



Votes are in!

See who advances to General Election

Community members gathered April 2 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center in Mahnomen to watch the results of the White Earth Reservation Primary Election.

After the final votes were counted, two candidates were chosen to move on to the General Election scheduled for **Tuesday, June 11.**

Incumbent Michael A. Fairbanks and Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts will battle it out for Chairman.

Only two candidates were certified to run for District III Committeeperson so they bypassed the Primary Election and will compete in the General Election. They are incumbent Cheryl "Annie" Jackson and Laura Lee Erickson.

The following are official results

for the election. To see a breakdown of the votes go to **Page 8.**

Chairman

Michael A. Fairbanks*	658
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts	605
Donovan G. Burnette	140
Karen Marie Manypenny	21

District III Committeeperson

Cheryl "Annie" Jackson*
Laura Lee Erickson

If you have election questions please call the White Earth Election Board at 218-936-5622 or toll free at 1-866-211-9154. They are located in the old RV building located behind the Shooting Star Casino.

* Denotes incumbent



Gary Frazer, Chairman of the White Earth Election Board, checks paper ballots from a tub brought in by a precinct worker during the White Earth Primary Election on April 2 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.

Photo by Gary W. Padrta



From left: Secretary-Treasurer Michael LaRoque, District I Rep. Henry Fox, Chairman Michael Fairbanks, District II Rep. Eugene Sommers, and District III Rep. Cheryl "Annie" Jackson.

White Earth State of the Nation

Council highlights multiple tribal achievements

During opening remarks of the White Earth Nation State of the Nation Address on April 4 at the Shooting Star Event Center, Chairman Michael Fairbanks stressed the importance of tribal sovereignty and the role it's had in the tribe's recent successes to the packed audience.

One of the main successes Fairbanks identified was the opening of the tribe's dispensary on Aug. 3, which included the creation of more than 50 jobs. Although he didn't get into numbers, he called the dispensary a "million-dollar cannabis business."

"It's something that I'm very, very proud

to say that we're doing well," Fairbanks said. "We're in full expansion mode right now. We want to be the nation to lead this and as of today, we are one of the top manufacturers in Indian Country."

Fairbanks also wants to work with members to help pave the way for small business ventures into the cannabis industry.

He also pointed to the areas of food, energy and finances and praised social programs the tribe has developed such as an overdose recovery team, peer support group and a family

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WE Tribal and Community College welcomes U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar



Minnesota U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar and the White Earth RBC and staff visited March 23 at the White Earth Tribal and Community College.

They discussed funding for the expansion of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs at College.

From left are Laura Erickson, WE Government Relations Coordinator; Eugene Sommers, Dist. II Rep.; Michael Fairbanks, WE Tribal Chairman; Senator Amy Klobuchar; Henry Fox, Dist. I Rep.; Andrea Kingbird, WE General Counsel; Dustin Roy, WE Natural Resources Director; Anna Sheppard, WETCC College President; and Laurie York, WE Executive Director.

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Deadline	Issue Date
April 24	May 1
May 29	June 5
June 26	July 3
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August 28	September 4

* Deadline and issue dates subject to change

B&G Club of White Earth honored for 'Advocacy'

On behalf of the entire Office of Government Relations at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, we are so honored to announce the Boys and Girls Club of White Earth's 2023 status as an Advocate for Youth as part of our Club Advocacy Recognition Program!

The Advocate for Youth Award is given annually to Clubs who place in the top 50% of Clubs for their Advocacy engagement utilizing GR Central, our advocacy engagement portal. By conducting meetings with your state, local and federal elected officials, conducting social media outreach, offering Club tours to local leaders, media advocacy and more, you have earned this status!

We can't tell you how much we appreciate your advocacy throughout 2023 – together, we ensured that Clubs around the country elevated their community influence and benefit from increased support for youth mental health, academic readiness, life and workforce development and readiness initiatives, and much more. Without your advocacy, victories like these may not have been possible. Truly, thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do to tell your Club's story to our nation's leaders.

Now is the time to celebrate your success! We'll be doing everything we can to ensure your fellow Clubs and our supporters nationwide hear about your Advocate for Youth status – this includes recognition at National and Regional conferences, placement in our April Club



Advocate newsletter, and much more.

Once again congratulations on all your achievements and thank you for the dedication you put in every day to support the success of kids in your community.

Rights of Manoomin/Psin and upholding Indigenous Sovereignty in Minnesota

By Amy Myszko,
Program Manager
Niibi Center

The Niibi Center is honored to be working with a multi-organization, multi-Tribe contingent to promote the rights of wild rice (manoomin/psin) at the Minnesota state legislative level this session. The bill was originally created through the efforts of Rise and Repair, a diverse alliance of people and organizations advancing Indigenous rights and climate justice during Minnesota's 2024 legislative session and will be proposed by the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) as Resolution 02202024_04. The Niibi Center's own Rights of Nature program director Terry Janis, JD, has been instrumental in helping to write the proposed bill.

The Rise and Repair cohort met at the Capital on March 11 with Legislators and on the 12 had an event inside the Capital's rotunda building, demonstrating in support of Indigenous sovereignty and Environmental protection. The beginning of the proposed legislation reads:

A resolution recognizing Wild Rice (Manoomin in Anishinaabe and Psin in Dakota and herein referred as Manoomin/Psin) as sacred and central to the culture and health of Indigenous Peoples in Minnesota and critical to the health and identity of all Minnesota citizens and ecosystems; and establishing a commitment to passing Rights of Manoomin/Psin legislation to protect wild rice and the freshwater resources upon which it depends.

The bill is a foundational strategy in establishing the legal rights of the non-human world, in this case manoomin/psin and the watersheds on which it depends. Future legislation could potentially utilize this bill, if it was enacted into law, to create more direct and specific laws that can ultimately protect water (nibi), manoomin/psin, and ongoing efforts by Tribes to Rematriate historically Indigenous lands. We will not know whether or not the bill will be heard by the legislature this session until early April. Regardless, Tribal members and members of the legislature will continue working towards the adoption of the

rights of manoomin/psin in Minnesota in future sessions, and we will keep the White Earth public up to date on its progress.

Locally, the Niibi Center's 2nd Annual Anishinaabe Law Conference will be held June 23-24 at the Shooting Star Casino here in Mahanomen, the registration is now open. We are excited to facilitate conversations about local initiatives to reinstitute natural law, as well as broader perspectives on Indigenous sovereignty, Rematriation, and land reclamation. The conference is free for students, Tribal members, descendants and sliding-scale for all others.

Please register through this link: www.eventbrite.com/e/second-annual-anishinaabe-law-conference-tickets-867578048297. If you have any questions about the conference or are interested in finding out more about becoming a paid intern and help us to plan and execute the conference, please email info@niibicenter.org

Call for Bids - Beaded Crowns

The White Earth Powwow Committee is seeking bids with designs for two (2) beaded crowns (one each for a Sr. Princess crown and a Jr. Princess crown) for the upcoming 156th White Earth Annual Celebration on June 14-15, 2024.

All bids and designs must include contact information for the artist and are due by April 26, 2024. Please include pictures of previous crowns you have made and drawings of the proposed crowns. Within the designs, please include the following:

156th White Earth Sr Princess
156th White Earth Jr Princess

Bids with designs should be emailed to Dana Goodwin at dana.goodwin@whiteearth-nsn.gov. Crowns must be completed by close of business on 06/12/24 to receive full payment.

Additional information will be provided to the artists following the bidding process. Miigwech aapiji!

Sexual Assault Healing Group

4:30– 6:30 pm / DOVE Building in White Earth

This will be a monthly support group on the last Wednesday of the month.

- Children **may not** attend.
- Refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Andrea Carrier with any questions, to set up transportation, and to confirm your attendance at 218-983-4656 or andrea.carrier@whiteearth-nsn.gov

News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks

Aaniin Boozhoo Gaa-waabaabiganikaag Niminwendam Waabaminaan!

Maango-giizis gaye Iskigamizige-giizis.

Aaniish inaa akawe ninga-gaagiizomaag aadizookaanag.

Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is already April!

Which is the Loon Moon or locally what we call April, the Boiling Down Month referring to Maple Sap.

Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday and had a great time.

Plant life doctors our physical needs and is considered actual sentient beings to us as Anishinaabe. Almost all of the water, tree and plants have a creation story of how they came to pity and help the Anishinaabeg.

In Ojibwe the Cedar tree is giizhik and sky is giizhig are the same word because in the culture the trees at one time would reach the sky. This is one of the many names for this tree in the aadizookaan.

Long ago, in the ancient lands of the Anishinaabe people, there existed a profound connection between nature and humanity. It was a time when spirits roamed freely, and the Earth pulsed with life and wisdom. Among the many spirits that inhabited the land, none were as revered and cherished as the great Cedar Tree.

Legend tells that the Cedar Tree was not always a majestic guardian of the forest; it had once been a woman. A gentle soul named OshkiKwe, meaning “New Woman” in the Anishinaabe language. OshkiKwe possessed a profound love for her people and a deep understanding of their needs.

One fateful day, OshkiKwe embarked on a spiritual journey, seeking guidance from the spirits of the land. She ventured into the heart of the forest, where she encountered the Great Spirit, Gichi Manidoo. Recognizing her pure intentions and selflessness, Gichi Manidoo granted her a special gift: the transformation into the Cedar Tree.

As OshkiKwe transformed into the Cedar Tree, her roots sunk deep into the Earth, establishing a strong and unbreakable connection between her and her people. From that moment on, the Cedar Tree became a guardian and provider, offering its healing powers and wisdom to the Anishinaabe.

The leaves of the Cedar Tree held the secrets of herbal medicine, capable of curing ailments and bringing comfort to those in need. The bark possessed protective qualities, shielding the people from harm and negative energies. The inner tree contained a spiritual energy that could uplift the soul and bring harmony to troubled hearts. And even the roots held mystical properties, grounding the Anishinaabe to their ancestral lands and offering a sense of belonging.

OshkiKwe, now the Cedar Tree, worked tirelessly to ensure the well-being of her people. She shared her knowledge with the Anishinaabe, teaching them the sacred ways to harvest and utilize the healing powers of the cedar. Generations passed, and the Anishinaabe continued to revere and honor the Cedar Tree as a symbol of life, protection, and spiritual connection.

One day, as OshkiKwe was contemplating her role in the world, she encountered a wise and ancient Mikinaak, Turtle. The Turtle spoke of the need for a lasting reminder of their connection, a symbol that would guide future generations and honor the sacred bond between the Anishinaabe and the Cedar Tree.

Moved by the Mikinaak’s wisdom, OshkiKwe



and the Turtle embarked on a mystical journey across the night sky, leaving a shimmering trail of stars behind them. This celestial path became known as Jiibay Miikana, the Milky Way, and evidence to the eternal bond between the Cedar Tree and the Anishinaabe people.

To this day, we as Anishinaabe utilize the cedar in ceremonies where they lay down cedar branches, symbolizing the path of their lives and the connection to OshkiKwe, the Cedar Tree. These ceremonies serve as a reminder of the wisdom and healing power bestowed upon them by their ancient guardian.

And so, the Cedar Tree’s origin story remains etched in the hearts and souls of the Anishinaabe, a testament to the enduring power of nature, the spirit of selflessness, and the profound bond between humanity and the world around them.

Nanaboozhoo’s sister OshkiKwe is still shining in the night. Nanaboozhoo remembers both his mother and sister in this medicine we know as cedar. And one of the many stories Nanaboozhoo and his sister returning and aiding him on his journey.

The OshkiKwe giizhik, cedar still provides for mothers to this day from the cradle boards to cedar mats to fibers for clothing. Miigwech niiji Ogimaawaab for the aadizookaan this month.

We have an update to the White Earth State Forest Bill HF4380.

Our White Earth Reservation Business Committee is working hard to develop the White Earth State Forest Bill HF4380. As Gaawaabaabiganikaag Ogimaawag, we are dedicated to serving our members and strengthening our relationship with the government. Proper education and open communication regarding the White Earth State Forest Bill is crucial to its success, and we are actively addressing any misinformation that may be circulating.

The Congressional Acts and land grab era before the state forest was created significantly impacted our ancestors. The Bill will help initiate a healing process, allowing our members to move forward from the past and look towards a brighter future as Gaawaabaabiganikaag Anishinaabeg. We value our members’ feedback and are open to cooperating with them. We kindly ask for your patience as we work together in the coming days and weeks.

The White Earth Nation has extensive expertise in natural resources management, and our fully staffed White Earth Department of Natural Resources is responsible for a significant portion of management operations in the White Earth State Forest. Our

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Kindergarten orientation

Kindergarten orientation will be held on Thursday, April 11 at Ogema Elementary. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. Families and children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2024-2025 school year are invited to attend the session! Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 to be eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

Upcoming Events

- White Earth Mothers Day Powwow - May 11-12
- White Earth General Election - June 11
- White Earth Celebration and Powwow - June 14-16

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. The monthly report consists of reports of the activities of each division within the White Earth Reservation Business Committee, these Division consist of Public Safety, Natural Resources, Human Services, Behavioral Health, Judicial, Indian Child Welfare, Cultural, Public Works, Health, Compliance, Economic Development, WELSA, Enrollments.

I will be featuring the White Earth Economic Development Department and travel updates.

Economic Development Division

This division is led by Ken Fox who is the Director of Economic Development. This division has a total of 10 employees and three departments.

A key challenge confronting Native American Tribes today is creating sustainable economic development and building wealth for tribal members. The White Earth Reservation is preparing to address these issues by developing an economic development plan that not only identifies strategies to diversify the Tribe's economy, but also identifies strategies to improve the quality of life for tribal members.

Economic Development has continued to focus on business development, tribal member owned business development, grants, and infrastructure needs for the White Earth Nation.

The White Earth Band of Ojibwe has secured funding for the Small Business Credit Initiative program, which is operated under the funding requirements of the U.S. Department of Treasury. The White Earth Investment Initiative is the SSBCI contracted entity for the White Earth Nation.

