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# 2013



***White Earth Nation  
State of the Nation Report***



***To preserve, promote and enhance our quality of life.***

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Greetings once again from the great White Earth Nation! This past year we have taken great strides as a Nation towards our overriding mission: to preserve, promote and enhance our quality of life. While there are many successes shared in the following pages, I would like to highlight some of the most significant changes that strengthen our sovereignty, self governance and overall self determination.

In 2013 White Earth has transferred nearly half of human service cases for tribal members and their families from delivery by Mahnomon, Becker and Clearwater County. These services are now being provided by the tribe in a professional, respectful and culturally appropriate manner. By the end of this year the transfer should be nearly complete. We are the first tribal nation in the United States to strengthen our sovereignty by assuming the honor and responsibility of serving our own tribal citizens.

This past year the tribal council voted to move forward with allowing the tribal membership to decide on the next step of many years of work on constitution reform, and on November 19, 2013 the people of White Earth spoke loud and clear. With a record voter turnout the referendum was approved by an overwhelming 80% of voters. We have taken the next step; however the work has only begun. The

document approved is not a self executing constitution and will take careful planning and extensive research and training to implement, all the while taking the necessary precautions to preserve what we have already achieved as a nation.

We take pride in many happenings from the past year and we look ahead with optimism to the coming year featuring such things as the opening of a state of the art dialysis center and the continued reintroduction of the creators game, lacrosse, to our youth.

We are excited about the progress we have made and look forward to continued opportunities to build our future.

Miigwech,



Erma J. Vizenor  
Chairwoman  
White Earth Nation



## White Earth Reservation Tribal Council

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**Vision:** The White Earth Tribal Council will be a proactive organization that makes sound decisions promoting mino-bimahdiziwin (The Good Life). The White Earth Nation will be a safe place where all people have access to quality employment, housing, education, health and human services. While we protect our inherent right to self-governance and identity, we are a community of respect where cultural, historical and environmental assets are treasured and conserved for future generations.

# History



The largest Indian population in Minnesota calls itself Anishinaabe, which in our language means "the original people." White Earth Nation is located in the north central United States near our Canadian First Nations brothers and sisters and in proximity to Gitche Gumi (Lake Superior). Within our boundaries are all of Mahnomen and parts of Becker and Clearwater counties of north-central Minnesota. Although this Nation was reserved under the 1867 Treaty between the Mississippi Band of Chippewa Indians and the United States, our rich heritage far precedes this event. We are one of seven Chippewa/Ojibwe nations in Minnesota and while we no longer live as our ancestors of the past we have kept alive our culture and heritage in almost every aspect of present day life.

As is true for all Anishinaabeg living in Minnesota, the story of the White Earth people begins in ancient times in the eastern part of the United States. There, our ancestors lived before coming to the forest and lake country of eastern and northern Minnesota. As our legends and stories tell us, the people of White Earth, along with many other Anishinaabeg, migrated west from the eastern shore of Turtle Island (North America) stopping and settling in many places thousands of years ago. The people were instructed by a prophet to travel west until they found the food that grows on the water; manoomin (wild rice).

Unfortunately, like so many other Native Nations, slowly over time our land, resources and culture were taken beginning in 1837 and continuing through subsequent treaties, federal acts and on through the "Termination" Period of the 1950s. To understand the history of White Earth, it is necessary to understand much of the story of American Indian people has been left out of history books, or begins only after Europeans arrived here.

The people of White Earth are resilient and although we were left with a nation of fractioned land, poverty and economic challenges, we continue to value our heritage, language and culture. We are a progressive nation determined to exercise our sovereignty, play a key role in this country and state and secure a successful future for the next seven generations.

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## Giwanikimin, Work Force Training

Giwanikimin Supportive housing under construction in Naytahwaush



### Giwanikimin (we live in harmony) supportive housing, Workforce Center & Training Project

Giwanikimin is currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed by September this year. Like Dream Catcher Homes (DCH), Giwanikimin is a 20 unite supportive housing program designed to help homeless families. We will be able to provide an array of services which is not limited to: case management services, mental health, chemical dependency, child protective services, health services, employment services, dv/sa services, disability services, therapeutic child care and services that are individualized for the consumer.

Located just north of the Community Service Center in Naytahwaush, Giwanikimin will provide 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units built in a townhome configuration. These units will offer consumers with reduced rent along with the above mentioned services. We are excited about the development of another supportive housing project as DCH is going into its 7th year of operation and it has helped many of our people transition from homelessness into employment opportunities, better health and family stability.

Work Force Development Center (WFDC). This new opportunity is scheduled to be open in October 2014. The WFDC will bring all of the Employment & Training services along with opportunities for us to provide training for entry level positions and to help with building the skills needed for future jobs.

### Mental Health Transfer

#### Merger will allow for better coordination of services

The White Earth Tribal Mental Health program assumed responsibility for Mental Health Services at the Indian Health Center located in White Earth around mid-January.

The 638 transition of IHS Mental Health services under White Earth Tribal Mental Health is the result of the Tribal Council's call for mental health services that are united and free of obstruction and duplication.

This transition is encapsulated within the Tribal Council's vision of tribally operated programs leading and guiding services that are culturally appropriate and address the unique needs of the White Earth Nation. During this transition period and beyond, both programs will be working as one to ensure that ease of accessibility, continuity of care, and most importantly, quality of care remain the top priority.

The merger will also allow for future development of service capacity with the potential of extending services hours into the evenings for both the community based and clinically-based programs.

White Earth has the opportunity to utilize third party billing for services such as substance abuse, mental health, home health, and transportation to name a few. With the opportunity to bill for services, this allows programs to expand and meet the needs of White Earth.



