



Tribal nations, MRCTI enter into historic partnership

By Nicole Ronchetti
Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — In an annual meeting full of historic moments, the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative recently gathered in Bemidji, the first city on the river that links each municipality together as it flows steadily to the ocean.

Mayors from cities all along the river, from Minnesota to Louisiana, attended the conference in Bemidji to discuss environmental and economic sustainability as it's tied to the waterway.

Rather than holding the opening ceremony in Bemidji, however, mayors and guests instead took a trip to Red Lake for the first night of the conference, in a move that paid tribute to the broader theme of this year's annual meeting.

"Tonight is a historic moment for MRCTI, for we are all standing on sovereign Indigenous land, whose people and culture predate the United States and any modern city on the Mississippi," said Bemidji Mayor Jorge Prince in his opening statements.

More than just opening the annual meeting on Red Lake Nation land, conversations on how to build partnerships between MRCTI and the Indigenous

nations of the Mississippi River permeated the conference.

"Native American culture is an indelible part of our corridor," said Errick Simmons, Mayor of Greenville, Mississippi and co-chair of MRCTI. "The Indigenous nations of the region have continued to be exemplary caretakers of the diverse and delicate ecosystems of the birthplace of the Mississippi River."

While Red Lake offered to host the opening, which included drum songs and honor guards carrying the flags of each Indigenous nation along the river, representatives from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and White Earth Nation also attended and spoke to the crowd.

"What an amazing journey (the Mississippi) has



White Earth Secretary/Treasurer Mike LaRoche speaks during an opening ceremony.

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Tribal leaders and MRCTI representatives pose for a photo after signing a memorandum during the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative's annual meeting on Sept. 12 at the Red Lake Wellness and Event Center.

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Wild Rice Harvest



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Having a 'groovy' time

These ladies had a groovy time at the Healthy Aging Health Fair on Sept. 13 at the Mahnommen Shooting Star Casino.

The community was invited to check out more than 20 vendors that help support good health.

Guests were offered ABI, cholesterol, blood pressure, pulse, oxygen and blood sugar checks.

There were also hourly demonstrations on food preparation, cooking for 1-2, meditation and exercise.

Photo by Gary W. Padrta

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Resources are available for those battling breast cancer

By Amy Elfering RN
White Earth Public Health

Did you know that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month? As a woman, educating ourselves and spreading awareness about breast cancer is super important. Let's also show support for those fighting the disease and their families. Together, we can help raise awareness and find a cure for breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a type of cancer that develops in the breast tissue. It occurs when abnormal cells in the breast grow and divide uncontrollably, forming a lump or mass. Let's all come together to show support for those who are battling this disease and their families. It can be a difficult and trying time for them, but with our love and encouragement, we can help lift them up and give them the strength they need to keep fighting. Whether through a kind word, a thoughtful gesture, or a simple act of kindness, let's do what we can to show them that they are not alone and that we are here for them every step of the way. Together, we can make a difference and help those in need.

According to research, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide, with an estimated 2.3 million new cases diagnosed in 2020 alone. While the incidence rates vary by country and region, it remains a significant health concern for women of all ages. However, the good news is that early detection and treatment can significantly improve the chances of survival. Remember, taking care of your health is always a priority.

Breast cancer risk factors include age, family history, specific gene mutations, personal history of breast cancer, exposure to estrogen, and lifestyle factors such as smoking, alcohol consumption, and lack of physical activity. Some risk factors, like age and genetics, cannot be controlled, but

others can be managed with healthy lifestyle choices. To lower the risk of breast cancer, it's recommended to maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly, limit alcohol intake, and avoid smoking. To understand your individual risk factors and the measures you can take to decrease your risk, it's crucial to consult with your healthcare provider.

It can be concerning to notice changes or lumps in your breast tissue, but it's important to remember that not all of them are cancerous. However, it's always a good idea to consult with a healthcare professional if you notice any abnormalities, such as a lump or thickening in the breast tissue, changes in the size or shape of the breast, nipple discharge, or skin changes like redness or dimpling. Regular check-ups and mammograms can also help detect potential issues early on, so don't hesitate to schedule one if needed.

Breast cancer can be tested in a few different ways. The most common method is a mammogram, a type of X-ray that can detect any suspicious lumps or abnormalities in the breast tissue. A doctor may also perform a clinical breast exam, which involves physically examining the breast tissue for any lumps or changes. Sometimes, a biopsy may be necessary to confirm a breast cancer diagnosis. This involves removing a small tissue sample from the breast and examining it under a microscope. If you are concerned about breast cancer, it is essential to speak with your doctor and discuss any screening options that may be appropriate for you.

There are many resources available for those battling breast cancer and their families. You can contact a local support group, your doctor, medical team, or a breast cancer foundation for guidance and assistance. It's important to remember that you are not alone in this journey and that some people and organizations are dedicated to helping you through this challenging time.

Niibi Center holds healing space for Water Protectors at Water is Life Festival in Michigan

By Amy Myszko,
Program Manager
Niibi Center

Labor Day weekend was bustling in Petoskey, Mich., with the annual Water is Life Festival on Saturday, as well as an art build on Sunday and the Mackinaw Bridge Walk event on Monday that attracted around 20,000 people.

Members of the Niibi Center's staff, as well as a few of our collaborators, joined in on the festivities for the second year by hosting an informal Water Protector healing circle at the festival and supporting the art build and Bridge Walk.

Saturday dawned warm and bright, with a breeze off of lake Michigan creating the perfect conditions for an outdoor festival. Our healing circle in the shade of a large tree

encouraged old friends and newly awakened Water Protectors to share their hopes and fears, to chat about life and to network to create projects for a better future. The music, vendors and speakers all focused on protecting the water, the mother earth, and the Indigenous ways that inherently protect these precious gifts.

Sitting in a hundred-year-old barn on Sunday with Joe Lagarde and many other elders and Water Protectors from throughout the Great Lakes region, we were able to converse and tell stories, as well as learn about current issues affecting tribal sovereignty including the current Line 5 pipeline project. Painting murals that were lovingly walked across the four-mile Mackinaw bridge on Monday, we were all given a chance to be in a space of shared vision and shared pain, which is core to the process of healing. The art build event also gave Protectors from Canada and the US a safe space to vision future cross-border collaborations to protect the sacred.

Since Standing Rock it has become clear that Water Protectors and Land Defenders take on an extra burden of trauma when they are engaged in work to protect the earth. For that reason, the Niibi Center continues to engage in healing events that target Water Protectors to encourage the ongoing work of building community and supporting those that have made sacrifices to protect what is sacred, most especially nibi and manoomin.

On Monday morning hundreds of Water Protectors gathered before dawn to greet Governor Whitmer's opening speech with a light display and banners which were then proudly marched across the Mackinaw Bridge, hopefully raising awareness in some and a sense of solidarity in others.



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News From Chairman Michael Fairbanks



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Greetings White Earth Nation I am Happy to See You!

It is already October - the Leaves Turning Moon.

As Ojibwe we call the earth our mother, Aki, the rocks are grandfathers, Asiniig, the moon is our Grandmother, Nookomis and the sun is our Father Giizis. The Seven Grandfather Rocks are our Anishinaabe Teaching. This teaching varies from nation to nation but in ours the Grandfathers are Rocks. The seven Grandfather rocks symbolize our Mishiike Minisi or Turtle Island; it's a reminder to recognize and be thankful for everything Mama Aki, Mother Earth provides for us so we can live this life. The first Grandfather Rock on top stands for a time long ago when that fire almost blew out completely on Turtle Island when Europeans first came over here on a ship to Turtle Island they had their own principles and way of life. Europeans thought their ways were superior to our ancestor's; when in fact we had our own ways and belief systems, our ancestors were the First Nations of Turtle Island.

So it was outlawed by the Europeans who came here because they considered our ancestors savages and heathens. It is even documented in the Declaration of Independence, they called our ancestors "the merciless Indian savages." Our Anishinaabe cultural belief systems were banned and our ancestors punished or killed and imprisoned for practicing our ways. Seriously, ALL of our cultural practices, ceremonies and even powwows were banned by the United States Federal law up until 1978. Imagine that, not so long ago when congress finally recognized our rights as human beings through the "American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 (AIRFA) (42 U.S.C. § 1996.) protects the rights of Native Americans to exercise their traditional religions by ensuring access to sites, use and possession of sacred objects, and the freedom to worship through ceremonials and traditional rites."

Even when I was a youngster my elders would still have our ceremonies under the cover of night. We would nonchalantly go over to a relative's home or someone in the village or even the Cities to a person's home for a few different ceremonies going on that weekend or night. I remember sitting on the floor all weekend sometimes. Our ancestors continued to have ceremonies even though they knew if we were caught there would be consequences. Our elders told us this was how we kept the fire alive.

The Grandfather Rock in the middle represents our fire of modern times and the fire is becoming stronger day by day with more of our fellow Anishinaabe coming back to the circle of ceremony and traditions. Many lost generations are making their way back to their nations and want their spirit names and to know exactly where they come from in the Sacred Circle. Now the fire is burning brighter than ever. The 3rd Grandfather represents the fire of the future - tomorrow. It is our responsibility to ensure that the fire never goes out by continuing to pass on our cultural traditions through Ojibwemowin - Ojibwe language, ceremonies, medicines, and songs.

The Turtle's legs are represented by the four manidoog we need to stay alive: Akiing-Earth, Noodin-Wind, Ishkode-Fire, and Nibi-Water.

They also represent the four seasons of life: birth, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and elder years.

So many Anishinaabe aren't being taught our

Seven Sacred Teachings: Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility and Wisdom. Our people are very busy living the fast life not because they want to but because they have to. We need to make time to stop over to an elder's house or find out when the local Big Drum Ceremonies take place and other ceremonial events which are happening and learn from them.

Collectively all together the Seven Grandfathers stand for all four of the sacred directions where Grandfather and Grandmother manidoog - spirits are placed sitting and guiding us every day. The 5th stands for Mama Aki - Mother Earth, 6th represents Gichi Manido our Creator, and lastly the 7th represents US - the Anishinaabeg. We are placed right at the very center of life and being. Our healing and life comes from every direction of time, space and energy.

As one of the United States Anishinaabe Nations we have been in a Land Back Movement for a while now. It is a legacy of organizing and dismantling colonization and buying back our original lands that were either stolen or forcefully taken from our ancestors. There are many Anishinaabe Nations who have fought and won their original forests and land back from state and federal governments. Our neighboring nation Leech Lake has recently won back their Chippewa National Forest, as an example of what we are in the process of doing. Right now we are attempting to get our Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge back through negotiations with the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife Service. Also we will be asking for the return of our White Earth State Forest back this next state legislation.

The Land Office manages an estimated 84,000 acres for the White Earth Nation, and striving to meet land use goals while balancing the development and preservation of the lands for our current and future generations. Land although often unthought of, and overlooked is an integral part of our Nation and is tied into almost everything we do as Anishinaabe. We are a people who live off of the land, including hunting, gathering, development, etc. So it is important to us as Gaawaabaabiganikaag Anishinaabe to get our land back, it will be safely taken care of for our future generations to come.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year 2023, the White Earth Land Office has purchased almost 1,100 acres of property plus an additional three commercial properties located in Bemidji and Mahnomen.

By the close of the calendar year, we will have acquired 150 additional acres, all within our Nation's boundaries. These purchases have increased our land base and have given us additional land for agricultural, housing, economic development, hunting, and

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News From Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. LaRoque

Aanin Boozhoo.

Greeting White Earth Members, I have the honor of providing you with the monthly report of the Secretary/Treasurer position for the White Earth Tribal Council. 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, and Enrollments.

I will be featuring the Behavioral Health Division and Wild Rice updates.

White Earth Behavioral Health Division

White Earth Behavioral Health offers a range of services to support the mental health and well-being of individuals and families in the community. The Behavioral Health department is led by a director and an assistant director with focuses on program development, policy development, administration of the division, promotion of mental health and resilience, treatment of mental and substance use disorders, and knowledge sharing through evidence-based and culturally based services.

The White Earth Behavioral Health Division leadership team oversees the creation and management of a coordinated and comprehensive behavioral health system of care. They are committed to providing effective, culturally based modalities that promote physical health, emotional well-being, and safe environments for the White Earth Reservation community. With roles ranging from Behavioral Health Director to Clinical Supervisor-LADC, their team works together to ensure program objectives are met, oversee clinical practices/service delivery, manage finances and resources effectively, provide medical expertise and guidance, support program development/improvement/governance/finance/human resources/information components of their division, and maintain smooth administrative operations.

Total employees for the entire division is approximately 326 employees with a total budget for operating cost and employees cost of \$33,696,730. These departments are funded by third party billing and are grant funded.

White Earth Mental Health

The Mental Health department provides community-based outpatient therapeutic services to adults, children, and families. Services include crisis intervention, individual counseling sessions, family support services, assessments, targeted case management for children with mental health needs and their families. They also offer medication consultation and management with psychiatrists specializing in child or adult care.

Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports (CTSS) is offered to promote skill development for children with psychiatric illnesses or disruptions in their developmental trajectory. Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMHS) focus on restoring independent living skills for adults through person-centered support.

The Healing Bridge program aims to bridge western medicine with traditional Anishinaabe healing practices through energy therapy such as Reiki and Healing Touch. This holistic approach promotes relaxation and energetic balance for healing purposes.

Total employees for this department are approximately 63 with a budget of \$1,301,142.



MOMS/MATS Opioid Treatment Services

The MAT/MOMS department provides treatment services for opioid use disorder including intensive outpatient programs with individual counseling sessions. Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) is available using Suboxone/Subutex under the supervision of a nurse. They also offer mental health group therapy as well as assistance in getting scheduled for diagnostic assessments.

Total employees for these two departments are approximately 60 employees with a budget of \$4,842,050.

Community Behavioral Health

White Earth Outpatient Treatment Services (WESA) provide comprehensive substance use disorder treatment at multiple locations including Pine Point, White Earth, Mahnomon, Naytahwaush, and Rice Lake offering intensive outpatient programming along with individual counseling sessions; holistic treatment approaches such as talking circles and cultural activities; comprehensive assessments; treatment coordination; peer support; advocacy; outreach and telephone supportive services that include harm reduction strategies for overdose prevention. The program also includes training, cultural ceremonies, and gatherings.

Access to Recovery offers holistic guidance towards a changed life by helping individuals access services such as treatment, healthcare, education, peer support, cultural and spiritual healing. They provide individual counseling on treatment services, comprehensive assessments, peer support, coordination of treatment services along with talking circles cultural/spiritual healing advocacy outreach.

The Community Service Officers and Overdose Response Program is part of the Access to Recovery (ATR) services within the Behavioral Health Division. This program provides a range of services for adults struggling with substance use disorders.

The program offers individual counseling on treatment services to address specific needs, comprehensive assessments to determine appropriate interventions, peer support from individuals who have overcome similar challenges and can provide guidance and encouragement. It also includes coordination of treatment services to ensure a holistic approach to recovery, support services tailored to individual needs, talking circles for group therapy, and sharing experiences in a safe environment.

Additionally, the program provides case management assistance in navigating resources and advocating for clients' needs. Outreach efforts are

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News From District II Rep. Eugene Sommers

Boozhoo Anishinaabe,

I hope everyone enjoyed a fruitful Manoomin harvest this year. Our Cultural Division has been diligently working to ensure that proper ceremonies are conducted for our lakes before the harvest, and I am pleased to say that these efforts have yielded significant results. This season, we achieved a remarkable milestone, with a record-breaking 250,427 pounds of hand-harvested wild rice. This economic surge provided \$1,329,604.50 in additional income to our traditional wild rice harvesters.

I also want to address a few incidents related to the opening and closing of Lower Rice Lake. Unfortunately, a few individuals were cited for harvesting outside the designated time due to outdated information from a post on our Government website. The RBC is aware of these incidents and is committed to keeping everyone well-informed about the schedule for Lower Rice Lake. In the upcoming season, anticipate the installation of new signage at the landings and improved parking control measures to ensure a smoother experience for all.

Cultural Activities

The White Earth Department of Natural Resources and the White Earth Boys & Girls Club have played a pivotal role in engaging youth through various cultural activities. This year, in a remarkable collaborative effort, students from Waubun High School, Mahnomen High School, and the Boys & Girls Club were afforded the wonderful opportunity to participate in the annual Wild Rice harvest. I look forward to supporting more of these efforts!

I had the privilege of participating in the Annual Wild Rice Camp organized by White Earth Tribal and Community College Extensions Program, held at the Little Elbow Lake Park. During the event, attendees had the chance to discover the art of Wild Rice finishing and engage in an exhilarating game of lacrosse. Miigwech to all of the staff and volunteers who coordinated this event.

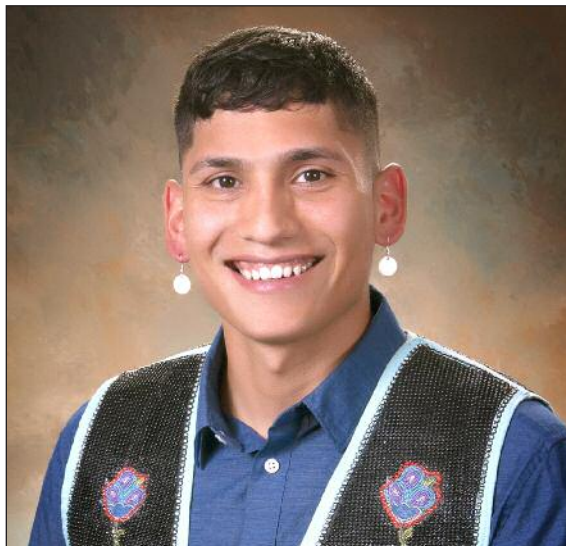
Legislative Session

White Earth Nation is preparing for the upcoming Legislative Session, and there are a few things I wish to bring forward.