White Earth Nation continues to focus on renewable energy, green energy, and low-carbon energy to cut energy costs for businesses, owned, or operated by the White Earth Nation.

The White Earth Economic Development Department, along with the newly created Tribal Utility Commission have collaborated to move this energy independence forward.

The total budget is \$456,225 for operating and fringe for this entire division.

White Earth Wild Rice

White Earth Nation has secured a contract with the United States Department of Agriculture for 60,000 pounds of White Earth Nation wild rice.

Along with the USDA contract, White Earth Market is in the process of being moved under the Enterprise location in Waubun. This move is to provide a better marketing and sales campaign for our wild rice.

This department is funded by revenue and general fund and the USDA contract with a total budget of \$331,152. There is one manager's position and two employees.

Gizhiigin Arts Incubator

The Gizhiigin Arts Incubator is an artist-led initiative of the White Earth Nation's (WEN) Economic Development Division. Launched in 2015, Gizhiigin provides career consultations for Indigenous artists and space for artists to create, exhibit, and teach their art. Gizhiigin also collaborates with artists, businesses, non-profit organizations, city governments, county governments, and tribal nations to develop the indigenous arts economy in our region.

The McKnight Foundation with a Project Director and a Project Assistant founded this department.



Tribal-Interior Budget Council (TIBC)

I attended the Tribal/Interior Budget Council in Washington, D.C., as an alternate member for the Midwest Region on this council. I attended all Subcommittee meetings - Land, Water, and Natural Resources, Public Safety and Justice, Education, Transportation, and Data Management on March 18-20. I also attended the main sessions on March 21 and 22.

The Tribal/Interior Budget Council (previously the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Tribal Advisory Council) was established in 1999 to facilitate Tribal government participation in the planning of the BIA budget and includes two Tribal representatives from each of the 12 BIA regions. TIBC serves all Tribes with the BIA, 638 and PL-280.

The Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians had the opportunity to recommend this for the FY2026 TIBC Budget. CLEO-Reoccurring base funding will be increased \$30 million for certified Conservation law enforcement officers. These officers are authorized to regulate other non-resource related violations such as traffic, drugs, and domestic violence crimes, and they support search and rescue operations or other community policing situations where necessary.

The Red Lake Nation introduced the 2026 Tiwahe Initiative Deliberative increase. The Tiwahe Funding supports Social Services, Housing, Job Placement and Training, Tribal Courts, RRI/Pathways to Wellness. They requested funding for 12 new Tiwahe full demonstration sites in 2026. White Earth Nation is one of the 12 Tribes that would receive full funding starting in FY2026. Currently, White Earth Nation is one of the 12 incubator tribes that receive \$100,000 for Tribal Court/Social Services.

The Tribal/Budget Interior Council approved a \$27 billion budget for FY2026. This budget has to be approved by the President of the United States.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season, and look forward to a great new year, while moving forward into the future for 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

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News From District II Rep. Eugene Sommers

4th Annual White Earth Fishing Derby

In light of the thinning ice conditions, White Earth Natural Resources took the initiative to organize a community event at the Shooting Star Casino and Event Center. The turnout was impressive, with over 900 registered participants in attendance. Numerous prizes were distributed, adding to the excitement of the occasion. A heartfelt acknowledgment goes out to all the dedicated staff and volunteers whose efforts contributed to the success of this event. Here's to hoping that next year, we'll be able to host a derby on the ice once again!

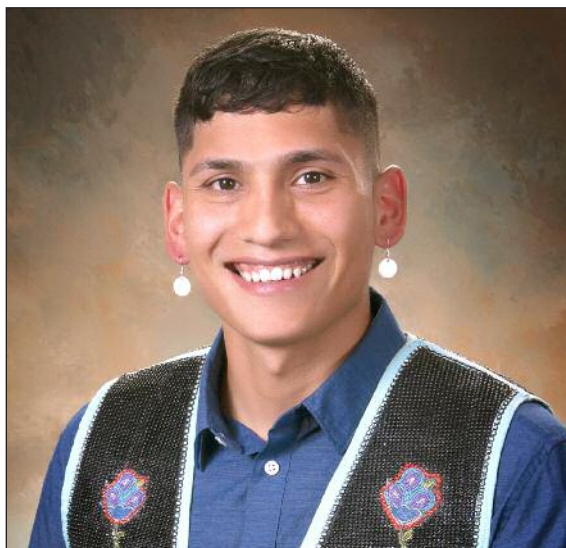
White Earth Forest

On March 7, Chairman Michael Fairbanks provided testimony advocating for the return of the White Earth Forest (SF3480). Notably, our proposal faced opposition from Clearwater, Becker, and Mahnomon County. My backing for this bill stems from the fact that the reservation was established in 1867, while the State established the Forest in 1933, conveniently located within the reservation boundaries. Passing this bill would ensure that the Forest is returned to its rightful owners and remains accessible for everyone to enjoy.

Amy Klobuchar Consultation

The RBC met with Senator Amy Klobuchar to discuss funding for the expansion of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs at White Earth Tribal and Community College. This funding, allocated from the National Science Foundation, forms a crucial part of a broader initiative aimed at fostering educational opportunities and careers in STEM fields for Indigenous students.

During the meeting, Senator Klobuchar had the opportunity to explore the Tribal College's Science and Computer Lab, gaining valuable insights into their educational resources. Additionally, WETCC presented their vision for future growth, including plans to venture into Trade programs such as carpentry, plumbing, and HVAC, demonstrating their com-



mitment to providing diverse educational pathways.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Legislative Dinner

On March 12, the RBC attended the annual Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) Legislative Dinner. MCT President Cathy Chavers spearheaded the occasion with a heartfelt speech focusing on Tribal Sovereignty and Government-to-Government Relationships. The event provided a platform to engage with State partners and deliberate on legislative priorities. I feel that White Earth Nation is on the path to make meaningful change for generations to come.

Miigwech for listening. I hope everyone enjoyed the State of the Nation Address!

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Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging reorganizing to better serve Native American elders

Historic changes coming to the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging later this year will improve services for Native American elders across the state. Starting in July, the agency's planning and service areas will change to better serve American Indian elders in 10 of the 11 Tribal Nations that share geographic area with Minnesota.

The changes are happening after several years of consultation with Tribal leaders seeking a better way to meet the needs of their elders. The reorganized Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging will support the development of culturally significant and appropriate resources for elders, with services administered and run by Tribal governments.

The result will be more and better services and programs for Tribal elders. The new resources will help close the wide disparities for Native American elders in all areas of aging needs, particularly in-home and social services.

"We believe these changes will improve the lives of Indigenous elders living in Minnesota," said Maureen Schneider, interim chair of the Minnesota Board on Aging. "Tribal leadership collaborated with us on this reorganization to better serve their people."

Administration of the reorganized Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging will be housed at Red

Lake Nation's Uplifting Our Relatives, formerly Red Lake Family and Children Services, and will begin operations in January 2025.

Established by the Minnesota Board on Aging in 1980, the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging was originally administered by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and served the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the White Earth Nation. The reorganized agency will continue to serve the original four Tribal communities, as well as the Lower Sioux Indian Community, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Lake Nation, Upper Sioux Community and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The Minnesota Board on Aging is federally designated to administer Older Americans Act funds in Minnesota. The board designates Area Agencies on Aging, regional organizations that fund local service providers to connect older adults and their families to services, supports and information. Services include nutrition, chore, caregiver support, health promotion, homemaker and transportation that help older adults live well, age well. Minnesota has seven Area Agencies on Aging that connect older Minnesotans to the community support they need as they age.

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Announcement from the White Earth Education Division

Please contact our **NEW** Student Finance Program for questions regarding:

- White Earth Scholarship Program**
- White Earth Johnson O'Malley Program**
- White Earth Education Assistance**

Staff is also available to answer questions regarding financial aid, FAFSA, scholarship opportunities, and other assistance available.

Stop in the RBC Education Office or call 218-983-3285 Ext. 5302 or 5309

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News From District III Rep. Cheryl 'Annie' Jackson

Boozhoo Everyone,

Spring came and went the same week. Hope you all stayed warm, safe and the Easter Bunny was good to you all.

State Forest Transfer Legislation SF3480

All RBC and staff have been diligently working on this. It has been talked about for many years. It was time a move was made to get the State Forest back to its rightful owners. I have listened to the voices asking why wasn't it brought to the members, why was there no referendum, what are the plans for it?

White Earth RBC had to move fast as we have the right ones in the legislature to make this happen. When it came to the return of our land and we had a senator to introduce it, we made the decision to act, otherwise it would be another 100 years. We all know that we currently own under 12% of our land here, we need to do whatever it takes to get our land back for the future generations.

Right now, the plans are that White Earth take over management, it will not be transferred until after five years. Within these five years, there will be planning meetings with all the stakeholders to assure that we are all on the same page. Once this is completed the return to White Earth Nation can be made.

White Earth held a testimony hearing on SF3480 on March 22 in the Tribal Court Chambers. This was open to all, many came and testified. Testimony from those opposing was pretty much the same that was heard at the Senators hearing. White Earth Staff and residents did a good job at answering the concerns and speaking of why it should be transferred. I must give a shout out to all for a job well done, especially to Judge Anita Fineday and court staff that were able to get this done.

Elders Conference

I was able to attend the Elders Conference put on by ENP on March 7. It was my honor to be able to attend. Booths, vendors were on site and nurses were doing blood pressure, blood sugar and receiving and answering any question that were asked. Frank Stech Jr., was the MC. He is always a pleasure to work with. The closing was Rob Fairbanks, a comedian from Leech Lake. This was a nice little event,



hopefully it will be an annual one.

District III Elders Tiny Homes

District II, RBC staff and I had a meeting and it was decided on six homes each for DII and DIII. For District III, two homes will be in the Pine Point village and four homes in White Earth. These homes will be rentals and the main priority will be our homeless Elders. There is no application or any policies in place for these homes yet but will be worked on in the coming months. This is a long time coming and we are hoping that we can expand this as we move forward.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Legislation Dinner

We attended the Legislative Dinner on March 12. This was a good opportunity for all to talk and meet other Tribal leaders, Legislative leaders, and staff. It was an honor to be able to have dinner with Senator Sandy Pappus and her husband. It was an evening filled with good consultation, good food and awesome people.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Chairman Michael Fairbanks and Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, they will move on to the June 11 General Election.

That's it for this month, until next month, my prayers to all...

Cheryl "Annie" Jackson
District III Representative

Growing Old Gracefully Elders Conference



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

The Growing Old Gracefully Elders Conference was held March 7 at the Shooting Star Casino. There were information booths, health screenings, a meal, comedian, and everyone's favorite - Diabetes Bingo! (above)

In Celebration of American Indian Month WEFO-Cass Lake Open House and ID / White Earth Apparel Event

**Tuesday, May 7
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

217 2nd Street NW Cass Lake, Minn.
(Old American Legion)

ID's will be made and
White Earth clothing for sale

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided

White Earth Nation Expungement Clinic

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - 10am-5pm*

Shooting Star Event Center, 777 SE Casino Rd, Mahanomen, MN 56557

If you have a criminal record for an offense that was prosecuted in a state court, we may be able to help you determine if you qualify for expungement at the Clean Slate Expungement Clinic hosted by our office. If you qualify, we may be able to help you get your record sealed by the Court at no cost to you. Sealing, or expunging, a criminal record can make it easier for you to obtain housing, get a job and certain types of job-related licenses.

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Bemidji Expungement Clinic

Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 10am-5pm*

Northwest Indian Community Development Center
1819 Bemidji Ave N, Bemidji, MN 56601

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RBC pursuing return of WE State Forest

At the Minnesota legislature, Senator Mary Kunesch recently introduced HF 3480 which would return the 160,000-acre White Earth State Forest to the White Earth Band of Anishinaabe. It follows a land return to the Lower Sioux in mid March and represents a way to begin healing the wounds of Minnesota's past and comply with the law.

On March 7, Chairman Michael Fairbanks provided testimony at the State Capital in St. Paul, Minn., advocating for the return of the White Earth Forest. Notably, the proposal faced opposition from Clearwater, Becker, and Mahnommen County.

The reservation was established in 1867, while the State established the Forest in 1933, conveniently located within the reservation boundaries. "Passing this bill would ensure that the Forest is returned to its rightful owners and remains accessible for everyone to enjoy," said Fairbanks.

The Congressional Acts and land grab era before the state forest created and significantly impacted our ancestors. The Bill will help initiate a healing process, allowing members to move forward from the past and look towards a brighter future as Gaawaabaabiganikaag Anishinaabeg.

"We believe this is a golden opportunity for the State to do well by doing good," said Fairbanks. "Returning this land to our Nation will produce healing, and everyone who loves this place will enjoy our plan to protect, and expand recreational opportunities in the Forest."

Right now, the plans are that White Earth will take over management, it will not be transferred until after five years. Within these five years, there will be planning meetings with all the stakeholders to assure that we are all on the same page. Once this is completed the return to the White Earth Nation can be made.

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee released a comprehensive plan titled "Protect, Preserve, and Expand Enjoyment For All," outlining the Tribe's vision for the responsible and sustainable usage of the White Earth State Forest lands. This vision comes in anticipation of pending legislation that, if approved, would return land ownership to the Tribe. You can read this vision on page 24.

To stay up-to-date, please follow our official Facebook page and visit whiteearth.com for the latest updates.



Celebrating National Public Health Week

During the first week of April, communities nationwide celebrated National Public Health Week (NPHW). During this week we recognize and appreciate public health's role in our lives and community.

So, what is public health? Public health practice focuses on keeping people healthy and promoting well-being in communities. It involves efforts to prevent diseases, promote healthy behaviors, and create conditions that support good health for everyone at the community or population level.

Public health professionals work with many partners and community programs to protect and improve the health of populations by addressing the factors that influence health, like access to healthcare services, safe environments, and education about healthy lifestyles.