- White Earth Nation Police Department won a second Communicator Award for Pre-k and Kindergarten coloring book.
- White Earth Urban Members - Holiday Party held at Minneapolis American Indian Center
- White Earth Urban Office - Urban Council
- 11th Annual Victim Service Collaborative Conference at Shooting Star Casino
- Chinese musicians visit, perform on Reservation

- Take an Elder Fishing on Little Elbow Lake
- White Earth Nation and Sanford Health break ground and complete a new Dialysis/Diabetes Center
- White Earth & Mahnomon County DWI Court accept referrals
- Nibi and Manoomin Symposium
- White Earth Natural Resources staff win honors
- White Earth hosts Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Conference

- 29th Annual Minnesota Indian Education Association Conference
- Mission Road from County Highway 21 to County Highway 34 gets paved
- WE Nation receives friendship doll from Okayama Japan JACES
- Big Elbow Lake Village builds a new community center
- Casino donates turkeys to White Earth Elderly Nutrition Program

- Minnesota Native elders gather at Shooting Star for annual Wisdom Steps Conference
- White Earth Community Farmers Market
- 12th Annual Wild Rice Round-Up conference at Shooting Star Casino Event Center
- 5k Walks and Runs



## Gaawiin Giiyaabi

In an effort to unite the people to address the Substance Abuse issue on the White Earth Nation, The White Earth Tribal Council approved a position for a Community Liaison Officer. White Earth Police Officer Merlin Deegan accepted this position. This program was prayed about and named "Gaawiin Giiyaabi" which translates to "No More."

Officer Deegan is working with many White Earth programs. He has traveled to the communities and villages to listen and learn from the people. Officer Deegan has been in each community at least 5 times and making at least 30 community visits since the beginning of October 2013. The knowledge learned is being passed on to the different

programs to develop and refine them for the people of the White Earth Nation.

## White Earth Mii-gii-way-win Advisory Board

Last fiscal year the Donations Committee comprised of White Earth Nation and Shooting Star Casino employees approved 109 donation requests for a total of **\$100,000**. Some of the approvals would include:

- White Earth Elders Christmas Party
- White Earth Elderly Nutrition Program
- White Earth Job and Career Fair
- Local Community Councils
- Ogema Fire Department
- White Earth Fire Department
- Waubun School
- Mahnomen School
- Circle of Life Academy
- Naytahwaush Charter School
- Sah-kah-Tay Indigenous Preservation Society (Wild Rice Camp, Maple Syrup Camp, Winter Camp and Berry Camp)
- Mahnomen/NTW JOM Program
- Mahnomen Women of Today
- Waubun Summer Rec Program
- Mahnomen Area Youth Baseball Program
- Baagosendan Program
- Local Food Shelves
- Waubun Preharvest Festival
- Ogema Community Days
- White Earth DOVE Program
- Sobriety Pow Wow
- Detroit Lakes School, Native American Awareness Week
- White Earth Indian Child Welfare
- White Earth Early Childhood
- White Earth Tribal and Community College

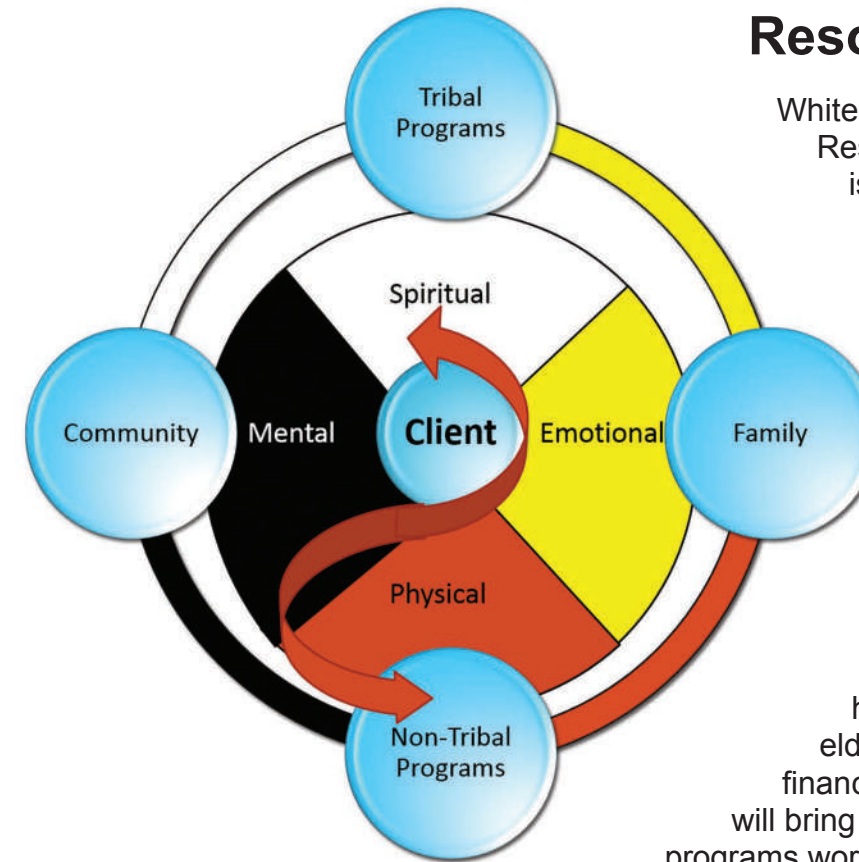
*Elbow Lake Community Center and Elder Nutrition*



*White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) design a traditional Medicine Garden*



## White Earth Coordinated, Assessment, Resources and Education



White Earth Coordinated, Assessment, Resources and Education (WECARE) is a coordinated and holistic approach seeking to assure the long-term well-being of children, families and communities. WECARE's goals are to decrease duplication while increasing services, referrals, resources, communication and coordination between tribal programs.

The WECARE service network will provide uninterrupted services in; transportation, employment, substance abuse prevention, mental health, safety, child care/early childhood, head start, child protection, education, elders, housing, health care, energy and finance. Through WECARE White Earth Nation will bring about widespread change on how programs work with families and achieve common goals.



**T.J. Oshie, son of White Earth Nation, skates for US Olympic Mens Hockey team.**



## New Dialysis Center Set to Open April 7th

White Earth Nation in partnership with Sanford Health





## Grand opening celebration held for newly constructed Naytahwaush Head Start building

The new environmentally friendly, green tech Head Start facility was constructed in the village of Naytahwaush. It has 2 classrooms that serve 37 students, a home base office, large multipurpose room, and a huge playground.

Head Start is extremely proud of the implementation of preschool Ojibwe language curriculum for our early learners and the annual Head Start Pow Wow. With the need to move toward the restoration of the Ojibwe language it is exciting to see the preschoolers learning, speaking, and identifying many Ojibwe words at an early age. It is also exciting to see the teachers enthusiastically teaching Ojibwe and having fun while participating in language training sessions with GIM consultants.

Head Start was a recipient of a \$99,000 grant to purchase 2 new Head Start buses critical to maintaining safe transportation services for Head Start students and \$35,000 to update communication equipment in all buses.

