etc.

The fees for the MMIR plates are as follows:

Passenger Class	SUV
2024/25 - \$208.25	2024/25 - \$247.50
2023 - \$184.50	2023 - \$221.25
2022 - \$168.75	2022 - \$189.75
2021 - \$137.25	2021 - \$158.00
2020 - \$121.50	2020 - \$137.25
2019 - \$105.75	2019 - \$126.75
2018 - \$90.00	2018 - \$111.00
2017 - \$79.50	2017 - \$100.50
2016 - \$74.25	2016 - \$90.00
2015/older - \$69.00	2015/older - \$59.50

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Diabetes Memorial 5K winners announced

By **Paulie Niesen**
White Earth Public Health

It was a beautiful morning on June 15, there was a bit of a breeze but that was nice for the runners and walkers for our 23rd Annual Diabetes Memorial 5K Fun Walk/Run.

Everyone who completed the 5K fun walk/run received a \$5 Walmart gift card and a red T-shirt donated by White Earth Behavior Health.

Thank you to all who came out and participated in our event and especially to those who help make this event possible each year.

Men

Ages 5-14

1st place - Davian Bower: 22 minutes

(2nd place overall)

2nd place - Blayne Smith: 26 minutes

3rd place - Grayson Zima: 30 minutes

Ages 15-29

1st place - Landon Nathe: 21 minutes

(1st place overall)

2nd place - Jermanie Williams: 1 hour and 8 minutes

Ages 30-39

1st place - Cory Bellefeuille: 25 minutes

(3rd place overall)

2nd place - Curtis Rogers: 30 minutes

3rd place - Shawn Kostoh: 34 minutes

Ages 40-49

1st place - Jerome Lhotka: 27 minutes

Ages 50 +

1st place - John Swan: 31 minutes

2nd place - Allen Haugo: 34 minutes

3rd place - Roger Zima: 49 minutes

Women

Ages 5-14

1st place - Kay Smith: 31 minutes

2nd place - Brylee Omang: 36 minutes

3rd place - Ayanna Zornes: 52 minutes

Ages 30-39

1st places - Tracee Omang: 25 minutes

2nd place - Kyla Soland: 33 minutes

3rd place - Emily Sargent: 40 minutes

Ages 40-49

1st place - Michelle St.Clair: 33 minutes

2nd place - Kami Lhotka: 35 minutes

3rd place - Jennifer Accobee: 54 minutes

Ages 50+

1st place - Laure Zima: 35 minutes



Submitted photo

Laure Zima won first place in the Womens 50+ category during the 23rd Annual Diabetes Memorial 5K Fun Walk/Run held June 15 in White Earth.

WE Child Support Program honored at conference



Submitted photo

The White Earth Nation was presented with the Outstanding Tribe Award at the National Tribal Child Support Association Conference held June 16-20 in Cherokee, N.C. The tribe was recognized for exhibiting an inspiring dedication to the success of tribal children. From left are Anna Nessman, Margaret Eischens, Shari Korte, Jamie Wirth, and Liz Francis. Not pictured: Raegan Hendrickson and Stacy Zima.

THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

Eye injuries are preventable

By **David J. Bellware, OD**
White Earth Health Center

Once again, the weather is warming up and outdoor activities will be occurring more frequently. Many of us will commence with spring and summer cleaning, outdoor construction projects, summer sports and outdoor lawn and yard maintenance activities. This increase in outdoor activities also increases the chance of an eye injury. In the United States, more than one million eye injuries occur per year. According to the EyeSmart Eye Injury Report, approximately 50 percent of these injuries occur at home. The good news is that most eye injuries are preventable.

The most common types of eye injuries occur from: exposure to environmental factors, splash injuries, burns, foreign body, and traumatic injuries. These can typically be prevented by wearing the appropriate type of eye protection for the various activities that can cause each of these types of eye injury.

Environmental exposure eye injuries can be caused by the sun and wind as well as intense heat from welders. The sun can cause irritation when Ultra-Violet (UV) radiation burns the structures in the front of the eye. Additionally, exposure to UV radiation has been linked with cortical cataracts, pterygium, and pinguecula growth on the eyes. The wind can also cause injury to the eye by exacerbating dry eye. The most common cause of eye pain is dry eye. Long-term exposure to the wind has also been linked with the growth of pterygium and pinguecula on the cornea and conjunctiva of the eyes.

Thermal burns can occur from intense heat or Infra-red (IR) radiation. Common sources of thermal burns are from gas grills, fireworks/pyrotechnics, open flames, and welder's flash. Open flames will often cause damage to the eyelids and lashes along with other ocular structures; while welders flash will cause intense eye pain primarily from damage to the cornea and conjunctiva. A good pair of sunglasses will provide protection from the wind and sun. It is important to select sunglasses that provide adequate coverage in front of the eye, and that block at least 90% UV. Sunglasses that block more than 98% of UV radiation are readily available. Individuals who work with welders (or in shops where welders are being used) should use an appropriate welder mask or goggles-sunglasses will not protect against welders flash.

Splash injuries to the eyes are common when working with liquids. This typically occurs when spraying, pouring or mixing chemicals or other liquids that may contain pathogens or other bio-

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4655 46TH Ave S
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When: Sat. July 13th, 2024
11am-3pm

Meal served at 12:00 PM

Sign up for the Talent Contest by going to the White Earth Urban Community Council Facebook Business Page. In the Comments, list your name or names of those who are interested and what talent you will showcase. For more information call Char at 651-262-7602.

B&G Club Summer Food Service Program

The Boys & Girls Club of the White Earth Reservation is participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Meals will be provided, on a first come, first serve basis, at the following sites, times, and dates/days during the summer as follows:

Site Name	Site Address	Dates and Days of Operation	Meals with Service Times
Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club	416 S Hwy 59 Mahnomen, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Naytahwaush Boys & Girls Club	2531 310 th Ave Naytahwaush, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Pine Point Boys & Girls Club	48580 Pow Wow Hwy Ponsford, MN	June 10th- July 31st, 2024 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Rice Lake Boys & Girls Club	13830 Community Loop Rd Rice Lake, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
Waubun Boys & Girls Club	1041 Dutch St Waubun, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30
White Earth Boys & Girls Club	26310 Crane Road White Earth, MN	June 3rd-August 30th, 2024 Mon – Friday	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 12:30-1:30

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For more information, contact Aimee Drift at 218-935-3519

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Thunderbird Lady golfers



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The Mahnomen-Waubun Thunderbird Ladies golf team competed in the Section 8A golf tournament held May 28-29 at Bemidji Town and Country Club. The team put together two good days of golf but found themselves coming just short of the BGMR Gators and finished the season with a 2nd place team finish. Individual golfers Cady Clark - Medalist, Isabella Schlick - 7th place, and Leah Hlubek - 9th place positioned themselves to advance onto the MSHSL State Class A Golf Tournament that was recently held at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker, Minn.

Cadence Clark is a senior at Waubun High School and an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation. Cady's 2024 golf honors include Pine to Prairie All Conference golfer, Subsection 8A South Individual Champion and Section 8A Individual Champion. This was Cady's second appearance at the State Tourney to finish of an outstanding high school career.

From left are Bailey Halvorson, Isabella Schlick, Mia McArthur, Cadence Clark, Leah Hlubek, Olivia Halvorson, McKenna Bjerk, and Coach Derek Aus.

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Fred 218-849-1357

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PO Box 203
Mahnomen, MN 56557

The registration fee covers lodging and meals for the weekend. Day rate is \$60 & includes meals.
Website: www.wildriceroundup.com

Agenda

Friday, August 9, 2024	
3pm.	Registration: Meet & Greet
6pm.	Dinner
8pm.	AA Speaker: Tom B., Thief River Falls
10pm.	AA & Al-Anon Camp Fire Meeting
Saturday, August 10, 2024	
8:30am.	Breakfast
10am.	AA Speaker: Devery F., Bemidji
12pm.	Lunch
1:00pm.	Free time: Cribbage, swim, canoe, Paddleboat, horseshoes, volleyball, nap
4pm.	Al-Anon Speaker: Gretchen M., Coon Rapids
5:30pm.	Ceremony
6:30pm.	Dinner
8pm.	AA Speaker: Gina C., Moorhead
10pm.	AA & Al-Anon Camp Fire Meeting
Sunday, August 11, 2024	
8:30am.	Breakfast
10am.	AA Speaker: John F., White Earth
11am.	Packing & Farewells

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2024 Community Picnics

TIME: 4-6:30pm

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- COMMUNITY CENTER

CALLAWAY TUESDAY JUNE 4TH, 2024

- COMMUNITY PARK

MAHNOMEN JUNE 27TH, 2024

- MINI PARK

WAUBUN THURSDAY JULY 11TH, 2024

- COMMUNITY PARK

WHITE EARTH TUESDAY JULY 23RD, 2024

- COMMUNITY CENTER

PINE POINT THURSDAY AUGUST 8TH, 2024

- POW WOW GROUNDS

OGEMA THURSDAY AUGUST 29TH, 2024

- COMMUNITY PARK

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WETCC receives grant from U.S. Department of Commerce to strengthen healthcare workforce

White Earth Tribal & Community College is proud to announce the receipt of a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to support healthcare workforce development.