Advancing the Billability of Traditional Healing Services while we will continue our ongoing efforts within the 1115 waiver process, it is imperative that we concurrently work on crafting legislation that effectively addresses the challenge of reconciling tribal perspectives with the stringent Federal and State government criteria, which emphasize terms like “evidence-based,” “research-based,” “science-based,” and “best-practices.” These criteria often promote linear methodologies that can be at odds with the holistic worldviews commonly held by most American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.

Our aim is to establish a robust state policy that acknowledges and respects these holistic perspectives, thus facilitating our endeavors at the Federal level. This recognition will be instrumental in garnering support from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for the creation of the All-Inclusive Rate for traditional healing and the Office of Management and Budget for American Indian/Alaska Native Research, dedicated to traditional healing and other Tribal best practices.

Expanding State Income Tax Exemptions for Tribal Members is a priority for me, as I've been researching taxation agreements between States and Tribal Nations. I will continue researching these efforts in an attempt to reach the following goals. In our case, we have more than 40 employees working in the Urban Office, the majority of whom are enrolled members of the White Earth Nation. All of their



income is sourced from the Tribe, and they play a vital role in providing essential services to our Urban Communities. However, their cost of living in the Urban area is notably higher than that of the average White Earth Nation employee.

Many tax models allocate taxing authority based on the source of income, and I believe that introducing a tax exemption for these employees could yield significant benefits. Such an exemption would not only ease the financial burden on our Tribal members but also enhance our competitiveness as employers in the Urban job market. This, in turn, would enable us to expand our services and contribute positively to both our Tribal Nation and the broader Urban community.

Creating Pathways to Fund Tribal Charter School Operation Costs. I toured the Naytahwaush Community Charter School (NCCS) this month, and I'm excited about plans to expand and improve the facility for safer and more spacious learning environments. These essential updates will cost upwards of \$4.7 million.

Currently, NCCS is ineligible for State Bonding Funding, which Charter Schools typically cannot access. Other funding sources often require a Tribal Resolution and often Tribal Programs are competing for the same funding, creating a tough financial burden. I believe NCCS offers culturally appropriate education for our children to thrive. Given its unique structure, advocating to allow NCCS to access Bonding Funding and waiving Tribal Resolution requirements are the two pathways I would like to explore.

Proposed Revisions to Minnesota State Law Strengthening Protections for Wild Rice Beds and Tribal Sovereignty. In response to mounting concerns over the preservation of our natural resources and the assertion of Tribal Sovereignty, there is a pressing need for comprehensive amendments to Minnesota State Law. A proposed legislation change would aim to address two critical issues: increasing fines for deliberate destruction of Wild Rice beds and aligning State Statutes with Tribal Ordinances and Treaty Authority Regulations.

Department of Human Services (DHS) Legislative Summit

I, along with our Divisional Directors, attended the DHS Legislative Summit. During this event, we advocated for White Earth Nation's legislative priorities and highlighted the challenges posed by existing laws. Our Directors demonstrated exceptional skills in pinpointing these obstacles and offering recommendations for improving current legislation to better serve our Nation.

I am happy to report that DHS is currently

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Waubun School Forest Open House

The Open House for the Waubun School Forest SKI Program is Oct 11 from 6-7 p.m. The new classroom at the School Forest will also be open. It is at 2541 State Hwy 113, (9.2 miles east of Waubun). The trails are always open to the community for walking.

WIC announcements

White Earth WIC has permanently relocated their Naytahwaush location to the Waabinokwe Health Center located at 2471 310th Avenue in Mahnomen. They have temporarily relocated the White Earth location to the Tribal Health Building at 26246 Crane Road in White Earth. This will be in effect for the next few months while the clinic is renovating. Please contact WIC with any questions at 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247. Thank you!

Ogema VFW 9880 Auxiliary news

An Ogema VFW Post 9880 Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. in the Ogema VFW Hall. Please note the time change. New members needed! If you would like information on joining our group please contact Carol Fabre at 218-401-1219.

Ogema VFW no longer available for rent

Effective immediately the Ogema VFW will no longer be available for rent due to insurance reasons. Thank you.

NTW Community Council news

The Naytahwaush Community Council holds their monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Naytahwaush Community Center – south projects. All are welcome! If you wish to be added to the agenda in advance, please contact Tara Mason – NCC Secretary at taramason2010@gmail.com.

If anyone in our community needs our support and resources, please let us know how we can serve. NCC Board members include: Chelsea Bush, Joe “Duke” Bush, Tara Mason, Donovan Burnette, Brian Clark and Sheri Snetsinger. Miigwech!

TAMARAC NWR TRAPPING DRAWING

The trapping drawing for zones in Tamarac NWR will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Mahnomen Natural Resources Office (old tribal college building) on Hwy 59.

Tribal members must bring their drivers license, tribal ID card, and current harvest permit. The White Earth Natural Resources Department encourages all interested trappers to attend, there are numerous opportunities for trapping of all sorts - especially beaver.

If you have any questions please contact Doug McArthur at Doug.McArthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov. Thanks and hope to see you there!

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Waabigwan Mashkiki extends business hours

Waabigwan Mashkiki, the Native American cannabis manufacturing plant in Mahnomen is excited to announce an update to their hours of operation to better serve customers.

Business hours now permanently include Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The dispensary is located at 850 East Adams Avenue in Mahnomen.

"We are excited to be able to better serve our community, and extending our hours as well as adding Saturdays enable us to do that," shares Alexander Oxendine, General Manager of Waabigwan Mashkiki. "Customers are traveling to visit our store, and Saturday hours make that easier for their schedules."

The Native American cannabis manufacturing plant in Mahnomen opened early August and has become one of the first dispensaries to legally sell adult-use marijuana in Minnesota. Waabigwan Mashkiki currently offers eight unique strains, artfully grown to provide unique potential benefits.

About Waabigwan Mashkiki

The Native American cannabis manufacturing plant in Mahnomen has become one of the first dispensaries to legally sell adult-use marijuana in Minnesota. Adult-use cannabis sales are open to anyone 21 years of age or older. The dispensary is located in Mahnomen near Shooting Star Casino.

For more information about the location, a menu of products and hours of operation, please visit www.waabigwan.com.

Update your information with White Earth Enrollments

On Dec. 12, 2022, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe TEC Chairperson Cathy Chavers sent a letter to all six bands requesting that reservations (bands) get updated addresses for their eligible voters.

The TEC will be submitting a letter to the Secretary of Interior for a Secretarial Election to complete a mail in ballot (vote) to be done on a resolution from 2015. That resolution is to include all Chippewa/Anishinaabeg blood from federally recognized tribes (five other states or 13 other tribes).

Chavers wishes to have this election by this fall and has requested a report for all members/addresses.

NOTE: If you don't have an address change, you **DO NOT** need to resubmit your information. For any further questions regarding this matter, please reach out to White Earth Enrollments at 218-983-4643 and they will be best suited to assist you.

The White Earth Tribal Enrollments Address/Update Form can also be downloaded at www.whiteearth.com and completed forms can be emailed to:

shannon.heisler@whiteearth-nsn.gov

shelley.scheler@whiteearth-nsn.gov

WE Water and Sewer offers cold weather tips

1. The most likely spot for water lines to freeze is where it enters the house/trailer or home/building. Make sure warmer air can reach pipes where water enters the house/trailer or home/building. If you have heat tape wrapped around your pipes, make sure it is plugged in.

2. Check around your home for areas where water supply lines are in unheated areas and take measures to prevent the flow of cold air in these areas. Common locations include: basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

3. Determine where your water shut-off valve is in your house and learn how to use it. For most homes the shut-off valve is located near the water meter at the point where the water line comes into your home, which is usually in your basement. If a pipe freezes and breaks it will be important to know where the shut-off valve is located.

4. Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.


5. Do not plow or drive over the area where your water and sewer lines are buried. Doing so pushes the frost further into the ground, increasing the risk of freeze ups.

6. Make sure the roof vent is not covered with snow or blocked. Snow build up over the vent will cause the sewer drain to slow down. This prevents

the warmer air in the sewer system from venting up the house and keeping the line above from freezing.

7. Make sure any sewer cleanouts or riser (white pipes in the yard) are capped so none of the cold air can enter the sewer system causing a freeze up.

Please contact the White Earth Water and Sewer department in the event of your water or sewer system freezing at 218-983-3202. The community water systems will monitor water temperature to prevent community freeze ups.



WHITE EARTH URBAN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT & ID DAYS- FALL 2023
 (Ft. White Earth Apparel, Wild Rice and Cultural Items, and Indian Money Management Accounts)

Friday November 3rd - Sunday November 5th

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Friday/Saturday

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Sunday

STAFF LUNCH BREAK TAKEN FROM 12PM – 1PM
(NO SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING THAT TIME!)

PICTURE ID CARD FEES:
 Adults: (16-54) - \$12.00
 Juveniles: (12-15) - \$6.00
 Elders (55+) - FREE
 Descendant ID ** - \$35.00
 CASH ONLY PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE.
 DEER TAGS AND HARVEST PERMITS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME!

WILD RICE WILL BE LIMITED (60 lbs. per year)

W.E. Elders - \$6.50 per pound W.E. Members - \$8.00 per pound Non-Members - \$16.00 per pound

****Attn. Descendants:**

White Earth request for verification of Descendancy form must be completed through WE Enrollments prior to the event. There is a \$50 fee for this certificate. Call enrollments at (218) 983 - 4643 for more information.

LOCATION:
 White Earth Urban Office
 1730 Clifton Place
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403
 Information : 612-813-1590

White Earth Reservation Food Distribution

2205 271st Ave., Mahnomen, MN 56557
Hwy 200 - 13 miles east of Mahnomen
 Phone: 218-935-2233 ♦ Fax: 218-935-2235

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE:

All persons residing within the White Earth Reservation boundaries, as well as any person enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe residing near the reservation boundaries. Enrollment must be verified. Food Distribution is an alternative to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

Eligibility requirements: Effective October 1, 2023

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,413
2	\$1,842
3	\$2,270
4	\$2,708
5	\$3,173
6	\$3,636
7	\$4,064
8	\$4,493

Each additional member add \$429

Documentation must be verified for all household members when applying for USDA foods:

- Address** - must verify residency
- Income** - most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
- Social Security Numbers**
- Tribal ID** (if applicable)

Deductions:

- ❖ 20% deduction from household's gross earned income
- ❖ Actual child care expenses paid to non-household members
- ❖ Legally required child support payments to non-household members, documentation required
- ❖ Medicare, Part B (Medical Insurance) and Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums)
- ❖ Medical expense for elderly or disabled who incur out of pocket expense in excess of \$35
- ❖ Shelter/utility expense - households that incur the cost up to \$500

Office hours

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

Store hours

Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Over 100 nutritious food items to choose from.

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<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdpir>



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www.whiteearth.com

You can reach the Anishinaabeg Today at
today@whiteearth-nsn.gov or
 218-983-3285 Ext. 5903



WE Prevent Type II Diabetes Project starting new cohort

White Earth Public Health is looking for people diagnosed with pre-diabetes or people at high risk of developing type II diabetes to participate in our next Prevent Type II Diabetes program.

Our last session we had people go from pre-diabetic to not pre-diabetic. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone at risk of developing Type II Diabetes.

This program was developed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and studies have shown that people with prediabetes who take part in a structured lifestyle change program like this can cut their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58% (71% for people over 60 years old). This finding was the result of the program helping people lose 5% to 7% of their body weight through healthier eating, physical activity, reducing stress, and coping with triggers.

For a person who weighs 200 pounds, losing 5% to 7% of their body weight means losing just 10 to 14 pounds. It doesn't take a drastic weight loss to make

a big impact. And the impact of this program can last for years to come. Research has found that even after 5 years, people who completed a diabetes prevention lifestyle change program were still 72% less likely to develop type 2 diabetes.

This program requires a year-long commitment. We are starting a new cohort in October. We are specifically looking for people in Naytahwaush, Pine Point, and White Earth. We want people serious about their health and preventing Type II diabetes.

If you are interested in this opportunity please call Deb Killian for your free phone evaluation at 218-983-3286.



Community invited to Native fashion show at casino

Niibidoon will be having a Fall Fashion Show hosted by Courtney Bunker, Mary Turner, and Melissa Ojibway on Monday, Oct. 9 at the Mahnomen Shooting Star Casino.

We are excited to showcase the amazing talents that we see here on the White Earth Reservation and beyond.

The event takes place on Indigenous People's Day and will have amazing Ribbon Skirts, Ribbon Shirts, and other pieces created by Native artists. Ojibwe language is also an integral part of our show.

We want to recognize how important it is to take

care of ourselves. We all work on caring for our mental health, sobriety, physical health, and our culture. No matter where you're at in any of these stages of your life, we want to recognize and honor the work it takes to get there.

We have partnered up with Gizhiigin, White Earth Behavioral Health, and the Mahnomen Community Council to help make this event happen.

We hope to see you there! Miigwech.

Date: Monday, Oct. 9

Time: Doors open at 4:30 p.m., show at 5:30

Where: Mahnomen Shooting Star Casino

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addressing the following issues:

Billability of Traditional Healing Services: The recognition of traditional healing as a billable service, ensuring that it receives the acknowledgment and support it deserves.

Child Targeted Case Management: Pushing for case managers (County Agencies) to possess cultural community knowledge, thereby enhancing their ability to serve our people effectively.

Emergency Shelter Facilities: Establish an emergency shelter facility grant program. This program will facilitate the renovation, improvement, expansion, acquisition, furnishing, construction, or equipping of emergency shelter facilities.

White Earth Nation ICWA Initiative: Increased

funding to empower White Earth Nation to administer essential culturally appropriate case management services.

These initiatives represent our commitment to addressing the challenges our community faces and making positive changes through legislative action.

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gathering opportunities. Plans for just a few of these acquired parcels include a future animal shelter, the potential expansion of the Rice Lake Village, and an area for a much-needed cell tower in Naytahwaush.

There are about 1,000 or more leases on tribal land that are managed by our Land Office including homesites, lakeshores leases, business leases, assignments, permits, rights-of-way, and easements. Over 65 homesites were created for residential development use for our members just this past summer. The need for homesites is recognized and we are continually searching for areas to develop and expand for new homesites to meet our member's needs.

We got an official notice of the completion of the Bagley Casino for fee-to-trust packet; this will save the casino and tribe about \$73,000 in taxes on the

property annually. It was a great success, and we hope to see more fee-to-trust completions in the future.

MiiGwech to our Land Department for the update on our land attainment and trust completion. I hope everyone was able to get out to various events to enjoy our Minnesota fall weather; it has been beautiful with all of the waatebagaa, leaves turning bright colors out there.

Mi'iw,

Baamaapii wiingezin.

MiiGwech bizindawiyeg.

Gigawaabaminim naagaj.

That's it.

Take it easy.

Thank you for listening to me.

See you all later.

White Earth Council of Elders

By Lucille Silk, Chairperson

White Earth Nation Council of Elders

My apology for not having the article ready last month, it has been a trying time for all of us. Things happen that are out of our control and we must deal with them. So sad once again for the losses in our communities due to deaths that are both health related or for other issues. As Elders, we tend to grieve with any family that is suffering and always pray for the ones that are left behind. We have many programs on this reserve that can be available to those in need. Ms. Dorene Day is our Cultural Administrator for those that need spiritual assistance and can be reached at Naytahwaush Behavioral Health. Mii Gwetch for all the Native Healing programs that you provide for our Reserve.

Other spirituality means can be reached at local churches throughout the White Earth Nation. It is important to mention that many of the churches have new winter rules that will prohibit winter burials at their cemetery's due to the rising costs of maintenance and damage to roads, stones, etc. Please be mindful of these changes and respect the committees that make the decisions.

On Sept. 1, Fond du Lac sponsored the annual Wisdom Steps Golf Tournament and volunteers throughout Minnesota representing various Nations and urban area Nations, came and volunteered. We had brown bag raffles, silent auctions, half take, and other fun games throughout the day with a wonderful sit-down banquet for the golfers and volunteers. This fundraiser is an annual event that we all enjoy and makes the most financial support for Wisdom Steps. So many of our members get to come to an annual conference to be honored for their efforts in maintaining healthy lifestyles by watching their own health and walking as much as they can each year.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, the monthly meeting was held at the Naytahwaush Elder Nutrition site after lunch. The meeting date was incorrectly stated in the September Anishinaabeg Today and we apologize for this mistake. Meetings are always the first Tuesday of the month and if there is ever a question, please call one of the three listed numbers at the end of this article. You may obtain a copy of the minutes through Missy Fairbanks, Secretary, or better yet attend a meeting. Members or anyone new that wants to join are always welcome to attend.