Public health is essential because of its work to prevent disease and promote health for all individuals and includes many strategies, including health promotion, disease surveillance, policy development, and community engagement. Whether we recognize it or not, public health has touched every single one of our lives.

Three examples of the ways public health efforts have touched our lives are things like seatbelt laws, commercial tobacco control, and the COVID-19 pan-

dem. Public health efforts led to laws requiring seatbelt use, which reduced injuries and deaths in car accidents. Another example of public health impacts are campaigns and policies that have raised awareness about the dangers of smoking, which led to decreased smoking rates and improved health outcomes. During the COVID-19 pandemic public health played an important role in coordinating response efforts, providing trusted information, and implementing measures to protect public health and save lives.

In our community, tribal public health works to improve the health our community by strengthening collaboration among healthcare professionals, leaders, community organizations, and individuals to address health disparities, promote health equity, and ensure everyone has access to quality healthcare services. Public health interventions empower individuals to take control of their health and make informed choices by focusing on preventive measures, such as health screenings and education.

Public Health Week lets us recognize the public health professionals and their impact on our lives. By supporting public health initiatives, we can build stronger and healthier communities for ourselves and future generations.

White Earth Council of Elders

By **Tim Rindahl, Chairman**

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

Boozhoo everyone

Hope everyone enjoyed Easter and had a great time with family and friends. Oh boy, what a taste of winter we got just before Easter - all the blowing snow and slippery roads.

We had a lot going on in March. We had Curtis Rogers draw up a bus policy for the use of the Elders new bus.

We had the SIRVS students come up from the University of Minnesota and they performed 165 wellness exams and 49 surgeries for pets on the reservation Thank you student veterinarians!

We had the 2024 candidate forum on March 16 and I had the honor of being the MC. It turned out good and there were a lot of questions asked to the candidates.

We also had a health fair on March 21 at the Rice Lake Community Center. I missed this one but I heard it was pretty good. Thank you Public Health, they always have great information on health issues.

Don't forget our Elder Social Workers

Felecia Belanger: Ext. 3288

Lynn Tibbetts: Ext. 3261

Lisa (Goodwin) Knutson: Ext. 3264

And our Elder Advocates

Monica Perrault (Naytahwaush): Ext. 3245

Terri (Jackson) Wichern: Ext. 3320

These are the 'go to' people when we need help or questions answered. They are always willing to help and do a fantastic job. They help with paperwork, transportation, intakes so they can find the best resources to eliminate any barriers they do a lot of community outreach.

Monthly Meetings Dates

May 7 - White Earth

June 4 - Rice Lake

July 2 - Elbow Lake

Aug. 6 - Naytahwaush

Sept. 3 - Pine Point

Oct. 1 - White Earth

Nov. 5 - Rice Lake

Dec. 3 - Naytahwaush

It was decided in our April 3 meeting at Pine Point that meetings will start at 5:30 p.m. If that changes we will let you know.

If anyone has any ideas for an Elder float for the upcoming powwows let us know.

Miigwech!

Tim Rindahl / Chair

Sam Crowell / Vice Chair

Colleen Blattenbauer / Treasurer

Monica Perrault / Secretary

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**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION
OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
April 2, 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	42	3	7	21	70	23	22	139	30	6	26	12	18	33	68	85	605	42.49%	
DONOVAN G. BURNETTE	5	1	0	3	83	7	2	10	1	0	2	0	0	3	20	3	140	9.83%	
MICHAEL A. FAIRBANKS	52	5	7	14	68	27	17	88	35	3	25	1	30	58	163	65	658	46.21%	
KAREN MARIE MANYPENNY	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	7	21	1.47%	
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	102	9	14	38	223	57	41	240	67	9	56	13	49	94	252	160	1424		

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, April 2, 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

Gary S. Frazer
Vernie Hisgun
Beverly H. Smith
Mindy R. Woolbert
Sherold Hanks

The votes have been counted in the White Earth Primary Election

The White Earth Primary Election was held April 2 and the community was invited to view the election results at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen. The event was also live-streamed on White Earth YouTube.

Right: The White Earth Election Board members (seated) take absentee ballots out of sealed envelopes to be counted. From left are Sherold Hanks, Vernie Hisgun, Gary Frazer, and Mindy Woolbert.

The White Earth General Election is Tuesday, June 11. If you have any election questions call 218-936-5622 or toll-free at 1-866-211-9154.



Photo by Gary W. Padrta



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Standing next to Chi-Gaanjwebinigid from left are Ryan Freudenrich - MnDOT Transportation Generalist, Shiloh Wahl - MnDOT District Engineer, Sandra St. Clair - Maadaadizi Workforce Center Manager, Michael Bowman - White Earth Public Works Director, Rob Tibbetts - WE Ojibwe Language and Culture Coordinator, Eugene Sommers - District II Representative, Paul Mertens - MnDOT Transportation Generalist, and Justin Knopf - MnDOT Operations Manager.

State snowplow at Mahnomen given Ojibwe name

A MnDOT snowplow stationed in Mahnomen has been named Chi-gaanjwebinigid “The Big Pusher.” Coming up with the name was White Earth Ojibwe Language and Cultural Coordinator Rob Tibbetts.

Chi-gaanjwebinigid’s route is Highway 59 north of Mahnomen to the Mahnomen county line, and Highway 200 from Mahnomen to Roy Lake.

This year, MnDOT wanted to offer an opportunity for each tribal government to name one of their snowplows in parallel with MnDOT’s annual snow plow naming public engagement opportunity. MnDOT has over 800 snowplows in their fleet and find that snowplow naming has been a great way to

engage the public in their work.

MnDOT currently has a few Ojibwe and Dakota language snowplow names in their fleet, including Giiwedid, located at the Carlton truck station, assigned to the Highway 33 route which is near the Fond du Lac Reservation, and Goonodaabaan in the Grand Marais truck station, assigned to the route between Grand Marais and the Canadian border and crosses the Grand Portage Reservation.

MnDOT said this was a great way to share the cultural significance of language in a creative fashion and they’re excited to now have added Chi-gaanjwebinigid to their fleet in MnDOT District 4.

Businesses/nonprofits invited to apply for grand funding

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation will soon be accepting grant applications from small businesses and nonprofits to invest in existing operations or planned growth.

Through the PROMISE Act (Providing Resources and Opportunity and Maximizing Investments in Striving Entrepreneurs), created and funded by the Minnesota Legislature, the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, in partnership with the Department of Employment and Economic Development, has been awarded \$2.3 million to disperse one-time grants up to \$50,000 to businesses and qualified nonprofits. Businesses can use funds for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent or mortgage payments, utility bills, equipment, and other similar expenses that occur in the regular course of business.

The PROMISE Act program is intended to drive fair economic recovery by boosting small, rural, and minority-owned businesses, which face the largest barriers to accessing capital and resources.

The application process will consist of two steps:
1. Applicants complete an application to assess eligibility. All businesses and nonprofits that believe they are eligible may complete the application.

2. If deemed eligible through the application, qualifying businesses and nonprofits will be invited to apply. The grant application window will be open no later than April 1, and will be open until April 30.

NMF expects more applications than there is

funding available. Not all applicants can expect to receive funding.

This is the first of two rounds of the PROMISE Act grant program; the second round will be announced after July 1. Any awardees from the first round will be ineligible to receive a grant in the second round.

Priority will be given to businesses and nonprofits who received \$10,000 or less in previous financial assistance from state pandemic relief programs, and who meet the definition of financial hardship by showing a 10 percent decline in gross revenue or a decrease in net income from 2021 to 2022, as shown on tax returns.

Eligible applications will be businesses with \$750,000 or less in gross revenue that are located in the Northwest Minnesota Foundation’s service area, which includes Red Lake Nation, White Earth Nation, and 12 counties (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau).

If your business is located outside this service area you can go here to learn more about the availability of Promise Act Grant in other communities.

For details on the grant process and how to apply, please visit <https://nwmf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/> If you have any questions or need assistance completing the application, please email or call Mic McCrory at micm@nwmf.org or 218-558-5325 to be connected with a consultant.

THE DOCTOR’S CORNER

Pediatric Care Close to Home

White Earth Indian Health Service (IHS) is proud to offer exceptional pediatric primary care to the children and youth of the White Earth Nation.

Our pediatric team offers expertise in primary care which includes well child care, physicals, acute/sick visits, sports injuries, mental health, adolescent and reproductive health, along with management of chronic conditions. White Earth IHS is a certified medial home providing relationship-based care focusing on the whole person and family respecting the unique needs, culture, and values of the patient and their family.

We are excited to announce that our pediatric department is growing to better meet the needs of the community. The Oshkigin pediatric group would like to welcome, Kara Haus, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner to our team. Kara graduated with a doctorate of nursing practice from Rush University in Chicago and spent over a year with Courtney and the IHS team during her training. She lives in Detroit Lakes with her husband and three sons. When not at work, you will find Kara spectating and transporting her boys to various sporting events or enjoying the Minnesota lakes. Kara will be providing full spectrum pediatric care in White Earth.

Pediatric team members:

- Courtney Schantzen, PNP
- Kara Haus, PNP
- University of Minnesota pediatrician-group of 6-8 physicians that rotates weekly
- Alissa Stall, RN, Care coordinator
- Andrea Yarbrough, RN
- Haley Warren, RN
- Emily Weigel, RN

Please call to schedule appointment at 218-983-6272. Booking school and/or sports physicals now. Thank you for trusting White Earth IHS to care for your most sacred future generation! Miigwech.

Public Hearing Indian Education Programs and Budgets

NOTICE

Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Schools

There will be a public hearing regarding the spring review 2023-2024 American Indian Education Programs and Budgets

The Public Hearing will take place at
5:30 p.m. at the Waubun Media Center
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

The hearing will include the following:

1. Presentation of Annual Needs Assessment and Indian Policies and Procedures.
2. Overview of Title I, II, & VI, Johnson O’Malley, American Indian Education Aid, and Impact Aid.
3. Seek comments and recommendations regarding the programs.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS ATTENDING

WAUBUN-OGEMA-WHITE EARTH SCHOOL DISTRICT #435 IS URGED TO ATTEND.

FEEDBACK IS WELCOME ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS. PLEASE SHARE FEEDBACK PRIOR TO THE MEETING IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

Todd Cameron, Superintendent jspaeth@waubun.k12.mn.us 218-473-6171
Patti Degroat, Indian Education Coordinator pattid@waubun.k12.mn.us 218-473-6173



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156TH ANNUAL WHITE EARTH TREATY DAY CELEBRATION & POW WOW

JUNE 14, 15 & 16, 2024
White Earth, MN
FIVE GRAND ENTRIES
FRI, JUNE 14 | 1PM & 7PM
SAT, JUNE 15 | 1PM & 7PM
SUN, JUNE 16 | 1PM

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

FEAST - 5PM Fri & Sat

RULES FOR POW WOW GROUNDS & CAMPING AREA

- Camping at your own risk
- Free campfire wood
- Showers are available on Saturday and Sunday between 6 and 10 am.
- 24-hour security on-site
- 11pm Curfew
- No fireworks, weapons, alcohol or illegal substances
- No unruly behavior
- No ATVs
- The White Earth Reservation Business Committee, Police and Pow Wow Committee reserve the right to remove violators

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 Living on or near the White Earth Reservation; additional qualifications apply.
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 Applications available at WERBC Headquarters or via email.

VENDOR CONTACT | Autumn - (218) 368-3320 or Charles - (218) 902-1267
 The Vendor Lists Full and there are No More Spots Available.

DIABETES MEMORIAL 5K RUN/WALK
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024
 Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Race Starts: 9:00 a.m.
 Start at White Earth Health Division Parking Lot
 Open to everyone. No registration fee.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO |  **WHITE EARTH NATION**
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PLEASE CALL 218-473-4663 TO SIGN UP AND GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DAY OF SERVICE. PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO THE OFFICE ASSISTANT TAKING YOUR CALL. ALSO HAVE YOUR ITEMS AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

WE HOUSING TENANTS - CREWS WILL BE PICKING UP THEIR RENTAL UNITS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY. PLEASE HAVE UNWANTED ITEMS AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEFORE.

YOUR AREA DATES ARE LISTED BELOW.

Date	Included Areas
Apr 24 th thru Apr 27 th	INCLUDED AREAS Riverland Apts, Riverland Housing, Perch Lake, Lengby, Ebro, Pine Bend and Roy Lake included
May 1 st thru May 4 th	Naytahwaush Community Pinehurst to Mahkounce, Co road 6 from Hwy 59 to Co road 4
May 8 th thru May 11 th	Elbow Lake Community Pinehurst to Hwy 113, McCraney Lake cut across, Snyder Lake area, Tamarac Resort on Hwy 35 back to Hwy 113
May 15 th thru May 18 th	Pine Point Community LaDoux Road, Ice Cracking, Strawberry Lake & Mary Yellowhead
May 29 th thru Jun 1 st	White Earth Community Callaway, Richwood Road, Goat Ranch Road

TV's, Electronics & 8 Car Tires per household accepted (NO SEMI OR TRACTOR TIRES). NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR HAZARDOUS WASTE ALLOWED

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White Earth Child Care and Early Childhood Programs 218-983-3285

Mental Health co-hosts Women's Empowerment Event

By **Deondra Jackson, MSW, LGSW**
Mental Health Crisis Clinical Trainee
White Earth Mental Health

Boozhoo from White Earth Mental Health!

During March, White Earth Mental Health partnered with White Earth Public Health to host a Women's Empowerment Event on March 19. This was a three-hour event that provided education surrounding women's health, self-care, and skills to keep yourself safe. There were participants 67 for this event.

Following the event, participants had the opportunity to learn cultural teachings and attend an untying ceremony or sound bath.

Miigwech to Mariah Prussia, Healing Bridge and White Earth Culture Team for your knowledge and support in making this event successful!

Our Mental Health team had the opportunity to connect with youth and their families and provide education surrounding mental health at the Detroit Lakes Public Schools Powwow that took place on March 21. White Earth Mental Health also offered a

SafeTalk workshop. SafeTalk is a four-hour face-to-face workshop that provides education on how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, engaging someone, and connecting them to an intervention resource for further support.