President Anna Sheppard states, "We are excited to announce the addition of a medical simulation mobile unit to our college. This portable, hi-tech classroom will provide two training rooms for interactive student learning with Anishinaabe teachings embedded into the curriculum. This innovative facility aims to enhance the learning experience by providing flexible, technologically advanced environments for a variety of healthcare educational programs. This portable classroom aims to address the increasing need for qualified healthcare professionals in our tribal community and beyond. We are excited to expand our degree options at WETCC."

This grant will provide mobile medical training units and related equipment to help nursing students prepare for good-paying, in-demand jobs. Through this initiative, graduating students will be equipped with the requisite skills and the opportunity to secure well-paying jobs within their community. By growing a skilled workforce, we are paving the way for a brighter future for generations to come and serving the needs of the community.

This project was made possible by the

regional planning efforts led by the Headwaters Regional Development Commission (HRDC). EDA funds HRDC to bring together the public and private sectors to create an economic development road map to strengthen the regional economy, support private capital investment and create jobs.

This project is funded under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, which provided EDA with \$483 million in additional Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program funds for disaster relief and recovery for areas that received a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Act as a result of Hurricanes Ian and Fiona, wildfires, flooding, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2021 and 2022. Please visit EDA's Disaster Supplemental webpage for more information.

About White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC)

White Earth Tribal and Community College is a Tribal College & University (TCU) dedicated to providing higher education grounded in Anishinaabe language, culture, and values. With a commitment to excellence in teaching, WETCC prepares students to think critically and use the knowledge they attain to contribute positively to their communities.

Mahnomen Community Picnic



Mahnomen held their Community Picnic on June 27 at the Mini Park.

The drug and alcohol free event was sponsored by White Earth Behavioral Health, CSO's, CHOWS, Overdose Response, and the Community Council.

For a list of upcoming Community Picnics turn to page. 12

Photos by Cortney Pemberton

White Earth Reservation Enrolled Elderly Lawn Mowing Program

DATE APPLYING: _____

Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
 Permanent residency is required.

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

Enrollment # _____ Spouse's Enrollment # _____
 Attach a colored copy.

Do you own the home: Yes _____ No _____ if not, name your landlord? _____

Do you live in a Housing home? _____, as they plow for their own Residents/Units.

Which district do you reside in: District I _____ District II _____ District III _____

Detailed directions to your residence (only for new applicants): _____

Would you consider your lawn to be small, medium, or large? _____

- ***Lawn mowing will be done every two weeks; area needs to be cleared of debris.
- ***Dogs must be tied up, fenced in, or housed during service.
- ***Weed trimming, bagging of grass & mowing ditches will not be provided.
- ***Mowing service will end after Labor Day weekend.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
 P.O. Box 418
 White Earth, MN 56591
 Phone #: 218-983-3202
 Fax #: 218-983-4350

E-mail address: Lisa.Donovan-Larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnhamtibtettsiii@whiteearth-nsn.gov



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Astronaut Boot Camp



Photos by Jackie Haugo

White Earth Tribal Public Health recently teamed up with the Mahnomen Public Library, Mahnomen Elementary STEAM camp program, and the Waubun Community Forest to create Astronaut Boot Camp. The event was held outdoors near the elementary playground. Twenty nine children and 14 adults worked their way through various exercise stations that helped children use their imagination, as well as their muscles. **Top:** Children were challenged to deliver alien eggs on a spoon wearing moon shoes (snow shoes) to the space ship. **Bottom:** Camp attendees.

Beverly Robbins retires from IHS



Photo by Sage Thompson

Beverly Robbins retired from IHS on June 28 after 40 years of service. Starting out in her career Beverly was a Medical Support Assistant worker for 20 years. She then transferred to work as a Patient Benefit Coordinator for another 20 years. Beverly said, "I'll miss coming to work every day. It was my home away from home. I will really miss my coworkers because they have become like family." Pictured from left are White Earth Health Center CEO Raimy Ronning, Beverly Robbins, and District III Rep. Laura Lee Erickson.

Rediscovery Center beach is a hidden gem

It's been a cool, wet summer so far but when things heat up community members can enjoy a new and improved Rediscovery Center beach to spend a relaxing day.

"I feel that this is a wonderful place for people to use but it's being underutilized," said Jason Clark, White Earth Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Manager. "There has been improvements made and we are now taking care of this area on a regular basis."

Last summer, Parks and Recreation, White Earth Public Health, and the Roads Department made some improvements to the beach area that make it more accessible and family friendly.

"The Roads Department fixed up the walking trail down to the beach to make it more accessible to elderly and handicapped," said Clark. "Public Health purchased tables, benches, and grills, and Parks and Recreation installed all the new equipment, rebuilt the walking bridge and has taken over maintenance of the parking area and beach."

Clark reminds people that this location is used by families so drugs and alcohol are not allowed. He asks that community members be respectful of this beautiful area and to please clean up any mess that is made.



Submitted photos

WE Parks and Recreation has added benches, rebuilt the walking bridge, and made the walking trail more accessible to elders and handicapped.

Community gathers for annual WE Elders Picnic



Photos by Sage Thompson



More than 245 community Elders, 24 caregivers and 34 Elders from the Twin Cities attended the annual White Earth Elders Picnic on June 27 at the Rediscovery Center on White Earth Lake.

In addition to door prizes and bingo, Judy Simpson from Mental Health talked about substance abuse and self-care for Elders.

Lunch included fried chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, wild rice, baked beans, coleslaw, and assorted desserts.

Organizers would like to thank White Earth Maintenance who did an awesome job with setup, (4 tents and 60+ tables) and they also drove golf carts to bring Elders to and from their cars. And a big shout out to Frank Stech, Roman Hanks, drum group, and the staff.

The event was organized and sponsored by the White Earth Elderly Nutrition Program.

Highlights of the annual White Earth Pow-Wow



Photos by Gary W. Padra

More than 800 registered dancers and 20 drums gathered for the 156th Annual White Earth Treaty Day Celebration and Pow Wow June 14-16. The host drum was Young Spirit and the co-host drum was Decedents. The 2024/25 Royalty are: Sr. Princess Majestic Murray, Jr. Princess Bunny Rojas, Sr. Brave Gitigan Littlewolf, and Jr. Brave Harry Kettle Jr.



Mental Health

June highlights many important awareness issues

Boozhoo from White Earth Mental Health. June highlights many awareness months such as Men's Mental Health Awareness Month and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month. June was also Pride Month! Let's discuss why these topics are important!

Men's Mental Health Awareness Month:

Did you know that men suffering from mental illnesses are less likely to receive mental health treatment or a diagnosis? There are many reasons for this and one of them is the pressure men face to "man up" or "tough it out." The stigma of men speaking out is that is seen as a form of "weakness" or not being "manly."

Other reasons that may impact a man's mental health journey are culture, fatherhood, race, and socioeconomic status. You may be wondering; how can we help the men in our life receive the mental health treatment they need and deserve? Signs such as feeling sad or down, withdrawal from family, friends, or activities, anger, increased worry or stress, misuse of alcohol, drugs, or both may indicate that you or someone you love may be struggling with mental health symptoms and need help.

Recognizing these signs, offering support, and connecting them to the correct resources/services is the first step toward receiving the right help and treatment. If you are someone you love are having trouble with managing mental health symptoms, please reach out if needed. Reminder, let's encourage our brothers, uncles, cousins, friends, elders, sons, dads, and grandfathers to have regular wellness visits, share your knowledge, and be a supportive relative.

Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month:

What is PTSD? Posttraumatic stress disorder, or PTSD is a mental health concern that some people develop after seeing or experiencing a traumatic event. Trauma can take many forms and can affect someone in many different areas of their life. A traumatic event could be something that happened to you, or something you saw happen to someone else such as seeing the effects of a horrible or violent event can also be traumatic.

Remember, you are not alone. At least half of Americans have had a traumatic event in their lives. Of people who have had trauma, about one in 10 men and two in 10 women will develop PTSD.