We received an invitation to attend the Minneapolis Urban Picnic held Sept. 14 at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. It was an extremely short notice to us and we did our best to call and notify Elders that we could attend and Missy placed it on Facebook for those that could go. We were able to gather eight Elders and secured a bus and driver to take us to Minneapolis. We also were able to get rooms at Hinckley for an overnight stay as it is very difficult for Elders to make the trip in one day due to health. We are always trying to get the notice out to all Elders and sometimes they cannot go because of doctor or other speciality appointments. Thank you to those that did go and had a great time. In future, we hope to get our Elders out more often prior to the winter weather, even if it is a short venture.

Have you noticed the beautiful fall colors that have been out now for awhile. We have usually seen the leaves at their peak during the month of October. It is hard to believe that we have to start thinking of bundling up our windows, hauling wood, or getting other means of heat to our homes. Also, please make sure your furnaces are cleaned and running right. It seems that winter is fast approaching and we do not want to be caught off guard. Contact the programs that can address your needs! Cars have to be cared for too, as changes for the cooler months are important.

We hear from many Elders that safety is becoming a bigger

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Reservation hunters needed for CWD testing

Fall hunting and gathering season is upon us and it is time to get ready for winter. The White Earth Natural Resources Department will be asking everyone to drop off deer heads for CWD sampling. Last year there was 53 heads submitted for sampling and thankfully all came back negative for CWD. We would like to thank everyone who submitted heads last year again it was a great effort.

Head drop-off: New for this year will be drop off freezers located at the RBC headquarters at the entrance door for the Land office. It's the first door/sidewalk north of the main entrance. The other location will be at the White Earth Natural Resources office in Mahnomon on Highway 59. Hunters will only be able to drop off heads Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hunters will fill out their registration online and staff at each location will be on-site to assist and give out bags and tags needed for the deer head. Once registration is complete, hunters will be given their gift card. Deer heads must be antler free and cut just a few inches behind the skull. More specific directions will be posted at each site and on social media for better viewing. There will be bags and numbered ear tags to be attached to the head. This ear tag and number will be used for online registration portion.

Recording requirements: There will be the same recording requirements for this year that will hopefully help streamline and make it easier for drop

offs. There is a hyperlink: <https://arcg.is/1qrW90> that will be used to register deer heads. Drop off stations will also have a barcode that can be scanned by your smartphone and opened up directly for data input. Each



location will have staff that can also help with registration as needed. Deer must be harvested within the reservation boundaries and please record the most accurate location as possible.

Deer head incentives: This year there will be a \$500 gift card for Reed's Sporting Goods in Walker Minn., donated by the White Earth RBC for the winner of the Tribal member drawing. There will be Cablela's gift cards given to everyone (Tribal members and non-Tribal members that register a deer head). Tribal members will need to show your ID card to register for the \$500 gift card at the end of the season. Please provide accurate contact information so that we can get test results to each of you in a timely manner. You can register as many deer as you like provided they are legally harvested, tagged and have the accurate harvest location for each deer.

If anyone has any questions please contact Doug McArthur at 218-935-2488 or doug.mcarthur@whiteearth-nsn.gov.

Good luck, happy hunting and be safe!

Parent-led community conversations at Shooting Star



Photo by Gary W. Padrta

Alumni of the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative led community conversations and testimonials at a community event on Sept. 11 at the Mahnomon Shooting Star Casino. Parent voices are vital, and often underrepresented in policy conversations and at decision making tables. Elevating the parent voice helps policy makers understand best practices when creating policy and systems change within local, state and tribal communities. Parent alumni from the Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative on White Earth Reservation led guests through these important conversations and facilitated an interactive activity around communication. Participants experienced the impact of the Minnesota Community Solutions Grant Fund in a rural tribal community. **Above:** Susie Ballot, a graduate of the inaugural 2022 Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative class speaks about her community project at the event as Beth Ann Dodd looks on. Dodd is the program manager for Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative (IPLI) and All Nations Rise/Indigenous Visioning, LLC

Energy Assistance Program Notice

The 2024 Energy Assistance Program is accepting applications, please call for an application or you can pick one up at the office in Waubun. Watch the White Earth web page for one also. For those of you that have applied last heating season, you will receive an application in the mail.

Please keep in mind to fill out your application clearly and completely and with all necessary documentation, this will make for a faster process.

Always keep in mind to check your tanks - running out will adhere to more problems. Summer prices are at a low this time of year, call your company to set up payment plans or arrangements if suitable.

This year there is a couple changes we would like you to know about, first one is, this year you will only have to show proof of one month's income. Second, there will be no water assistance this year.

Homeowners - at any time you have a furnace problem please call the office and check on assistance. Please change filters once a month for adequate maintenance.

Any questions on the program or if you need to fax any information, please call the number or fax below. Hope you had a great summer!

Anticipated funds in November!

Phone: 218-473-2711 / Toll Free: 1-866-885-7656 / Fax: 218-473-2719

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flowing south into the Gulf of Mexico,” said Leech Lake Chairman Faron Jackson Sr., “Without water, we wouldn’t be here today.”

This partnership between MRCTI and the three nations was formalized during the opening ceremony during another historic moment, as representatives of each signed a memorandum for the purpose of creating lasting collaboration between Indigenous nations and MRCTI.

“The mayors (of MRCTI) are hoping to create a permanent and equal place in our association so Indigenous nations can be involved in and consult on decisions at the same level as mayors,” Simmons said. “Tonight we can achieve a beginning by entering into a historic memorandum.”

Environmental stewardship

While the details of the partnership are still being discussed, MRCTI and the three tribal nations present expressed the significance of the memorandum and their shared responsibility to protect the river.

“Through this historic agreement, we aim to preserve and restore the ecological balance of the Mississippi River Corridor, honoring the legacy of our ancestors and safeguarding this vital resource for future generations,” Jackson said.

Red Lake Nation’s Tribal Chairman Darrell Seki Sr. shared that this also means vigilance against potential threats to the river and its water quality, including from pipelines carrying crude oil.

“Our future generations will be facing these issues,” Seki said, “It’s up to us to try and prevent what’s going on with our waters and our lands.”

With an environmental focus at the core of its association, mayors of the MRCTI shared their hope of learning from and working with the Indigenous nations during a press conference.

“Cities along the Mississippi River can learn much from how the Indigenous nations of the region have maintained and grown their communities,”

Prince said. “They’ve been stewards of the water and land long before us.”

This was expanded on by Colin Wellenkamp, the executive director of MRCTI, in his comments.

“We’re asking to go along with (the Indigenous nations),” Wellenkamp explained. “They’ve been doing it, they’ve been succeeding, and soon we’re going to be getting away from ‘they’ and it’s going to be an ‘us’.”

Alongside the focus on building Indigenous partnerships, which MRCTI hopes to expand to all the nations along the Mississippi River, the conference also saw discussion on environmental efforts already undertaken by the association.

These have included working with the United Nations Environment Program and the University of Georgia to conduct a study on plastic pollution in the Mississippi River, which found that 75% of reported polluting items in the river were plastic.

Through MRCTI and partner efforts, the hope is to reduce plastic waste and protect the Mississippi watershed beginning with local governments.

“Local governments can lead the way toward new, larger partnerships that broaden the responsibility, enlist more expertise and ultimately reduce plastic dependency,” said Jim Strickland, mayor of Memphis, Tenn., and co-chair of MRCTI. “We are taking a stand against plastic pollution.”

Another focus of MRCTI has been related to droughts, as several regions along the Mississippi River have experienced drier-than-average years and low water levels. MRCTI has been working to improve drought resiliency, encourage sustainable water use in agriculture and advocate for improved federal drought response.

Over 30 mayors attended the 12th annual MRCTI conference, with additional guests from partnering agencies, organizations and governments.



Photo by Madelyn Haasken / Bemidji Pioneer

White Earth Veteran Dean Johnson brings in the White Earth Honor Guard Staff during an opening ceremony for the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative’s annual meeting held Sept. 12 at the Red Lake Nation Wellness and Event Center.

THE DOCTOR’S CORNER

Welcome back Deanna

The White Earth Service Unit is excited to announce the return of Deanna Pepper, MSN, WHNP-BC. Deanna will be returning in October as a civilian, following her retirement from the USPHS Commissioned Corps.



Deanna Pepper

Deanna received her MSN from the University of Cincinnati in 2011, a BSN from University of North Dakota in 2008 and her ADN from the County College of Morris in New Jersey in 1991. She first joined our service unit in 2000 and has filled many roles: Triage Nurse, CQI Manager, Co-Safety Officer, Infection Control Officer, and Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner.

Deanna has worked with Tribal Health and on a wide variety of healthcare projects and collaborations that have served our community. She is honored to be part of the White Earth Service Unit. We are looking forward to her expertise moving forward.

Clinical Services Offered:

- Serve Female Patients - Adolescent to Elderly
- Well Woman Exams
- Prenatal Care
- Acute Care
- Chronic Care
- Birth Control Services
- Reproductive Health
- Nexplanon Insertion and Removal
- Reproductive Health
- STDs – Sexually Transmitted Diseases

WE Service Unit welcomes new CEO

Raimy Ronning, RN, has joined White Earth Service Unit as the new CEO. She has previously acted in the role of Director of Nursing for the service unit and is looking forward to the continued opportunity to meet the mission of the Indian Health Service to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) to the highest level.

A descendent of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, Raimy has lived in the area her entire life. She completed her nursing degree at Fergus Falls Community College in 2000 and has been working as a nurse ever since.

Raimy enjoys music, outside activities, and spending time with her family and friends.

Raimy has a passion for helping others and is honored to be part of the White Earth Service Unit in her new capacity.

Community honors POW/MIA Vets

Thank you to all who participated in the 5th Annual POW/MIA Recognition event held Sept. 14-15 at the Waubun School. The POW/MIA flag was in motion for 24 hours as volunteers carried the flag around the high school track. The event was to honor military members who suffered as prisoners of war and to remember those who never returned home and to create awareness of not only veterans, but also of MIAs and POWs.

A heartfelt thank you to those families who shared their stories of loved ones who served and those who were held captive and suffered horrible acts of cruelty. The response of students was overwhelming and we are hoping to continue to make this an annual event. Thank you also to Waubun School for use of the track and to David Varriano and all the students who kept the POW/MIA flag going!

Sincerely,
Ogema VFW Post 9880 & Auxiliary

Wild Rice Electric welcomes back Rez school staff

As a sign of appreciation for our educators, Wild Rice Electric visited some of the schools that we are proud to serve, and call members, to deliver an ENERGIZING treat as they prepared for the upcoming school year.

Deliveries of food and gifts were a simple way to say thank you and best of luck to school staff and support staff at Circle of Life Academy and Naytahwaush Charter Schools. Educators play a

vital role in shaping the future by educating and guiding our youth, and it's important to acknowledge their contributions. Wild Rice Electric proudly serves three schools including Circle of Life Academy, Naytahwaush Charter and Win-E-Mac.

Best of luck to all the area schools as they begin the 2023-2024 school year. Wild Rice Electric thanks all who provide services in educating and serving our youth.



Submitted photos

As a sign of appreciation for educators, Wild Rice Electric visited some of the schools they serve to deliver treats as they prepared for the upcoming school year. **Top:** At the Circle of Life Academy from left are Principal Cheryl Poitra, Superintendent Victoria Wind, Tommy Houdek and Abby Stueness (Wild Rice Electric), Psychiatrist Olivia Melroe, and Assurance and Compliance Char Garbow. **Bottom:** Houdek takes a selfie with the education staff at the Naytahwaush Community Charter School.

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problem and referrals have been made to the local law enforcements. Look out for each other and if need be, do not be afraid to call for help.

The National Indian Council on Aging will be holding their bi-annual conference in Raleigh, North Carolina and six Elders from our Nation will be attending from this Council.

We know that they have submitted two resolutions from this Nation regarding Healthcare and Homelessness. Issues will be discussed in separate

regions and then brought before the full committee to the legislators in attendance and those that represent Elders on up the line to Congress. This is a very important conference to make sure that our concerns are heard and addressed. May the Great Spirit be with you all and safe travels and prayers to those six Elders making the trip.

Lucille Silk, Chair, 218-983-3768
Lawrence (Sam) Crowell, Vice Chair, 218-252-9390
Missy Fairbanks, Secretary, 218-401-0553

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 25
PONSFORD, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 25, (Ponsford), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 2023, for the purpose of electing three school board members for three year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

Put an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for:

- _____
- _____
- _____

The combined precincts and the polling places for this election will be as follows:
New Pine Point School, Ponsford, Minnesota.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 4 o'clock p.m. and will close at 8 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: September 19, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

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OCT 9th 2023

Shooting Star Casino Mahnomen MN

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Mailing Address: _____

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Telephone # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Birthdate: _____ Spouse's Birthdate: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated length of your driveway (only for new applicants): _____

*** Snowplowing will be done **only when snowfall accumulation exceeds 4" inches or more.**

*** Snow shoveling of driveway or sidewalk will not be done.

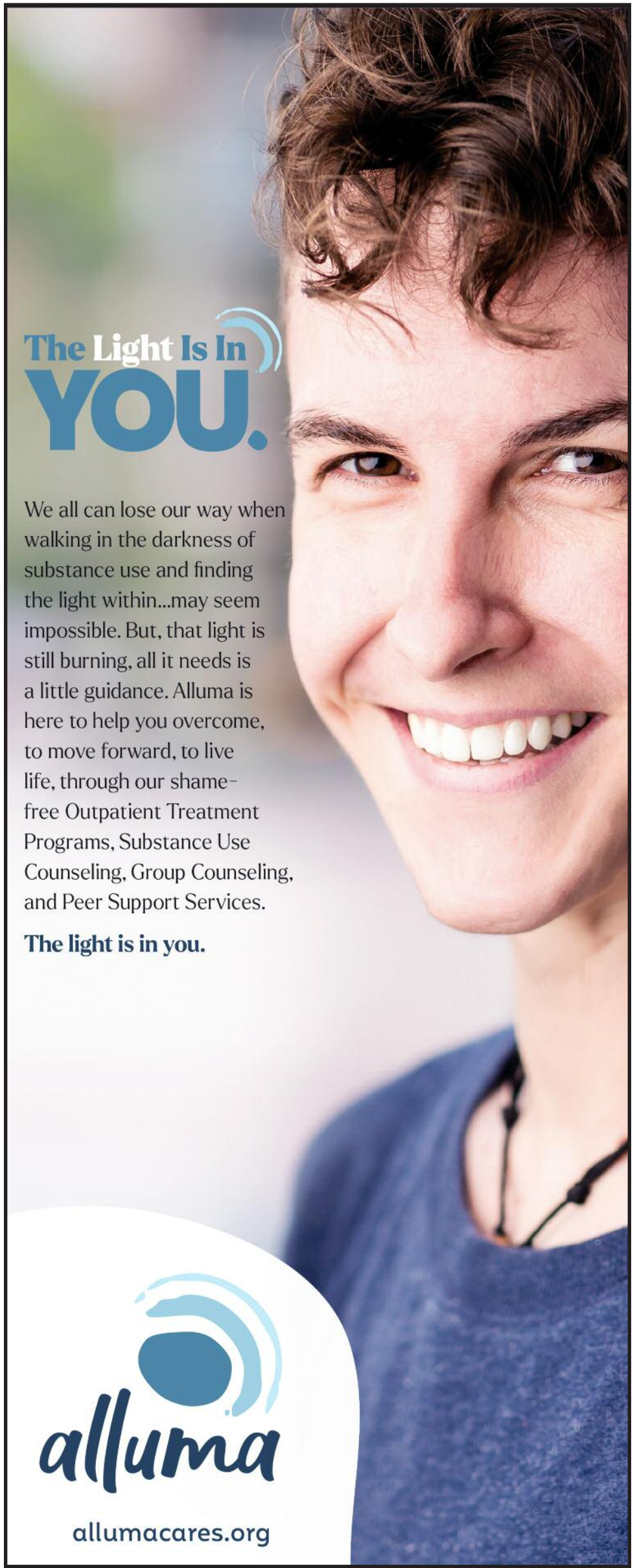
*** Signatures from the elder will be required this year on the plowers timesheet.

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591
Phone #: 218-983-3202
Fax #: 218-983-4350
E-mail address: Lisa.Donovan-Larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Betsy.Smith@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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April Wine | *November 17*

Energy Assistance Resources*

2023-2024

White Earth Energy Assistance Program - Chris Fairbanks (218) 473-2711

*Additional Crisis Assistance will be available starting October 2023

White Earth Human Services at Naytahwaush Complex

- **Constituent Services:** Assist with \$200 towards enrolled elders 55+ or disabled adults every 6 months for those who qualify. (218) 935 5554 Ext. 3218.
- **Elders Program:** Assist with \$200 towards enrolled elders 55+ once a year. (218) 935 3218. Ext. 3288.
- **Homeless Program:** Assists with utility disconnection, eviction, foreclosure for those who qualify. (218) 935 5554 Ext. 3218.
- **Financial Services Program:** Assists with utility disconnection which includes water, sewer, electric, gas, heating fuel, and eviction, foreclosure, work related emergencies. Applicants are screened for eligibility determination per program guidelines and policy. (218) 935-2359 Ext. 3305.

White Earth Reservation Housing Authority: For White Earth Housing renters. Helps with fixing a furnace or water heater. They also help elders with weatherization. (218) 473 4663

Clearwater County: Inter-County Community Council (ICCC). Provides energy assistance, repairs for furnaces, weatherization, etc. for Clearwater, East Polk, Red Lake and Pennington counties. Income guidelines. (218) 796-5144 or 888-778-4008.