On March 21, a Mental Health team member gave a presentation to 75 individuals about the Becker County/White Earth Crisis team and the services the crisis team provides at the Minnesota Social Service Association Conference in Minneapolis.

Throughout the month of March, a member of the Mental Health team provided education to dog owners in three different communities about the positive impacts' pets can have on our emotional wellbeing. In addition, provided education about the difference between service pets and emotional support animals and how individuals could obtain appropriate documentation for their pet to continue to provide emotional support and improve well-being.

Miigwech to all those who have assisted with and hosted these events! Stay tuned for more information about other upcoming events!

Grants available to support homeless individuals

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is now accepting grant applications to support efforts aimed at improving the outcomes for individuals who have experienced homelessness.

The maximum grant award is \$7,500, with average funding expected to be between \$2,000 and \$7,500. Total funding available is \$30,000. **The deadline to apply is April 30.**

These grants – named Racial Equity Accountability Grants – support a Northwest Continuum of Care project aimed at identifying, dismantling, and de-colonizing instances of racism within the regional homeless response system. The Racial Equity Accountability Project, or REAP, is focused on improving the region's current system of coordinated entry, which is the primary way individuals access supportive housing services in the NWCoC service area.

The purpose of this grant is to provide grants out to the community working to improve outcomes for individuals who have experienced homelessness.

Some examples of funding potentials are:

- Increasing cultural competency: Grant expenses can cover costs associated with providing and orga-

nizing training and professional development for staff working with those living through homelessness.

- Developing stronger relations between those living through homelessness and supportive housing staff: This can be accomplished by providing more culturally relevant events and opportunities for the community to express their cultural identity, and provide healing, such as sweat lodges, traditional ceremonies, drum circles, talking circles, community meals, support groups; or events related to specific cultural and racial identities

- Increasing stabilization: Providing job training and acquisition opportunities for individuals leaving homelessness

Eligible applicants are nonprofits, public agencies, and tribal organizations located within the Northwest Continuum of Care's service area that includes the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Red Lake Nation, the White Earth Nation, and 12 counties (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake Falls, and Roseau).

For more details or to apply, please visit <https://nwmf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/>

WOWE schools offering Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is being offered by the Waubun, Ogema, White Earth Community Schools to children ages 3 ½ to 5 on April 19 during the regular school day at the Ogema Elementary School.

As required by the state, your child must be screened before they enter Kindergarten. If you have a child that is registered for Kick-Start then they need to complete this screening as well. If they have attended Head Start then they have already completed this process. If your child has previously and successfully completed this screening either at Ogema or at another site, they do not have to repeat it.

The purpose of this screening process is to identify children who may have health or developmental

problems. This early identification is very helpful in preventing health and learning problems from becoming more serious, but it is not intended as a substitute for health care from your family physician, dentist, or other providers.

The screening will consist of a height and weight check, a vision and hearing screening, a developmental screening, and a health history check with a nurse that will also include vaccines (free of charge) in case your child is not up to date with his/her immunizations. The screening will take about an hour and a half and is free of charge.

Please contact Suzy Olson at the Ogema School at 218-473-6175 or suzyo@waubun.k12.mn.us to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions.

SUPPLEMENTAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Summer SYEP - 2024

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE: MAY 3RD, 2024

Eligibility:

- Open to Enrollees and Descendants
- Living on the White Earth Reservation
- Ages 14-21

Applications can be found on the **White Earth Nation** website under the **Human Services - Forms tab - Workforce Forms**. Employee Service Intake Application (SYEP). Completed applications must be submitted to the Maadaadizi Workforce Center.

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Naytahwaush, MN 56566

Destiny Zornes

218-936-2444 ext. 3251

Fax 218-935-0480



Prevention and Educational Event

White Earth Tribal and Community College Student Senate is hosting a preventative/educational-awareness week regarding MMIW and our missing relatives. We are needing to inform and educate our local community on the importance of knowing tips & info on preventative measures to fight against sex trafficking.

Monday - Prevention/education

Tuesday - share Testimonials/stories of loved ones

Wednesday - Poster making for 5K

Thursday - Necklace making / photo booth

Friday 5k w 10 shirt giveaways (First 10)

April 15th

Time: 1:00PM-

4:00PM WETCC

Drum Hall

April 16th

Time: 1:00PM-

4:00PM WETCC

Drum Hall

April 17th

Time: 1:00PM-

4:00PM WETCC

Drum Hall

April 18th

Time: 1:00PM-

4:00PM WETCC

Drum Hall

April 19th

Time: 1:00PM-

4:00PM WETCC

Drum Hall

Our community needs to come together and spread awareness to these tragedies that are affecting our people today.

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Contact Kim at 218-983-3285 x1215 or email Kim.Lage@whiteearth-nsn.gov

White Earth Child Care Licensing for the White Earth Reservation

Donations needed to help upkeep Rez cemeteries

Please consider making tax-deductible charitable donations to preserve our historic and historic cemeteries.

All maintenance and upkeep are funded solely by donations to our cemeteries and by volunteer labor. Donations have become quite thin as the older generations pass on. With ever shrinking finances and volunteers, it has become more and more difficult to regularly maintain and care for these sacred grounds.

To all who have relatives and friends buried in our cemeteries, please consider donating to any of the cemetery funds to help continue with their preservation and upkeep. Also, persons willing to help physically leveling sinking gravestones, trimming, etc. would be most welcomed and appreciated. Call the parish office to inquire about helping out.

Calvary and St. Columba are the two oldest and largest cemeteries on the White Earth Reservation. Many of us have ancestors buried in these cemeteries. Families include Fairbanks, Beaulieu, Bellanger, Roy, Vanoss, Hanks, Warren, Charette, Bellecourt, McDougall, Santwier, Parker, McArthur, Heisler, Louzon, Jackson, Bisson, Bellefeuille, LaDue-

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None of these donations will be used for the cemetery's associated churches. All donations will go strictly to the designated cemetery's fund to be used entirely and solely for the cemetery's preservation and maintenance expenses. Please make checks payable to the specified cemetery fund and mail to:

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218-983-3261

St. Columba's Cemetery Fund
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Drum Registration Contact Information

Orville "Casper" Bower | 218.204.0578
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White Earth Nation Ice Fishing Derby winners



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The White Earth Nation Ice Fishing Derby was held March 2 at the Shooting Star Casino after ice safety concerns moved it indoors. There were 934 people in attendance and everyone drew a fish category and size to enter the tournament. **Top:** Northern winners in order from left are Clarity Bower, Richard Stall, Mike Dominguez, Lindsay Adams, and Mason McDougall. Other winners were Sunfish: Collins Soland, Parker Jurina, Clayton Bower, McKenna Adams, and Taylor Soyering. Walleye: Connor Roy, Lew Murray, Elexis LaGue, JoAnne Zurn, and Breven Welsh. Crappie: LaRaye Stevens, Bryleigh Mertens, Monte Farley, Donald Stevens Jr., and Jesse Jensen. Bass: Cooper Houdek, Alrick Accobee, Mike Hanson, Vance Wolf, and Aubree Moore. We want to thank all the volunteers and generous sponsors who made this event possible. We hope to return to the ice next year!

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Iron Range Area Community Council

The Iron Range Area Community Council holds a meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenway Township Hall in Marble, Minn. The Council encourages everyone to attend and get involved.

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

Cheryl "Annie" Jackson

Incumbent White Earth District III Candidate



VOTE CHERYL "ANNIE" JACKSON FOR DISTRICT III REP

Boozhoo, my name is Cheryl "Annie" Jackson, and I am respectfully asking for your support for reelection as your District III Representative for the White Earth Nation Reservation Business Committee.

During the past 3 and a half years, I have been a vocal and passionate advocate for all constituents, working to improve access to healthcare, education, and services. I have a strong passion for protecting White Earth's tribal sovereignty and treaty rights and will always do what's in my power to be a champion for our people. As a lifelong resident of District III, I am actively involved in the community and will carry on being your voice at the highest levels of tribal, state, and federal government.

It continues to be my oath to work hard to remove barriers and allow access to the best services for our people. My dedication and commitment will always be to the constituents and communities of our beautiful White Earth Nation, finding ways to move us all forward.

Family is also a huge focus in my life. I'm a proud mother of 10 children and grandmother of 26, not to mention all those that became my family over the years.

"It's truly been my honor and I am humbly asking for your support in the June 11 General Election to continue the work we've done together."

Please don't hesitate to contact me at:

218-401-0230 - Work

218-204-1160 - Personal

annie.jackson@whiteearth-nsn.gov - Work

anniebubs67@hotmail.com - Personal

Paid for by the Cheryl "Annie" Jackson Campaign

Gary Roberts retires from White Earth Transit

Congratulations to Gary Roberts for his more than 10 years service with White Earth Public Transit.

He primarily served the Naytahwaush community as their evening route driver but also drove other service routes including groups for Elders, Boys and Girls Clubs, and several federal, state and tribal delegates.

White Earth Public Transit would like to thank Gary for all his years of service, hard work and dedication to the White Earth Tribal Transit system and your clients for over a decade.

Best wishes to Gary with his retirement.

Submitted photo



April 2024

Cultural Calendar
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White Earth Cultural Activities
Monthly Schedule

*Fire Lighting @ 5 PM for all sweats, men are encouraged to come and learn.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 OFF	2 Mahnomen AFT (5) 10 - 12 PM PP Women's Sweat 7 PM	3 WESA 10 - 2 RL Women's Sweat 7 PM	4 Acute Care 1 - 3 PM State of Nation 10 AM Drum Group WE CC 5-8 PM	5 Crafty Friday 10 - 3 PM Bagley High School - Culture and Traditions - Regalia Teachings	6 Rapid Round Dance WE CC 4 - 10 PM
8 OMC - Tobacco 9 AM, Youth Sweat 12 PM Drum Group Mah. C. College 5:30-7:30	9 NTW MOMS MATS Ceremony 10 - 12 RL Men's Sweat 7 PM	10 PP Men's Sweat 7 PM	11 Jean Youth AFT 9 Drum Group WE CC 5 - 8 PM Pine Point Healing Feast 5-7 PM	12	13
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22 OMC - 9 AM Tobacco, Women's Sweat 12 PM Drum Group Mah. C. College 5:30-7:30	23 NTW MOMS MATS Tobacco 10 - 12 PM	24 Pine Point AFT 10 - 12 PM Mahnomen Healing Feast 5-7	25 Circle Back - Youth AFT 1 10 - 12 PM WE Men's Sweat 7 PM Fire Teachings - Ashland	26 Fire Teachings - Ashland	27
29 Drum Group Mahnomen C. College 5:30-7:30	30				

Neeland competes at State level



Submitted photo

Silas Neeland of Rice Lake Club recently traveled to Eagan, Minn., to represent the Boys & Girls Club of White Earth at the State level. Silas started off by giving his speech and interviews with judges from various areas. Before they announced the winner we all received a tour of the Vikings training facility where we met Vikings player CJ Ham. Although Silas did not win the title he represented our community and organization very well! On March 20, Silas, his mom, District II Rep. Eugene Sommers, and Club staff also attended the State Boys & Girls Day of Advocacy at the State Capital. We met with Rep. Matt Grossel, Rep. Matt Bliss, Senator Steve Green and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flannigan (pictured). It is always such a joy to see, hear, and be with our future leaders. Congratulations Silas!

B&G Club hosts Easter events



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The Boys and Girls Club of White Earth held Easter events at five Club sites throughout the reservation. Almost 430 youth and adults attended. The Community Councils in White Earth and Rice Lake partnered with the Club in their Village.

Community helps restore Rez cemeteries

The cemetery committees and friends of Calvary Catholic Cemetery (St. Benedict's) and St. Columba's Episcopal Cemetery in White Earth wish to express our overwhelming gratitude to every one of those who helped accomplish the extraordinary and immense restoration work in these two cemeteries this past year.

Though these folks don't expect, or desire, praise for what they've done, we want everyone to know that their readiness and willingness to dive into such a daunting undertaking, as well as their hard work, is tremendously appreciated.

- Dave Snetsinger and tribal forestry crew - cutting yards of lilacs at St. Columba's
- Gary Hoban - backhoe, digging out lilac roots in St. Columba's
- Jason Hoban - supplying his backhoe
- Ronnie Lanoue - brushing in both cemeteries and moving lilac roots out of cemetery
- Joel Davidson - brushing, moving rocks and debris, and dirt work in both cemeteries
- Matt Gordon and Gordon's Construction - Matt, DJ, Randy, Donny, Mic for cleanup and massive rock removal at Calvary and donating black dirt at both Calvary and St. Columba's
- White Earth RBC for their very generous financial assistance
- "Toes" Ed Dakota, Jr.
- James Virnala - blacksmithing
- Glenn Anderson - woodworking
- Smokey Hills Welding - Mike Elkington and Nash Mitchell
- Bob, Sue, John and Miles Baker - hauling out loads of lilacs from Calvary
- Vicky Bellanger and Mike Kappes
- Wayne Hanks - tree removal

- Gauge Englund - helping with straightening gravestones

- Bruce Engebretson
- Tim "Pete" Fairbanks
- Jack Heisler
- Corey and Heather Berry family

Some of the work involved the removal of many yards of lilacs that had toppled and enveloped numerous century-old gravestones; removal of trees, stumps, and brush that had entirely covered the area of unmarked graves in the very oldest sections of both cemeteries which comprised the combined area of several football fields; replacing the road into Calvary; removal of numerous semi-trailer loads of rocks, boulders, and debris that had been pushed along the entire north, west, and south perimeter of Calvary Cemetery over many decades; repairing the road into St. Columba's with crushed asphalt; removing many enormous dying and dangerous trees in St. Columba's; as well as many other tasks.