Other Head Start locations are:  
Pine Point, Rice Lake, White Earth, Waubun, and Mahnomen.

## Smart Play Spot Opens



White Earth's Smart Play Spot, an interactive children's exhibit, was funded largely by the State of Minnesota, Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, with additional funding from the Grotto Foundation, Midwest Minnesota Community Development, West Central Initiative Foundation and the S.F. Perkins Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation.

This \$44,500 exhibit gives children access to hands-on learning experiences in a Smart Play Spot, sets the stage for success in school and in life. Minnesota Children's Museum is transforming community locations across the state by designing and installing Smart Play Spots into libraries and community centers. The White Earth Smart Play Spot is the fifteenth of 18 planned literacy environments.



*Playing Lacrosse at Cultural Day*



*Pine Point School Kids Welcome USDA Grant*



*Naytahwaush School Kids*



**Snow snakes**



**Snow snakes**



**Youth Ice Fishing Trip**

# Youth

- Naytahwaush and Community Charter School improve reading and math MCA test results
- Mahnomen High school Football wins 2nd straight state class 1A championship
- Detroit Lakes School District hosted the 2013 Minnesota State Drum and Dance Competition
- Naytahwaush Community Charter School 5th grade class produces 3rd documentary
- Youth plant traditional tobacco seeds

- Week of the Young Child held at Shooting Star Casino
- Rice Lake youth complete suicide awareness training
- Joan LaVoy speaks at State Capitol on behalf of the Tribal Nations Education Committee during Indian Education Day
- Waubun Secondary School leads Minnesota in Native American student performance
- Cops and Bobbers on Little Elbow Lake

- White Earth youth win award for suicide prevention PSA
- Mahnomen youth excel at FAA convention
- Boys and Girls Clubs of White Earth Nation host 6th Annual Golf Scramble
- White Earth Natural Resources staff offer firearms, ATV safety classes
- 13th Annual Brain Development Conference
- Pine Point School awarded over \$50,000 in grants for infrastructure improvements

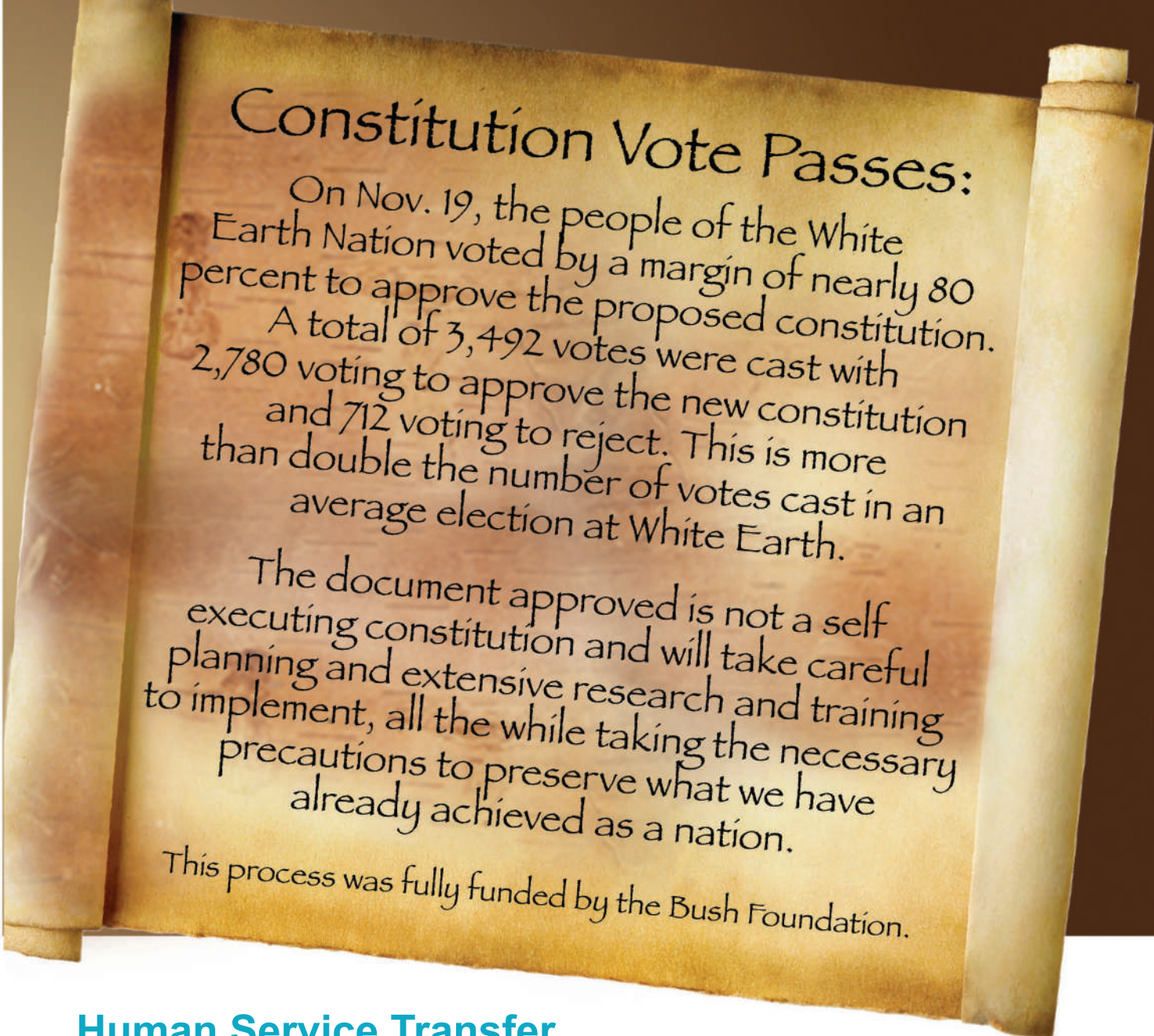
- Chairwoman meets with reservation school principals
- Erma Vizenor received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to Indian education
- White Earth Nation Boys & Girls Clubs represented at Native Summit
- White Earth Substance Abuse Program's Adolescent Outpatient Group participated in a youth Summit in Minneapolis
- Circle of Life Academy 6th Annual Science Fair