Pride Month:

Pride month is a time for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies to come together in solidarity to celebrate and embrace identity. We want to remind our families and caregivers that your support and acceptance of your loved one's sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression directly impacts their mental wellness and personal safety.

Did you know that many Indigenous peoples had diverse gender systems that exceeded the binary of men and women prior to colonization? Native communities have individuals who identify as Indigiqueer, Two-Spirit, LGBTQIA+, and Gender Non-Conforming. Our nations, peoples, and communities have teachings based on respect and self-determination that go back much farther than the different ideas brought over by colonizers.

AT Readers

Please let us know if you recently moved, or have moved in the past few years so we can cancel your old address. **Many papers are still being sent to old addresses!**

Call the **Anishinaabeg Today** at 218-983-3285 Ext. 5903 or email: today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

The 2nd Annual Sturgeon Moon Powwow is July 26-28



Ojibwemodaa.2!

Lets all speak Ojibwe! Aaniin, Boozhoo.; Greetings. Ojibwemowin involves 4 communication skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing. This is the Double Vowel writing system. Refer to The Concise Dictionary of MN Ojibwe, by John Nichols & Earl Nyholm. Respectfully ask an elder, family and friends to speak Ojibwe within your circle.

Abinoojiwin•Infancy

Bilingual: To speak two languages-Give their gift of Ojibwemowin. Speak daily to our Nation's youngest. Birth to age five best promotes bilingualism! Pronounce by syllables: Boo zhoo! Aa niin e zhi -a yaa yan. - Greetings! How are you? Nimino-ayaa, giin dash?. I am well, you also? •Pronounce each syllable: Speak consonant & specific vowel sound.

- “Bimibaatoon! Bimibatoog! Bimibatoodaa!”
“Run! Run (2 or more)! Let’s all Run!”
- “Bimibatooyaan, niminwendam omaa.”
“When I run along, I am happy here.”
- “Gaye, nimbimiba’aa nishiime.”
“Also, I run along with my sister.”
- “Gwaashkwani a’aw waagosh.”
“S/he jumps, that fox.”
- “Animosh ina idash ikwezens gwaashkwaniwag?”
“Dog ? and girl they jump?”
Baaka’aakwe gizhiibatoo.-
Chicken s/he runs fast.
Animosh gizhiibatoo.-Dog..
Waagosh gizhiibatoo.-Fox..
Baaka’aakweyag,
gizhiibatoowag.
Chickens, they run fast.

Gwaashkwani. (S/he jumps.)

Ayaabe (Buck)

Waawaashkeshi (White Tail Deer)

Waagosh (Fox)

Ikwezens gizhiibatoo. (A girl s/he runs fast.)

Giizis-Waabigwan(iin) (Sun-flower(s))

Giizis (Sun)

Find the ten(10)underlined Ojibwe words in the wordfind.

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

Wiji’idiwag! -(Wii ji ’i di wag)-Collaborate/they help each other! At the “Language Table”-Ojibwemowin Adoopowining. >>>> Small groups/friends/families. Anishinaabe-gaagiigido-S/he speaks in Ojibwe. IN person or online! Ask an elder, ask a teacher, ask your leaders, use the online dictionary which has Ojibwe elders speaking individual words and sentences. As many fluent elders have walked on, I am saddened.

Again as Autumn said: “SPEAK OJIBWEMON! Because our language is losing us.”

Daga-please Ojibwemon!-(command to 1 person)

-Speak Ojibwe! Ojibwemog!(Command to 2+)

Speak Ojibwe you all!

Ojibwemodaa omaa! - Let’s all speak here!
~Miigwech to Autumn (2014) for her wisdom~

*Listen/Speak w/dictionary online.
Goal: Learn one word a day.
Use a weekly list: Ojibwemon!*

HOWAH!
Specific to Ojibwe!
*Longer voiced vowels:
AA (baa), II (teen),
OO (moon), E (cafe’)
*Short voiced vowels
A (about), I (tin), O (only)
A glottal stop ‘ is a
voiceless nasal hesitation
as dash in: oh-oh

O S B N H
N G A O I O
M I A Y G S I
G Z K ‘ A W H A
A H A I Y A G I Z
I I ‘ N E A B I I H
W I A O D W J E I M A
E B A N I M O S H Z E A
W A K G Z ‘ N I M O I N
S T W A A B I G W A N S
A O E M G A G W E S E A
B O J I B W E M O W I N

Nitaawigiwin

- **Grownup**
- Gwaashkwani-S/he jumps.
Ningwaashkwan.- I jump.
>>>>>>=====>>>>>>
Bakobii-gwaashkani.
- _____
- Gabaagwaashkwani.**
- _____
- Zaagijigwaashkwani.**
- _____
- Baazhijigwaashkwanodan!**
- _____
- Baazijigwaashkwanodaw!**
- _____
- Azhegwaashkwanin!**
- _____
- Aanjigwaashkwanin!**
- _____
- Ikogwaashkwanin!**

Review: Patterns for VAI’s ROOT words, the “S/he... verbs” such as: **Zhoomiingweni.** - S/he smiles. All VAI’s root words use the bold sound patterns below: I..., You... & They... Change S/he root VAI word to speak: I..., You..., or they... “One person” command: suffix/add ending n! or change an ending m to n ending! Say “Please”- **Daga.**

I smile. - Ninzhoomiingwen.
You smile. - Gizhoomiingwen.
They smile. - Zhoomiingweniwag.

Speak any VAI root as a “command” for 2 or more persons” - suffix/add -g! ending! or change the ending “m” to “ng!” **Izhaa.- S/he goes.**
Go! (To 1 living) - Izhaan!
You all go! - Izhaag!
Nindizhaa. - I go.
Gidizhaa.- You go.

Joe wii-si-ni. - Joe, s/he eats.
Wii-si-nin! - Eat!
Wii-si-ning! - 2+! Eat!
Ni-wii-sin. - I eat./I’m eating.
Gi-wii-sin.. - You eat.

- WE Resources
- <https://whiteearth.com/divisions/culture/services>
- Search/Listen: Ojibwe People’s Dictionary <https://ojibwe.lib.umn.edu>
- Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Comm. <https://www.glifwc.org/>
- Clipart: wpclipart.com

Key: S/he jumps in the water.
S/he jumps out of boat/car. S/he jumps out. Jump over it! Jump over him/her! Jump backwards! Jump again! Hop! Jump out to the way!

Gichi-aya’aa•Elder

Aaniin ezhibikaazod wa’aw giizis? What/how is s/he called this moon/month? **Aabita-Niibino-Giizis wa’aw giizis.** S/he is called Mid-Summer-Moon this moon. (July)- “Aaniin ezhi-ayaayeg niibing? Zhoomingwenidaa!” indikid. “Eya’, nimino-ayaa omaa. Bagakaasige noongom. Aabawaa. Minwaanimad. Abinoojiyag bagizowag. Waasezi. Nishiimeyag gaye.”

“And how are you all as it’s summer? “**Let’s all smile!**” I say. “Yes, I’m good here. S/he (Sun) shines bright today/norw. It is warm weather. The wind blows. Kids they go swim. S/he (Sun) is bright/radiant. My sisters, too.”

1. _____ agindaan omaa, Ojibwemowin. I read/count it here, Ojibwe language.
2. Ikidowin_____ idash gagwedwewin_____. Words and questions.

- 3. Ojibwemo_____ ina iwidi imaa? Nitaawigiwinwag!
They speak Ojibwe ? over there? They are good-speakers!
- 4. Endaso-giizhik _____ odojibwemotawaawaa’ ingiw abinoojiyag? Everyday ? they speak Ojibwe language to them those children?
- 5. _____ Ojibwemotaw! Bezhigo ikidowin gabe giizhig noongom.
Please speak Ojibwe to him/her! One word every day now/today.

Ojibwemodaa! - Let’s all speak Ojibwe! July ©2024 Shelly Ceglar

Ojibwemowin/Anishinaabemowin is an “indigenous language”; meaning it is native to a region, is spoken by the region’s original groups and has minority language status. “Dialect” is region-specific unique speech patterns or word use within the same language. “Orthography” is a standardized way of writing the language. The Double Vowel orthography is commonly used in teaching Ojibwe in MN & WI circles. MIIGWECH! Share your Ojibwemowin successes, knowledge, resources, how you learn, and help others!

Tribal Canoe Drawing

Wed, July 24, 2024

5 Canoes and Paddles will be given away!

Drawing will be recorded and posted to the White Earth YouTube channel and Facebook page. Winners will be notified.