These problems had slowly developed over the past 50 years or more. Without the combined effort of each one of these people and the support and commitment from Fr. Greg Gallagher, OMI and Mother Jackie Bernachi, none of these enormous and arduous undertakings would have been possible. Please forgive us if we've failed to mention anyone. It is purely unintentional.

Words cannot adequately express how grateful we are to each and every one of you for your generosity, dedication, persistence, patience and kindness.

Migwetch! Migwetch! Migwetch!

Calvary and St. Columba's Cemetery Committees



The reservation community worked together to help restore Calvary Catholic Cemetery and St. Columba Episcopal Cemetery.

Top: A small portion of the rocks removed from the south fence line of Calvary Cemetery.

Left: Completed tree and brush removal and dirt work in the west boundary of St. Columba Cemetery.

Photos by
Budd Parker

Address from Front Page

treatment center opening soon.

He said although a bill to return the White Earth Forest to the tribe stalled in the state Legislature this session, efforts will continue.

“We have a lot of a lot of people around us that are scared. And it’s not us. It’s them on what we’re going to do with that land,” Fairbanks said. “Because remember, we’re the caretakers. We’re the stewards of this land for thousands of years. We know how to take care that.”

Fairbanks announced White Earth has been negotiating an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over the Tamarack Refuge.

“We’re integrating our conservation code into the Fish and Wildlife code,” Fairbanks said.

In his closing remarks Fairbanks said he would like to see White Earth’s health care infrastructure

bolstered so that care is more accessible.

“We have a lot of smart people in White Earth. I believe that our nation probably holds the most doctorates, the most master’s degrees across the country,” Fairbanks said. “I believe that we’re educated, I believe in education. And I believe in us, I believe in everyone out there. We can all choose our paths. We do as much as we can for everyone out there. And I want to say miigwetch.”

You can watch the 2024 State of the Nation Address on the White Earth YouTube page at www.whiteearth.com

By Mathew Holding Eagle III
MPR News



Photos by Gary W. Padra

The State of the Nation Address was held April 4 at Shooting Star Casino. **Top:** The Tribal Council walking in during Grand Entry. **Bottom:** Around 750 people attended the event.

VOTE LAURA LEE



White Earth Gaawaabaabiganikaag District 3

General Election June 11, 2024

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WE Natural Resources teach students about ice safety

Ron Jackson, Amy Moore and Ashley Zurn from White Earth Natural Resources recently conducted a Safety on Ice presentation to the 3rd grade students at Ogema Elementary School.

Also helping with the event were Ogema VFW Post 9880 & Auxiliary members, and Ogema Elementary School staff.

Organizers said the students paid close attention and asked many questions.

Submitted photo

The White Earth General Election is Tuesday, June 11. Polls are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

QUITTING SMOKING AND THE PATH TO A HEALTHIER LIFE

There are many stories about how people quit smoking commercial tobacco. A few of these stories about smoking cessation success only happen after someone experiences a health scare. A health scare can happen when someone goes into the hospital, has surgery, and then decides it is probably a good time to quit while hospitalized. Some people have said they just decided to quit cold turkey because they were tired of purchasing a pack of cigarettes at approximately \$13.53 with tax. Stopping cold turkey is an example of willpower-resisting a short-term temptation to accomplish a long-term goal. This is easier for some than others, depending on how much they smoke. A good support person is also key to success.



The rewards of quitting a nicotine addiction can be fantastic. The money saved in a jar over time can help pay off a bill you have been struggling with. The money saved can pay for a trip with your loved ones, and it is something you might find worthwhile and have money to do more often. Life insurance will become cheaper (and well worth the investment) once you accomplish your quit. The ability to breathe better improves your sense of smell, and you might even have more energy. Consider the fact that one day, your clothing will no longer smell like an ashtray.

The first thing people worry about is how to deal with cravings, restlessness, irritability, and possibly even headaches. If you can make it the first week, it will eventually become easier going forward. That's where willpower comes in. Figure out what works for you and talk to other people to see what helped them. You don't have to do this alone. You say you are too stressed to quit? Find different ways to deal with stress. Deep breathing is a relaxing exercise when stress is taking place. Get up and move from your spot. Changing your location or habits can keep you mindful that you are only in a temporary situation. If you always sit in a certain place while smoking, move to a different spot to remind yourself of the new change that is taking place. Suppose you used to smoke while in your vehicle, place some hand-to-mouth tools nearby to take the place of the cigarette. Talk to others and get some exercise (go outside if the weather permits and get some fresh air). Eat healthy snacks to avoid weight gain and think about what you can do instead of smoking, like learn a new hobby or read a good book.

Finally, nobody can do it for you. The first thing is to set your mind to what you need to do and mark it on a calendar for when you will start. This plan of action will also need some positive affirmations. Only when we think about it and believe it will be possible. Thoughts like: I deserve to be healthy and free from my commercial tobacco addiction. My body is going to feel better when I start taking better care of my health. I can overcome any challenge that I am faced with each new day. Make it your own, and keep telling yourself until it happens. Success can only happen if you start learning what works and what does not. It might be your first time or your twentieth time, but somewhere on that journey, you will finally get it right. Be Well.

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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.

•“O/da/mi/nwaa/ga/nan. **Gidodaminwaadaanan.**”

Speak in syllables: Toys. **You** play with **them.**”

•“**Giwaabamaa** na a'aw mooz imaa?”

“**You** see him ? that moose there?”

•“**Dibi.** Aandi eyaag **ziibi?**”

“I wonder where. Where's it the river?”

•“Aabawaate noongom.”

“It warms up in the sun today.”

•“**Aandi** eyaad **migizigwan?**”

“Where is he eagle feather?”

Agwajiing - Outside

Biindig - Inside

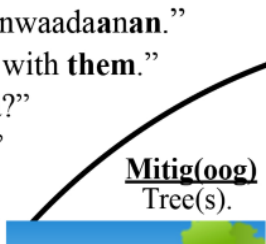
Odamion! - Play! (1)

Odamionog! - Play! (2+)

Odaminodaa!-Let's all play!

Ayekozi. - S/he is tired.

Nindayedoz. - I am tired.



Mashkosiwan, Ziibi, Waakaa'igan, Giizhig
Grasses, River, House, Sky



Mooz(oog)
Moose(plural)
Find the ten(10)underlined Ojibwe words in the wordfind.



Miigwan(ag)
Feather(s) **Giizis**
Sun

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

“Aaniin ezhinikaazoyan? *Joe nindizhinikaaz.*” (How//what way you called? Joe I am called.) Nagamon nagamowin! Sing it a song! “Nishtigwaan-Head, Nindinimaanganan-Shoulders, Ningidigwag-Knees ashi Ninakwaanizidan-Toes. Repeat Knees and Toes, - Nishkiinzhigoon ashi Nitawagan ashi Nindoon ashi Ninzhaanzh -Eyes and Ears and Mouth and Nose. Nishtigwaan, Nidinimaanganan, Nigidigwag, ashi Ninakwaanizidan.” There is a tune to this children's song. Just try it!

Body parts are spoken as Mine//My..., Yours..., and His/Hers...
Ninjaanzh.-My nose. Gijaanzh.-Your nose, Ojaanzh.-His/Hers.
Nindoon.-My mouth, Gidoon.-Your mouth. Odoon.-His/Her's...

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N I M I G I Z I G W A N
D Y N O A M S B O A O Z

Ojibwemon! - Speak Ojibwe!
Ojibwemodaa!**Let's all** speak Ojibwe!
Anishinaabeg: Daga Ojibwemodaa!
Use your gift. Please let's all speak!
Write on your packs, tees, & posters.
Listen/Speak w/dictionary online!
Have fun with your goal to speak.
Post & practice words on fridge!

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

Nitaawigiwin

• Grownup

Aaniin ezhichiged?
Izhichigewin. -Activity.

Jaachaamo.

Madengwaam.

Zhoomiingweni.

Dibaajimowin.

Gotaaji.

Babaamoode.

Eya'.

Gaawiin! Gaa wiikaa!

Key: What is s/he doing?
S/he sneezes. S/he snores.
S/he smiles. S/he tells a story.
S/he is afraid. S/he crawls
around. Yes. No! Never!
Ninzaagitoon.- I love it.

Anishaa: Random, Just for nothing. Fun.

Ishkode-makakoons(an)-Battery(s) Little fire-box

Biinichigewikwe(g)/Biinichigeinini(wag) -

Janitor/cleaner woman(s)/Janitor/cleaner male(s)

Migi.-S/he barks. Nimig.-I bark. Gimig.-You bark.

Ninga-jaachaam!-I am going to-sneeze!

Giizisoo-mazina'igan(an) - Moon-page(s) or

Calendar(s) Dekaaag - Ice cream

Ziigwebinigan.- Trash, Dump

Ozhibii'igewikwe.(wag)-Clerk lady(s)

Ozhibii'igewinini.(wag)-Clerk man

Ozhibii'ige. - S/he writes.

Ozhibii'igewigamig(oon) -

Office bldg/space(s)

oo - well...

Oshki-bimaadizi.-S/he's young.
Oshki-aya'aa.-Young/new one.
Oshkinawe.-Young/adolescent male
Oshkiniijikwe.-Young/adolescent female

•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

Gichi-aya'aa•Elder

Aaniin ezhinikaazod wa'aw giizis? What/how is

s/he called this moon/month? Izhinikaazo-Giizis

wa'aw giizis. - S/he is named Sugar-Moon this

moon. “Howah! •Ambe nandone'igedaa!. Eya'!

Ingoding na giwaniike? Gaye niin. Aandi gaa-

atoonamowaad iniw aabaabika'iganan?

Nibaawigamigong ningii-mikaanan. Aandi

gaa-atooyaan in'giw wiiwakwaan? Imaa,

ningii-onagoodoon. Giminochigemin.”

“Alright! •Come let's all go search for things!

Yes! Sometimes? do you forget? Also me.

Where did-I put them those keys? In

the bedroom, I did find them.

Where did I put my bat?

There, I hung it in place

We do well.

1. _____-jachaam! Giziindime'on!
I am going to/will-sneeze! Bath tissue!
2. Missy apane _____ omaa.
Missy, always **she smiles** here.

3. _____ Gidazhikwemin _____!

Ice Cream! Ice Cream! We all scream **ice cream!**

4. Giganawaabandaan i'iw _____ Ziiigwan.

You look at it that **calendar**. It is spring.

5. Nimaanendam. Nindikid, “Maazhichige'. Inday, _____ niibiwi.”

I feel bad. I say it, “S/he does things wrong. My dog **barks** a lot!”

Ojibwemodaa! - **Let's all** speak Ojibwe!

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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!

COVID-19 is still spreading

in the community and throughout the world.

It still causes people to get sick
and some will have to go to the hospital.

To help protect yourself and your family, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **recommends staying up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines.**

If you think you might have COVID-19, talk to a **COVID-19 Community Coordinator or your doctor right away about what to do.**



Scan the QR code to visit:
health.mn.gov/diseases/coronavirus/basics.html



WE Police Department buys airboat

The White Earth Police Department recently purchased an airboat.

The department did not have the capability to conduct search and rescue operations on water. This boat has the capability to go on open water, thin or thick ice and swamp/marsh areas in the summertime giving the police department the ability to rescue people who are in or around water areas.

The boat has a pilot and a co-pilot. There is a bench seat and open area to for multiple rescuers or victims to sit.

Submitted photo

Special Events

WECOE Meeting:
 April 2nd– Naytahwaush
Diabetes Bingo
 April 3rd —Shooting Star
 April 11th —Pine Point
 April 18th —Elbow Lake
 April 25th — Valley View

White Earth Elder Nutrition Program
Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige
“White Earth Elder Eating Good”
Manidoo-Giizisoons(Little Spirit Moon)- April 2024

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 Closed for Easter	2 Beef stew Biscuit Spinach salad Fruit crisp	3 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	4 Tuna sandwich Baked chips Cucumber salad Pineapple	5 Stuffed peppers Artisan roll Beet salad Fresh fruit
8 Spaghetti Breadstick Steamed broccoli Sliced bananas w/ pudding	9 Grilled chicken sandwich w/ lettuce Oven fries Cookie Peaches	10 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	11 Bison meatballs Mashed potatoes Glazed carrots Croissant roll Clementine	12 Brunch for lunch Egg bake Hashbrowns Oatmeal Muffin Grapefruit
15 Fish Manoomin pilaf Squash Wheat bread Fresh fruit	16 BBQ chicken Baked beans Coleslaw Cornbread muffin Berry yogurt parfait	17 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	18 Birthday Lunch Broccoli cheese soup BLT sandwich Apricots Birthday treat	19 Fry bread taco w/ fixings Fruit salad
22 Sweet & sour chicken Brown Rice Oriental Veggies Egg roll Plum	23 Baked ham Mac n cheese Green beans Garden salad Croissant roll Mandarin oranges	24 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable Fruit Bread	25 Pork roast w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Manoomin stuffing Italian blend veggies Rice pudding with raisins	26 California burger w/ fixings Sweet potato fries Pickles Tropical fruit

White Earth Food Distribution April 2024 Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

April 2024 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

April 5th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

April 15th: Mahnomen & Waubun

April 19th: White Earth

April 26th: Detroit Lakes

April 30th: 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 April 2024

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

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

WIC follows RBC schedule for closings
 Dates and times are subject to change

Our Vision for White Earth State Forest



PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND EXPAND ENJOYMENT FOR ALL

Healing and Justice

- The State Forest is more than just trails and lakes. The health and sustainability of the White Earth Nation are tied directly to this land, which has provided them with physical, spiritual, cultural, and societal health since time immemorial.
- The land was taken from the Nation piece by piece. Within the first years of mandatory allotments, 80% of the land had been removed from the Tribe by often illicit means.
- Even so, the White Earth Nation has continued its commitment to care for this place, maintaining roads, stocking lakes, and contributing to its overall health.
- Return of this land is a just act promoting generational healing, identity, and self-worth.