**MN Supreme Court Justices visit and are presented with our flag**

## Highlights

- White Earth Land Settlement Act Final 77.5 acres secured
- Violence Against Women Act – Allows tribes to prosecute abusive non-native partners
- WEN Transportation leads 100 tribes in combined efforts to effect policy and funding changes through collaboration
- ICWA – Baby Veronica supreme court decision – WEN and MN DHS begin to codify parts of agreement at state level into law – WEN ICW earns state award
- Senator Al Franken meets with Erma to discuss sequestration
- Senator Amy Klobuchar visits to discuss sequestration
- Tribal Consultation Executive Order – MN Governor Dayton signed to have state divisions work and talk with tribes on issues of importance to tribal state relations
- Minnesota DHS staff visit White Earth
- MN Congressman Peterson presented with our flag to display in his Washington DC office
- Election Endorsements
- State USDA Rural Development Director visits
- Minnesota Senators Al Franken and Amy Klobuchar invite Erma Vizenor to Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee (DSOC) meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Council meets with Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue
- Governor signs bill honoring Native vets
- White Earth welcomes Department of Human Services Commissioner at the Indian Child Welfare Tribal Leader Summit
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner meets with White Earth Nation
- White Earth welcomes Representative Betty McCollum
- Minnesota Education Commissioner visits White Earth Technical and Community College



## Human Service Transfer

### Strengthening our sovereignty by demonstrating our capabilities:

The White Earth Band of Ojibwe Human Services Project has begun to accept legal responsibility for providing human services to tribal members early in 2013. Passed by the Minnesota legislature in 2011, this transfer will occur first with tribal members living in Mahnomen County and will start with the White Earth Nation doing eligibility determination for Minnesota Health Care Programs. The assumption of legal responsibility for other human service programs will follow.

White Earth Human Services has recently created the White Earth Nation Financial Services Department – Niiwijiigonann (We Assist Each Other). This department provides eligibility determination for MA, SNAP, MFIP, GA, MSA, DWP and GRH for White Earth families.

Over the past year, Niiwijiigonann has been able to provide services to more than 1,400 members living in Becker, Clearwater and Mahnomen Counties who have been transferred to the White Earth Nation.

In 2014, Niiwijiigonann will continue to expand services to members and their families within the defined service area. This means any family who has a White Earth member or descendant is eligible for services through the tribe.

Today we have transferred over 1400 cases from the Counties to the White Earth Nation! Our offices are located in Naytahwaush, Detroit Lakes and Bagley. We hope to open offices in Mahnomen and White Earth in the near future.





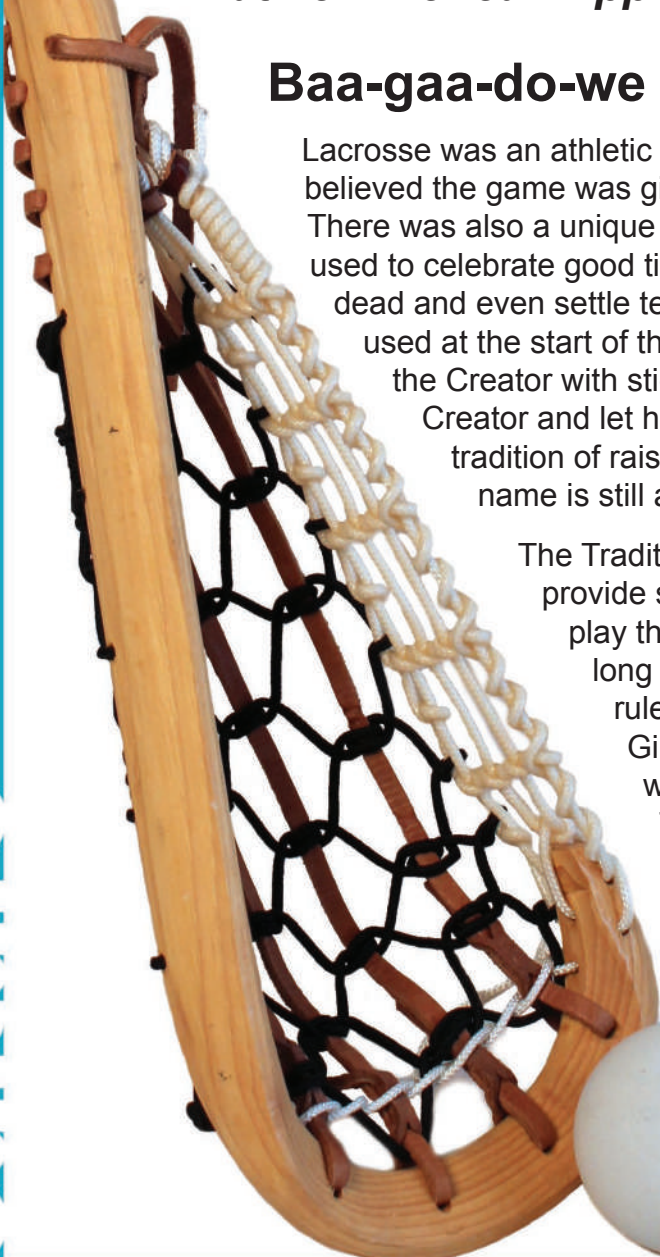


**Over 95 youth attend Minnesota Swarm Native American Appreciation Day**

### Baa-gaa-do-we - Lacrosse

Lacrosse was an athletic contest of great skill and pride. The first nations believed the game was given to them by the Creator for his enjoyment. There was also a unique spiritual component to the game, as it was used to celebrate good times, used as a healing ritual and to honor the dead and even settle territorial and other disputes. The toss-up face-off used at the start of the game included the teams yelling the name of the Creator with sticks raised to the sky. This was to wake up the Creator and let him know his people were playing the game. The tradition of raised sticks in a huddle and yelling out your team's name is still a part of the modern game.

The Traditions, Language, Cultural Committee was able to provide several opportunities for our youth to learn and play the game of Lacrosse. There have been two day long events in which the youth learned the history, rules and logistics of the game along with Boys and Girls Club staff. Youth who attended these events were given their very own Lacrosse stick and ball. TLC hosted 100 youth to a movie day showing "Crooked Arrows", a movie based on Lacrosse. We also had two Boys and Girls club staff and four of their youth attend the week long lacrosse camp in Fond du Lac. This summer White Earth Nation will host the Swarm Lacrosse camp. It is our goal to fully bring the sport back to White Earth Nation by having our youth create a team that plays against other tribal nations.