Rules and Eligibility

- One entry per person
- Enrolled White Earth Tribal members only
- 18 years of age or older
- Must have valid tribal ID to claim prize.

No Exceptions!

Ages of entrants and White Earth enrollment will be verified. Double entries and entries that are illegible and/or incomplete will be discarded. Winners from the past three years are not eligible.


Gift of canoes donated by Shooting Star Casino. Drawing event sponsored by White Earth Reservation Tribal Council and White Earth Natural Resources Dept.

Entry forms available in the Anishinaabeg Today, at Shooting Star Casino and on White Earth Facebook page.

Submit Entries:

- Anishinaabeg Today entry forms will be accepted, fax to 218-935-2524.
- Mail entry form to:
White Earth Natural Resources Office
Attn: Amy Moore
PO Box 393
Mahnomen, MN 56557.
- Drop off at: Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen Main Entrance - Info Desk

Must be post marked or dropped off by Wednesday, July 17, 2024.



Tribal Canoe Drawing Entry Form

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Entrant's Full Name (Last, First, Middle Int.) _____

Entrant's Full Tribal Enrollment Number (408 X 0000000) _____

Entrant's Birth Date (Month-Day-Year) _____

Phone # _____



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White Earth Nation member hosts annual Breakfast on the Farm



Submitted photos

The Mahnomen County Breakfast on the Farm 2024 was hosted at the Jim and Sue Steinmetz Robotic Dairy Farm on June 15. Hundreds of guests were served a breakfast of pancakes, ice cream, strawberries, ham, and a beverage. **Left:** Sue Steinmetz (White Earth member) and her daughter Kristi Briard prepare for the event.

Special Events

- **Diabetes Bingo**
 July 2nd: Shooting Star
 July 10th: NayTahWaush
 July 24th: Congregate WE
 July 31st: Rice Lake
- **WECOE Meeting**
 July 2nd: Elbow Lake, after lunch

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program
Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige
“White Earth Elder Eating Good”
Aabita-niibino-giizis (Mid Summer Moon) -July 2023

Elderly Nutrition Program Information

*Daily Menu includes 1% milk, and provides 1/3 of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) set by USDA guidelines, with health conscious and cultural consideration to overall well-being.

*Menu is subject to change depending on product availability and/or schedule changes




Elders Suggested Donation \$4
Guest Meals \$6

Questions or comments please contact :

White Earth ENP Site (218) 983-3744
 Elbow Lake ENP Site (218) 734-2315
 Pine Point ENP Site (218) 573-2210
 Site Supervisors ~Angela Clark and James Bevins

Naytahwaush ENP Site (218) 935-5554
 Rice Lake ENP Site (218) 694-2795
 Site Supervisor ~ Sherry Halberg

Kat Thompson, ENP Manager
 Danielle Sutherland, Nutrition Coordinator
 (218) 983-3286 ext. 1266
 Katherine.thompson@whiteearth-nsn.gov
 Danielle.Sutherland@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Alfredo pasta w/ sausage and peppers Breadstick Garden salad	2 Sloppy joe Oven fries Broccoli salad Peaches	3 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	4 Closed for Independence Day 	5 Closed for Independence Day 
8 Tator tot hotdish Dinner roll Mixed veggies Spinach salad Pears	9 Pork tenderloin Stuffing Sweet potatoes Wheat bread Cranberries	10 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	11 Chicken Philly sandwich on hoagie Potato wedges Mandarin oranges	12 Taco salad w/ the fixings Churro Grapes
15 Fish sandwich w/ fixings Baked beans Coleslaw Cookie	16 Pecan crusted chicken Mashed red potatoes Steamed veggies Wheat bread Pineapple	17 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	18 Birthday Lunch Manoomin hotdish Brussel sprouts Croissant roll Spinach salad Birthday treat	19 Closed for Employee Picnic 
22 Ravioli w/ Sausage marinara Breadstick Green beans Tropical fruit	23 Bison meatballs Mashed potatoes Glazed carrots Cranberry WR bread Fruit crisp	24 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread	25 Scalloped potatoes w/ ham Mixed veggies Dinner roll Orange sherbet	26 Manoomin soup Egg salad sandwich on croissant bun Melon
29 Lemon pepper fish Cheesy broccoli rice Veggie blend Wheat roll Plums	30 Beef stew Biscuit Garden salad Bananas w/ pudding	31 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread		

White Earth Food Distribution July 2024 Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

Office Hours M-F 8-4:30 / 218-935-2233

July 2024 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nutrition Education: July 1st, 10th, 15th and 24th.

July 4th holiday - Closed

July 12th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

July 15th: Mahnomen & Waubun

July 22nd: White Earth

July 26th: Detroit Lakes

July 31st: Store closed for inventory.

No Store hours on Fridays

If you receive home delivery service and will not be home on your scheduled route, please notify us ASAP.

White Earth WIC July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	2 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	3 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED	6
7	8 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	9 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	10 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	11 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	12 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	13
14	15 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	16 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	17 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	18 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	19 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	20
21	22 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	23 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	24 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	25 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	26 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	27
28	29 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	30 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30	31 Naytahwaush Health Center 9:15-3:30			

WIC follows RBC Schedule for closings *Locations and times are subject to change*

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**Native American
Community
Outreach**

19th Annual Niimi'idiwin (Powwow) The Healing Power of Heritage

Thursday, August 8 • 12-6 p.m.
Sanford Bemidji Medical Center

Join Sanford Health and Indian Health Services for a celebration of holistic healing and our community's Ojibwe heritage.

- 12 p.m. Grand entry (All dancers must be registered in regalia by 1 p.m.)
- 1 p.m. Committee dance specials
 - Men's and Women's Traditional, Men's Grass, Women's Jingle Dress, Potato
 - Royalty and Veteran's Specials with random spot dances
- 4:30 p.m. Community feast

Indigenous craft, art and food vendors, contact BemidjiRSVP@sanfordhealth.org



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White Earth Food Shelf July 2024 Delivery Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
NTW	NTW	NTW	CLOSED	CLOSED
Walk in's	Walk in's	Walk in's		
Stocking Shelves	Stocking Shelves	Stocking Shelves		
9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
8	9	10	11	12
NTW	Callaway	Rice Lake	NTW	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Walk in's	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	Nijiji Radio	ENP-Site	Stocking Shelves	
9am-3pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	9am-3pm	
15	16	17	18	19
NTW	Elbow Lake	Pine Point	NTW	RTC Picnic
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Walk in's	
Stocking Shelves	ENP Site	ENP Site	Stocking Shelves	
9am-3pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	9am-3pm	CLOSED
22	23	24	25	26
NTW	White Earth	Ogema	NTW	Cleaning, Inventory
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon	Walk in's	CLOSED
Stocking Shelves	ENP Site	Dream Catcher Homes	Stocking Shelves	
9am-3pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED	9am-3pm	
29	30	31		
NTW	Waubun	Mahnomen		
Walk in's	10am-noon	10am-noon		
Stocking Shelves	Community Center	Vet's Building		
9am-3pm	NTW CLOSED	NTW CLOSED		

Please complete an application. Applications are available at your Community and ENP Center.
 Delivery to qualifying elders and disabled only. Others must pick up in their community.
 Hours are subject to change depending on closures and weather thank you
 On community day's Naytahwaush warehouse will be closed with no pick ups in NTW
 please feel free to contact the White Earth Food Shelf at 218-935-6313 or 218-935-6314

UPCOMING ELDER EVENTS

Open to everyone 55+
Please join us for light snacks, education, and culture!

JULY 4

RBC Closed

No elder class - Holiday

JULY 11

12:00P - 4:00P

Potluck & Trivia

at Gizhiigin in Mahnomen
Feel free to bring a dish!