Preserve the Park

- White Earth Nation will ensure that all remaining land in the Forest will be available for the enjoyment of all forever.
- Section-by-section lands within the State Forest have been sold off, leaving the Forest only about one-third of its original size.
- White Earth Nation believes the earth is not a resource to be used and depleted. They are the only party committed to never selling this land or reducing the Forest's size.

Expand and Improve Recreational Opportunities

- White Earth State Forest will remain open for all to enjoy hunting, fishing, gathering, hiking, and motorsports.
- Invest additional resources in improved maintenance of fisheries as well as motorsports and hiking trails.
- Continue to invest and promote Little Elbow Park, as well as expand day-use areas within the Forest
- Expand the network of hiking trails available to the public.

Support Local Businesses and Economies

- Expanded recreational opportunities and improved management will support local businesses and governments relying on tourism.
- Forest maintenance logging in the Forest will remain open to all parties, regardless of Tribal affiliation, through a market-based, blind bid process.

Protect Private Landowners

- Private landowners who access their property through the Forest will have no restrictions.
- Private landowners will benefit from enhanced maintenance and management of the Forest lands.
- Rapid response time by White Earth Wildland Firefighters will increase protection from fire damage to private lands.
- Water quality, invasive species monitoring, and relocation services for nuisance black bears will improve landowners' enjoyment of their property.



(Sample)

**White Earth
Absentee Ballot Request Form**

Please send an Absentee Ballot for the upcoming White Earth election set for the 11th Day of June, 2024

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

District 1 _____ District 2 _____ District 3 _____

FIRST TIME VOTERS; you may select a District.

If you choose not to select a District, you will receive a ballot to vote for only the at-large position.

* Once your district is declared you cannot change your District until you move back to the new district 30 days prior to the election, until then you will only be allowed to vote in the District you select. The Enrollment Office has an Address Request Form you will need to fill out. The boundaries are listed as follows:

District 1: North of State Highway 200

District 2: From State Highway to State Highway 113

District 3: South of State Highway 113

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
*Absentee voters in the Primary Election will automatically be mailed a ballot for the General Election held on June 11, 2024.

Send submissions to:
White Earth Election Board
PO Box 10,
Mahnomen, MN 56557

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on **June 11, 2024** to fill the following positions:

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON - 4 Year Term
Michael A. Fairbanks (incumbent)
Eugene Umsy Tibbetts

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III COMMITTEEPERSON - 4 Year Term
Cheryl "Annie" Jackson (incumbent)
Laura Lee Erickson

White Earth General Election Board
White Earth Election Office, 777 SE Casino Drive, Mahnomen, MN 56557
218-936-5622 / election.board@whiteearth.com

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING
PO Box 10, Mahnomen, MN 56557
Absentee Request cards me be sent to: election.board@whiteearth.com

POLLING PLACES:

DISTRICT I:
Bejou - Community Center, Main Street
Pine Bend - Church Parking Lot
Rice Lake - Community Center (Rice Lake Village)

DISTRICT II:
Mahnomen - Tribal College, 2250 College Road
Naytahwaush - Fire Hall, County Road 4
Waubun - Community Center, 1004 Central Avenue

DISTRICT III:
Callaway - Community Center, Highway 59
Ogema - VFW Hall, Main Street East
White Earth - Community Center, Martin Drive
Elbow Lake - Elderly Nutrition Center, (Elbow Lake Village)
Pine Point - Community Center (old school)

MARBLE, MN
Marble City Hall (Community Center)
302 Alice Avenue

<p>MINNEAPOLIS MCT Urban Office (Ally Entrance) 1308 East Franklin Avenue</p>	<p>CASS LAKE, MN White Earth Family Office 220 2nd Street NW</p>
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POLLS OPEN: 8 a.m. / POLLS CLOSE: 8 p.m.

**White Earth
Election Board**

Phone: 218-936-5622 / **Toll-free:** 1-866-211-9154

Fax: 218-936-5623

Email: election.board@whiteearth.com

Or by mail at:
White Earth Election Board
PO Box 10, Mahnomen, MN 56557

The Election Board encourages you to come vote early in person. They are located behind the Shooting Star Casino in the old RV Park building.

Election Board Hours
Monday-Friday:
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Voting eligibly for White Earth Nation Election

1.6(A) Judging Qualifications
Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

1.6 (B) Eligibility to Vote: Generally
Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All Eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

1.6 (C) Eligibility to Vote: Absentee
Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she must declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. If an eligible does not and has not previously designated a district, that eligible voter may cast an absentee ballot that includes only the at-large positions up for election. Once a voter has resided in or declared a district, the voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.

Obituaries

Eleanor Mary Sargent

Eleanor Sargent, 56, of Naytahwaush, died unexpectedly on March 2.

Eleanor Mary was born May 8, 1967, in Minneapolis to Melvin and Avonelle (Wadena) Sargent. At a young age, the family moved to the Naytahwaush area. She attended grade school in Naytahwaush followed by Mahnommen High School.



In 1986, Eleanor was united in marriage to Louis Fox Jr. and they were blessed with a daughter, Samantha. The couple later divorced, and Eleanor remained living in the Naytahwaush area. When the Shooting Star Casino opened she worked as a slot attendant for a few years. Eleanor met Mason Smith and was blessed with three boys: Dayton, Trenton and Ian to complete their family. Later, she attended college classes at the White Earth Community College, where she aced her courses and became a professional carpenter. She was a phenomenal house cleaner and enjoyed making a living at it.

Eleanor will be remembered as a high-spirited gal and a bit of a fanatic when it came to keeping things clean. She was also very giving, a great storyteller and had a great sense of humor. Eleanor loved spending time with her family, especially her grandkids, who were her pride and joy. She will be greatly missed by many.

Eleanor is survived by a daughter, Samantha (Tom Warren Jr.) of Mahnommen; sons: Dayton Smith of Naytahwaush, Trenton Sargent of Moorhead, Minn., and Ian (Trinity) Sargent of Fargo, N.D.; grandchildren: Hannah, Kaylie, Daphne, and Jesse Jensen Jr. and Alexander Sargent; brothers: John "Hoggmann" (Michelle Brown) Sargent of Naytahwaush, and Apollo Sargent, Drew Sargent, Jerome Sargent and Melvin Sargent Jr. all of Minneapolis; sisters: Kathy (Nick) Wadena and Cheryl Sargent of Mahnommen, Brenda Sargent of Naytahwaush, and Nova Sargent and Crystal Sargent both of Minneapolis; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Darrell "Boone" Wadena and Brian Sargent; sisters: Lois Brown, Melanie Sargent, Janelle Sargent, Jamie Sargent, and Mira Sargent; nephews: Jim Bob, Frank Brown, and Joseph Thompson Jr.; and niece, Marissa Sargent.

An all-night wake service began March 7 and continued with Traditional services on March 8, both at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Interment: Free Gospel Alliance Cemetery in Naytahwaush.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnommen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Sandra 'Sandy' Denise Saxon

Sandra 'Sandy' Denise Saxon, 61, passed peacefully on March 19. She was born on April 2, 1962, in Princeton Minn., to David Sr. and Phoebe Saxon. Sandy grew up in Foley, Minn., and attended the Foley Public Schools. She attended Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Oak Park, as a child.



Sandy loved Minnesota. She lived in many different cities throughout the state with her long-time spouse, Wayne Fenney Sr., who she met when she was 17. Sandy's biggest and best accomplishment was raising her four children. She helped at her children's school, and went to the College of Saint Benedict and became a certified home health aid.

Sandy loved to cook and was amazing at it. Whenever visiting Sandy, you left with a to-go plate and a full belly. Sandy enjoyed dancing and listening to music. She had a great sense of humor, and loved to make people laugh. She also gave the best foot rubs! She was an animal lover and enjoyed spoiling her granddogs, and great granddogs. Sandy was a wonderful and caring spouse, mother, sister, and grandma. Sandy will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

Sandy is survived by her life partner, Wayne Fenney Sr. of Bricelyn, Minn.; children: Maria (Stuart) Peabody of Stanchfield, Minn., Jesse Fenney of St. Paul, Minn., Jeremiah Fenney of Live Oak, Fla., and Rebecca Fenney of St. Cloud, Minn.; siblings, David Saxon Jr. of California, Ronald (Deb) Saxon of Montana, Loren (Theresa) Saxon of Glenville, Minn., Elaine (Jeff) Fouquette of Texas, Dyan Saxon of Plymouth, Minn., Shirley Stone of Foley, Minn., Phylly Saxon of Sheridan, Mont., and Evelyn Saxon of St. Cloud; grandchild, Haley (Cullen) Peabody of Harris, Minn.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Phoebe and David Saxon Sr.; and brother, Louis Saxon.

Cremation services done by Foley Funeral Home and Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel.

A Celebration of Life will be held this spring. Details to follow.

Our family would like to thank everyone for the prayers and kind words. We are grateful for everyone that was involved in the care of Sandy in the last year.

William "Bill" Gunder Christofferson

William "Bill" Gunder Christofferson, 70, passed away March 8 surrounded by his loved ones at St. Mary's hospital in Rochester, Minn. He took his last breath after his family prayed and read Psalm 91 and Psalm 23 over him. He is now in the presence of Jesus.

Bill was born July 31, 1953, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Glenn and Jeanette "Jane Webb" (Heisler) Christofferson. He graduated in 1971 from Waubun High School in Waubun. He played football, basketball and ran track for the Waubun Bombers. Upon graduation, he attended Moorhead Vocational School, in Moorhead, Minn., obtaining his degree in carpentry in 1973.



He married his high school sweetheart Renee' (Bellecourt) Christofferson on July 6, 1974. (This year they would've celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.) They moved to Moorhead and lived there for three years. Bill was active in Tae Kwon Do and was one belt away from obtaining his black belt. He also played for multiple men's softball leagues.

In 1977, Bill and Renee moved to the country outside of Hawley, Minn. There they raised their children, Melissa (1978) and Michael (1980). Eventually they moved into Hawley where Bill helped build the two homes they lived in. His family lived in Hawley until 2008.

In the 1980s, Bill accepted Christ as his personal Savior. This decision to follow Christ started a legacy of believers for his wife and children. His faith was a large part of Bill's life and he was very active in their Assembly of God Church, Evangel Temple (in Moorhead). He served as a Deacon of the board, an usher, a worship team/choir member and he was also involved as a leader for the youth Royal Ranger program. His ministry also included serving the assisted living homes in both Fargo, N.D., and Moorhead, performing Sunday services for the residents there. He was blessed with a very gifted singing voice and loved to sing hymns to those in attendance.

Bill originally worked as a customer service representative for Frontier Airlines in Fargo. He then worked for United Airlines in both the Fargo, and Denver, Colo., airports until his retirement in 2009. He enjoyed the flight benefits he received with this position and traveled the world with his family. He enjoyed trips to Florida (Disney), Hawaii, California, Europe and cruising.

After his retirement from the airlines, he and Renee' moved to Rochester, Minn., in 2010, to be closer to family and watch their grandchildren grow up. They attended Rochester Assembly with his daughter's family and he got involved with multiple men's Bible studies. He was a co-founder of a ministry called 'Couched In Prayer' where he and his brother in Christ, Caleb, discipled young men into becoming men of God.

Bill loved spending time with his 10 grandchildren and attending their activities. If he wasn't at home, you could find him at the baseball/softball field, a volleyball court, a football/soccer field or dance recital watching his grandchildren. He was known as "Papa" to them and he lit up every time he saw them. He was a constant source of encouragement to each of them. After each game, he met them with a huge hug and shared how proud he was of them for doing their best. He reminded them that he always believed in them and would let them know how much he loved them. He also loved doing projects with his grandkids and would help them build things or let them join in on fixing things around the house. He instilled a source of pride in his grandchildren for their projects.

Bill had a heart for people, and those who met him felt his tender heart. He had nicknames for almost everyone he met and had a way of making each person feel like they were the most important person. He genuinely cared about everyone he greeted and shared the love of Christ with those he met.

Bill is survived by his loving spouse, Renee' (Bellecourt) Christofferson; daughter, Melissa (Jarrod) Brennan of Byron, Minn., and Michael (Jenna) Christofferson of Lake Elmo, Minn.; 10 grandchildren: Isaiah, Ella, Noah, Elijah, Micah and Ezra Brennan, Lauren, Truwitt, Rhodes and Thatcher Christofferson; and one grand-puppy named Minnie; sisters, Stella (Len) Leyan and Joanne (Greg) Mittet; brothers, Pete (Sue) Christofferson and John Christofferson; and multiple in-laws, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Jeanette (Heisler) Christofferson.

Bill had an impact on those that knew him. Although he will be greatly missed, his family is rejoicing that he loved the Lord and they will be reunited with him in heaven someday!

A Celebration of Life was held March 25 at Rochester Assembly in Rochester.

There will be another celebration for Bill on July 5 from 1-4 p.m. at the Waubun Community Center. A light lunch will be provided.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made out to the Christofferson family for medical expenses incurred during Bill's battle with Stage 4 Renal Cell Carcinoma.

Obituaries

Jenean Aspinwall Overtoom

Jenean Aspinwall Overtoom –‘Manidoo Ikwe’ of the Crane Clan and of the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe, started her journey on March 5. She was surrounded by her family, who made sure to send her off in a good way.

She grew up in Brooklyn Park, Minn., and graduated from Park Center Senior High. Jenean had the magic of turning a good time to a great time. She loved to laugh...and once she got going, forget it! She had that perfect quick-wit and the most infectious laughter. If it was funny, she made it even funnier. She was always up for games and cards, and from the time she was about 5 years old, there wasn't a puzzle that she couldn't put together quickly. She loved to knit, and she was the best cook, always up for a road trip, especially to go visit with the Elders, and everyone just loved to be around her. Being the youngest of nine siblings, she was the ABSOLUTE JOY of our family.



Sadly, time was something that she and we did not have. She succumbed to the illnesses quickly when her little body just could not fight any longer, and we had to say “Gigawaabamin” to our wonderful and sweet Jenean...our little “Gully-Ga.”