**White Earth Nation continues commitment to the protection of ma'iingan.**

### 1855 Treaty Authority - Opposing the Enbridge pipeline

Supporting and defending tribal sovereignty through; tribal self-regulation of resources, protection of public health and preserving our rights to hunt, fish and gather within the ceded treaty territory. Currently the 1855 Treaty Authority is opposing the Enbridge oil pipeline project.



### The Traditions, Language and Culture (TLC) Committee:

Focusses on revitalizing the language and increasing efforts in preserving and promoting our traditions and culture.

We supported 39 community cultural classes between White Earth and Pine Point and over 120 Ojibwe Language Tables between White Earth, Mahnomen and Naytahwaush communities.

TLC has also supported several traditional camps: Berry, Wild Rice, Sugar Bush, Winter camp

TLC was honored to support Ceremonial Drum by providing room accommodations at Shooting Star Casino for their traveling drums guests.

TLC has also supported the Ojibwemowin - Learn the Language billboard campaign. Below is one of eight billboards.

# Honor our Elders, Speak our Language



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This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, thanks to a legislative approach from the arts and cultural heritage foundation. Credit to White Earth Nation Tribal Council in support of Language Revitaliation.



**White Earth Nation celebrates its  
145<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow  
June 14 - 16, 2013**

**Please join us for the  
146<sup>th</sup> Annual White Earth Celebration and Pow Wow  
June 13 - 15, 2014**

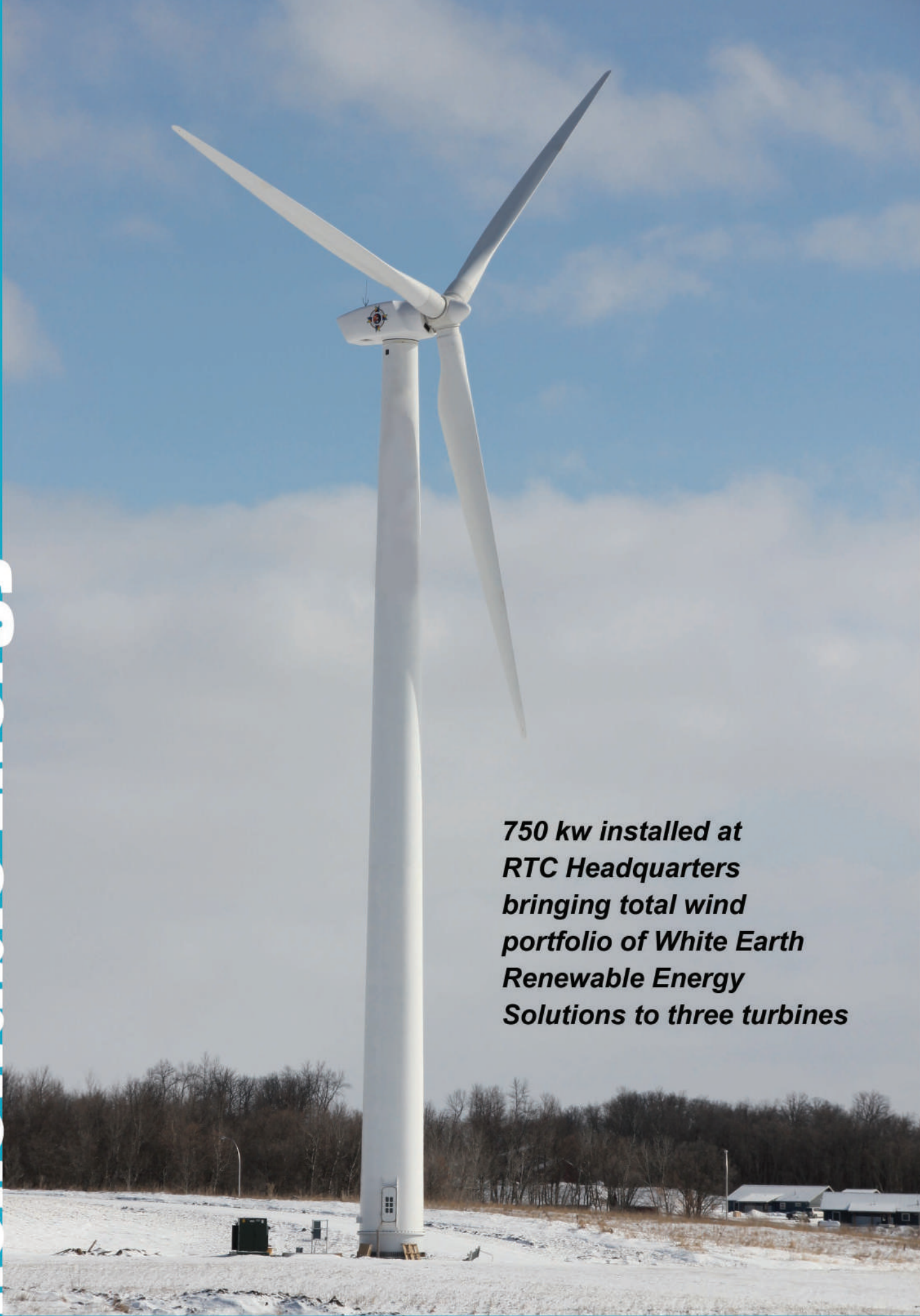


White Earth Nation celebrates many pow wows through out the year in our communities.

- Honoring our Mother's Pow Wow - White Earth
- Harvest Fest Pow Wow - Naytahwaush
- Native American Heritage Pow Wow - Naytahwaush
- New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow Wow - Naytahwaush
- Callaway Pow Wow - Callaway
- Rice Lake Memorial Day Pow Wow - Rice Lake

- Pine Point Pow Wow - Pine Point
- Head Start Pow Wow - Naytahwaush
- Circle of Life Pow Wow - White Earth
- Annual White Earth Celebration and Pow Wow - White Earth





**750 kw installed at  
RTC Headquarters  
bringing total wind  
portfolio of White Earth  
Renewable Energy  
Solutions to three turbines**



**Circle Back Center  
Solar panel installation**



**Head Start/Early Childhood  
Solar panel installation**



**White Earth Fire Department  
Solar panel installation**



## Shooting Star Casino StarMart Opens

With the planning of StarMart we redesigned and remodeled for the new store on the exterior and interior. The interior signage features a natural earth tone look and feel, while the exterior signage was designed to highlight to use of brand colors, LED lighting, gas pricing, and a new digital screen on the main store pylon sign. The new signage reflects our brand and gives the convenience store the look and feel of a high quality franchised store.