JULY 18

12:00P - 4:00P

Guest Speaker & Field Trip

Starts at Gizhiigin in
Mahnomen, Farmers Market

JULY 25

12:00P - 4:00P

International Self Care Day

at Gizhiigin in Mahnomen
Education and resources

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JULY 2024

Miinikewi-giizi; Picking Blueberries Moon Cultural Calendar

White Earth Cultural Activities Monthly Schedule



Fire Lighting @ 7 PM for all Sweats, men are encouraged and welcomed to come and learn.
More Information, please call: (218) 401-4357



Twelve Babies In The Woods - Billy Jane Lake

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mah. Drum Group 5:30-7:30 Tribal College	2 10 - 12 NTW MOMS&MATS AFT 6	3 RBC CLOSED @ 12 PM	4 RBC CLOSED Independence Day	5 RBC CLOSED	6
7	8 9 AM Tobacco OMC MAT Mah. Drum Group 5:30-7:30 Tribal College	9	10 - 12 Pine Point AFT 7 Pine Point Men's Sweat @ 9 PM	11 1 - 3 PM Acute Care Waubun Community Picnic 4-6:30pm	12 10 - 3 PM Crafty Friday	13
14	15 9 AM Tobacco OMC, Tooth Sweat 12 PM Mah. Drum Group 5:30-7:30 Tribal College	16 10 - 12 Mahnomen AFT 9 Naytahwaush Women's Sweat @ 9 PM	17 Pine Point Women's Sweat @ 9 PM Rice Lake Men's Sweat @ 9 PM	18 WE Drum Group 5 - 8 PM	19 RBC PICNIC 8-2pm	20
21	22 9 AM Tobacco OMC, Women's Sweat 12 PM Mah. Drum Group 5:30-7:30 Tribal College	23 MH @ SSC Aft 2 9-12pm WE Community Picnic 4-6:30pm Naytahwaush Men's Sweat @ 9 PM	24 Rice Lake Women's Sweat @ 9 PM White Earth Men's Sweat @ 9 PM	25 1 - 3 PM Acute Care WE Drum Group 5 - 8 PM	26 10 - 3 PM Crafty Friday	27 Doula Honoring Song Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow
28 Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow	29 Mah. Drum Group 5:30-7:30 Tribal College	30 White Earth Women's Sweat @ 9 PM	31 NTW Healing Feast 5-7pm			



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NTW Healing Feast

WED 31 JULY
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Drum Group: Waaboos Point
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WE Reservation Council of Elders show off new bus



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The White Earth Reservation Council of Elders recently took possession of their new bus. From left are Sam Crowell - WEEOE Vice Chairman, and Tim Rindahl - WEEOE Chairman.

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Please let us know if you recently moved, or have moved in the past few years so we can cancel your old address.

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Obituaries

William "Bill" J. Hanks Jr.

William "Bill" J. Hanks Jr., 83, of Callaway, passed peacefully at home on June 7.

He was born Jan. 17, 1941, in White Earth, to the late William J. Hanks Sr., and Mary Ellen Roy. Bill attended local schools, and entered the U.S. Army on Feb. 28, 1963. Bill was stationed in California, Arizona, Korea and Georgia before being honorably discharged while he was stationed in Kansas. He received numerous decorations and medals, including Sharpshooter and Expert Rifleman.



Following his discharge, Bill worked for the Tribe and later for Indian Health Service in Bemidji, Minn., Aberdeen, S.D., and then back to Bemidji. Bill loved music, and was an avid musician. He played guitar, accordion and had played the organ for his church in earlier years. He led numerous bands over the years, including the Hanks Brothers Band. Bill also played the KDLM Rhythm Rangers with his brother and sister. He loved fishing, boating and "slotting" at the casino, his greatest love, however, was for his family. He will be sadly missed.

Bill leaves so many friends and family to cherish his memory. He leaves his dear friend of over 50 years, Emma King; children:

Sharon Hanks, Dawn Hanks and William "Billy" King; siblings: Judy Thomas, Betty Red Horse, Thomas Hanks and Sherald Hanks; he leaves behind his grandchildren, including Nick Baker, Tayah King and Mya Copiskey; many nieces and nephews, including his special niece and caretaker, Shirley McGregor; and countless musician friends, made over a lifetime.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Francis Hanks and Wilma Bobbie McGregor; and a daughter, Mary Jo Hanks.

The visitation and prayer service was held June 10 at David-Donhower Funeral in Detroit Lakes, Minn. The funeral service was held June 11 at St. Columba Episcopal Church in White Earth.

Interment: St. Columbia Cemetery with full military honors

Arrangements: David-Donhower Funeral Home.

Online: www.david-donhower.com

Darwin "Dar" James Shaugabay

Darwin "Dar" Shaugabay, 55, of Naytahwaush, passed away June 25 at Essentia Health in Fargo, N.D.

Darwin James Shaugabay the youngest son of Margaret Shaugabay, was born April 5, 1969, in Warroad, Minn. Dar grew up and attended school in Warroad. Following his high school graduation, Dar entered the workforce, working at Marvin Windows and then Seven Clans Casino in Warroad. A few years later, he met Diane Accobee. The couple would spend the next 28 years together and were blessed with three sons. Over the years, Dar kept busy working different jobs. He worked at the Shooting Star Casino followed by a short time at Dakota Magic Casino before returning to the area. He then worked for White Earth Transit, Road Construction and in the Maintenance department for the RTC. Dar transferred to COLA, where he worked as the Facilities Manager and most recently, he held the position of Safety Compliance Officer/TERO Assistant for the White Earth Nation.



During high school, Dar played both football and hockey and later in life his extracurricular activities included softball and pool.

He was an avid pool player and enjoyed being in a pool league with his boys. They were his pride and joy and he proudly beamed watching them shoot pool and play darts. Dar was an easy-going individual with a great attitude who could always make you laugh and turn negatives into positives. He loved spending time with friends and family, especially his wife and children. Although he is gone far too soon, he will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Dar is survived by his wife, Diane of Naytahwaush; sons: James of Thief River Falls, Minn., Jared of Moorhead, Minn., Darian, Deon and Darwin Jr. "Dubbs" all of Naytahwaush; granddaughters Aurora and Rayna; bonus son, Patrick "Patches" Scott of Naytahwaush; brother, Darrell "Son" (Emily) Shaugabay of Warroad; brothers-in-law, Alrick (Kitty) Accobee of Naytahwaush and Dale Accobee of Ogema; aunts, Christine and Janice of Warroad; uncle, Zeb of White Earth; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret; in-laws, Jean Accobee and John Burnette; and brothers-in-law, George Accobee and Mike Accobee.

Blessed be the Memory of Darwin James Shaugabay.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 2 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Interment: Free Gospel Alliance Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnommen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Donovan "Don" Vizenor

Donovan "Don" Vizenor, 90, of Mahnommen, died June 2 at his home surrounded by family and under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Don was born May 21, 1934, in White Earth to Delmas and Doris (Cogger) Vizenor. He lived his early years on Little Sugar Bush Lake, what is now known as Maplelag Resort.



When Don was approximately 11 years old, his family moved to Pine Point Village just north of Ponsford, where he attended both Pine Point School and Park Rapids High School. During his teen years and beyond, Don worked with his dad and Uncle Mitch in the woods/logging business, furnishing firewood to many households. He learned the skills of processing wild rice from his dad, which he in turn taught to his grandson, Brian.

Don met his high school sweetheart, Pauline Boldt, marrying her on Sept 25, 1954. They had two daughters and a son. During their early years together, Don had a dance band called "Don Vizenor and the Westerners" where they entertained almost every weekend at Ruby's Supper Club by Height of the Land Lake.

Don worked at a Stave Mill near Park Rapids until it burned down. Then in 1962, he began working at the Pine Point School, first as a janitor then after obtaining a boilers license as a Maintenance Engineer. After 15 years he left that job to do carpentry work with his son-in-law. Don was proud of the work he did in the Paul Bunyan Mall of Bemidji, building 13 stores and also an addition on Ruttger's Resort. When work slowed in the lower 48, he traveled to Alaska in 1981 with the company. However, Minnesota called him back and Don returned to do carpentry with his brother, Dallas, remodeling houses for the White Earth Housing Authority. In 1991, a maintenance position opened at the White Earth Indian Health Clinic. Don applied and was accepted. He worked for over five years until his retirement. While there, his skills with small engine repair helped save the clinic many dollars and earned him an award.

During his retirement years, Don repaired lawn mowers. He had a way of explaining how to keep the mowers working which saved many young people several dollars. He finally had to stop this hobby as his health failed.

He leaves behind his wife of 69 years, Pauline of Mahnommen; daughters, Sherry Vizenor-Sawicky and Patti (Mike) Vizenor of Mahnommen; son, Chuck (Kristi) Vizenor of Beaulieu; grandsons: Kyle (Molly) James of Nevada, Brian (Ashley) Buck of Mahnommen, Nick Buck also of Mahnommen, Donovan Vizenor of Florida and Nolan (Taylor) Archer of Fargo, ND; granddaughters: Jana Buck of Mahnommen, Olivia Archer of Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Isabella Vizenor of Hankinson, N.D.; 12 great grandchildren; brothers, Delano (Linda) Vizenor of Soldotna, Alaska and Duane (Kathy) Vizenor of St. Francis, Minn.; sister, Donna Buckanaga of Ponsford; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dallas Vizenor; son-in-law, Dean Sawicky; granddaughter, Amanda Archer; great-grandson, Tim Conant.

Blessed be the Memory of Donovan Vizenor.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 6 at St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Ponsford.