Mahnomen, Hubbard, Becker County: Mahube-Otwa Partnership. Helps pay for electric & heating bills, insulating a home, fixing a furnace or water heater, finding shelter. Income guidelines. (218) 847-1385

Heatshare (Salvation Army): As a very last resort, may provide cash grants and emergency assistance with utility and heating bills, on a year-round basis. Provides emergency furnace repairs. Income guidelines. Fargo (701) 232-5565. Northern MN 218-879-5447 / 651-746-3406

*This is a short list of resources. Please contact Programs or Agencies directly to get a more comprehensive list of what assistance and/or services they can provide and how you may qualify.

Mahnomen community gathers for picnic



Cortney Pemberton

The Mahnomen Tribal Community Council (MTCC) held a Changing of the Seasons Community Picnic on Sept. 24 on the corner of Birkett & 5th Street in Mahnomen. The event included a meal, bean bag tournament and door prizes. The picnic was sponsored by the MTCC and White Earth Child Care.



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WE Mental Health hosts suicide prevention event

September was National Suicide Prevention Month. It is a month to remember the lives lost to suicide, the millions of people who have struggled with suicidal ideation, and acknowledge the individuals, families, and communities that have been impacted. It is also a time to raise awareness about suicide prevention and share messages of hope.

White Earth Mental Health hosted the 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Awareness event.

Approximately 100 community members attended. The event included an opening ceremony where speakers with lived experiences shared their story, programs shared information, activities to remember loved ones and share hope, a walk, a cedar smudge ceremony, followed by a feast.

Miigwech to Heather Berry and Sunshine England for sharing their stories!



White Earth Mental Health hosted the 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Awareness event on Sept. 13 at the White Earth Community Center.

Top: Sunshine England, left and Heather Berry (both sitting) with family members. The two shared their stories at the event.

Left: Committee members that planned the annual event

Submitted photos

White Earth Reservation Minnesota Family Investment Program 2023-2024 Plan

Maadaadizi Workforce Center is developing the Minnesota Family Investment Program Plan for 2023-2024. Citizen participation is invited in the development of this plan.

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) [Minnesota Statutes 256J.626 requires counties to submit a biennial service agreement to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to receive these public funds. The primary purpose of the Biennial Service Agreement is to establish agreed upon outcomes and identify strategies counties will use to achieve these outcomes.

Copies of the proposed plan are available at the Maadaadizi Workforce Center in Naytahwaush, or the plan can be sent to you upon request by mail or email. The draft of the MFIP Biennial Service Agreement is available for review and comment until Nov. 15.

Citizens of White Earth Reservation are encouraged to participate in the development of these plans by submitting written comments and suggestions to Sandra M. St. Clair, Maadaadizi Workforce Center, PO Box 69, Naytahwaush, MN 56566.

School Board Meeting and Public Hearing – Indian Education Programs and Budgets

Notice

Bagley Public Schools
Bagley, MN

There will be a public hearing regarding the proposals for the 2022-2023 American Indian Education Programs and Budgets.

The Bagley Indian Education Parent Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m.

A light meal will be served.

The Public Hearing will take place at 6:00 p.m.

The School Board meeting will follow the Public Hearing at the Rice Lake Community Center

on

Monday, October 16, 2023

The hearing will include the following:

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

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Phone: (218) 983-3286

Ask to speak to the "WECARE Program"

WECARE Navigator

Phone: (218) 401-3185 or (218) 983-3286 Ext. 1413

WECARE Navigator

Phone: (218) 401-2738 or (218) 983-3286 Ext. 1273

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Phone: (218) 401-2990 or (218) 983-3286 Ext. 1341

WECARE Navigator

Phone: (218) 401-3241 or (218) 983-3286 Ext. 1491

You can reach the *Anishinaabeg Today* at 218-983-3285 Ext. 5903 or today@whiteearth-nsn.gov

White Earth Reservation 2023/24 Hunting/Trapping Seasons & Limits

Big Game

		<u>Yearly Limit</u>
Bear Baiting	Aug. 5 - Aug. 18, 2023	
Bear Season	Aug. 19 - Oct. 31, 2023	3
Deer (primitive weapons)	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2023	A total of 1 deer in combination w/primitive or modern firearms.
Deer (modern firearms)	Oct. 21 - Dec. 31, 2023	
Youth (modern firearms)	Oct. 14 - Dec. 31, 2023	
Moose, Gray Wolf, Lynx, Elk	Closed, No Season	0

Small Game

		<u>Daily Limit</u>
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	25
Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	25
Snipe	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	10
Coots	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	20
Woodcock	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2023	10
Cottontail Rabbit	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	20
Snowshoe Hare	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	20
Jack Rabbit	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	20
Gray/Fox Squirrel	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2003	20 (combined)
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 1 - Jan. 14, 2024	6
Hungarian Partridge	Sept. 1 - Jan. 14, 2024	6
Ring-Necked Pheasant	Sept. 1 - Jan. 14, 2024	4 (males only)
Raccoon	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No limit
Fox	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No limit
Coyote	Continuous	No limit
Prairie Chicken	Closed, No Season	0
Sharp-Tailed Grouse	Closed, No Season	0
Sandhill Crane	Close - No Season	0
	<u>Yearly Limit</u>	
Wild Turkey	Fall Sept. 9 - Oct. 31, 2023 Spring April 1 - May 31, 2024	2 Tom/male only in combination with spring or fall season.

Waterfowl

		<u>Daily Limit</u>
Geese	Sept. 1 - Dec. 10, 2023	8 (All species combined)
Ducks	Sept. 9 - Dec. 10, 2023	10 (No more than 2 hen mallards. No more than 2 canvasback and 2 pintail)
Mergansers	Sept. 9 - Dec. 10, 2023	5 (No more than 2 hooded)

Trapping*

		<u>Annual Limit</u>
Raccoon	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Badger	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Fox (Red or Gray)	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Coyote	Sept. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Beaver	Oct. 1 - April 30, 2024	No Limit
Muskrat	Oct. 1 - April 30, 2024	No Limit
Otter	Oct. 1 - March 31, 2024	5
Mink	Oct. 1 - March 31, 2024	No Limit
Bobcat	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	6
Fisher/Pine Marten	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	4
Lynx,	Closed, No Season	0
Gray Wolf	Closed, No Season	0

* White Earth tribal members who trap Otter, Fisher, or Bobcat must register these animals at the White Earth Land office or the White Earth Natural Resources office in Mahanomen. Trappers are reminded they must bring the animal with them along with their tribal ID and harvest permit. For more information call 218-573-3007.

White Earth Reservation 2023-2024 Youth Hunting Regulations

White Earth enrolled youth will be able to participate in this year's tribal modern firearms youth deer season beginning Oct. 14.

- 1) Youth ages 10-17 must have current Harvest Permit, and Youth Deer Tag
- 2) Youth ages 10-13, must be within arm's reach of an adult while hunting

3) Youth ages 10-11, no Hunter's Safety Certificate needed

4) Youth ages 12-17, Hunter's Safety Certificate and Tribal ID required for purchase of Harvest Permit and Youth deer Tag

5) Youth 14 years and older may hunt without the presence of an adult

	10 Yr	11 Yr	12 Yr	13 Yr	14 Yr	15 Yr	16 Yr	17 Yr
Must have: current Harvest Permit and Youth Deer Tag	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Must be within arms reach of an adult while hunting.	X	X	X	X				
May hunt without the presence of an adult					X	X	X	X
Hunters Safety Certificate and Tribal ID required to purchase Harvest Permit and Youth deer tag.			X	X	X	X	X	X
No hunters safety certificate needed	X	X						

October 2023 binaakwe-giizis Cultural Calendar

White Earth Cultural Division
Monthly Schedule

**Information call:
218-401-4136**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 White Earth AFT Comm. Ctr. 10 AM - 2 PM G.O.N.A. - NTW 8:30-3:30 PM	4 G.O.N.A. - NTW 8:30 - 3:30 PM	5 Craft Day NTW 10 AM - 3 PM G.O.N.A. - NTW 8:30 - 3:30 PM Women's Sweat- NTW 8 PM	6	7
8	9	10	11 White Earth Women's Sweat 7:30 PM	12 ICW Ceremony Virginia, MN	13	14
15	16	17 White Earth AFT Comm. Ctr. 10 AM - 2 PM	18	19 Craft Day NTW 10 AM - 3 PM Men's Sweat NTW & White Earth 7:30 PM	20	21
22	23	24 Mental Health Cultural Safety Pl. 2 - SSC	25	26 Haunted Drive	27 Haunted Drive	28
29	30 Acute Care Sweat 7:30 PM	31				

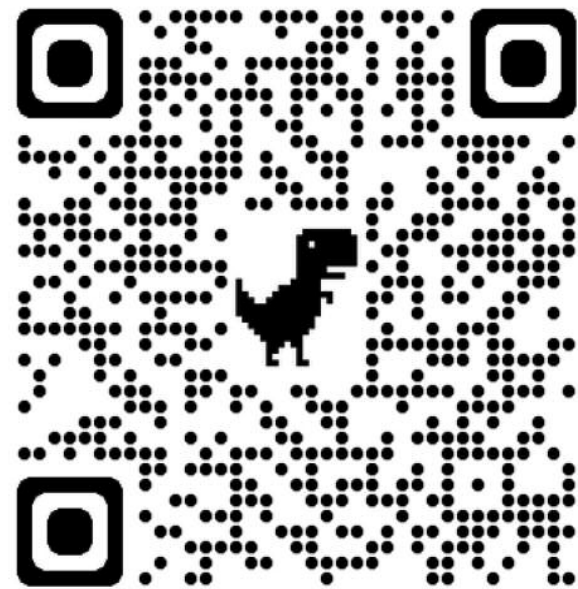
<p>For the sweat lodge, you'll need to bring: Asemaa/Tobacco, a towel, and a skirt or dress.</p>	<p>Sing like no one is listening!</p> <p>Let it go!</p>	<p>Tobacco-Asemaa Cedar- Giizhikondug Sage- Mashkodewushk Sweet grass-wiinggashk</p>	<p>Inga izhitchige nibi onji! I'll do it for the water! E'aangwaamizin! Go in a good way!</p>	<p>Fall -Daagwaagin Water-Nibi Medicine-Mashkikil Fire-Ishkode Feast -wikondwin</p>
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Honoring POW/MIA Veterans



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The 5th Annual POW/MIA Recognition event was held Sept. 14-15 at Waubun High School. Volunteers carried the POW/MIA flag for 24 hours around the high school track. Taking their turn were Pete Fairbanks (veteran) and Theresa Donner.

Ogema Days is a big hit



Submitted photos

Ogema Days was held Sept. 2. The annual event featured a parade, petting zoo, games, 5K walk/run, petting zoo, softball tournament, plus much more. **Top:** The parade is always a big hit. **Bottom:** The Wolfpack won the softball championship.

Henry Boucha, a legend of Minnesota hockey from high schools to the Olympics, died at 72

By MPR News

Minnesota hockey phenomenon Henry Boucha, a legend both on and off the ice, has died at age 72.

The Rink Live and the Star Tribune reported that family members confirmed Boucha died Sept. 18.

Boucha, who was Ojibwe, was a star player for Warroad High School, leading them to the state tournament in 1969 where they reached the title game before falling to Edina in overtime.

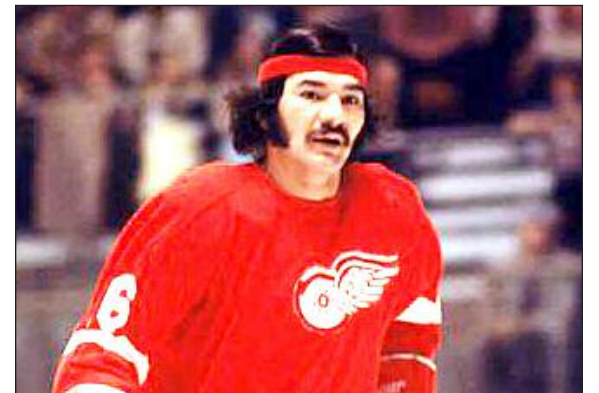
Boucha played in the 1972 Winter Olympics, earning a silver medal with the U.S. team. He then played in the NHL with the Detroit Red Wings and the Minnesota North Stars, wearing his trademark headband in the days before helmets were required.

It was during a game with Minnesota in Jan. 1975 that a Boston Bruins player speared him in the eye with his stick and permanently damaged his eyesight. It effectively ended Boucha's pro career, although he did play with Minnesota's WHA Fighting Saints and ended his career with the NHL's Kansas City Scouts, moving with them to become the Colorado Rockies, where he retired.

Those who knew him say he was never bitter or angry about the attack.

Boucha continued to play hockey for a few years. He later returned to Warroad where he sold real estate and owned a restaurant.

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White Earth crew helps fight fire in northern Calif.

This crew was the first-ever all tribal BIA Type 2 Initial Attack Crew assembled from the Midwest Region. The crew was given the name Gichi-gami, which means big waters or commonly Lake Superior.

Firefighters were from five reservations: White Earth, Leech Lake, Bois Forte, Mille Lacs, and Menominee of Wisconsin. Seven of the 20 firefighters were from the White Earth Reservation.

The crew worked on the South Fork Complex in the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forest in

northern California. This fire complex included the 3-9, Pilot, Pellitreau, and Sulpher fires. These fires were all lightning caused fires started on Aug. 17. They spent 14 days working on the fire and eight days of travel to and from California.

Work included digging direct hand line on the fires edge, indirect hand line away from the fire, mopping up (extinguishing all burning material inside the burned area), installing hose lays, and patrolling for spot fires.



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First ever all tribal BIA Type 2 Initial Attack Crew helped fight fires in northern California.

Highlights of the NTW Harvest Fest Powwow & Parade



Photos by Gary W. Padrta

The annual Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Powwow was held Sept. 9-10. There were 175 dancers and 10 drums. The 2023/24 NTW Princess and Brave are Savannah Keezer and Wahqine Bellanger.



\$1.1 million in grants awarded to support area revitalization

Twenty-one businesses in Mahanomen, Waubun, Richwood, East Grand Forks, and Bemidji have received a combined \$1.1 million in funding to support economic revitalization in their communities.

Funds were approved by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation through the Minnesota Main Street Economic Revitalization Program to help fund projects such as property improvements and building renovations. Eligible projects in this region had to be located along the Highway 59 corridor and in specific boundaries of East Grand Forks and Bemidji.

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) was awarded more than \$2.1 million by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to support revitalization projects in the three corridors for the repair or renovation of property, building construction, landscaping, streetscaping, demolition and site preparation, and related site improvements.

Due to the approval process required by both NMF and DEED, not all projects are being awarded at the same time; others may follow. This first dispersal of \$1,109,283 represents 53 percent of the total funds allocated to NMF. Should projects that have received preliminary support but not final approval fail to proceed, those dollars will be made available to other eligible projects in those corridors.

The following projects have submitted the necessary documentation to receive funding.

\$325,237 in funding has been dispersed for the Highway 59 corridor.

Awarded projects include:

- **In Our Prime LLC:** \$159,000 for an expansion to provide additional retail spaces for entrepreneurs in Waubun.

- **Greenlaw Realty:** \$99,750 to convert a vacant building (the American Legion building) in downtown

Mahanomen into three retail spaces with high-efficiency and environmentally conscious utilities, including solar energy.

- **Richwood Store LLC:** \$33,871 for upgrading the store in Richwood to facilitate ADA accessibility and other improvements.

- **Benson + Turner Foods Inc:** \$32,616 for the construction of a meat processing plant in Waubun..

\$378,391 in funding has been dispersed for the Bemidji corridor.

Awarded projects include:

- **4th Street Lodge:** \$130,091 for exterior repairs and a full interior remodel of the building formerly occupied by the Elk's Lodge.

- **St. Phillips:** \$120,000 to help fund renovations for a new child care center with 30 child care slots located in the old public library/REMAX building.

- **Opportunities In Science:** \$45,300 to fund improvements for the Headwaters Science Center building. The improvements include the build-out of exhibit space and remodeling of its bathrooms to become ADA-compliant.

- **Dream Blue LLC:** \$30,000 to fund interior improvements to a building that houses a restaurant and office space; a new sprinkler system is needed to complete the improvements.

- **Northwest Indian Community Development Center:** \$30,000 to fund exterior improvements, including landscaping, updating the parking lot, refreshing the exterior, and adding signage.

- **SCIMED Properties:** \$18,000 for an exterior facelift, new windows, and repairs to roofing to a downtown Bemidji building currently occupied by the Lash Call with six rental units above.

- **Bemidji Brewing:** \$5,000 for external paint and timber treatments, and internal upgrades for customer experience and safety



Once your hearing has been damaged, it cannot be restored. Therefore, taking steps to protect your ears now is essential to ensure a lifetime of healthy hearing. Protecting your hearing is crucial because it can be easily damaged by loud noises.

Here are some tips to keep your ears safe:

1. Wear earplugs or earmuffs in noisy environments, such as concerts, construction sites, or when using power tools.
2. Keep the volume down on your personal listening devices, such as headphones or earbuds.
3. Take breaks from loud noises. If you're at a concert or event with loud music, step outside for a few minutes to give your ears a break.
4. Be mindful of the noise level in your environment. If it's difficult to carry on a conversation without shouting, it's probably too loud.

Remember, once your hearing has been damaged, it cannot be restored. So take steps to protect your ears now to ensure a lifetime of healthy hearing.