## 2nd Annual Shooting Star Scholarship Golf Tournament

The annual tournament took place on Friday June 7th, 2013. Overall the event was a great success in its second year we were able to award 15 \$1,000 scholarships to White Earth enrolled students and descendants. The tournament raised over \$25,000 in sponsorships which will be used to fund scholarships in 2014.



### 2013 – 2014 scholarship recipients:

**Brilyn Agnew:**  
Mahnomen High

**Bridget Amiot:**  
Bagley High School

**Shayna Blue:**  
Mahnomen High School

**Kristopher Donner:**  
Waubun High School

**Mark Flaherty:**  
Bagley High School

**Lea Haverkamp:**  
Waubun High School

**Samantha Heisler:**  
Waubun High School

**Ryan McArthur:**  
Waubun High School

**Nicholas Otto:**  
Mahnomen High

**Jacob Pavek:**  
Mahnomen High School

**Ariann Rousu:**  
Detroit Lakes High School

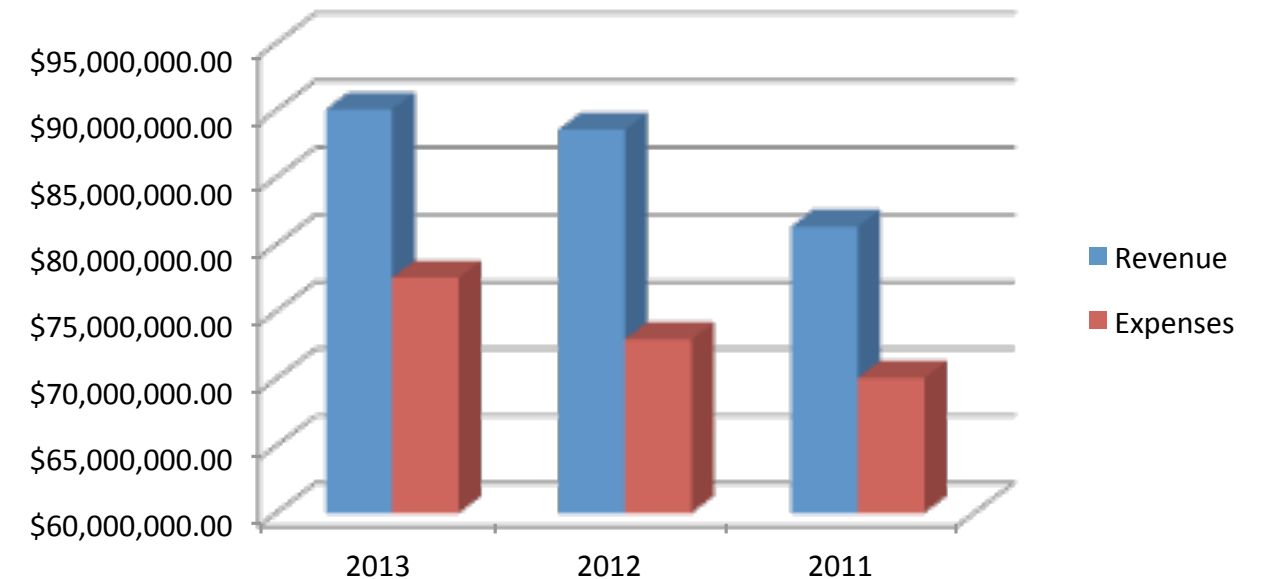
**Olivia Vogt:**  
Detroit Lakes High School

**Ami Jo Wadena:**  
Mahnomen High School

**Julie Wadena:**  
Mahnomen High School

**Kassandra Wadena:**  
Mahnomen High School

## SSC Financials



- SSC and associates donate hats/mittens to schools
- Capital Assets (additions): \$4.9 M in gaming equipment, furnance and equipment, and building improvements.
- March 2013- Backgrounds and Bingo Hall renovations
- April 2013- Major floor repair phase 2 floor 2
- June - Sep 2013- Gift shop moved to hotel entrance area. Poker room, concierge office, credit union now in place
- August 2013- Garage sale

- October 2013- Parking lot lights changed to LED fixtures, MIS server room added at Mall
- November thru January 2014- Pillars on gaming floor refinished
- December thru March 2014- lots of snow removal and assisting guests in the extreme cold
- February 2014- Deli project is approved materials ordered
- Major purchase's : New Pickup, Fork Lift and Boom lift.



Proposed Building

## White Earth Enterprises, LLC

Formed in 2012 to manage and operate White Earth Building Supply, LLC and White Earth Business Products, LLC. The Company's financial accounting was outsourced to Shooting Star Casino in July 2012. This restructuring allows for further development of the Company's business processes and growth. The Company's total revenues were \$2,956,292 while expenses totaled \$2,908,802. White Earth Builders, White Earth Sanitation, and White Earth Renewable Energy Solutions also came in as component units under White Earth Enterprises and were rebranded.



## Business/Art Accelerator:

Likened to a business incubator model, the "Accelerator" is a collaboration with the White Earth Tribal and Community College, City of Mahanomen, University of Minnesota Extension and White Earth Nation. This project is poised to provide entrepreneur services and guidance to upstart businesses and individuals. Included within this program will be a youth entrepreneurship component supported by University of Minnesota Extension Services.

## Transfer Station

White Earth Sanitation has just finished an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan which will expand the services we offer to Residential and Commercial consumers, including new initiative of recycling. We are working with White Earth Environmental Agency and Becker County on collaborative efforts of reducing waste, reusing waste products and recycling plans.



New transfer station to be constructed Summer 2014.

White Earth Enterprises in conjunction with White Earth Economic Development are exploring Agricultural and Food Business developments for FY2014-FY2015. WEDO and WEE are collaborating by using Tax Advantages and 8(a) Certifications or Hubzone initiatives to entice economic development and jobs creation within the White Earth Reservation.

Through this collaboration, with White Earth Economic Development, we will be evaluating prospecting business investment in new and or existing companies, through partnerships, joint ventures, and or other tribal ventures.



# WHITE EARTH WILD RICE

HAND HARVESTED. NATURALLY ORGANIC.

FROM OUR CANOE TO YOU

Wild Rice is now sold in over 18 Restaurants and Grocery Stores, including large chains such as Whole Foods and Mississippi Market.