Interment: St. Theodore's Catholic Cemetery in Ponsford.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnommen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Niindonis Jade Goodman

Niindonis Jade Goodman, the daughter of Christin VanNett and Jonathan Goodman III, was born Jan. 3, 2022, in Detroit Lakes, Minn. She died unexpectedly on May 28 at the tender age of 2. Niindonis was a sweet and innocent toddler whose favorite color was purple. She loved to snuggle, and her favorite stuffed animal was Lambie. Although she left this earth much too soon, she will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.



Niindonis is survived her mom, Christin; dad, Jonathan; sisters: Aaliyah Greene, Avita VanNett-Goodman, and Waubun-Nu-Anung "Star" Norcross-Goodman; grandmas, Ashley (Donovan) Bellanger and Rhonda Basswood; aunts: Cynthia "Cyd" Diaz, Azalea Stone, Shannon Goodman and Sarah Goodman; uncles, Izaiah Stone Sr., Eric Goodman and Lawrence "Sonny" Goodman Sr.; several cousins including special cousin, Avery Beaulieu; and many extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her great grandparents, Eugene and Helen Fischer; and uncles, Anthony "Toni" VanNett and Michael "Money Mike" Goodman.

Traditional services began with an all-night wake service and ceremony on June 11 and continued until the time of the funeral on June 12, both at the White Earth Community Center.

Interment: Bellanger Family Cemetery in White Earth.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnommen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com



2024 WILD RICE DAYS
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2024 WILD RICE DAY
THIRD ANNUAL WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

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Saturday
08.24.24
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Contact: esteykent@gmail.com

Big Parade
Contact: Kelly Phillips 261.0717

Wild Rice Cookoff
Contact: Cortney Pemberton 261.0383

Wild Rice Demonstration

Classic Car Show

Kiddie bike parade

Family Games

Bean Bag Tournament

Street Dance featuring:



Undecided 8-midnight



WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Murphy Lee Olson**, DOB: 02/22/1998

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2024-00054**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. an Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-4648 ext. 5757.

Dated: June 21, 2024

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **Tommy Wallace**

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice

Court File No. **CP2022-00519**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on February 20, 2024, a Petition for Suspension of Parental Rights was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child(ren) in file CP2022-00519. An Admit-Deny hearing on the matter is scheduled for July 22, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Court Administration located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota at 218-983-4648. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: May 29, 2024

Tammy Swanson

Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Kenneth Lee Jackson**, DOB: 03/19/1978

Summons to Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2024-00028**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. an Order to Show Cause Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-4648.

Dated: June 26, 2024

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The online issues feature more color and you can read them right away when the paper comes out on the first Wednesday of each month.

2nd Annual Pride Parade and Community Meal



Photos by Sage Thompson

The 2nd Annual Pride Parade and Community Meal was held June 23 in Naytahwaush. June was both Odemiini-giizis (Strawberry Moon) Month and LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month. The Naytahwaush Community Council invited all allies, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Two Spirit, Third and Fourth Gender (LGBTQIA2S+) Tribal citizens and community members to join the celebration. The event also featured a float and food contest.

Navajo corporal becomes first Marine authorized to wear traditional Native hair

By **Drew F. Lawrence**
Military.com

Cpl. Bradford Flores is honoring his culture by growing his hair out -- and the Marine Corps authorized it.

Flores, a Native American service member and anti-tank missile gunner, is the first Marine in the Corps to receive a religious waiver allowing him to grow his hair long in accordance with his Navajo heritage, the service recently confirmed to Military.com.

The authorization, which was issued late last month, marks a critical milestone in a long push for service members to be allowed to observe religious practices while in uniform. The exemption is particularly notable, as the Marine Corps is known among the military branches to have the strictest adherence to uniformity and a reticence to allow exceptions to it.

For Flores, the push for his authorization is not driven by individualism, he told Military.com in a recent interview, but a desire to honor his Navajo heritage while simultaneously being a part of the Corps -- and to help other Marines of Native American descent do the same.

"I know this is bigger than me," Flores said. "This is for other people in my community."

When he joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 2021, Flores was not able to wear his hair in the traditional fashion of the Navajo or Diné, as the tribe originally called itself. In his heritage, long hair exemplifies strength and communal identity, Flores said, and it is essential.

"In our culture, you only cut your hair if there's a major lifechange or someone in the family passes," he said. "Even when you cut your hair, you have to do things very ceremoniously ... as an offering. You're letting go of yourself."

Originally from Oklahoma, Flores comes from a long line of military service members and Navajo tradition. His father served in the Air Force for more than two decades, and his great grandfather, also a Navajo man, served in World War II, Flores said.

Part of his push to request the accommodation was not only to be an example for other Indigenous men looking to join -- or already in -- the Corps, but to honor generations of his ancestors who served but were unable to observe their heritage while doing so.

"We, the Navajo people, weren't treated the best," Flores said, referring to generations of racism and oppression by the U.S. government and non-Indigenous groups. "But we make do with what we have, and that's always been since the first Native people were around."

As part of the religious accommodation process, Flores submitted a letter to the Marine Corps from the pastor of his church, the

Rev. Dr. Justine Wilson.

"The cutting of Native men's hair is a painful legacy of the practices of Native boarding schools, which sought to erase all traces of Native traditions from Native youth, down to prohibition of Native languages and the forcible cutting of hair," she wrote.

Wilson said the effects of that forced assimilation and erasure have led to "astronomical" rates of alcoholism, drug addiction and suicide within Native communities. And to forcibly shear one's hair disconnects Indigenous men from the land and God.

"For decades, Native men have had to choose between their Native religion and serving in the armed forces," she wrote. "It is my hope that we are at a time when Native men will no longer be singled out for restrictions on practicing traditional Native beliefs, and still be able to serve with distinction in defense of this country."

Native Americans have served in the U.S. military for two centuries and, more recently, at five times the national average, according to the USO. Specifically, Navajo men have a long, rich history of serving in the Marine Corps but even so, were not allowed to practice their heritage, Flores said.

During World War II, nearly 200 Navajo Code Talkers joined the Marine Corps and the annals of military legend when they transmitted radio communications using their unique language to obfuscate messages on the battlefield. According to the Marine Corps, those messages were "undoubtedly" intercepted, but never deciphered by Axis powers.

Now, Flores can both serve his country and observe critical tenets of his heritage. And for him, many of those tenets in Navajo and Marine Corps culture are not at odds -- they're complementary.

"Especially with Marine Corps warrior ethos, a lot of that falls in line with Native culture, regardless of whatever tribe it is," he said. "We're natural warriors. ... That's why in our communities, anyone that joins the military -- they're very, very highly respected."

Prior to shipping off to boot camp, Flores was honored by tribal leaders at a powwow for joining the military, a sign to him of communal support. That support extended to his Marine Corps community too, he said. With guidance from his leadership and chaplain, Flores began requesting a religious exemption in 2023.

He said he talked to one of his sergeants, who is also Native American, who gave him the confidence to request it. He recalled that sergeant saying, "If you decide to do that, we're going to be here and support you the whole way."

A year later, in the middle of a training exercise in Arkansas, his first sergeant told Flores that he had been granted the accommodation. Part of the exception means that he must adhere to female hair

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dents with academic excellence that is grounded in Anishinaabe culture, values, and traditions, these additional resources are aimed at fostering student success and well-being, ensuring that all students have access to the support they need to thrive.

The construction of the new addition is expected to be completed by fall 2025, with the facility opening its doors to students during the 2025-2026 academic year. We look forward to welcoming our students, faculty, and the community to explore and utilize these innovative spaces.

This project is funded under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) (a)(2) Construction, Renovation, and Real Property Projects

through Department of Education and Bureau of Indian Education COVID funds.

To watch the progression of our new addition and renovation to the WETCC, please follow us on Facebook.

About White Earth Tribal & Community College

White Earth Tribal and Community College is a Tribal College & University (TCU) dedicated to providing higher education grounded in Anishinaabe language, culture, and values. With a commitment to excellence in teaching, WETCC prepares students to think critically and use the knowledge they attain to contribute positively to their communities.

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hazards. Many cleaners contain acidic or caustic (basic) liquids. These can cause chemical burns to the eye that require immediate attention to reduce injury. Caustic base pH materials like lye or ammonia will continue to cause tissue damage well after the initial exposure. If an acid or base is splashed into the eye, it should be treated immediately by washing the eye for 15 minutes. Then, professional medical attention should be sought.