She leaves behind with broken hearts, her one and only love Andrew and her beautiful children Cosmo (Lou), Dane, and Beri (Haro); sweet baby sister of Joseph (Deborah), Pamela, George (Janell) Judith, Victoria, Patrick (Donna), Michele (John) and Mikol. She was a loving and fun auntie of 36 nieces and nephews, and 29 great-nieces and nephews; four great-great nieces and nephews; and a fun and sweet cousin to so many; and was very loved by her most wonderful in laws.

She is preceded in death by her father, Henry J. Aspinwall and mother, Margaret (Bellanger Shady) Aspinwall; brother, Joseph Aspinwall; grandfather, Charlie Bellecourt and grandmother, Charlotte Bellanger (Shady).

We celebrated Jenean’s beautiful life at Church Gichitwaa Kateri in Minneapolis, and the Traditional Anishinaabeg Service was officiated by cousin, Giniw Giizhig with our cousin’s drum.

A big MIIGWECH to all our relatives and friends who have been so supportive and helped Andy, her children, and all of us through our time of grief. We will miss her forever.

Douglas Paul St. Clair

Douglas Paul St. Clair, 69, of St. Paul, Minn., passed away on Nov. 25, 2023, at home after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Doug was born on April 21, 1954, in Leola, S.D., to Aloysius (Kip) and Dolores (Shorty) St. Clair.

Doug loved spending time with his grandchildren. It was always a fun time with Papa. He loved to hunt and fish in his younger years, then later discovered the game of golf. He loved the competition, company, golf cart girls, but mostly the shenanigans on the course.



He was a hard worker and put his heart into all his jobs. He loved to tell us about his day, good or bad.

Doug was the life of the party, he knew how to light up a room with his presence, laugh, and smile. Although never married, he was quite the ladies man. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

Miigwech to all for your love, prayers, presence and support.

He is survived by his loving children, Christopher (Michelle), and Jessica; grandchildren: Jasmine, Trenton, Gavin, Parker, Isabelle; great granddaughter, Zaquaira; siblings: Trisha (Ludy), Linda, Richard, Tom, Pat (Cy), and Mike (Val); many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aloysius and Dolores; brother, Terry; and sister, Michelle.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 8, 2023, at the Church of Gitchitwaa Kateri in Minneapolis.

Margaret A. “Marge” McArthur

Margaret A. “Marge” McArthur, 85, of Ogema, passed away March 14 at her home following a period of declining health. She was surrounded by family.

Marge was born in Ogema on Jan. 25, 1939, a daughter of the late Henry, Sr. and Anna (Jasken) Teiken. She attended local schools and was a 1957 graduate of Waubun High School where she was named Homecoming Queen her senior year. Marge married Darwin McArthur on Aug. 1, 1959 at St. Benedict’s Catholic Church in White Earth, and together they raised four sons.



Marge worked for a short time at the Red Owl Store in Detroit Lakes, Minn. Marge and BoyBoy made their home in the City of Ogema before purchasing and moving back to the Teiken family farm in 1969. Marge spent this time helping raise livestock on the farm, growing gardens, quilting, and being involved with the church and community. Marge was also known for her homemade bread, a recipe she learned from her mother. Marge worked on a seasonal work program, with other area woman, planting thousands of tree seedlings. The family enjoyed having Whist night get-togethers with friends and family and welcomed summer visitors from Washington and Colorado to stay at the farm. Marge was also a lifetime member of the Ogema VFW Auxiliary.

After her boys were raised, Marge began working at the Ogema Elementary School as a teachers aide. After a few years, she moved to the Head Start program in White Earth, eventually becoming the lead teacher for her classroom where she often had a grandchild or two in her class. Marge excelled at her job, putting in the same determination she did when raising her four sons. Her family remembers the countless hours she spent at home preparing her lesson plans and wanting her class to learn and grow. She was so happy and proud each year when they would get to put on little graduation gowns and move onto elementary school. Her classroom children would always refer to her as, “Grandma Marge.”

After retiring from her Head Start position, Marge spent her time raising her flowers, gardening, quilting, canning, refinishing furniture and chasing grandchildren. Marge had a passion for recording and documenting the family history and being a part of planning family reunions. After taking the helm and planning the very first one, she was lucky to have some dedicated partners in this endeavor through the years, including Wayne Reller. Together the group planned the reunions and put together the family history for all future generations to see. “The Book” she helped assemble is a prized possession of the family.

Marge is survived by her husband, Darwin, of nearly 65 years; sons: Darwin “Darb” (Jean) McArthur Jr., Joe (Diane) McArthur, John (Lisa) McArthur and David (Natalie) McArthur, all of Ogema; former daughter-in-law, Theresa (Bud) Teiken of Waubun; grandchildren: Tanya (Travis) Gary, Tracy (Jesse “Horn”) Lhotka, Justine (Jason) Wambach, Marie (Mike) Brevik, Kellen (Julia Heim) McArthur, Ryan McArthur, Caitlin McArthur, Rachael (Max Pinske) McArthur, Rylee McArthur, Cora McArthur, Lucas (Amy) McArthur, Chelsey (Keith) Warren, Jordan (Paulette) McArthur, Maggie (Dylan Thompson) McArthur, Jenna McArthur, and Dylan McArthur; 34 great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She also leaves a sister-in-law, Maryann Teiken.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Irene Reller, Doris Reller, Frances Brakefield, Marie St. Germain-Lohman, Lorayne Trujillo, and Elaine “Pon” Hoban; brothers: Joseph “Bud” Teiken, Leonard Teiken, Hank Teiken, Maurice “Boots” Teiken, Leo Teiken, and Dave Teiken.

The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on March 20 with Fr. Greg Gallagher officiating.

Interment: Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the White Earth Home Health and nurse Veronica Kuhlmann for their sincere care of Marge over the last couple of years.

Arrangements: David-Donohewer Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.daviddonehower.com

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experts have worked independently and in conjunction with the State for over 50 years, implementing sustainable management plans that meet or exceed State standards for all aspects of stewardship in the White Earth State Forest. To stay up-to-date, please follow our official Facebook page and visit whiteearth.com for the latest updates.

Mi’iw,

Weweni-sago-na,
Baamaapii wiingezin.
Miigwech bizindawiyeg.
Gigawaabaminim naagaj.
That’s it be safe & take it easy.
Thank you for listening to me.
See you all later.

Chairman Michael Fairbanks

White Earth Election Board

Phone: 218-936-5622 / Toll-free: 1-866-211-9154 / Fax: 218-936-5623
Email: election.board@whiteearth.com

Or by mail at:

White Earth Election Board, PO Box 10, Mahnomen, MN 56557

Election Board Hours

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **Any Man Coming Forward as the Father**

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice
Court File No. **CP2023-00001**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on December 19, 2023, a Petition for Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2023-00001. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for May 17, 2024, at 10:30 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: March 26, 2024
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **WarEagle Martin**

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice
Court File No. **CP2023-00015**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 8, 2024, a Suspension of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding your child in file CP2023-00015. A Pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled for April 26, 2024, at 11:00 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: March 26, 2024
Veronica Newcomer
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

WE TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **Cruz Lopez**

Summons of Petition and Hearing Notice
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You can read the current and past issues of the newspaper at www.whiteearth.com

Nations and political leaders should keep agreements

By Winona LaDuke

The 1867 treaty was intended to provide a secure homeland for the Anishinaabe people forever. The treaty was signed by our leaders and by President Andrew Johnson. Agreements should be honored by nations.

The treaty provides for many things; the 837,000 acres of land, maples, the wild rice, the 47 lakes, the lifeblood of our people and ... ,

“... 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.

That is the law of the land. Nations and political leaders should keep agreements. That’s how we keep the peace.

That’s not what happened. Land was taken illegally and the United States and Minnesota did not do the right thing for over a century. And now the state is trying to make it right. At the Minnesota legislature, Senator Mary Kunesh introduced HF 3480 which would return the 160,000-acre White Earth State Forest to the White Earth Band of Anishinaabe. It follows a land return to the Lower Sioux in mid March and represents a way to begin healing the wounds of Minnesota’s past and comply with the law.

Mahnomen and Becker County Commissioners seemed confused when they testified at the state hearing. Senator Paul Utke referred to the bill as a “land grab” and David Geray, a Mahnomen County Commissioner talked about being blindsided by the land transfer. “Mahnomen County is entirely within the reservation. We didn’t find out about this until we were down here.”

That’s sort of surprising considering that these are elected officials who should understand the law and history. Here is a bit of history,

This land is called Indakiingimin, the very land to which we belong. It is all we have left, Iskongigen, reservation, leftovers.

The White Earth Reservation was reserved under treaty to protect our vast pine forests, 47 lakes, maple trees, our wild rice, and our water. For that is the source of our lives.

Our land was coveted. Senator Knute Nelson secured the passage of what was to be known as the Nelson Act in 1889, not only illegally annexing four townships from the treaty protected lands, but also violating the treaty by creating a system to divide the land-allotments. That’s how the big pines were cut. Then came Moses Clapp, and Steenerson who attached riders to bills securing access to more land, violating the same treaty, and creating the place for Mahnomen County. Literally, counties which are located on the White Earth Reservation carved themselves out of the reservation illegally. Now that’s a land grab...

There are many ways to steal land from Indian people, and most of them happened here on the White Earth Reservation. It was something like Killers of the Flower Moon: land speculators, lumber companies, and thieves.

Some land is taken with a gun, some is taken by a pen. Three hundred white farmers suddenly became mixed-blood allottees, illegal tax forfeitures of tribal trust land, forced fee patents, minor sales, and more illegal full blood sales, pushed it further. These thefts were the subject of no less than 1,600 lawsuits, but these cases were blocked.

By 1910, the people had been devastated, three-quarters of the allotments had been lost, and the forest was falling. The President sent Warren Moorehead out to investigate. Whole families blinded by trachoma, and land speculators all around, tuberculosis spreading like wildfire as people lived in refugee camps. He found diseases and death everywhere. We were almost wiped out as a people. Moorhead received death threats for telling the truth and returned to Washington. None of that should have happened if nations kept agreements.

The White Earth people were made refugees in our own land. Between 1915 and 1930 most tribal members were forced to move off reservation, we have been the poorest people in the state of Minnesota since that time.

There have been many lawsuits, but none stopped the theft until the Zay Zah case in 1977 which was filed by Clearwater



Courtesy photo

Anishinaabe Akeeng and Tribal council members opposing the White Earth Land Settlement Act and fighting for the rights of tribal members circa 1983. Back row from left are Dale Hanks, Winona LaDuke, Roberta Brown, Danny Kier and John Morrin. Front row from left are Jerry Rawley, Marvin Many penny, Vernon Bellecourt and Beebz Keezer.

County against Zay Zah, or George Aubid. The Minnesota Supreme Court found that Clearwater County had illegally attempted to tax forfeit a tribal allotment. Finally, someone stopped the land grab.

In 1983 there were only 54,125 acres in tribal hands, and 1,953 under allotment on the reservation., representing 7% of the reservation. The largest landowners on the reservation are the federal state and county governments, holding one third of the reservation.

What is right and just is the return of lands which were taken in violation of the 1867 treaty. This bill represents a way towards justice without displacing a single non-Indian landholder, and upholds the treaty responsibility of the US government. “We’ve managed these lands long before the inception of any of these counties.” Eugene Sommers. District 1 Representative says,” For them to question our competency in management of these resources is a big slap in the face. History is repeating itself.”

I want to personally invite County Commissioners and all to Giiwedining, the Treaty Rights History and Culture Museum in Park Rapids, Minn.

Knowledge of the law is better than ignorance of the law. And understanding history is a good way to begin to heal.

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	Un-Acceptable Items
Plastics 1 & 2	Plastics NOT labeled 1 or 2
Tin Steel	Large Items
Aluminum	Soiled Containers
Paper	ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE!!
Glass	

Protecting Our Resources for Future Generations
White Earth Natural Resources
218-983-2488

Application and Participant Rules for
Junior and Senior Princess and Brave Contests

156th Annual White Earth Celebration

June 14, 15 and 16, 2024

Deadline for submission of completed applications with documentation is 12 p.m. (noon) on June 3, 2024 to allow for verification of eligibility

- All portions of the princess and brave contests will begin at the 1 p.m. Grand Entry on Friday, June 14, 2024.
- This includes but is not limited to: Interview, Verification of Eligibility, Self-Introduction at Powwow, and Dance Competition scoring. Please note that an introduction in our language is very helpful to the contestants.
- All applicants and their parents/guardians agree, through submission of their signed application, that the contestant:
 1. Pledges to live a crime, drug and alcohol-free lifestyle at all times prior to and during their reign as princess or brave, including but not limited to their social media presence.
 2. Continues with successful academics and maintains a positive role within their school and community, including social media.
 3. Is unmarried may not have any pregnancies past, present or during the year that the participant holds the title of princess or brave.
 4. Is an enrolled member or descendant of White Earth Reservation, **documentation required.***
 5. Resides on or within 25 miles of the White Earth Reservation presently and during the reigning year, **documentation required.****
 - a. If a princess or brave moves, it is the family/guardian's responsibility to contact the committee immediately.
 6. Is age 9-12 for Junior title, or age 13-17 for Senior title.
 7. Is willing to represent the White Earth Reservation throughout the reigning year by traveling to and dancing at other powwows.***
 8. Cannot hold any other title of royalty while applying for or holding the title of White Earth Princess or Brave.
 9. Will only be awarded the title of White Earth Celebration Princess or Brave once in their lifetime.
 10. Will immediately relinquish his or her title to the first runner-up if White Earth Pow Wow Committee finds princess or brave to be in violation of these rules. Relinquishment includes returning of crown and/or sash to the White Earth Pow Wow Committee.
- Applications are available at the White Earth RBC Headquarters, via email and in the *Anishinaabeg Today* newspaper.
- **Application and documentation materials must be filled out completely and submitted to Dana Goodwin by noon on Monday, June 3 to be verified by the White Earth Pow Wow Committee and White Earth Enrollment Office.**
- Please mail completed application and documentation to White Earth Pow Wow Committee, PO Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591. Contact Dana Goodwin at dana.goodwin@whiteearth-nsn.gov with questions or concerns. Do not rely on social media for communication.