If you have hearing loss, there are several things you can do to improve your quality of life. First, it's important to schedule a hearing test with an audiologist to determine the severity and type of hearing loss you have. From there, your audiologist can recommend appropriate treatment options, which may include hearing aids, cochlear implants, or assistive listening devices. Additionally, you can communicate with your loved ones and coworkers about your hearing loss and establish strategies for effective communication. It's also important to take care of your overall health, as certain conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes can contribute to hearing loss. Remember, hearing loss does not have to limit your daily activities or social interactions - there are many ways to address and manage this condition.

For Questions you can call:


IHS Audiology White Earth (218) 983-4300,

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 - ❖ CHILD DEVELOPMENT/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS
 - ❖ POLICY PROCEDURE & CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT
 - ❖ ANNUAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
 - ❖ BUSINESS PLANNING & ADVERTISEMENT
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- and much more.

Just Call and we will come for a visit to HELP answer your questions.

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

White Earth Child Care Licensing for the White Earth Reservation

White Earth Tribal Enrolled Elder/Veteran's

To provide better Snow Removal Services for our Tribal Enrolled Elders (55 years & older), Veteran's and Handicap/Disabled, we would like you to call and inform us of any changes you may have, such as an address or telephone number.

If you have turned 55 years old after January 2023 and have not previously applied, please contact us ASAP so we may send you an application and assign you to a snowplow provider.

Apply at:

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
35674 Co Hwy 21

White Earth MN 56591

Phone: 218-983-3202 / Fax: 218-983-4350

Contact:

Elder/Veteran's Service Provider-Lisa Donovan-Larson

Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov

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Area students learn how to harvest wild rice on Rez



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988 Crisis Lifeline

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During the first week of September, the White Earth Natural Resources Environmental Coordinator, Parks and Recreation staff, Conservation Officers and White Earth Public Safety CSO's had the opportunity to take kids from Mahnomen High School, Waubun High School and White Earth Boys and Girls Club out ricing on some local lakes. The students learned water safety prior to taking to the water, which was beneficial because a few kids and teachers ended up in the water! The students also learned the cultural significance of wild rice and how to correctly harvest without causing damage to the plants.

Some of the classes decided to take their rice to the White Earth wild rice buying station and were very pleased with their success. Other classes decided to take their rice back to their schools to show their fellow students what green wild rice looks like.

This wonderful learning opportunity was made possible by a collaborative effort between departments including Boy and Girls Club providing poles and knockers to be used by all students and Eugene Sommers proving all the canoes that were used.



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 syllables: Speak the consonant & specific vowel sound.

•“Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan? Aaniin ezhi-ayaad.”

“How thusly are you? How is She or He?”

•“Nimino-ayaa. Nimbakade. Wiisinidaa!”

“I am well/good. I am hungry. Let’s eat!”

•“Nawajidaa! noongom. Eya!”

“Let’s all do lunch break now. Yes!”

•“Niwii-ashamaa animosh.”

“I will feed him/her the dog.”

•“Eya’! Apane bakade.”

“Yes! Always s/he’s hungry.”

Miskwaa. - It is red.

Miskozi. - S/he is red.

Waabishkaa. - It is white.

Waabishkizi.-S/he is white.

Ozhaawashkwaa.-It’s blue.

Ozhaawaashkozi.- S/he is blue/green.

Oshki-nitaawigiwin•Young Adult•Teen

“Ojibwemowin/Anishinaabemowin is the language. It was mostly an oral (only spoken) language. Orthography is the art of writing words with the proper letters, according to accepted usage & correct spelling. Practice **Ojibwe vowel sounds** below. Ojibwe vowel sounds below are specific to Ojibwemowin-different than English. The words are spoken in syllables (a consonant and Ojibwe vowel sound together). If a word starts with a vowel, say it first, then each syllable. Ask elders, teachers, family to help you. Listen to online Ojibwe dictionary.

(Long)-baa, bii, boo, be, (short)-ba, bi, bo. zhaa, zhii, zhoo, zhe, (short) zha, zhi, zho
Glottal stop-hesitation like in Oh - Oh!

Long vowels are voiced longer.
Short vowels are voiced quickly!

O j i b w e m o w i n - Language
The syllable “bwe” is voiced a bit longer.

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

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

Anishinaabemom omaa!
Ozhibii’igen!
Way of speaking! - Inwewin!
Ojibwemo. Ojibwemowag.

Giigido. Ningiigid.

Biinichige. Gibiinichige.

Gaandinige. Gaanidnigewag.

Wiikobijige. Niwiikobijige.

Agindaaso. Nindagindaas.

Ozhibii’ige. Nindozhii’ige.

Key: A way of speaking...
... S/he speaks Ojibwe. They...
... S/he talks/phones. I talk/ph.
... S/he cleans. You clean.
... S/he push things. They push.
... S/he pulls it. I pull it/play slots.
... S/he reads. I read.
... S/he writes. I write.

Verb, Inanimate, Intransitive; VII’s-It is...

Aaniin enaandeg?-How is it colored?
It is colored so. - Inaande...
Makadewaa (wan).-It is black. (They are black.)
Waabishkaa (wan).-It is white. (They are white.)
Miskwaa.-It is red. Miskwaawan.-They are red.
Ozaawaa. - It is yellow or brown.
Ozaawaawan. - They are yellow or brown.
Ozhaawashkwaa.-It is blue, or green.
Ozhaawashkwaawan.-They’re blue / green.
Nagweyaab(iin)-Rainbow(s)

Verb, Animate, Intransitive; VAI’s-

Makadewizi- S/he’s black.
Waabishkizi (wan).-S/he’s white.
Miskozi.-S/he’s red.
Ozaawizi.-S/he’s yellow/brown.

Manoominike.-S/he makes wild rice.
Giminwendaan ina manoomin?
Ominwendaan o’ow manoomin.

•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 ezbinikaazod wa’aw giizis? What/how is s/he called this moon/month? *Izbinikaazo*
Waatebagaa-Giizis wa’aw giizis.-S/he is named Colored Leaves Moon this moon. • “Mamaajii!”
Ikidowag, “Bimosen endaso-giizhik!”
Oonh!..Nimbimose dash nimamaajii omaa.
Nimbiinichige. Biininaagwad. Nindizhaa
“banaskwiiwagitaawigamigong” - anishaa!
Mashkawiziiwin omaa! Naasanaa! Howah!
•“Move/Be in motion!” They say, “Walk everyday!” Oh! so...I walk and I am in motion/move here. I clean stuff. It looks clean. I go to a gym-“stretch muscles building” - for fun!
Power here! Look out!
Alright!

Ni- min
Nim-
manoomin
Gigii-
Niizho-

- I. _____babiiskijiitaa omaa.
I fold, flex my body over and over here.
2. _____-pabiiskijiitaa na?
You did -flex your body over and over?
3. Eya’. Banaskwiiwagitaawigamigong _____mamaajii_____.
Yes. At the exercise-building/gym, **we** are in motion/move.
4. Gii-aabitoseg, imaa _____-diba’igan ningii-bimose .
When it was halfway day/Weds. there, **two** miles I walked.
5. Gii-giweyaan ningii-chiibaakwadaan _____. Mii’iw!
When I did-go home, I cooked it **wild rice**. That’s all!

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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!

Special Events

- **WECOE MTG**
October 3rd~NayTahWaush
- **Diabetic Bingo**
October 5th~Shooting Star
October 12th~Pine Point
October 19th~Elbow Lake
October 26th~Valley View

Gaawaabaabanganikaag Ogikaag Miniwanjige “White Earth Elder Eating Good” White Earth Elder Wellness Program Binaakwii-giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)- October

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 :

Elbow Lake ENP Site (218) 734-2315
cooking for White Earth ENP site
Site Supervisor ~ Tanya Heinonen

Pine Point ENP Site (218) 573-2210
Site Supervisor ~ Angela Clark

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
2 Split pea and ham soup Artisan roll Berry parfait w/ granola	3 Turkey tetrazzini Breadstick California blend veg. Pineapple	4 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	5 Chicken sandwich w/ lettuce and tomato Rice pilaf Grape salad	6 Liver and onions Baked potato Green beans Wheat bread Jello fruit salad
9  Indigenous Peoples Day	10 Tator-tot hotdish Italian mixed veg. Wheat roll Mandarin oranges	11 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	12 Pork fritter German potato salad Sauerkraut Wheat bread Black forest cake	13 Chicken Caesar salad Garlic flatbread Fresh fruit Cookie
16 Manoomin hotdish Breadstick Steamed broccoli Peaches	17 Salmon Garlic mashed potatoes Mixed veggies Whole grain roll Cranberries	18 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	19 Beef stew Biscuit Spinach salad Fruit crisp	20 Chicken dumpling soup Crackers Fresh vegetables w/ dip Banana
23 Pork stir fry w/ oriental veggies Brown rice Eggroll Tropical fruit	24 Philly sandwich w/ peppers and onions Oven fries Apricots	25 Chefs Choice Main Entrée Vegetable and/or salad Fruit Bread Beverage of choice	26 Birthday Lunch BBQ Chicken Cornbread Baked beans Garden salad Birthday Treat	27 Lasagna Garlic toast Peas and carrots Mixed fruit
30 Baked fish Manoomin pilaf Sliced beets Dinner roll Pears	31 Ham & potato soup Wheat crackers Sliced cucumbers Pumpkin bar			

White Earth Food Distribution October Store Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:30

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

October 2023 Home Delivery Schedule (Subject to Change)

October 6th: Bagley, Ponsford & Naytahwaush

October 9th: Closed – Indigenous Day

October 16th: Mahnomen & Waubun

October 20th: White Earth

October 26th: Detroit Lakes

October 31st: Store closed for inventory.

No Store hours on Fridays

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

White Earth WIC October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	3 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	4 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	5 Pine Point Community Building 9:30-3:00	6 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	7
8	9 CLOSED	10 Mahnomen Tribal College 9:30-3:00	11 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	12 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	13 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	14
15	16 Rice Lake Community Center 9:30-3:00	17 Bagley Elementary School 10:00-3:00	18 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	19 Naytahwaush Waabinokwe Health Center 9:30-3:00	20 White Earth Tribal Health 8:15-4:00	21
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Please call 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247 to contact our department.

We have permanently relocated our Naytahwaush location to the Waabinokwe Health Center. We have temporarily relocated our White Earth location to the Tribal Health Building at 26246 Crane Road, White Earth. This will be in effect for the next few months while the clinic is renovating. Please contact our department with any questions at 218-204-0399 or 218-401-4247. Thank you!

WE Energy Assistance Program

These are the income guidelines for the FFY24 program year, which is Oct. 1, 2023 through Sept. 30, 2024.

Based on 50% of State Median Income (SMI) for household sizes 1-16 and on 110% of Federal Poverty Guidelines for household sizes 17-20.

Chris Fairbanks,
White Earth Energy Assistance Program
After hours phone number: 218-204-1717

Household Size	Annual Income	1 Month Max. Guideline
1	\$32,667	\$2,722
2	\$42,719	\$3,559
3	\$52,770	\$4,397
4	\$62,822	\$5,235
5	\$72,874	\$6,072
6	\$82,925	\$6,910
7	\$84,810	\$7,067
8	\$86,695	\$7,224
9	\$88,579	\$7,381
10	\$90,464	\$7,538
11	\$92,349	\$7,695
12	\$94,233	\$7,852
13	\$96,118	\$8,009
14	\$98,003	\$8,166
15	\$99,887	\$8,323
16	\$101,772	\$8,481
17	\$106,503	\$8,875
18	\$112,157	\$9,346
19	\$117,811	\$9,817
20	\$123,465	\$10,288

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"I really got to know him when I started coaching one of his sons, Henry Jr. in peewee hockey," said Son Shaugabay, who, like Boucha, is Ojibwe. He played hockey in Warroad nearly two decades after Boucha.

Shaugabay said Boucha was a beacon for Native kids because of his legendary status.

"That's a connection for all Native kids that came after him in our community, self included, that you can play this sport, you can do these things. Even if you're Native or you think you can't, Henry inspired us all."

But Shaugabay said what Boucha did after hockey might be even more important than his hockey success.

He worked as Indian Education Director in Warroad schools and spent years advocating for Native students.

"Just being the champion for the education of not only Native kids, but the education of non natives to understand the history and the culture and the heritage of the Native Americans in this area."

Shaugabay said Boucha always stepped up to help when needed. As recently as this spring he made the long trek from Warroad to the state capitol to testify before the House Education Finance Committee on a bill to ban Native American nicknames in schools.

He opened with his own name

"Henry Boucha, my Indian name is Ogichidaa which means 'Warrior'" he told the committee.

Boucha proceeded to educate committee members on the history of Ojibwe people in northern Minnesota, explaining why the local school should be able to use the Warrior nickname.

"Our ancestors shed a lot of blood there at Warroad and we certainly want to continue using and honoring the name in the future," he said.

Teacher Dan Ninham will remember Boucha as a warrior, someone who always stood ready to help his people. Ninham is Oneida, now retired after 30 years teaching in Bemidji, Minn., schools. He helped create the North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame in 2022. Boucha was one of the first inductees.

Ninham expected to see Boucha at this year's induction ceremony two weeks ago.

"And Henry was ready to go. And a few days before he texts me that unfortunately he could not attend due to illness."

"I talk as if he's here. I know he's gone. And he's on his journey. But Henry is a part of all of us. And he led an honorable life. You know, he has contributed so much to all of us. I'm a better person for knowing Henry Bouscha."

In Warroad, Son Shaugabay said Boucha's legacy will, of course, include his hockey exploits, but also his years of work to support Indian education. And Shaugabay will remember a man who remained humble and kind.

"When you have that kind of legendary status, I think you could be a burden but it seemed like he always had time for a picture for handshake for piece of advice, word of wisdom."

In a Facebook post, Boucha's daughter said funeral arrangements are pending but Henry Boucha's funeral will be held in Warroad, where his legend was born.

Jess Myers, hockey writer for The Rink Live and the Forum Communications family of publications and Warroad native, was a guest on Morning Edition to talk about Boucha's lasting impact on Minnesota.

"When I was a kid growing up in the 80s, and playing youth hockey, I remember that the number 16 — nobody ever wore that on any of Warroad's teams," Myers said. "And that was because that was Henry's number. Long before they officially had retired his number it was just done out of honor that he was that important to that community."

He returned to Warroad where he was a coach, worked in real estate, was an American Indian educator and activist and advocate for Native Americans in sports.

Boucha was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 1995.

The Minnesota Wild were among those who paid tribute to Boucha on social media after news of his passing, writing that "his was a hockey life like few others in the State of Hockey."

BSU encourages students from diverse backgrounds to check out grant opportunities for degrees in approved STEM fields

Bemidji State University has been awarded a \$2.5 million S-STEM grant from the National Science Foundation. The funds will support area students completing a degree in an approved STEM field (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Studies, or Mathematics).

The funds will support the full cost of attendance (tuition, fees, books, plus living expenses) for students over the full four years necessary to complete an undergraduate degree. Additional supports include a learning community, SEL training, support for research and conference attendance as upper-class students, and additional advising opportunities with faculty.

A goal of the S-STEM program is to provide opportunities to a broader range of students than are usually represented in traditional STEM classes. "We know we have talented students in our region who can be successful with a little support" BSU Math Professor Todd Frauenholtz said.

Interested students are encouraged to contact the Bemidji State Admissions office for more informa-

tion at 218-755-2040.

Students from diverse backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply. The project is beginning to recruit students for the 2024-2025 academic year when it will support a range of new students as well as several students who have already made progress on their STEM degree.

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Obituaries

Kim Laurie Buckanaga-Croud (Waasijjiwin)

Kim Laurie Buckanaga-Croud, Waasijjiwin, began her journey home among family on Aug. 12, in Duluth, Minn. She was born on June 21, 1965, in Minneapolis and was a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. Kim attended Park Rapids High School (then moved to Cloquet/Duluth).



She loved being a mom, grandma, and great grandma. She loved spending time with her friends and family and taking them to rummage sales, where she taught them the value of a good deal. Kim will be remembered for her happy and cheerful demeanor, her generosity, her good humor, how caring she was, and her magnetic personality that made her the life of the party.

Kim is survived by her sons, Daniel Buckanaga and Justin Buckanaga-Croud; their father, Jim Croud; sisters, Kris and Carmen Buckanaga; grandchildren: Kaden Croud Sr., Koral Croud, Justina Buckanaga-Croud, Justice Buckanaga-Croud, Honesty Buckanaga-Croud, and Jamie Buckanaga-Croud; great grandchild, Kaden Allen Croud Jr., and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Kim is reunited with her parents, Jerry and Sandra Buckanaga; brothers, Son and Timothy Buckanaga; and many more relatives and friends in the afterlife.

Pallbearers were Daniel Buckanaga, Justin Buckanaga-Croud, Kaden Croud Sr., Jordan Buckanaga, Dylan Annette, and Jim Croud.

Honorary pallbearers were all of Kim's family.

A visitation was held Aug. 14 at Dougherty's Funeral Home in Duluth. A visitation and wake was held Aug. 15, and a traditional service on Aug. 16 all at the Pine Point Community Center.

Interment: Pine Point Cemetery

Arrangements: Dougherty Funeral Home of Duluth

Online: www.doughertyfunerulduluth.com

Nancy Carol Larson

Nancy Larson, 63, of White Earth, died Sept. 10 at her home.