This type of injury can be avoided or prevented by wearing an appropriate mask, visor, or goggles to cover the eyes. In general, eye protection should be worn when spraying or powerwashing even if chemicals are not being used. This will help prevent foreign bodies and hazardous pathogens from being sprayed into the eyes. In addition to the appropriate personal protective equipment for the eyes, it is recommended that contact lens use be avoided when working in dusty environments or with substances like acids that give off vapors. Contact lenses may trap and concentrate dust particles or chemicals on the front of the eye. This may cause or increase the severity of an eye injury.

Foreign body in the eye is frequently encountered when using power tools, or when working overhead, or in a windy environment. Rotating power tools, especially cutting tools like saws, grinders, and lawn trimmers can cause foreign bodies to enter the eyes. A mask, shield or visor that covers the face and eyes will typically provide the best protection when using most power tools. Goggles will also provide good protection against ocular foreign bodies. As a minimum, safety glasses with side shields should be worn when there is a risk of foreign body injury. A common ocular foreign body injury that I have seen occurs when rust or other foreign material falls from a car that someone is working underneath. Safety glasses with

sideshields will usually prevent this type of injury from occurring.

Traumatic eye injury can result in serious vision loss, and eye damage that can cause other short and long-term eye problems. One common preventable cause of traumatic eye injury occurs when striking metal on metal. This occurs when an object strikes the eye with significant force—usually as a result of hammering or pounding. Powertools like grinders, mowers, trimmers, and saws; can also propel objects into the eye with significant force to cause traumatic eye injury. It is worth noting that many summer sports can lead to preventable eye injuries. Golf balls, baseballs, softballs, tennis balls, racquetballs, and fishing cause many eye injuries every year in the United States when they strike the eye as a result of being thrown, hit, or flung. A pair of impact resistant glasses with UV protection is recommended for most outdoor sports. Additionally, most sports will require a helmet with an appropriate facemask for certain positions/sports. Goggles should always be worn when four-wheeling, and it is the law in most states that eye protection must be worn while riding on a motorcycle.

One of the most common traumatic eye injuries occurs when tree branches or brush scratches the eye. This typically causes an abrasion on the front of the eye, which can be very painful. These should be treated to prevent or minimize the occurrence of infection, inflammation, and recurrence. A pair of safety glasses with side-shields is a good recommendation when operating riding mowers or when walking through heavily forested areas.

“An ounce of prevention can be worth a pound of cure” with respect to eye protection. The use of appropriate eye protection will allow for safe, enjoyable participation in the season’s outdoor activities.

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standards, meaning he must keep it in a bun, or braids if he is out in the field.

“It was awesome,” Flores said. “The first thing I did was screenshot the religious accommodation and sent it over to my dad, my mom and my fiancée. They were all ecstatic.”

Flores is not alone in his efforts. Other services, such as the Army, have made exemptions for Indigenous service members as well. And Flores was inspired by Senior Airman Connor Crawn, who received a religious exemption for hair wear to observe his Kanien'kehà:ka, or Mohawk, tradition in 2022. Crawn is part of the Indigenous Nations Equality Team, or INET -- an Air Force-based initiative that provides advocacy and outreach for Native

American service members.

Flores said he expects criticism and has already gotten some since announcing he is the first Indigenous man in the service to receive the accommodation. Largely, he said, that criticism has been outweighed by the support he has gotten from his Navajo and Marine Corps families.

“Obviously, there are going to be people that have their criticisms and have their thoughts and opinions on it. But I don’t care about any of the negative stuff,” Flores said. “For me, my people, or even anyone that’s interested in learning about it -- it’s an opportunity for people that don’t understand to learn or people that do understand it that want to be able to do this that are Indigenous.”


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Happy Birthday
Ben
Love, Hanna, Eevi, Ella,
and Melanie
July 5

Happy **2nd** Birthday
Emani Elizabeth
Love,
Mom, Dad, Papa,
Gramma, Hanna, Eevi, Ella,
Uncle Joe, Aunty Sabrina,
Weston & Carter
July 12

“Happy Birthday Britt!”
From Josie & the boys.
July 7th!




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Happy Birthday
Terri
Love,
Joe Sr., Melanie,
Joe Jr., Sabrina,
Hanna, Ella, Eevi,
Emani, Weston & Cater
June 16

Happy **66th** Birthday
Dad
We love & appreciate you so much!
Love,
Fran, Sam, & Crew
July 1st



Happy **8th** Birthday
Zander
Love, Nana & Papa!
July 10th





Happy **40th** Birthday
Papa Bodes
Love, Zander, Leahanna, Zavian, Pharoah & Zeno
July 12th



www.WilliamWhippleWarren.org

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“History Of The Ojibway People”



Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution Delegate Meeting

White Earth Reservation Constitution Delegates

Friday, July 19, 2024 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

In-Person & Zoom

Meeting ID: 260 125 4510 Password: whiteearth

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All MCT Members are Welcome to Attend- please join us!

*** Light Breakfast & Lunch will be Served ***

(The White Earth Delegate group is hosting this event)

MCT Constitution Reform Delegate Meeting

Thursday, July 19, 2024 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Hosted by White Earth Constitution Reform Delegate Committee

In-Person & Zoom Meeting

Shooting Star Casino/Event Center

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Zoom Meeting ID: 260 125 4510 Password: whiteearth

9:00	Welcome and Invocation
9:15-11:00	Alliance Document Review and live edit
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-12:00	Alliance Document Review and live edit
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:45	Discussion & Update of the TEC meeting (July 8, 2024)
1:45-2:45	Removal of Secretarial Election (MCT Constitution-Article XII)
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-3:45	Subcommittee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance TEC Facilitation Drafting Education
3:45-4:00	Open Discussion
4:00	Adjourn – Next Meeting Info – August 2024

Ganawendandaa Nibiikaangi

LET'S PROTECT OUR WATERS

Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species do the following:

BEFORE launching and **BEFORE** leaving.

- ◆ Remove aquatic plants and aquatic animals
- ◆ Drain lake/river water away from the landing
- ◆ Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash

It's **unlawful** to transport aquatic plants, and zebra mussels.

**White Earth Constitution Reform Delegates
Delegate Vacancies Information**

The White Earth delegate group has two (2) delegate slots we need to fill by election:

- 1 delegate slot - representing District 1
- 1 delegate slot - representing District 3

Delegates must reside in the voting district (1 and 3), and must be a Minnesota Chippewa Tribe member. Please contact any of the listed delegates for more information or to submit your name for the election. The election will be held in **September 2024** (date-TBD), date and time will be posted in the White Earth tribal newspaper, & social media.

Current Delegate Contact & District Vacancies:

Angel Stevens VACANT	District 1 District 1	(218) 204-1564
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Louie Johannsen	Iron Range	(218) 929-0725
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Our local delegate meetings are held 2 or 3 times per month. 1 meeting each month is held at one of the other MCT reservations (3rd Friday of month).

Please join our delegate group, we represent White Earth as a part of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. No other requirements are needed – just your interest and knowledge you can share with others.

Thank You

Chi Miigwech to all those who supported WE R FURR at the pow wow buying items or raffle tickets. It helped us out reaching our goal towards a free spay/neuter clinic.

Here is our list of winners of more than \$1,500 in prizes:

Megan Bakken, Diane Madigan, Donna Warren, Patti Jo Savage, Krystal Voit, Charlie Hanks, Amos Weise, Amy Beaulieu, Antonio Avila, Pat Miller, Patti Vizenor, Atasha Brown, Carrie Kier, Laura Hvezda, Ruth Janssen, Laura Lee Erickson, Rochelle Christianson, Missy Fairbanks, Shannon Londo, Lorelei Morales, Dove Keezer Thompson, B. Major, Alaina Thompson.

Bemidji State graduate



Submitted photo

White Earth descendant Abigail Syverson from Pelican Rapids, Minn., graduated May 3 from Bemidji State University, Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with a Coaching Certificate.

Her parents are Dana and the late Ryan Syverson of Pelican Rapids, and her grandparents are Barbara and Ed Syverson of Waubun, and Colette and Mike Kemper of Mahanomen.

Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

July 2024

Diabetes Bingo has been cancelled for July due to a fire their storage unit.