The realwildrice.com website has seen consistent growth. There were additional products and features added including birch bark crafts, the new featured native artist of the month and a link to our website within the Country Living Magazine.

A Facebook account was also created to increase awareness, promote sales, recipes and other health news.

White Earth Wild Rice supports the economic success of tribal members and maintains our cultural heritage with a sustainable approach to bringing our wild rice product into new markets. In a continued effort we will be adding additional products to reach that goal.

**Coming Soon!**  
Maple syrup, honey and gift baskets

 **Real Wild Rice**



2013 TOTAL REVENUE - \$173,736  
2012 TOTAL REVENUE - \$126,666  
2011 TOTAL REVENUE - \$78,022

## GREEN WILD RICE PURCHASED FROM TRIBAL MEMBERS

\$142,000 IN 2013  
\$121,879 IN 2012      \$94,763 IN 2011

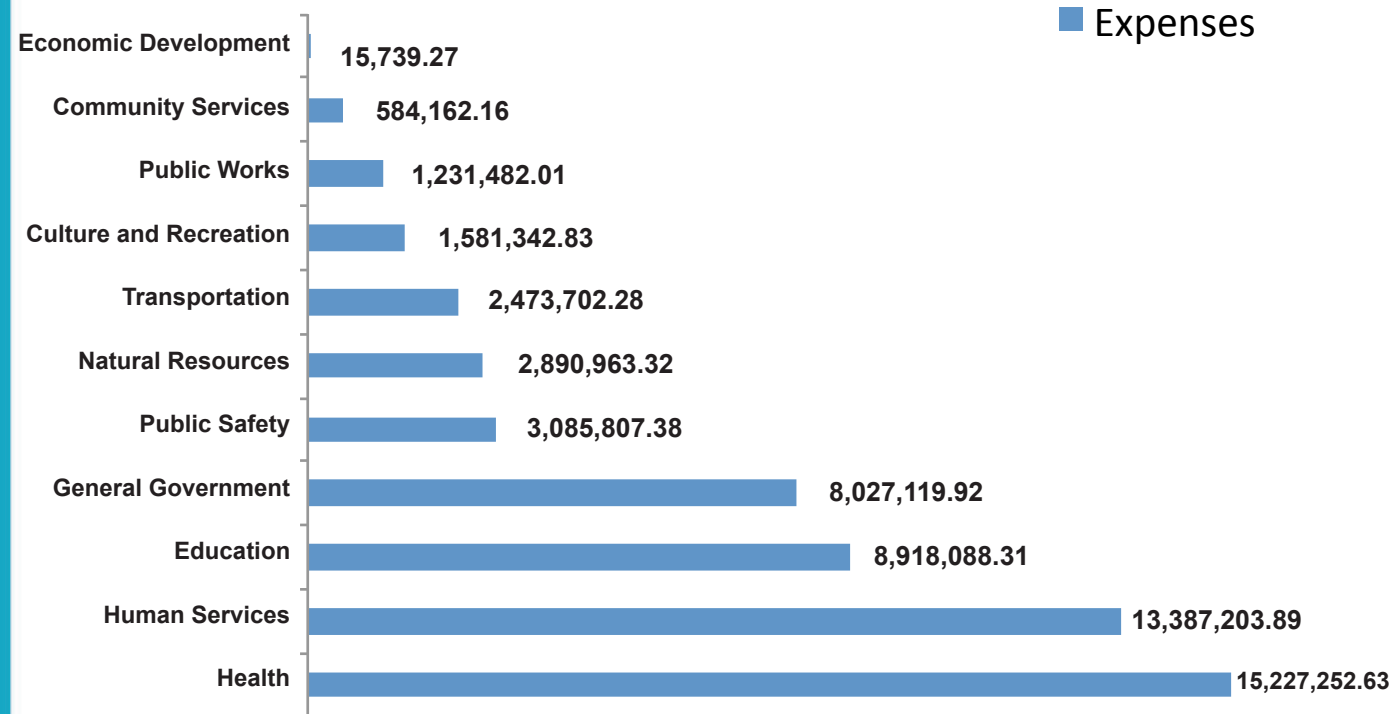
INTERNET SALES  
\$16,163 IN 2013  
\$13,269 IN 2012      \$5,143 IN 2011

*In 2013, White Earth Wild Rice was recertified - organic from the USDA.*



**realwildrice.com**

## Total Tribal Expenditures



White Earth Nation expenditures increased from \$57 million in 2012 to just over \$58 million in 2013. As our program and service offerings continue to expand, we will continue to increase our economic and social diversification with the region.

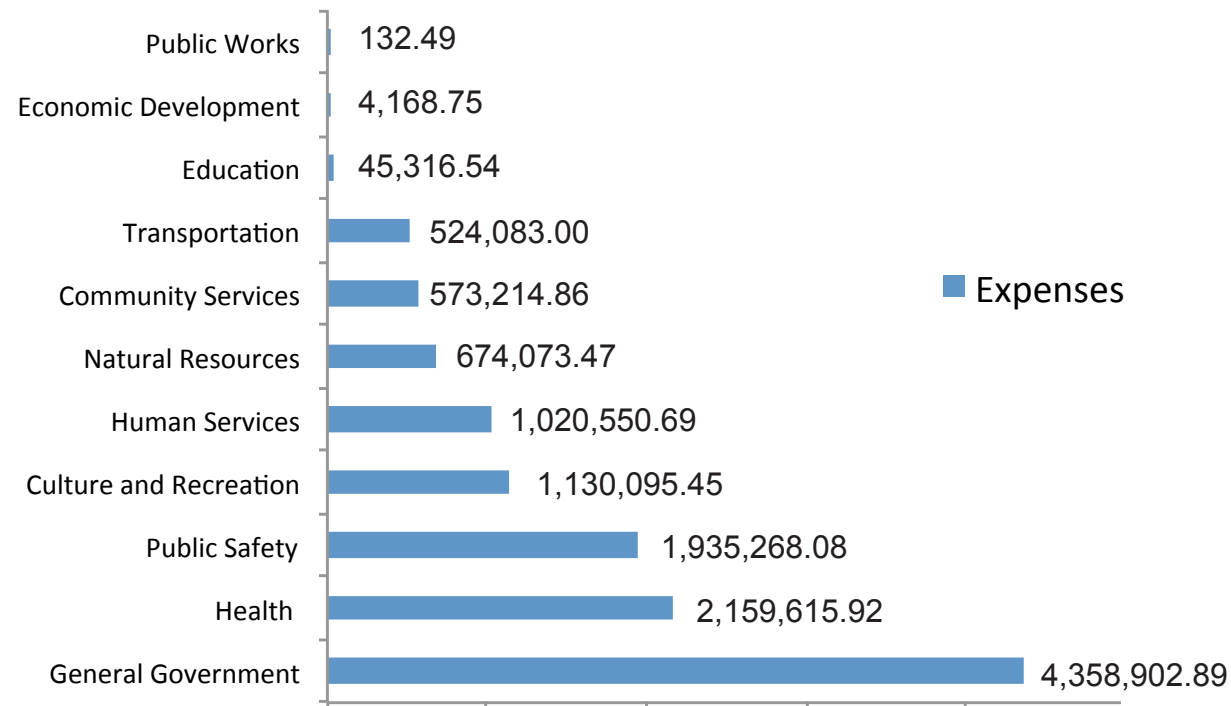
In 2013 White Earth Nation provided over \$34.7 million in payroll and benefits. This number grows to over \$64.6 million annually when coupled with our associates at Shooting Star Casino!