Nancy Carol Brown, the youngest child of Augustus and Mabel (Flora) Brown was born on July 18, 1960, in White Earth. She grew up in the White Earth area where she attended school. Following her graduation from Waubun High School, Nancy furthered her education at the Detroit Lakes Vo-Tech College. While attending college, she met the love of her life, Lawrence Larson. The young couple were united in marriage on April 6, 1979, and they made their home together in the White Earth area. Larry passed away in 2021 and Nancy remained in their home until her death.



Over the years, Nancy worked for several years at the Swift Turkey Plant and later was employed by the White Earth Nation in the land office. Due to her declining health, Nancy took an early retirement after 25+ years. She had several hobbies that kept her busy including sewing, beadwork and crocheting. She also enjoyed listening to music, especially Elvis, and working on crafts. She made many beautiful holiday swags and wreaths.

Above all, Nancy loved her Lord and family. She had a special bond with her granddaughters: Tatianna, Thalia, Tia and Tacara, whom she was currently raising, and cherished all her grandchildren. Big family dinners and celebrations were important events she treasured. These were also opportunities to show her granddaughters how to cook and some of her favorite meals were turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy or hamburger gravy over potatoes and apple pie. Although gone from this life too soon, Nancy will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her forever.

Nancy is survived by her children, Caroline and Matthew; 12 grandchildren; one great grandchild; sister, Beverly (Jim) Libby; brothers, Ken (Aurelia) Brown and Frank Brown; sisters-in-law, Tammy Brown and Shelly Brown; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Larry; son, JR Larson; and siblings: Mae (Joe), August, Thomas, Ronnie, Ralph, Roger, Tim and Jesse.

A funeral service was held Sept. 15 at the White Earth Community Center.

Interment: Chief Cornerstone Cemetery in White Earth.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online website: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Ryan Edward Syverson

Ryan Syverson, 51, of Pelican Rapids, Minn., died Aug. 18 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Ryan Edward Syverson was born Feb. 29, 1972, to Edward and Barbara (Bement) Syverson in Detroit Lakes. He was special from the moment he was born having a leap day birthday! He was baptized and confirmed at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Waubun. Ryan graduated from Waubun High School in 1990. Ryan attended and later graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minn., and began his coaching career while in college, at Tracy-Milroy in Tracy, Minn. Ryan's first teaching position began in Minneota, Minn. He coached football and basketball during his four years at Minneota. In 1998, he moved to Pelican Rapids and began teaching 6th grade and coaching. On July 24, 1999, Ryan was united in marriage to Dana Kemper. They built a beautiful life together in Pelican Rapids.



Ryan and Dana welcomed their daughter, Abigail Marie, on April 6, 2002. From the day she was born, she was his "Sweet Pea," his pride and joy! On Jan. 21, 2007, they welcomed their son, Brody Ryan.

Brody came into this world as a determined fighter with a diagnosis of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia. Brody was Ryan's motivation in life and his side kick. If Brody could be a miracle, Ryan knew he could face all the challenges with the fight and will to live. Ryan loved being a dad and husband. His family was his world! Special date nights and bringing home flowers and little surprises for Dana were his specialty. He never missed an activity his children were in, even throughout his cancer treatments, he made sure he was there! Cheering on Abby and Brody at every cross country meet, track meet, basketball game, football game, baseball game, band concert or whatever it was, he was there and so proud of them! Family vacations and adventures, whether big or small, were his favorite. He would do anything for his family. He made sure breakfast was ready every morning and lunches were packed each day, along with helping with the housework. He was always finding ways to take care of his family. He loved deeply and lived life fully!

Ryan was very active and had many hobbies, including fishing, hunting, and gardening. He loved to fish. If he could have been in his boat every day, he would have. Trips to Canada were a favorite, but any day on the lake was great! Spending days at Strawberry Lake at the Syverson cabin was always special. All his nieces and nephews loved Uncle Ryan. He always took the time to play with them, teach them new things, and make them feel special. Being with family and making memories was so important to him. Gardening, landscaping, taking care of his lawn, and his apple trees were some of his summer hobbies. He took pride in his apple trees. His students enjoyed his apples all throughout the fall. Ryan was a lifelong learner and enjoyed history. On road trips he would stop and read every historic roadway plaque. He loved lighthouses and ships. A summer trip to Michigan in 2022 was a dream trip for him as he got to explore around 20 lighthouses along the coast. He continues to be a guiding light!

Ryan loved being an elementary teacher for 29 years. He was a 3rd grade teacher. His students loved Mr. Syverson. He was creative, encouraging, and caring. He would look for prizes to give away at his auctions and ticket drawings he had for his students. Even when Ryan would receive chemo treatments, he would teach in the morning, receive chemo treatments, and teach the next day. Being a coach was a huge part of Ryan's life. He coached for his entire teaching career. Football, basketball, baseball, youth sports, fishing league, summer traveling leagues, officiating, being a ref, doing the book and scoreboard for basketball games, you name it, Ryan did it with a smile on his face! Ryan always put 110% into helping kids become the best they could be! He was so passionate about teaching and coaching. No matter what the season, Ryan was drawing up plays and finding ways to become a better coach and teacher. Many life lessons have been taught on the field, court, locker room, and classroom. He was proud to be a Pelican Rapids Viking. Once a Viking, always a Viking!

Ryan was a beautiful soul taken too soon. His faith was strong and was evident in how he lived each day. Often telling others "What is Faith without Faith." His diagnosis of Glioblastoma (brain cancer) was devastating but he was determined to never let it stop him. His motivation to live life to the fullest all throughout his 3 1/2 year cancer battle gave hope to others that if he could do it, others can too. Never give up on your dreams. "Work hard and believe you can" were his words of wisdom for others. "If you want to be AMAZING, you have to work for it!" He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and students. His legacy will live on in all those he loved.

Ryan was a member of St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

Ryan is survived by his wife, Dana; daughter, Abby, son, Brody; parents, Edward and Barbara Syverson; brothers: Jon (Jenni) Syverson with children Peyton, Parker (Devyn), Kendra, Kenley, and Pryer; Perry (Melissa) Syverson with children Olea, Oriana, and Brielle; Nick (Jessica) Syverson with children Xander and Hannah; sister, Ashleigh (Kelly) Riggle with children Cody, Jacob, Finley, Ben, and Maverick; in-laws, Michael and Colette Kemper; sisters-in-law, Tera (Gavin) Nordby with children Hailey, Landon, and Mauer and Monica (Dave) Peterson with children Harper and Beckett; numerous aunts and uncles.

Memorials preferred to the "I Believe" Scholarship Fund in memory of Ryan, who believed everything is possible!

A Celebration of Life was held Aug. 24 at Pelican Rapids High School with Monsignor Mike Foltz officiating.

Interment: St. Mary of the Lakes Cemetery

Arrangements: Larson Funeral Home of Pelican Rapids

Online: www.larsonfuneralpelicanrapids.com

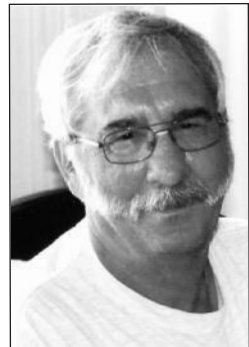
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Obituaries

Myron Kochmann

Myron Kochmann, 74, of Mahanomen, passed away on Sept. 18 at the Mahanomen Health Center under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Myron was born Feb. 15, 1949, the eldest child of Jerome and Violet (Starkey) Kochmann. He attended St. Michaels Catholic School and Mahanomen High School. His early years were enriched by time spent at the Kochmann farm in Beaulieu and the Starkey farm in Waubun, both places he cherished deeply. It was during these times on the farm, working alongside his grandparents, he developed a deep connection and passion for farming.



When he entered the workforce, Myron worked various jobs including service work at his uncle Clancy's Standard Station and hauling grain to the Twin Cities. During this time, he also attended Airline Training and received certification from United Airline Personnel in Miami, Fla. Although he didn't have a plane of his own, he never missed an opportunity to fly, especially with his uncle Alphonse.

In 1974, Myron met Susan Brundrett at Roy Lake. After the couple married in November of same year, they settled in Mahanomen and were blessed with two children, Angela and Lance.

In 1976, Myron graduated from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Police Academy in Arden Hills, Minn., subsequently joining the Mahanomen Police Department where he was promoted to the position of assistant Chief of Police.

After leaving the police department, Myron ventured into entrepreneurship, buying a semi-truck and starting his own company, Kochmann Trucking. Years later as his health began to decline, he changed careers working in the maintenance department at Mahanomen Hospital, where he dedicated 12 years of service, leading to his retirement in 2005.

During his retirement, Myron continued providing lawn and snow removal services throughout the community. He also worked seasonally for Gary Schlick and Gerald Johnson helping with harvest and field work. Myron and Susan enjoyed many years of seasonal camping at Tamarac Resort and traveling to Arizona. In 2017, the couple parted ways and he made his home at Roy Lake.

Myron liked to fill his time with outdoor activities, including gardening, cutting wood, fishing, hunting, motorcycle riding, and snowmobiling. He was an active member of the Mahanomen Sno-Drifter Snowmobile Club, where he devoted over two decades to trail grooming and maintenance.

He acquired a love for music at an early age, learning to play the clarinet, trumpet and piano. In retirement, he taught himself to play guitar. He enjoyed listening to many genres of music, big band, blue grass, country, rock and traditional gospel. One of his favorite artists was Elvis. In his spare time, he also enjoyed watching westerns and the history channel.

Myron's talents extended to being a handyman capable of fixing anything that came his way. He was skilled at mechanics and carpentry work, teaching his children general maintenance and helping with home projects.

Most importantly, Myron cherished his family, especially his grandkids. They made countless precious memories together solidifying their love for one another.

Myron is survived by his children, Angela (Randy) Kent and Lance (Lindsey) Kochmann; grandchildren: Cody Ramsdell, Danika Kochmann, Cooper Kent, Carter Kent, and Connor Kent; mother, Violet Kochmann; siblings: Marilyn (Miles) Coyle, Chuck (Kim) Kochmann, Margaret Kochmann (Rick Peterson), and Brent (Stacey) Kochmann; sister-in-law, Maryann Kochmann; nieces and nephews: Janet Lenneman, Chad Kochmann, Stacy Coyle-Brondyke, Tony Coyle, Mac Kochmann, Mitch Kochmann, Nate Peterson, Amanda Peterson, and Niklas Peterson; aunts: Delores Ahmann, Rosemary Price, Marjorie Gaulrapp and Percy Starkey; and many beloved great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

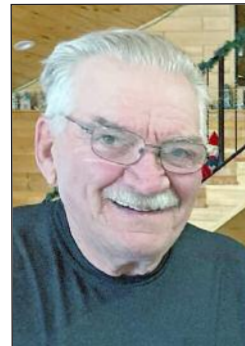
He was preceded in death by his father, Jerome Kochmann, and twin brother, Mike Kochmann.

A memorial service was held Sept. 25 at Anderson Family Funeral Home.
 Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.
 Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Allen Roy Gerving

Allen Roy Gerving, 79, of Waubun, passed away Aug. 30, at the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, N.D.

Al was born Dec. 24, 1943, to Gerhardt Math and Hilda (Baisch) Gerving of Strawberry Lake. He attended school at Detroit Lakes, Minn.



In Al's early years, he worked many jobs, including factory work in Minneapolis, logging, framing, and carpentry work. He worked in Grand Forks, N.D., for A and L Siding for many years, until owning and operating his own siding company in the Waubun area, Al's Siding.

Al had two daughters from a previous marriage, Tina and Sharice, who gifted him with eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Tina's children are Tonia, Samantha, Allena, and Jena and Sharice's children are Jake, Erika, Isaiah, and Jensen.

Al was united in marriage to the love of his life and best friend, Angie, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Waubun on April 25, 1997. With this marriage, Al was blessed with five stepchildren: Cherie Myers (Bob Cairns), Colleen Noonan, John (Darlene) Spalla, Jim (Annette) Spalla, and Mary Beth (Tim) Simon. In addition, Al gained 10 more grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

Al was a gifted and talented person with a huge heart. He loved working with wood and made many beautiful pieces of furniture. It gave him great joy to be able to make unique pieces and gift them to family and close friends. Al also gave his gifts of carpentry and woodworking to the local churches. Al enjoyed carving and painting fish decoys, which were also given to family and friends.

Al was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting and fishing. Among his favorite hunting trips were the special times with Angie in Montana at Brence's Rose Ranch. Al was active in the community. He was a member of the Mahanomen Area Sportsman Club. He was involved with the youth gun safety program at the gun range. He also gave of his time and talents with the Mahanomen Area Sportsman Club Kids Fishing Derby. Al was a long serving Supervisor for Oakland Township at the time of his death. Al was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.

Al was a very kind, generous, and loving man. Most of all, Al loved spending time with family, friends, and neighbors. He will always be remembered for his warm embraces and loving heart.

Al is survived by his wife, Angie, of Waubun; brother, Jim (Linda) Gerving of Ogema; sisters: Luella (John) Mosher of Buffalo, Minn., Jean (Dick) Mosher of Otsego, Minn., Jane (Tom) Klassen of Forest Lake, Minn., Violet (Dave) Ahles of Minnetonka, Minn., and Grace (Eugene "Beebs") Clark of Ogema. He is also survived by his daughter, Sharice; stepchildren; grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Al leaves behind many special friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Pete; daughter, Tina; and granddaughter, Kristen Anne Simon.

Blessed be the Memory of Al Gerving
 A Memorial Mass was held Sept. 6 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Naytahwaush.
 Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahanomen.
 Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Beloved Everlasting Brown

Carried for a moment but loved for a lifetime, Beloved Everlasting Brown, the expected child of Reginald and Shalene Brown, became an angel on Sept. 6.

Beloved will be forever missed by Reggie and Shalene; siblings: Reginald Jr., Aaliyah, Reignbow, and Shayvaugh; grandpa, Francis Brown Jr.; great grandma, Bernadette Brown; aunts and uncles: Anthony Fairbanks (Apple), April Thompson (Joe), Sonny Wadena (Desiree), Lolly Johnson (Mike), Stacey Wadena, Laurel Iron Cloud, Brady Donovan (Nancy), Dena Iron Cloud (Jason), Patrick Donovan II (Stacy), Troy Donovan (Crystell), and Lisa Donovan (Paul).

Beloved was preceded in death by infant siblings: Shaylene, Angel, and Avishai; grandma, Henrietta Bedeau, grandpa, Robert Iron Cloud; grandma, Lois Brown; uncles, Frank and Manney; great grandpa, Bill Brown; and great grandparents, Florence Bedeau and Ellsworth Barstow.

A graveside service was held Sept. 22 at St. Theodore's Catholic Cemetery in Ponsford, where Beloved will rest surrounded by siblings and grandparents.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral of Home of Mahanomen.
 Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Attention Day Labor clients

Please provide updated phone number(s) so staff can contact you.

Obituaries

Timothy Joe Myers

Timothy Myers, 47, of Naytahwaush, died unexpectedly on Sept. 18 at his home.

Timothy Joe Myers, the only child of Charles and Susan (Waser) Myers was born Nov. 27, 1975, in Reseda, Calif.. He grew up in California where he attended school. After graduating with the Class of 1994 from Antelope Valley High School, Tim furthered his education at Rogers Construction School. In 1997, Tim moved to Minnesota to make



his home. While living in Minnesota he worked as a mechanic and in a bakery. Tim met Giselle Lyons and they have made their home together for the past 11 years in Naytahwaush and were blessed with a son, Timothy Jr.

Tim's free time centered around his family and cars. He loved spending time with all his family and friends, and he loved each and every one of them with his whole heart. He had many great qualities, and he was always willing to help those around him. Tim's second love was cars. He enjoyed tinkering on cars, driving in Demo derbies, whipping donuts in the winter and he also spent endless hours putting together and painting model cars, big and small. He loved Nascar races and his all-time favorite driver was

Dale Earnhardt, #3. Although gone from this life so suddenly, he will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Tim is survived by his girlfriend, Giselle Lyons; their son, Timothy Myers Jr.; step-daughters: Bethany (Steven) LaFriniere, Julie Wadena, and Brittany Wadena; stepson, Codey Lang; 11 step grandchildren; grandma, Beverly Drew; and many cousins and extended family of Giselle's.

He was preceded in death by his parents and paternal grandparents.

A memorial service was held Sept. 26 at Wings as Eagles Fellowship in Naytahwaush. Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Dennis Gordon Vogt

Dennis Gordon Vogt, 78, of Shakopee, Minn., passed peacefully in the presence of his family on Sept. 6, while at his home.

Gordon and Edwina (Branchard) Vogt proudly announced the birth of their son Dennis Gordon born on Sept. 24, 1944, in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He grew up in Park Rapids, Minn., along with his five siblings. Dennis attended Park Rapids High School, where he started a band playing the drums called The Rhythm Rockets that included his brother, Jim. On May 27, 1964, Dennis graduated from high school.



It was a monumental day on Feb. 1, 1994, Dennis became an enrolled as a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe of White Earth. He was extremely proud of his Native American heritage and loved passing on to his family their customs and history.

During Dennis lifetime, he had many different jobs including security for NSP and other companies. Dennis' career also expanded as an instrument builder for Rosemount/Emerson and working for O'Reilly's Auto Parts. He was most content being an antique

dealer and a fixit/repair man.