August 2024

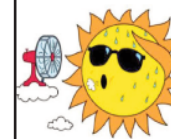
Aug 1st 2024 - Thursday Shooting Star Event Center
Aug 7th 2024 - Wednesday Pine Point
Aug 21st 2024 - Wednesday Elbow Lake
Aug 29th 2024 - Thursday Valley View, Mahanomen

Bingo at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center will be at 1:00pm
Bingo in Pine Point is on the west side of the School in E.N.P. Dining Hall after the 11:30 E.N.P. meal.
Bingo in Elbow Lake Village is at the E.N.P. building, after the 11:30am meal.
Bingo at Valley View will be in the Community Room beginning at 1:00pm

September 2024

Sept 5th 2024 - Thursday Shooting Star Casino Event Center
Sept 12th 2024 - Thursday Naytahwaush
Sept 19th 2024 - Thursday White Earth – Congregate Center
Sept 26th 2024 - Thursday Rice Lake

Bingo at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center will be at 1:00pm
Bingo in Naytahwaush is at the Sports Complex, E.N.P. dining hall after the 11:30 meal.
Bingo in White Earth is at the Congregate Center, Dining Hall after the 11:30am meal.
Bingo in Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center after the 11:30 E.N.P. meal.



On June 5th starting at about 12:45, enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of water with a light snack. Topping it all off you can play Diabetic Bingo starting at 1pm

Schedule is subject to change without notice. If the R.B.C or the E.N.P. site is closed Bings will be rebooked to another date, if possible. Updated 6/7/2024



Attention New Homeowners & Existing Homeowners

If you are in need of a Well and Sewer System for your house/ trailer home you can contact White Earth Water & Sewer for an application as we receive grants.

Requirements to qualify for the grants are:

- * Tribal Enrolled member
- * Reside on the White Earth Reservation
- * Show proof of land (Land Deed/Tribal Land agreement) and proof of homeownership
- * 18 years of age or older
- * Must have electricity, heat source, and interior plumbing to the home
- * Income verification (some existing home owners grants require)

Contact us at 218-983-3202

JULY 25, 2024

AT MAH NOMEN

"TAKE A KID TO THE MARKET DAY"

Thursdays from 3-6 pm

1 coupon per Child
For First Fifty Kids

Ages 5 to 17

Must be with Adult 18 or older

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\$5.00 Coupon for Fruits and Vegetables

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Located in the Manitok Mall, Mahnomen

Email Jackie.Haugo@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 935-0808 or 218-401-2421 to fill out an application

NEW KEY CARD HOURS:

Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-10:00p.m. (age 15-17)
Saturday & Sunday 6 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. (age 15-17)

Adults (18 & older) get 24 hour access 7 days a week.



White Earth Nation
TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH
Prevent. Promote. Protect

Recycling Bins in Naytahwaush



Recycling Bins are now available for public use located behind the Naytahwaush Sports Complex. There are 2 bins. The plastics, metals & glass can go in the same bin (no separation needed). Paperboard, mailings and office paper go in the flat slot of the second bin. For cardboard, please use the designated cardboard bins

Acceptable Items

- Plastics 1 & 2
- Tin Steel
- Aluminum
- Paper
- Glass

Un-Acceptable Items

- Plastics NOT labeled 1 or 2
- Large Items
- Soiled Containers
- ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE!!**



Thank You

Thank you to all who attended one or more of the 2024 Memorial Day Services at 12 local cemeteries on a cold and rainy day. It is an honor to remember the many veterans who served and those that gave all. A special thank you to Roger and Sharon Winter and family members who served hot coffee and homemade treats at their home halfway through the 12 cemetery stops. This family has been doing this for many years and is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
VFW Post 9880 & Auxiliary

You can reach the Anishinaabeg Today at today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT IN CRITICAL NEED!!!

White Earth Foster Care is in critical need for licensable foster homes. If you or anyone you know is interested in opening your home to help out your family, friends, neighbors and community. Please reach out to our foster care team.

Office Phone: 218-983-4647

JoAnn Keezer- Licensor
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218-935-3469

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WHITE EARTH Community Farmers Market

Growing Healthy Families & Communities

Thursdays from 3-6 pm

The White Earth Community Farmers' Market offers fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, and arts/crafts.

Thursdays, 3-6 PM

Begins June 6th through October 3rd (weather permitting)
South Main Street, Mahnomen, MN

Our market accepts:
SNAP/EBT; WIC; Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP); and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP); and Hunger Solutions certificates

Come join the fun!

To access current happenings/news, check out the market's FACEBOOK pages at:
<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteEarthNation/>

LOOKING FOR VENDORS!

If you would like to be a vendor or have questions regarding the market, please contact:

<p>MARKET MANAGER Eva Brakefield 218-401-3173 eva.brakefield@whiteearth-nsn.gov</p>	or	<p>CO-MARKET MANAGER Tammy Bellanger 218-935-9417 Ext. 213 tbellanger@wetcc.edu</p>
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The market is a collaboration between the White Earth Nation Tribal Public Health, the City of Mahnomen, and the White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension Service.

YOUTH DRUM GROUP

Interested in learning how to drum? Come check us out!
Cultural Drum Practice with:
Brandon "Bam" Kier
For Boys and Girls
7 and under must be accompanied by adult.



Monday's:
7/1/24, 7/8/24, 7/15/24, 7/22/24, 7/29/24
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

White Earth Tribal and Community College
2250 College Road
Mahnomen, MN 56557

Thursday's:
7/18/24, 7/25/24
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
White Earth Community Center
26310 Crane Rd
White Earth, MN 56569

Contact:
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I can work with families that live in the Mahnomen, Waubun and Detroit Lakes schools districts.



SAVE THE DATE!

DOWNTOWN MAHNOMEN, MN WILD RICE DAY 2024

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH
10 AM - 3 PM**

Artist & Certified Food Vendors must be from the local area of White Earth, Mahnomen County, & NW Minnesota.

\$20.00 Registration Fee
VENDOR Deadline: June 29th
Register: <https://forms.gle/TBoFEtg759QbKA8Z6>
FMI: wildricefest@gmail.com
Kent 218-902-0552 or Jes 218-401-1310





@Manoomin Arts Initiative
@WildRiceDay

White Earth Tribal & Community College announces new addition to main campus building

White Earth Tribal & Community College is excited to announce the groundbreaking of a new addition and renovation to our main campus building, a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance the academic environment and support the success of our student body.

The new addition, Phase IV, will include a Wellness Center which will serve as a comprehensive hub for physical, mental, and emotional health services. A commercial kitchen and dining center will be an additional resource for culinary education, nutrition, and dining services, reinforcing our commitment to student well-being and academic excellence.

The loading dock will support various campus functions, including dining services, facilities management, and academic departments, by providing a centralized location for the receipt and distribution of goods, ensuring that our campus operations run smoothly. The additional office spaces for our faculty will facilitate research, collaboration, and student engagement.

Key Features of the New Addition and Renovation Include:

- **Student Counseling and Mental Health Services:** Private counseling and group therapy to provide support for mental health and emotional well-being.
- **Fitness and Recreation Areas:** Fully equipped



gym, exercise studios, and recreational spaces to encourage physical fitness and healthy lifestyles.

- **State-of-the-Art Commercial Kitchen:** Equipped with the latest culinary technology and tools, providing students with a professional environment to develop their culinary skills.

- **Modern Dining Hall:** A spacious and inviting dining area designed to accommodate students, faculty, and staff, fostering community and social interaction.

- **Event and Catering Services:** Facilities equipped to host special events, catering services, and community gatherings, enhancing the campus experience.

- **Enhanced Accessibility:** A well-designed loading area to accommodate various types of delivery vehicles, ensuring easy and efficient access.

- **Streamlined Operations:** Increased capacity for handling deliveries and shipments, reducing congestion and improving the speed and efficiency of campus services.

- **Modern Workspaces:** Ergonomically designed offices equipped with the latest technology to enhance productivity and comfort for faculty and staff.

- **Collaborative Seating Spaces:** Designed to foster teamwork and creative problem-solving among students from various disciplines.

- **IT Support:** Assistance for all IT-related issues, ensuring that help is available when it is needed.

- **Reception Desk:** Offering a centrally located welcome area for the campus community.

President Anna Sheppard of White Earth Tribal & Community College commented, "This new addition to our main campus building is a testament to our dedication to providing our students with the best possible educational environment. We believe that these expanded facilities will empower our students to achieve their academic goals and prepare them for successful careers."

In alignment with our mission to support all stu-

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Photo by Sage Thompson

Tribal Council and White Earth Tribal and Community College staff break ground on June 18 for a new addition and renovation to the main campus building in Mahnomen.

White Earth Sobriety Parade



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

Hundreds of kids were excited for candy during the annual Sobriety Parade held June 13 in White Earth. The theme was Honoring Indigenous Traditions: Creating Strength and Sobriety.

1st place: Acute Care, 2nd place: White Earth Child Care, 3rd place: Oshki Manidoo Center (Bemidji).

After the parade community members gathered at the powwow grounds for a picnic lunch and door prizes.

The event was sponsored by White Earth Behavioral Health, Public Health, and Maintenance.