*Our government dollars at work*

- Administration •
- Adult Basic Education • Ambulance •
- Archeology • Backgrounds • Boys and Girls Club • Chemical Dependency • Child Care •
- Community Health Representatives • Congregate Housing • Conservation • Diabetes Project • Direct Employment •
- Donations • DOVE • Economic Development • Elbow Lake Community Center • Elderly Nutrition • Elections • Employment and Training Programs • Energy Assistance • Enrollments • Environmental •
- Food Distribution • Forestry • Garden Tilling • Head Start • Home Health • Home Improvement Program • Indian Child Welfare • JOM • Land Office •
- Lawn Mowing • Leech Lake Constituent Office • Legal • Mental Health • Minneapolis Constituent Office • Motor Vehicle • Naytahwaush Community Center • Pine Point Community Center • Pow Wows • Public Relations •
- Public Works • Rediscovery Center • Rice Lake Community Center • Road Construction • Road Maintenance • Scholarships • Snow Plowing • Suicide Prevention • Summer Youth Programs • Tribal and Community College • Tribal Courts • Tribal Transit •
- Veterans Services • Water and Sewer • Water Resources • WELSA • White Earth Community Center •
- White Earth Police Department • Wildlife • Zoning Veterans Services



## Tribal General Fund



As a segment of total expenditures, the general fund makes up a significant portion of overall expenses. This fund consists of income from gaming revenue, grants, cigarette tax and sales tax, some of which are restricted to specific designated purposes. 2013 general fund outlays totaled **\$12.4 million** and were allocated by the Tribal Council as outlined above.

## 2013 Grants Awarded -

Funding Source/Project	Amount
USDA Pine Point School	\$35,000
Tribal Transit	\$95,000
MH DHS Drug & Alcohol Division Shakopee	\$200,000
USDA Community Facilities - Elbow Lake Community Center building Equipment	\$35,000
USDA Community Facilities - White Earth Police Department - equipment	\$56,766
USDA Community Facilities - Pine Point School - paving	\$20,643
USDA Community Facilities - Naytahwaush Humanity Center - security equipment	\$14,905
Bush Foundation Summer Intern Program	\$37,600
Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grant	\$278,000
USDA RBOG	\$50,000
MHFA Housing Rehabilitation	\$255,000
Otto Bremer for Congregate	\$172,895
PTA 5311 Transit Formula Grant	\$100,000
Community Innovation Finalist Prize	\$10,000
DOE-SSC Biomass Boiler	\$642,899

Total grants awarded were **\$2,253,708** while total grant applications totaled \$15,162,335.

## Programs and Services Directory

<b>Health</b>	218-983-3286	Wetlands/Prairie Restoration	218-935-2488 ext 2102
Circle Back Center	218-983-3285 ext 6404	Wildlife	218-983-3285 ext 5804
Women's Wellbriety Center	218-936-5653	Zoning	218-573-3007
Substance Abuse	218-983-3286 ext 1297	<b>Economic Development</b>	218-983-4640
Elderly Nutrition	218-983-3286 ext 1266	<b>Public Relations/Newspaper</b>	218-983-3285 ext 5903
Mental Health	218-983-3286 ext 1284	<b>White Earth Public Safety</b>	218-983-4657
White Earth Ambulance	218-983-3286 ext 1263	<b>Public Works</b>	218-983-3202
Community Health	218-983-3286	Water & Sewer	218-983-3202
Diabetes Project	218-983-3286 ext 1356	Fleet	218-983-3292
Health Education	218-983-3286 ext 1356	Transit	218-983-3283
Oshki Manido	218-751-6553	Solid Waste	218-473-3272
<b>Human Services</b>	218-935-5554	<b>Finance</b>	218-983-4645
Homeless Program	218-983-3285 ext 6106	<b>Education</b>	218-983-3285 ext 5302
Food Distribution	218-935-2233	White Earth Child Care	218-983-3285 ext 1380
Vocational Rehab	218-935-5554	Early Intervention Program	218-983-3285 ext 5306
Employment and Training	218-935-5554	Scholarships	218-983-3285
Resource & Support	218-935-5554	Headstart	218-983-3285 ext 1353
DOVE	218-983-4656	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs</b>	
<b>Judicial Services</b>		White Earth	218-983-3174
Court	218-983-4648	Rice Lake	218-694-3539
Legal	218-983-4649	Pine Point	218-573-3328
Indian Child Welfare	218-983-4647	Naytahwaush	218-935-5554
Child Support Enforcement	218-983-3101	Mahnomen	218-936-6010
<b>Natural Resources</b>	218-573-3009	Elbow Lake	218-734-2419
Land Office	218-983-4650	Callaway	218-375-2220
Invasive Species	218-573-3007	<b>Housing</b>	218-473-4663
Conservation	218-935-2578	<b>Enrollment &amp; Vital Statistics</b>	218-983-4643
Emergency Management	218-935-2488	<b>White Earth Land Settlement</b>	218-751-7168
Environmental Affairs	218-935-2488	<b>Human Resources</b>	218-983-4646
Fisheries	218-573-3007	<b>Veterans Service Office</b>	218-983-3285 ext 5904
Forestry	218-935-5967	<b>Gaming</b>	218-935-2148
Water Quality	218-935-2488	<b>Energy Assistance Program</b>	218-473-2711

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