Dennis lived a simple, yet full life. Sadly, his health started to decline in early 2023, with Dennis entering the Spirit World on Sept. 6.

Dennis will be forever missed and loved by life partner, Rose Patchen; sister, Lois (Gene Sullivan) Tucker; Rose's children, Lauri (Don) Bittner, Michael (Melissa) Patchen; grandchildren: Drew (Megan), Anthony (Sarah), Elizabeth, Travis, Cody; six great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Greeting Dennis home in heaven are his parents, Gordon and Edwina; siblings: Irving Vogt, James Vogt, Betty Wischnak and Doris Irely.

A time of gathering honoring Dennis was held Monday, Oct. 2 at Ballard-Sunder Funeral & Cremation in Shakopee.

Mary Sue Libby-Shaugabay

Mary Sue Libby-Shaugabay, 65, of White Earth, passed away at her home on Sept. 16.

Mary was born Feb. 25, 1958, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Herbert Ike and Thelma Ozetta (Thompson) Libby. Mary was raised in White Earth with her 12 siblings and attended school in Strawberry Lake.



She met the love of her life Gerald Shaugabay in 1982, who claimed her three children: Lori, Carol and Jessica. In 1984, they had another daughter, Gloria. The family then moved to Warroad, Minn., shortly after they got married. Mary worked at the Warroad casino, working her way up to a surveillance investigator. In the 1990s their children started to have their own children, making them the happiest grandparents. Through the 1990s and early 2000s, she spent her life working and raising her grandkids. In 2010, they decided to move back to White Earth where she spent the rest of her life. After she moved to White Earth, she became a stay at home grandma, taking care of the grandkids who needed her. Mary enjoyed trips to the casino with her husband on elder's day, spending time with family, listening to music, and spoiling her grandkids when she could. She will be dearly missed by many.

Mary is survived by her husband, Gerald "Zeb" Shaugabay of Warroad; daughters: Lori (Scott) Nelson of White Earth, Carol (John) Nelson of Detroit Lakes, Jessica (Darren) Perkins of White Earth and Gloria Shaugabay also of White Earth; special son, Michael Libby; grandchildren: Kristen, Jesse, Aaron, Alyssa (Eli), Barry Jr, Samantha (Bryce), Carrie, Tierra (Kyle), Gavin, Libby, and Amiyah; great-grandchildren: Alexander, Jacenta, Alyza, Jerrick, Kyrayah, Declan, Reigna; and an unborn great-grandson. She is also survived by her brothers: Gene (Sandy) Libby, William Ike Libby Sr, James (Beverly) Libby Sr, Gerald Libby Sr, and Thomas Libby Sr; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in by death by her parents, Herbert and Thelma Libby; sisters: Phyllis, Janice, Lola, Gloria and Carol; and brothers: Richard, Bob and George.

A memorial service was held Sept. 22 at the White Earth Community Center.

Arrangements: Anderson Family Funeral Home of Mahnomen.

Online: www.andersonfamilyfh.com

Marguerite "Peggi" Katherine Melin

Marguerite "Peggi" Melin (Jordan), 67, of Ogema, passed away Aug. 30. She was brought into this world to Marguerite and Lawrence Jordan on June 26, 1956. She grew up in Corcoran and Dayton with her 10 siblings and graduated high school from Elk River, Minn. She was known as a spit fire with a force of energy she expressed in everything she touched – cheerleading, selling real estate, working with her mom and sisters at Round



Town Catering, and so much more.

She married the love of her life, Jeff, on Sept. 24, 1999 and followed her dream, moving the family to Strawberry Lake in 2004 and fully expressing herself in her passions of tending her gardens and fires, cooking for an army, and entertaining all of her loved ones at the lake while enjoying the sun and water.

She had a contagious laugh, with the brightest smile that was impossible to miss. Although her progressing dementia had taken a toll on her over the last few years, she will always be the most radiant and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend and more.

Preceded in death by parents, Marguerite (Patnode) and Lawrence Jordan; mother and father-in-law, Marvel and Edwin Melin; brother, Fritz Jordan; sister-in-law, Peggy Jordan; niece, Tammy Geist; and so many friends.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff, sons: Denver (Bevin) Jordan, Brian (Kim) Melin, Brandon Melin, and Daniel "Big D" Gulbranson; daughter, Danielle (Cade) Krueger; granddaughters: Hayden, Paige, Payton, and Raelyn; grandsons: Costas, Leopold, River and Wyatt.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8 at Lakes Area Vineyard Church in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Arrangements: West-Kjos Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Online: www.westkjos.com

White Earth Reservation Council of Elders 2023 Monthly Meeting Dates

Upcoming Meetings

Rice Lake - November 7
White Earth - December 5

All meetings are held at the village nutrition site after lunch.

All Elders 55+ are welcome to join. NO membership fee.

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made within the community to raise awareness about substance use disorders and provide education on prevention strategies.

Community Service Officers provide navigation assistance to individuals seeking proper programs /services/supports. They attend community events providing fun and safe activities for families and offer support and intervention for drug-related issues or loss of life. They also establish working relations with programs/providers to encourage referrals for health education programs.

Urban MAT Program offers medicated-assisted therapy for opioid addiction combining medication (Buprenorphine/Suboxone) with counseling cultural services intensive outpatient groups/individual counseling, mental health assessments, comprehensive assessments, harm reduction, overdose prevention, cultural ceremonies and gatherings, treatment coordination, referrals and resources, peer support, case management, and culturally specific programming.

Urban MOMS Program is an intensive outpatient program supporting pregnant/post-delivery Native American women struggling with addiction offering medicated assisted therapy, care coordination, intensive outpatient groups with individual counseling, mental health assessments, comprehensive assessments, prenatal care assistance, parenting, early childhood education, harm reduction, overdose prevention, cultural ceremonies and gatherings, treatment coordination, referrals and resources, peer support, case management, culturally specific programming, and cooking nutrition classes focused on building positive relationships in a safe environment.

Urban WESA offers outpatient chemical dependency treatment including culturally specific programming intensive outpatient groups/individual counseling, comprehensive assessments, cultural ceremonies and gatherings, treatment coordination, referrals and resources, peer support, case management, life skill classes, and overdose prevention.

The total number of employees for this Department is approximately 49 employees with a budget of \$745,826.

Residential Treatment (2 Facilities)

The Oshki Manidoo Center, located in Bemidji, Minn., offers a 90-day residential treatment program for youth, as well as a 90-day Women's Weblebrity Treatment program for adult females. Oshki Manidoo's treatment programs are culturally specific, and culture is practiced throughout all aspects of campus life. OMC employs qualified staff trained in a variety of substance use, cultural competency and living skills. Oshki Manidoo's main goal is to keep the people we serve, sober, and provide the tools needed to maintain sobriety when returning to their community.

Men's Acute Care provides residential chemical dependency medium intensity treatment programming focusing on holistic healing addressing mental, spiritual, physical, and emotional needs through group therapy sessions individual sessions coordinat-

ing services with other Behavioral Health programs and services.

Total employees for these two treatment facilities are approximately 115 with a budget of \$3,100,993.

Juvenile Healing to Wellness and Circle Back

The Juvenile Healing to Wellness and Circle Back department provides a comprehensive range of services to support individuals involved or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system. These services include court support, diversion programs, transportation assistance, family support, and collaboration with probation officers, county attorneys, and police officers. The program focuses on holistic rehabilitation through community work service opportunities, mental health and substance abuse collaborations, case plans tailored to specific needs, wrap-around services for comprehensive support.

In schools, the program implements diversion programs and behavioral prevention initiatives while offering three phases of treatment for chemical dependency issues. Addictions counseling and peer support are available along with care coordination for effective resource access. Prevention efforts extend into schools and communities through educational initiatives such as wellness-focused community events.

Cultural preservation is prioritized through cultural events celebrating traditions, language tables for native language practice, drumming sessions, and song teachings. Tribal diversion options in local public schools provide an alternative approach to discipline with collaboration from multi-disciplinary teams ensuring a holistic approach supported by weekly clinical sessions monitoring progress. The program is committed to developing cultural-first programming that respects community traditions while providing educational assistance towards achieving individual goals during the rehabilitation journey.

Total employees for this department are approximately 10 employees with a budget of \$169,125.

Wild Rice Buying Update

The 2023 wild rice season has produced a record amount of wild rice this season. The unaudited numbers are 83,992 pounds bought at an opening price of \$4.25, and 162,261 at a closing price of \$6 a pound. The total pounds bought this year is 246,253. The Tribe did sell 2,500 pounds to other tribes for seed rice at \$6 a pound. Total cost for wild rice buying \$3,15,804.50 making this a record year, good job to all departments that worked this season.

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

Howah Ads

Happy Heavenly Birthday
Mom (Bonnie Cogger)
Oct. 5th



Happy **9th** Birthday
Alby & Mikey
Love your family - Oct. 18th



Happy Birthday
Uncle Allen
We Love You - Oct. 18th



Happy **22nd** Birthday
Chris McDougall
Love your family - Oct. 13th



REMINDER!

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

All payments must be made in advance.

No exceptions

Happy Birthday Beautiful
Sister (Tracy Cogger)
Oct. 3rd



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Ashton!



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WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE)
 WHITE EARTH RESERVATION) ss.
 STATE OF MINNESOTA)

White Earth Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of:

Patrica Hanson, DOB: 05/09/1961
 Petitioner,

and

Daniel Teiken Jr., DOB: 10/30/1976;
 Respondent.

SUMMONS File No. **OO21-0374**

THE WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE TO
 THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

An Extended Permanent Order for Protection has been issued on July 13, 2023, based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection in this matter.

If you fail to respond to this petition, judgment by default will be taken against you.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:

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Affidavit of Publication

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 STATE OF MINNESOTA)

White Earth Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of:

Jacob Rock, obo: Child,
 Petitioner,

and

Roberta Basswood., DOB: 12/15/1964;
 Respondent.

SUMMONS File No. **OP2023-00043**

THE WHITE EARTH BAND OF OJIBWE TO
 THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

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 WHITE EARTH RESERVATION) ss.
 STATE OF MINNESOTA)

White Earth Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of:

Jacob Rock, obo: Child,
 Petitioner,

and

Andrea Basswood., DOB: 04/04/1984;
 Respondent.

SUMMONS File No. **OP2023-00042**

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- Serve on student support team (child find process supporting teachers with interventions and the referral process - SpEd teachers rotate meetings)
- Timely completion of Special Education paperwork including PWNs, BIPs, FBAs, IEPs, progress monitoring reports, parent communication etc.

Qualifications:

- MN Special Education License for ASD or EBD preferred, but all SpEd licenses considered as well as applicants willing to pursue a variance.
- Experience with Native American students preferred, but not required.

Salary:

Dependent on PT or FT, license and experience. Base teaching salary is \$46,680 plus benefits.

For more information contact: Nicole Jesness at nicolej@ntwschool.org or (218) 936-9420.

Electronic submissions preferred. Email letter of interest, and 3 letters of recommendation to nicolej@ntwschool.org. Position open until filled.

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Randy Paul Heinen; DOB: 02/28/1976**

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. **CO2023-00007**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **October 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**, a Continued Initial Hearing on the conservation violation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-4648 Ext. 5757.

Dated: September 26, 2023

WE TRAFFIC COURT

In the Matter of **Benjamin Louis Bush; DOB: 05/01/2003**

Summons for Appear in Court

Court File No. **T2023-00063**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on **October 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**, an Initial Hearing on the traffic citation will be held at the White Earth Tribal Court at 35500 Eagle View Road Ogema, MN 56569. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and/or held in contempt of Court. You may contact Court Administration at (218) 983-4648 Ext. 5757.

Dated: September 26, 2023

St. Michael's School Capital Campaign surges toward goal

For St. Michael's School in Mahnomen, the summer of 2023 has been a time of awe and gratitude.

Those feelings of awe and gratitude were magnified at Mass on July 22 when Father Dave Super announced that Urban and Rita Neisen had donated \$1 million to the "Faith. Family. Future. Capital Campaign."

Urban Neisen is an alumnus of St. Michael's School. He graduated as an 8th grader with the St. Michael's School Class of 1952. He (Urban) finished his education at Mahnomen High School graduating in 1956 where he met his wife, Rita, a fellow classmate. When asked the reason for his incredible gift he replied, "The good Lord has been good to me, and I need to give back and pay it forward. My four years at St. Michael's School taught me how to work and live, this is one way I can do that."

The donation from the Neisens followed two other major gifts, one from Frank and Barb Foltz, and another from Ken and Helen Foltz. While not an alumni or parishioner, Frank shared, "Barb and I love to support children growing in their faith. What you are doing in Mahnomen is tremendous for a small community."

Ken and Helen shared, "We understand the challenges smaller communities face keeping Catholic Schools sustainable. We want to give children attending St. Michael's

School the same opportunities our children received."

Now, as summer winds down, the total raised for the campaign is \$2,527,785 from 131 donors. The goal—to increase the school's current endowment by \$3 million—is now in sight.

The school already had an endowment of \$249,000 and once the \$3 million is added to it, the interest will provide \$180,000 annually to supplement the school's budget. This will cap parish investments and reduce the fundraising burden on families and volunteers.

Tina Penner, the school's development director, said that "the endowment fund will generate income in perpetuity since only the interest gained on the fund will be spent. We do not plan to spend any of the principal, so any gift, no matter the size, be it large or small, will bring in revenue every year, and we are grateful for each gift and its giver."

Father Dave Super, the school's superintendent who is starting his 44th year as a priest of the diocese, said, "every gift is important," he said. "We have received gifts from alumni, friends of our school and businesses ranging from \$1,00,000 to \$25 and many in between."

"Those who donate to the campaign help to transform the lives of every child and their families. It also makes what I like to call 'a systemic change in our town, county,

state and beyond.' No matter where alumni of St. Michael's School live, or will live, those places will be affected by these men and women by their adult lives of faith and service," Father Super said.

The school is accepting donations in many forms. To learn more, visit www.stmichaelschool.org/capital-campaign.

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 nakomis.stech@whiteearth-nsn.gov
 alana.dickenson@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Tribal programs available to help community get through long, cold winter

Energy Assistance Resources* 2023-2024

White Earth Energy Assistance Program - Chris Fairbanks (218) 473-2711
 *Additional Crisis Assistance will be available starting October 2023

White Earth Human Services at Naytahwaush Complex

- Constituent Services:** Assist with \$200 towards enrolled elders 55+ or disabled adults every 6 months for those who qualify. (218) 935-5554 Ext. 3218.
- Elders Program:** Assist with \$200 towards enrolled elders 55+ once a year. (218) 935-3218. Ext. 3288.
- Homeless Program:** Assists with utility disconnection, eviction, foreclosure for those who qualify. (218) 935-5554 Ext. 3218.
- Financial Services Program:** Assists with utility disconnection which includes water, sewer, electric, gas, heating fuel, and eviction, foreclosure, work related emergencies. Applicants are screened for eligibility determination per program guidelines and policy. (218) 935-2359 Ext. 3305.

White Earth Reservation Housing Authority: For White Earth Housing renters. Helps with fixing a furnace or water heater. They also help elders with weatherization. (218) 473-4663

Clearwater County: Inter-County Community Council (ICCC). Provides energy assistance, repairs for furnaces, weatherization, etc. for Clearwater, East Polk, Red Lake and Pennington counties. Income guidelines. (218) 796-5144 or 888-778-4008.

Mahnomen, Hubbard, Becker County: Mahube-Otwa Partnership. Helps pay for electric & heating bills, insulating a home, fixing a furnace or water heater, finding shelter. Income guidelines. (218) 847-1385

Heatshare (Salvation Army): As a very last resort, may provide cash grants and emergency assistance with utility and heating bills, on a year-round basis. Provides emergency furnace repairs. Income guidelines. Fargo (701) 232-5565. Northern MN 218-879-5447 / 651-746-3406

*This is a short list of resources. Please contact Programs or Agencies directly to get a more comprehensive list of what assistance and/or services they can provide and how you may qualify.

ELDER MEMO / Snow Plowing

THIS IS YOUR COPY TO READ & KEEP

TO: W. E. Tribal Elder - Handicap/Disabled - Disabled Veteran

FROM: W.E. Elder Snow Plowing Program

RE: 2023-2024 Snow Plowing

Elder Responsibilities:

- Vehicles need to be moved before the snowplow provider arrives if possible. Area to be plowed needs to be cleared of debris.
- Snowplow Providers will provide an area for two (2) cars and a place to turn around when feasible. Additional access points to plow are the responsibility of the Elder.
- Elder is required to sign verification form (timesheet) this year.

Snow Removal Providers Responsibilities:

- Start plowing when you receive a call/text from water & sewer.
- Snowfall needs to accumulate up to four (4) inches or more before plowing can begin.
- Plow drifted/blown/plugged driveways when needed.
- Response time should not exceed twenty-four (24) hours after the snowfall has ended.
- Obtain signed verification of snow plowing from Elders.
- Share your telephone number with the Elder.

Snow Removal Providers Name: _____

Home: _____ or Cell: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Donovan-Larson at 218-983-3202.

White Earth Family Office Cass Lake (WEFO)

Attention Elder, Veteran or Disabled White Earth Members that Live within WEFO Cass Lake service area:

We are gearing up for our Snow Plowing Services for 2023/2024 Updated information needs to be provided for continuation of services i.e. Any change of addresses or needs.