Sr. Princess Jr. Princess Sr. Brave Jr. Brave

Please Print Clearly

Full Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____ Clan _____

Address _____
Street (and PO Box if used for mailing purposes) City Zip Code

Phone number _____ Additional phone number _____

School _____ Grade in 2023/24 _____

Enrolled Contestant's White Earth enrollment # _____, or
Descendant Contestant's Enrolled Parent or Grandparent:

Full Legal Name Birth Date WE Enrollment #

I, _____ understand and comply with the above-stated conditions for application to the White Earth Princess/Brave title. My parents/guardian and I understand and agree to have the above information verified by the White Earth Pow Wow Committee. This form gives the above-named school and the White Earth RBC permission to release and verify information entered on this form. I also agree that all information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Participant Signature Printed Name Date

Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature Printed Name Date

WEPC Only: Verified eligible by WE Enrollments: _____ Date: _____

Howah Ads

REMINDER!

Howah Ads are \$5 with a picture or \$4 without.

All payments must be made in advance.

No exceptions

April 10th
Happy **1st** Birthday
Tayden Engelson



Happy Birthday!

Miranda Whirlwindsoldier
April 2nd

Marcus Lagarde
April 6th

Eon Solay Zornes
April 12th

Cody Friebohle
April 26th

Simon Zornes
April 30th

Happy **2nd** Birthday
Niswi

Mommy & Daddy Love You



Happy Birthday

BIG COUNTRY

Love Karissa, Mike
& the boys

April 16th

Happy **12th** Birthday
Dalauni Rese
We Love You!



Happy Birthday
Joe Joe and Niswi

Love,
Brother
and
Family

April 27



Let us know if you recently moved or have moved in the past 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

News from the Circle Back Program

The Circle Back Program moved youth assessments to Direct Access mode (assessments same day as requested) for youth Substance use Comprehensive Assessments. Any treatment services recommended may start the same day of receiving the assessment. So parents/guardians need to be present at the time of assessment so that all necessary paperwork may be signed and completed with proper signatures. For any questions contact us at 218-983-4693.



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
www.whiteearth.edu

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA) TRAINING

Summer Training 2024 Training: May 13-June 28th
Accepting Applications Orientation: May 6th

ELIGIBILITY
Must be 18 years and older and Not enrolled in K-12, and one or more of the following to qualify for eligibility:

- Individuals of color
- Individuals lacking stable housing
- Individuals with a criminal record
- Individuals without a high school diploma or equivalent
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals who have been unemployed for 26 or more of the past 52 weeks
- Individuals with limited English or math proficiency
- Individuals at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course introduces concepts of:

- basic human needs
- health/fitness continuum
- basic nursing skills needed to work as a Nursing Assistant in long term care.

Upon successful completion of classroom studies, the student will participate in supervised clinical experience in a long term care facility.

This class meets the objectives of the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) and Minnesota Department of Health Requirements as detailed for educating the nursing assistant.

Customized Education
Questions about eligibility?
Contact Us:
bridget.guiza@wetcc.edu
218-835-0417 ext. 8327
www.wetcc.edu
<https://www.dhs.gov/customized-education>

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\$400 ENTRY FEE

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TWIN CITY


HUSTLE YOUR BUSSLE
- 3 GAME GUARANTEE -

TEAM CHECK-IN APRIL 12TH
FIRST GAME @ 6PM

ALL AWARDS BY HUSTLE TRIBE
DESIGNED IN NATIVE AMERICA
ALL PLAYERS, COACHES & PROPER DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PRESENT AT TIME OF CHECK-IN

MEDIA & SCOUTING AGENTS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE
REGISTER ONLINE @ 1ST-3RD PLACE AWARD
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REGISTRATION CLOSING APRIL 5TH, 2024
ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER)



SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 24-28 2024

White Earth Natural Resources along with Alabama Fire College will be offering a free 40 hour HAZWOPER certification course. More details coming soon.

WHO NEEDS HAZWOPER?
WORKERS WHO PERFORM CLEANUP, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, OR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT INVOLVE THE UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
218-935-2488



Special Boiler Operator License Course

TRAINING: APRIL 22 - MAY 23
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
5 - 8PM

Spring Training 2024
Accepting Applications

ELIGIBILITY
Must be 18 years and older and Not enrolled in K-12, and one or more of the following to qualify for eligibility:

- Individuals of color
- Individuals lacking stable housing
- Individuals with a criminal record
- Individuals without a high school diploma or equivalent
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals who have been unemployed for 26 or more of the past 52 weeks
- Individuals with limited English or math proficiency
- Individuals at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

- Understand safe operation and maintenance of pressure boilers
- Become familiar with Minnesota Boiler License Requirements and ways to proceed there.
- Gain working knowledge of boiler water treatment programs, chemicals and equipment.
- Troubleshoot basic boiler problems before they become boiler failures.

Customized Education
Questions about eligibility?
Contact Us:
bridget.guiza@wetcc.edu
218-835-0417 ext. 8327
www.wetcc.edu

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8TH ANNUAL MAHNOMEN AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION

POW WOW

celebration

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH 2024
10AM-3PM
GRAND ENTRY AT 10AM
HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

EMCEE: FRANK STECH ARENA DIRECTOR: LUCAS HIGUN
JR EMCEE: LILLY LINDEN JR AD: BRADAN MELINA

FLAG STAFF: WHITE EARTH HONOR GUARD
HOST DRUM: OPICHI DRUM (MAHNOMEN SCHOOL DRUM)
INVITED DRUMS: SMOKEY HILL, MANOOMIN SINGERS, COLA SINGERS & WE JUNIORS
HONORARIUM FOR INVITED DRUMS ONLY

ROYALTY CONTESTS FOR TINY TOT, JR. & SR. PRINCESS & BRAVE (APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 23RD), SPOT DANCES, VENDORS, HONOR SONGS FOR THE CLASS OF 2024, STAFF & FAMILIES.
LIMITED VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE, CONTACT DESIREE LINDEN AT DLINDEN@MAHNOMEN.K12.MN.US

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
Roberta Roy - Coordinator Ext: 5516
Roberta.roy@whiteearth-nsn.gov

JoAnn Keezer - Licensor Ext: 5542
Joann.keezer@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Vanessa Spry - Licensor Ext: 5501
Vanessa.spry@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Patricia Racine - Licensor
Patricia.racine@whiteearth-nsn.gov

It takes a village to raise a child.
FIND A VILLAGE.
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.
&
OPEN YOUR VILLAGE TO OTHERS.

HONORING ELDER WISDOM

A two-day conference to learn and hear from medical professionals and others who cherish the wisdom of our elders to take care of our health and each other.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH - 17TH, 2024
8:00AM - 4:00PM
NORTHERN LIGHTS EVENT CENTER
6800 FRONTAGE RD, WALKER MN

Hotel rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis at a special rate of \$55/night. Call 1-844-554-2646 to reserve your room.

This two-day conference focuses on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias, its impact on Native American individuals, families, and community. Medical professionals, caregivers, other healthcare providers and anyone interested in knowing more are encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Jordan Lewis on Intergenerational Caregiving, others include Dr. Kerstin LaSage on Palliative Care and Advanced Care Planning; Dr. Emily Escue on Cannabis; Anishinaabe Legal Services on Estate Planning; and other speakers on diabetes, traditional medicines, healthy diets, healthy brains, and a panel of caregivers experiences.

Registration fee covers both days and includes continental breakfasts, lunches, and snacks.

\$50 FOR GENERAL ADMISSION
\$100 FOR PROFESSIONALS (LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS, NURSES, CARE MANAGERS, AND OTHERS. THIS FEE INCLUDES CEU'S THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.)

Accreditation Statement: In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by University of Minnesota, Interprofessional Continuing Education and Northwest Congress, University of Minnesota, Interprofessional Continuing Education is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

CONFERENCE & VENDOR REGISTRATION:
<https://northwcdccaregivers.org/honoring-elder-wisdom/>

CEU REGISTRATION:
<http://tinyurl.com/y2526x58>

Vendor Booth Space is available at a cost of \$50.00. Vendors are also required to register for general admission of \$50 for a total of \$100. A conference table and 2 chairs are provided. Vendors are asked to donate a door prize to be drawn at random for conference attendees.

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Did You Know...

You can read the current and past issues of the *Anishinaabeg Today* online at www.whiteearth.com for free! The online issues feature more color and you can read them right away when the paper comes out on the first Wednesday morning of each month.

Diabetic Bingo

White Earth Nation
TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

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All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

April 2024
 Apr 3rd, 2024 Wednesday Shooting Star Casino Event Center
 Apr 11th, 2024 Thursday Pine Point
 Apr 18th, 2024 Thursday Elbow Lake
 Apr 25th, 2024 Thursday Valley View, Mahnomen

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

May 2024
 May 2nd, 2024 Shooting Star Casino Event Center
 May 9th, 2024 NO BINGO THIS WEEK
 May 16th, 2024 Pine Point
 May 23rd, 2024 Elbow Lake
 May 30th, 2024 Valley View, Mahnomen

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.
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June 2024
 June 6th 2024 Shooting Star Casino Event Center
 June 13th 2024 Naytahwaush
 June 20th 2024 White Earth – Congregate Center
 June 27th 2024 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 Mar 7th 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 Bingo will be rebooked to another date, if possible. Updated 3/21/2024

NEED MORE ENERGY?

JOIN STAR FITNESS CENTER TODAY!

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.

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EARLY HEAD START

WHITE EARTH Early Head Start Home Base

Prenatal Mom – 3years old

BENEFITS:

- ✓ Weekly home visits
- ✓ Regular screenings to ensure proper child development
- ✓ Using evidence- based curriculum
- ✓ Age-appropriate materials
- ✓ Enhance Parental practices
- ✓ Provide cultural experiences
- ✓ Provides 2x a month socialization with other families in the community
- ✓ Support & Guidance to Parent/ Guardian

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HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE WORKER

29 CFR 1910.120(e) & 29 CFR 1910.120(e)(8)

June 2024

WHITE EARTH NATION MAHNOMEN FIRE STATION
 124 E. Madison Ave., Mahnomen, MN 56557

Certificates of attendance will be issued upon successful completion of the class.

These classes are fee-waived by funding from the NIEHS Grant.

40HR COURSE: Hazardous Waste Site Worker (40hr)
 June 24-28, 2024 8am - 5pm
NEED A REFRESHER COURSE?
Hazardous Waste Site Worker Refresher (8hr)
 June 25, 2024 8am - 5pm

To Register Call Amy Moore at White Earth Natural Resources
 218-935-2488 ext 2125 or email amy.moore@whiteearth-nsn.gov

IN NEED OF SEPTIC PUMPING?

If you need your sewer system pumped call the White Earth Water & Sewer Department at 218-983-3202

Tribal Enrolled Elders (55 & older) - \$25
Tribal Enrolled Members (54 & younger) - \$80
Non-enrollees (any age) - \$115
White Earth Businesses - \$115
Other Businesses - \$120

(You must live on the White Earth Reservation)

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.

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

CIRCLES OF FAITH

United Church of Christ

Spring French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, April 14th
 Serving from 9 am to 1 pm.
 At the Waubun Community Center

Menu:
 French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Toppings Bar, Juice & Coffee

There will be a silent auction benefiting Mahnomen County Agricultural Society (help with expenses for the 2024 Mahnomen County Fair July 4-7)

Adults - \$8
Children 12 and younger - \$5
Preschoolers - free

Accepting Bids

The White Earth LTCC program is accepting bids for a home modification to be done at an individual home located on the White Earth Reservation. Modifications must be performed by a Minnesota licensed contractor and per MN State Code. All contractors must pass both White Earth RTC background and drug testing. Modifications must follow State guidelines, including cost effectiveness. Payment will be made in full after final inspection, review of receipts, and approval of completed job. Bid specifications and locations are available at the White Earth Tribal Health Building, 26246 Crane Road, White Earth, MN 56591. All BIDS submitted MUST include a diagram/blue print of the proposed project and a list of materials, labor, equipment, etc. or they will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted. Due to client confidentiality, the bid description must be picked up in person at the White Earth Tribal Health Building. We are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. Bids will be accepted until 4:30 pm on 4/30/24. For more information call Jennifer Bartos, LSW, at 218-983-3286 Ext 1379

Car For Sale

1993 Mercury Grand Marquis 117,000 miles. New tires, brakes, oil, plugs, antifreeze. No rust. \$6,000 OBO. 218-694-3468. Serious call only.

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

Rice Lake hosts awareness event



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Dr. Carson Gardner speaks with Colleen Blattenbauer inside an interactive inflatable colon during the Colorectal Cancer Digestive Health Awareness Event on March 21 at the Rice Lake Community Center. The event featured several vendor tables and information on how to prevent colon cancer and strengthen your digestive health. There was a salad bar available for attendees. White Earth Public Health sponsored the event.

Festival for Fathers & Families



The Festival for Fathers and Families was recently held at the Shooting Star Casino. More than 340 people attended and there were 39 vendors. Activities included photo frame making, Easter egg coloring, reading center, ambulance and police car exhibits, face painting, and more. A brunch was served and the Easter Bunny even made a visit! The event was sponsored by White Earth Child Care, WE Public Health, West Central Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative, Minnesota Department of Health, and West Central Initiative.

Submitted photos

SIRVS returns to Rez for Pet Wellness Clinics



The University of Minnesota Student Initiative for Reservation Veterinary Services (SIRVS) recently held Pet Wellness Clinics at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex.

Students attending the College of Veterinary Medicine at the U of M performed 49 surgeries and 165 wellness check ups that included distemper vaccines, microchips and flea, tick and heartworm preventatives.

Licensed veterinarians supervised the students.

White Earth Animal Control helped set up the clinics.

Submitted photos