New Liability and Service Agreements need to be signed and updated on a biannual basis. To assure there isn't disruption of receiving our services be sure to come in and fill out needed paperwork before the snow starts to fly.

We are accepting applications for snowplowing for new and existing White Earth Elder, Veteran or Disabled in our Cass Lake Office located in (Old Legion) building @ 217 2nd st NE.

Cass Lake, MN

For questions/concerns please call 218-335-0035

We are also accepting applications for snowplowers on an as needed basis. Feel free to contact us for further requirement information and to apply for consideration.

Elder Winterizing Program

To Apply:

- Fill out a Application/Release form to update your address and phone at your ENP sites/delivery drivers
- call 218-936-2444 ext. 3223 Darrel Bellanger, Supervisor, Day Labor

- Must reside within the White Earth Reservation Boundaries
- Must be Enrolled Tribal Elder, disabled, own your home.

Supplies provided:

- inside or outside plastic for windows,
- weatherstripping for doors,
- outside plastic will be installed by Day Labor, (Day Laborers can not enter homes nor accept money or gifts)
- Shoveling of roofs/walkways depending upon snow fall amounts.

White Earth Housing Authority's Winter Maintenance

WINDOW PLASTIC:

WEHA contractors will be in each community to offer plastic on windows for elder and disabled tenants. Plastic will be on lower windows only. If you do not wish to get plastic this year, please call front desk 218-473-4663 no later than October 31st, 2023.

SNOWPLOWING:

- White Earth Housing Authority plows for all Elder and Disabled tenants. Elder is considered 55 and older.
- Following a winter storm/blizzard, WEHA maintenance will be out to plow driveways after MNDOT and WEDOT clear the main roads.
- WEHA will plow driveways at snow accumulation of 4 inches or higher.
- Our Maintenance has a list of WEHA elder's and disabled households, please be patient with us as we have 1 plow per community, if you have a medical appointment scheduled and need assistance asap, please call WEHA front desk at 218-473-4663 and we will get to you as soon as possible.

FURNACE CALLS:

REMINDER: always check your propane level especially when anticipating extreme cold weather and/or winter storm/blizzard.

- Furnace Filters should be replaced every month.
- Keep furniture pulled away from cold air vents.
- Make sure furnace exhaust pipes are clear or any clutter.

After hour emergency numbers:
 218-401-1337 Ken Heisler - Maintenance Supervisor
 218-204-0994 Louis Fox - Maintenance Supervisor

If you are in need of any other winter maintenance assistance, please contact our office at 218-473-4633 after hours, weekend calls can be made to Ken Heisler or Louis Fox at the numbers listed above.

White Earth Tribal Roof Clearing Snow Removal Program

Roof Clearing/Snow Removal Providers Policy/Guidelines

To be sure that our Roof Clearing Snow Removal Program for the Tribal Enrolled Elders has enough funds to provide these services the Tribal Council has established the following guidelines:

You have signed the **Liability form** in case of any damages/accident/death occur, the Tribe not held responsible. Please notify the Elder/Veteran Service Provider- Lisa Donovan-Larson and/or Manager- Burnham Tibbetts III as soon as possible, if anything happens. We would like to know before the elder gets upset and calls us first.

We require the elder's signature on your timesheet when assignment is complete (if they are able). Please practice social distancing if the elder is outside or in contact with you. Stay **Six (6) feet to ten (10) ft. from the elder. Wear a mask if you have any contact with the elder.** For their safety and yours.

Before shoveling the roof, check for any leaks or loose shingles. Always leave a bit of snow on the roof. **DO NOT shovel right down to the shingles.** Any snow you push onto a porch/deck/sidewalk will need to be shoveled up and removed.

Roof clearing will only be done when there is **12 inches of snow accumulation on the roof.**

We do not clear snow for any W.E. Housing Homes. They are responsible for doing this.

Keep your telephone number current with us as that is how we inform you of an elder wanting roof clearing. We will send you a text message to start. **If you do not respond in a timely manner, then we will call you.**

Always use the timesheet we provide. You must provide your signed timesheet to us via fax e-mail or in person.

Time sheets need to be turned in as soon as you complete your list of elder roofs. Account Payable is every Thursday. **We need to receive your timesheet by Tuesday before 3:00 p.m.**

You will receive **\$300.00 per roof** whether it be large or small.

Contact Tina Heisler @ W.E. Payroll/Finance @ 983-3285 extension 5115 (leave your name & number for her to return your call if you get her Voicemail). You need to contact her for a W 9 form and set up your payment such as paycheck or Direct deposit. Tina's email address: Tina.j.Heisler@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Keep elders addresses confidential, because of elder abuse. Do not leave your paperwork lying around at home or in your car.

We recommend that you follow these guidelines of the Elder Roof Clearing Snow Removal Program. Remember you are working for the elders so be considerate and take care of them the best you can.

These procedures and rules are largely an honor system, and we rely heavily on your honesty.

Contact/Timesheet email address: Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or FAX - 218-983-4350.

If you have any questions, you can reach Lisa Donovan-Larson @ 218-983-3202 Elder/Veterans' Service Provider or Burnham Tibbetts III @ 218-983-5425 Manager

Please read & sign that you understand this.

Signature

Print

Thank you for your cooperation!

Attention: White Earth Veterans

Our Snow Removal Program is showing appreciation to our service men in the White Earth Area to get their driveways plowed at their residence at no charge.

Bring in **W.E. Enrollment card, Application, Letter from the Department of Veterans** acknowledging your Purple Heart, Medal of Honor, or if you are a Disabled Veteran a letter stating at least 30% or more.

Stop by, Mail, Fax or Email

1) Application 2) Letter 3) Enrollment ID (colored copy)

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
 P.O Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591
 Phone: 218-983-3202 Fax: 218-983-4350
Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Elders Memo & Providers Responsibilities

THIS IS YOUR COPY TO READ & KEEP

TO: White Earth Reservation Elder Roof Clearing of snow Recipients

FROM: W. E. Water & Sewer Roof Clearing of Snow Program

Elder Responsibilities:

- Dogs must be tied up or fenced in.
- Roof cleaner can refuse service if elder does not comply.
- REPORT any leaks you may have inside home.
- Report any damages to Service Provider or Manager ASAP.

Roof Cleaner Responsibilities:

- Must be 12" or more of snow accumulation on the roof.
- Do not scrap down to the shingles, leave some snow on the roof.
- View the ROOF for existing damage before you clear snow and if you see any leaks DO NOT shovel the entire roof, shovel around area.
- Report any damages to Service Provider or Manager ASAP.
- Elder's signatures on timesheet are required when service is complete.
- Return your timesheet to the W & S Department

White Earth Water & Sewer Department
 P.O. Box 418
 White Earth, MN 56591
 Phone #: 218-983-3202
 Elder/Veteran's Service Provider: Lisa 218-983-3202
 Fax #: 218-983-4350
 E-mail address: Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Burnham.tibbettsiii@whiteearth-nsn.gov

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Notice

The 2024 Energy Assistance Program will be accepting application in September 2023, please call for an application at that time or you can pick one up at the office in Waubun or watch and they will be on the White Earth web page. For those of you that have applied last heating season, you will receive an application in the mail in September 2023.

Please keep in mind to fill out your application clearly and completely, with all necessary documentation, this will make for a faster process. Just wanted you know there will no longer be the water assistance program this year.

Homeowners, please call if you are having furnace problems we may be able to help you. Please remember to change your filters once a month for adequate maintenance.

Always keep in mind to check your tanks, running out will adhere to more problems. Summer prices are at low this time of year, call your company to set up payment plans or arrangements if suitable.


Any questions on the program or need to fax any information, please call the number or fax below. Hope everyone had a great summer!

Phone#: 218/473-2711 Fax#: 218/473-2719 Toll Free#: 1-866-885-7656
 Visit us at www.whiteearth.com Energy Assistance Program

You can reach the AT at today@whiteearth-nsn.gov or 218-983-3285 Ext. 5903

Highway 113 Pedestrian Study


What is the Highway 113 Pedestrian Study?



The Minnesota Department of Transportation, in partnership with the White Earth Nation, are studying infrastructure improvements and other opportunities to improve pedestrian safety on Highway (Hwy) 113.

The study is looking to improve connections and highway crossings for people who walk, bike, or roll on Hwy 113.

The study area is focused on Hwy 113, between Hwy 59 and Hwy 71 within the tribal boundaries of the White Earth Nation.




Do you walk, bike or travel on Hwy 113? Take the survey! We want your input:

Visit the MnDOT project website to take a short survey about potential Hwy 113 improvements for people who walk, bike or roll on Hwy 113.

What safety improvements would you prioritize?

Take the survey on your phone, tablet or computer. The survey is open to the public until October 27th, 2023



Visit the MnDOT website using the QR code or link below to take the survey and learn more about the study:
mndot.gov/d4/projects/hwy113elbowlake

Trinity Lutheran's Winter Gear Give-a-Way for Children

(preschool - high school)

One item of each category per student
 winter jackets, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, sweatshirts
 (there is no charge)



Trinity Lutheran Church
 1401 - Madison Avenue
 Detroit Lakes
 Saturday, October 7, 2023
 9am - 2pm



Community Conversation

The Department of Human Services is hosting a Community Conversation for community members to connect and share experiences, ask questions and gather resources to help support children up to age 21 with autism and related conditions.

Date: October 17th
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

RSVP to:
ASD.DHS@state.mn.us

Location:
 Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 4111 Technology Dr NW
 Bemidji, MN 56601

Behavioral Health Cultural Division

CULTURAL CLINICAL DIRECTOR:
 DORENE DAY:
 (218) 401-4357
 EXT: 3395

TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONER:
 THOMASA HARDY:
 (218) 401-4136
 EXT: 1471

TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONER:
 OPWAGANSE GOODWIN:
 (218) 401-5200
 EXT: 5548



TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONER:
 MIKE BUNKER:
 (218) 401-6626
 EXT: 1487

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
 LACY ARMSTRONG:
 (218) 401-4677
 EXT: 1475

2469 310TH ST.
 MAHNOMEN, MN 56557
 (218) 983-3286

OPEN HOUSE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN & INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.


Join us to learn more about Fairview Health Services, including career opportunities and pathways. Bring your resume and meet with recruiters and hiring leaders to learn more about clinical and non-clinical roles, ranging from entry level to professional roles, such as Nursing, Nursing Support, Customer Service, Security Offices, Nutrition Services, Housekeeping, etc.

Fairview Community Health & Wellness Hub
 45 W 10th Street
 St. Paul, MN 55102

Scan the QR code to learn more & register:



Free parking: Parking vouchers will be provided for the Fairview ramp.



WHITE EARTH TRIBAL ELDER SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Position: Snow Removal Provider
Location: District II
Closing date: Until Filled

- Must be a W.E. Tribal Enrollee or W.E. Descendant
- Must have a truck and a plow.
- Must have a valid Minnesota Drivers License
- Proof of Insurance (liability-coverage) for personal plow truck
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening.
- Knowledge of area highways and roads in this District
- Must be able to communicate well with elders.
- Must sign a contract and liability form upon hire.

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

E-mail address: Lisa.donovan-larson@whiteearth-nsn.gov or Bumham.TibbettsIII@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Contact Lisa Donovan-Larson or Buck Tibbetts III by telephone if you have any questions.

Fall Flea Market

Saturdays in October / 8 am to 1 pm
Strawberry Lake Store / 32000 Co Rd 143

Rummage sale! Winter items. Baby clothes and toys. Housewares. Clothing. Off-sale. Homemade goods. Jewelry. Beadwork. Local art. Featuring craft coffee and fresh baked goods.

Sponsored by: Strawberry Lake Store

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

Thank you from WE R Furr

WE R Furr had a successful clinic on September 23!

We spayed/neutered eight dogs and nine cats! We also had 25 families come in with their pets for vaccines!

We are a low-cost, volunteer run organization and would not be able to provide these clinics without donations and the affordable rental space we have from the White Earth Land Recovery Project for our clinic.

Chi miigwitch on behalf of the people of the reservation and the animals they love! If you have questions or would like to set up a low-cost spay/neuter for your pet please call or text 218-401-4398.



Diabetic Bingo

All are welcome and it costs nothing to play.

October
 Oct. 5th 2023 Shooting Star Casino Event Center
 Oct. 12th 2023 Pine Point
 Oct. 19th 2023 Elbow Lake
 Oct. 26th 2023 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

November
 Nov 2nd 2023 Shooting Star Casino Event Center
 Nov 9th 2023 Naytahwaush
 Nov 16th 2023 White Earth – Biimaadiziwiin Apartments
 Nov 30th 2023 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 at the Biimaadiziwiin Apartments beginning at Noon.
 Bingo at Rice Lake is at the Rice Lake Community Center after the 11:30 E.N.P meal.

December
 Dec. 7th, 2023 Shooting Star Casino Event Center
 Dec. 14th, 2023 Pine Point
 Dec. 21st, 2023 Elbow Lake
 Dec. 28th, 2023 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

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

Schedule is subject to change without notice. If the R.B.C or the E.N.P. site is closed Bingo will be rescheduled to another date, if possible.

Updated 7/28/23



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.

Thank You

To the family and many friends of the late Nakoya Keezer, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses and for the condolences and support that we have received. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to the Aspelund and Episcopal Church, Anderson Funeral Home, Manoonmin Singers, Laurie York, James Uran Jr., Joe Boyd and everyone else that stopped by, helped with the fire, brought food and sent cards. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow. Nakoya was a special person and would have been touched to know that you care.

Thank you all,
 Family of Nakoya Keezer

JOIN STAR FITNESS CENTER TODAY

FREE ACCESS WITH EXTENDED HOUR KEYCARD ENTRY



Located in the Manitok Mall, Mahnomen
 Email Jackie.Haugo@whiteearth-nsn.gov or call 935-0808 or 218-401-2421 to fill out application

NEW KEY CARD HOURS:
 Monday-Friday 6 a.m. until 10:00p.m. (age 15-17)
 Monday-Friday 24 hour access (age 18+)
 Saturday & Sunday 6 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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)



SERVING SINCE 1977

Please join us for the
Carsonville Fall Fundraiser

October 21, 2023
 Events Begin at 4pm

DINNER, GUN RAFFLES, GAMES, AND SILENT AUCTION!!
 All proceeds benefit the Carsonville Firefighters Relief Association

Jack Pines Resort
 53014 MN Hwy 34
 Osage, MN 56570

White Earth Mental Health

WALK IN SCHEDULE



White Earth Behavioral Health Building:	Pine Point:
Monday: 8am-4:30pm	Monday: 12pm-4:30pm
Tuesday: 8am-4:30pm	Naytahwaush Behavioral Health Building:
Wednesday: 8am-4:30pm	Tuesday: 8am-12pm
Thursday: 8am-4:30pm	Bagley/Rice Lake:
Friday: 8am-4:30pm	Wednesday: 1pm-4:30pm
	Mahnomen Behavioral Health Building:
	Thursday: 1pm-4:30pm



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 Saturday & Sunday 6 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. (age 15-17)
Adults (18 & older) get 24 hour access 7 days a week.



White Earth Nation
 TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH
 Prevent, Promote, Protect

FOR RENT HOMES IN CITY OF MAHNOMEN

2 or more bedrooms.
 218-847-5641 or
www.mmcdc.com



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.

Learning to harvest wild rice



Submitted photos

Boys & Girls Clubs of White Earth as an organization and in partnership with Natural Resources, CSOs, and White Earth Police Department took youth out for a wild ricing “experience” on Upper Rice Lake on Sept. 7. They harvested 29 pounds total that they sold and then the six youth that participated each received \$29. It was a great experience, and we look forward to doing this again next year!

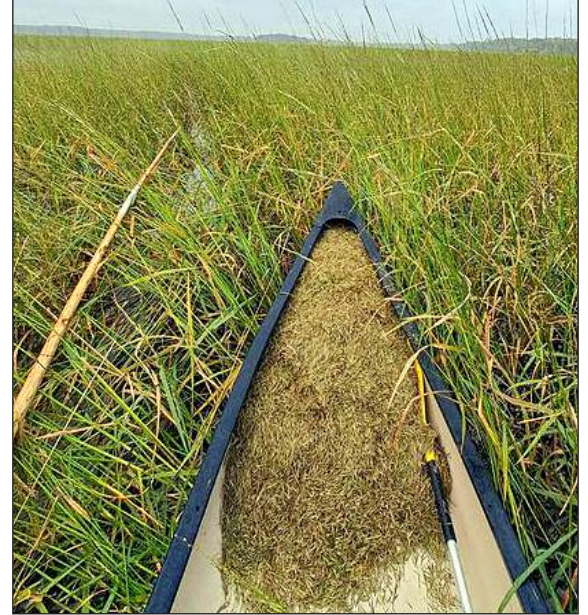
Rice Lake cemetery cleanup



Submitted photo

Bagley Public High School’s Historical Research, and Life Skills classes recently collaborated on their annual community cleanup project at the Rice Lake Cemetery. Even with the gloomy weather, it was a beautiful day. Thank you to our students, school staff, and Rice Lake Community Council members who helped with the event.

WE Reservation enjoys a successful ricing season



Photos courtesy of Gaawaabaabiganikag Maanoominike Facebook page

It was another great year for ricers on White Earth Reservation. The White Earth RBC bought 250,427 pounds of green wild rice from harvesters. They paid out \$1,329,604.50 to tribal members and others that sold their rice at Ice Cracking or Rice Lake.